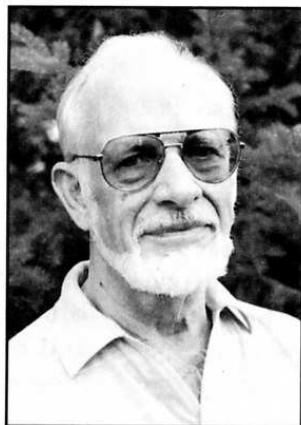


UFO CRASH/RETRIEVALS: THE CONCEPT OF PROOF

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As I emphasised in my article *Crashed Disc Reports And Dead Crew Reports: The Very Nub Of The UFO Phenomenon (FSR 36/3)*, the world expert in the investigation of this aspect of our problem is quite unquestionably the great pioneer Leonard Stringfield who, with such impressive tenacity, has hung on for all these years, constantly attacking the crucial question of the crashed craft and producing so far a total of six Status Reports on his findings. Of these six Reports, FSR was able to reproduce the first two in their entirety and in the days to come we shall do our best to add more. As I have also repeatedly emphasised, had we had the means and the funds and the pages available, we would have reproduced far more by now. Status Report No. VI is still available from Mr. Stringfield, and we have already advertised it on the inside front cover of FSR 36/4. Status Reports Nos. III, IV, and V are also still available from him. (See details below.)



The present article has already appeared, in April 1990, in the U.S. magazine *For The People*, and Mr. Stringfield has also authorised us to reprint it and has sent me this copy. I feel sure that it will serve as a useful introduction to the 'Crashed Disc Problem' for the many newer or younger FSR readers who are still insufficiently aware of the strong case that has been assembled. EDITOR

Proof! In mundane affairs, such as in our judicial system, the word proof may be used flexibly as confirmation for any moot legal issue. Not so in UFOlogy. Proof here, as confirmation that a saucer-like alien craft exists, is highly interpretable and manipulative. In the judgment of the media and most members of the scientific community, testimonial evidence by reliable witnesses, who claim close encounters with unidentified alien craft, is critically challenged as illusory or it is ignored. It is not proof, say the pundits. Well, it's been that way since Ken Arnold who saw nine saucer-like things while flying over Mt. Rainier in 1947. But it was the saucer crash and recovery near Roswell, New Mexico, that same year, that really brought the iron lid of secrecy down on the subject. The incident was officially dismissed, and poof went the proof.

Since Roswell, where an alien craft and dead crew members were retrieved by the military, secrecy has prevailed. Because of this censorship, no one, without a top-secret, "need-to-know" credential, is privileged to see the evidence. Despite secrecy, however, a few of us in research do have the sworn testimony of many credible witnesses who have leaked out bits and pieces of information about the Roswell incident and other covert retrieval operations. I am, proudly, among the privileged to have, at this time of writing, 38 firsthand, inde-

pendent sources who claim to have been in a key position during retrieval events and to have seen the alien craft and/or the cadavers.

Still other types of evidence — or, proof if you will — are abundant from military pilots, Intelligence personnel and even scientists in-the-know, most of whom will not allow their identities to be known for fear of reprisals. And, there are thousands of others of our responsible citizenry who know from personal experiences that a real UFO exists and that it is a structured craft of probable extraterrestrial origin. Each in his own way is aware of the "proofs" but, when trying to prove it to the media, for instance, their testimony is not proof. Proof, thus, is a much battered word.

Now let's take a look-see at some of the hidden evidence, based on my own investigations. It may not be the proof-positive we all seek, but I feel comfortable knowing that some of it may someday be revealed *as fact* — and backed by proof.

Out of the 38 firsthand witness cases written up in my series of Status Reports, or on file, I believe that five stand out above the rest. They are described briefly as follows:

Case I

Hardly enough can be said in praise for my medical sources cited so often in my Status Reports. Introduced to me through a close research friend who knew the "right" people, a doctor, a noted haematologist, who had allegedly performed an autopsy on an alien body, agreed in due course to share with me, under strict conditions, bits and pieces of its descriptive features.

While the doctor's "authoritative" information was helpful in opening doors to new sources,

and as a stimulus for me in my drive for higher standards in my work, the reason for his co-operative gesture was never explained to me.

It was at the high point of my C/R work in July 1979, after a year of "negotiations", that I received from the doctor, in the mail, a surprisingly informative statement detailing in layman's language the head-to-toe anatomy of the alien and, returning with it, with corrective comments, my own drawing of a hypothetical being submitted by me earlier for his critical review. See the doctor's analytical paper published in *Status Report II, The UFO Crash/Retrieval Syndrome*.

Thanks to the doctor's colleague, a biochemist whom I got to know well, and who had also been in a position to view the alien tissue under microscope, a dialogue was limitedly maintained. But hard times took over in late 1980, when most of my sources dried up. As though orchestrated, I was told at that time, through the colleague, that no more information about the alien could be released.

I have had reasons to believe that my medical sources, from the beginning, were given the "nod" to provide general or limited information about the alien for a reason — maybe as a test to determine public reaction, and to ascertain how UFO research might digest it.

The source and his colleague both held key staff positions at a major hospital in the Eastern USA during the interlude of co-operation. The risks were too great to play games of charade. Trust was a factor in all our dealings then, and still is.

Case II

My source, a pilot in the Air National Guard, claimed he had witnessed "by accident", while on duty, three humanoid corpses which had been flown to Wright-Patterson AFB from a UFO crash site in Arizona in 1953. He gave me this confidential information following my talk before the Cincinnati Chapter of World Wings, a pilots' organisation, at Lunken Airport in 1977, just after my book *Situation Red, The UFO Siege* was published. Discreetly, he took me to the large map room, pointed to an isolated spot and said, "There's approximately where the saucer crashed."

According to the pilot, the bodies, four feet tall and typical of other described specimens, were crated individually in small hastily-constructed wooden boxes. While the lids were being temporarily opened by the overseeing officer, possibly to check the condition of his cargo, the pilot also got a glimpse of a plastic liner separating the body from a bed of dry ice, probably to prevent epidermis damage.

They were not human or simian, he stressed, as he had observed them from a distance of 12 feet under strong hangar lights. Later that night, while billeted in the same barracks with officers of the

flight crew who had transported the secret cargo, he got confirmation of the UFO crash and other details of the retrieval operation.

In August 1978 I requested an affidavit, on tape, describing his experience. He declined because of his oath of secrecy. I then asked for a statement for possible posthumous use, to which he responded that he would have to check with his Security Officer. The answer from the Security Officer: "You have seen nothing, heard nothing, and as sure as shit you can sign nothing." *That was the final word from my source. He and his family suddenly became inaccessible, leaving no forwarding address or new phone number.*

Case III

This encounter with cadavers at Wright-Patterson involved an Air Police sergeant who, in 1973, was called out for special duty at night. Blindfolded, he was driven to an area on the Base and escorted down a flight of steps and led to a location where, free of his blindfold, he was given specific instructions to stand guard. It was a busy area for a while, with medics bustling in and out of the room he guarded. It was during this phase that he had a good glimpse of three small bodies on a table. They were not human.

The credibility for this case is not that the anatomy described by the sergeant is analogous to others, but the manner in which I got his admission as a witness to the event. For many months I had to be content with a secondhand source, the sergeant's own wife. Her response to my numerous attempts to talk with her husband got only adamant refusals. My break came months later. The wife had become ill and was unable to help. However, I had managed beforehand to obtain details of her husband's place of work, his on-duty hours, and even his coffee-break periods. It was on a break when I got through to him by telephone. I explained my research objectives and assured him anonymity. His only response was silence.

But he suddenly came alive when I changed my tactics and began to relate details of the creature's anatomy, which, I emphasised, had come from a medical doctor who had performed an autopsy on an alien body. This was the clincher and, after a brief pause, I asked him if what he had seen was similar to my description. He answered "yes". After another pause, he mentioned some additional details about the head which, except for a "short fuzz" he observed on the crown, were identical to the doctor's.

After another and longer pause, I thanked him and, saying no more, we hung up. I could have pressed for more information at the time, or tried again at a later date, but I didn't. I don't think he would have given me a chance, and, feeling his uneasiness, I was satisfied with this simple admission of having been on the scene at a historic event.

Case IV

Thanks to my son-in-law, Jeffrey Sparks, who, in 1978, was an Assistant Professor at St. Leo's College, Dade City, Florida, I gained a knowledgeable informant and another witness of the humanoids at Wright-Patterson AFB.

Jeff used to talk openly on campus about my research, which brought forth a number of UFO reports from students, but one fortuitous day, while visiting the College's finance office, he got into a discussion about the work of my daughter, a registered nurse at a hospital near campus, which had led to my research in UFOs. Eyes opened when he revealed my acquaintance with the doctor who performed the autopsy, and when he went on to describe the anatomy he got a prompt response. "He's right!", spoke up a member of the office staff. Later, when work resumed, this man called Jeff aside, to elaborate on his own computer work in Army Intelligence, and on having had the privilege in 1966 to see nine alien bodies stored underground at Wright-Patterson.

In a matter of days I was in touch with Jeff's source. It was obvious that this man had a keen awareness of the military posture relative to UFOs; their crashes, when and where; the method of recovery, using a specially trained task force of "Blue Berets", and much more. But he was also wise enough, for the usual security reasons, not to say much on some sensitive issues that I brought up.

One significant point he made was about NORAD's use of a sophisticated electronic system able to detect a malfunctioning UFO and follow its trajectory flight to the point of crash. In this case, he said, a special unit of "Blue Berets" took over the recovery.

Once again, my source described the bodies as small with big heads, just as others had done who had had the opportunity to see them. And, just like so many others, my source soon vanished into oblivion. No more contact, no new phone number, no forwarding address....

Case V

Complete coverage of *The Fatal Encounter at Ft. Dix-McGuire: A Case Study*, appears in *Status Report IV*, published in MUFON Proceedings, 1985. This case, above all others, remains in my active file, but while lacking in proof, it has amassed so much qualitative evidence that the hunt is on for new back-up sources.

Remarkably, my prime source, a former sergeant in the Air Security Police who "disappeared" for three years after his initial contact, and resurfaced to impart additional substantive information has, since 1987, *taken safe residence overseas*. According to my source, referred to as Jeffrey Morse, he stood guard at a gate of the McGuire AFB in New Jersey, on January 18, 1978, having been dispatched there after an alien intruder had been shot and

wounded by an MP at Ft. Dix, the adjacent army base. Said Morse, the creature had somehow crossed the fence into McGuire and fell dead on an abandoned airstrip — not far from an atomic storage area. That fatal night, UFOs were in the area, he said, and were confirmed by radar. Both bases went on the alert.

To review the complete story, including the events that followed in the life of Morse, is beyond the scope of this paper. However, it serves the reader to know the basic details of the incident, described in Morse's initial letter to me in 1980:

It all began, said Morse, when he was stationed on the Island of Okinawa, Japan, following upon his transfer there after the incident. There, by chance, he heard a replay of my interview, discussing UFO crashes, on a Los Angeles radio station carried by Army Forces Far Eastern Radio Network in July 1980. Lucky for my research....

But unlucky for Morse. Once out of the service, he became the victim of surveillance, which he later said included seizure of some of his mail. As for myself, I finally gave up writing to him....

Three years later, in December 1983, after renewed attempts by me to reach him, Morse, feeling safe, decided to call me. This was to begin an exchange of correspondence and phone calls providing new details about the incident and about his subsequent interrogation at Wright-Patterson by Air Force Intelligence.

Also, during this "safe" period I received from Morse a so-called "back office" copy of the official form Incident/Complaint Report, which was channelled to the usual higher echelons on the Base and elsewhere. In the blocked section, designating Evidence, was this terse statement: "One body of unknown origin released to the care of OSI District Commander and special recovery team from Wright-Patterson AFB."

During 1984, Morse experienced renewed surveillance, and to his disappointment was turned down on a sought-after government job in law enforcement, and the reason for it, he was told by a Justice Department official, was "your disclosures to Stringfield". Refusing to compromise himself and accept a later offer to review more favourably his work status if he would deny his story, he instead departed for work overseas. Before his departure, fortunately, I had managed to arrange for Richard Hall, my research confidant for many years, to meet with him for an evaluation of the Fort Dix-McGuire episode and, more importantly, of Morse himself. Hall, following two meetings with Morse, said summarily, in part: "...Personally, he was well-groomed, friendly, relaxed and articulate. He spoke confidently and without hesitation in answer to questions, and did not come across as someone who had concocted a tall tale and might contradict himself or get caught in a trap if he weren't careful. He showed no mannerisms that would betray any obvious psychoses or 'hang up'...overall, I detected

nothing in his manner, or story, to cause scepticism. To the contrary, he seemed very credible to me...Pending further investigation, I would tend to give him very high marks..."

Since my release of *Status Report IV*, I have had the names of the officers involved at McGuire AFB, and in the interrogation at Wright-Patterson, checked and authenticated at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri. That was a plus if there were any doubts.

In 1988 my efforts and patience in seeking backup testimony for the Fort Dix fatal encounter came from two new sources. One was a former Air Force major who had served as deputy director of Intelligence of the 21st Air Force at the McGuire Air Force Base. One of his duties was to brief the base commander, Major General Tom Sadler. The full story of his role appears in my *Status Report V*, but the main point I wish to make here is that he was aware of the incident. The details, however, were so secret — on a need-to-know basis — that they were confined to General Sadler only from the colonel who commanded the security police unit directly involved in the retrieval operation. My other source, working covertly for one of the Intelligence agencies, was also directly involved, having been summoned to the Base for his expertise.

The foregoing cases, abbreviated in this article, are but a small portion of the overall evidence

I have accumulated in my specialised research of UFO crash/retrievals. In my series of monographs, or status reports, I have published information from many sources who claim to have firsthand knowledge of alien artefacts and/or captive deceased crew members in Government custody.

Since Roswell, the real UFO status quo has been hushed. It's a long story, beyond the scope of this paper. But, there are occasional signs that the lid of the cover-up is loosening. Under that proverbial lid is the proof — a much battered word.



My published literature on UFO crash/retrievals, still available from my home address, 4412 Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227, is as follows:

1. Status Report III, *UFO Crash/Retrievals: Amassing the Evidence*. Published 1982. 55 pages with illustrations. Price \$ 11.00.
2. Status Report IV, *The Fatal Encounter at Ft. Dix-McGuire: A Case Study*. Published 1985. 27 pages, with illustrations. Price \$ 7.00.
3. Status Report V, *UFO Crash/Retrievals: Is the Coverup Lid Lifting?* Published 1989. 22 pages

Each of the above includes postage and handling costs.

(Information about Status Reports I & II is available upon request.)

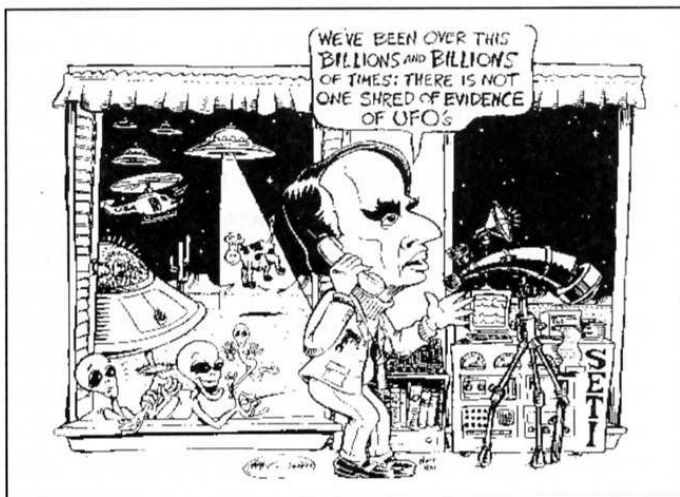
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The "SETI Saga"

FSR's staunch supporter Steven McRae Alsup and his wife Carol have sent us these two splendid cartoons by artist Norris Hall of Nashville, Tennessee. (As Steve explains, "the astronomer in the cartoons is of course *not* Carl Sagan. He merely *looks* uncannily like Carl Sagan!").

Steve Alsup (address: C. & S. Enterprises, P.O. Box 2768, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37133-

2768, U.S.A.) is selling quality 50/50 ASH T-shirts, sizes Adult S-XL, with the choice of either of the two cartoons silkscreened in black, size 11 inch by 17 inch. Price US\$15 each, plus \$1.95 for postage and handling inside U.S.A. (Postage overseas will of course be more and applicants must ascertain this for themselves.) ■



MORE WEIRD OR 'TALL' (?) STORIES FROM RUSSIA AND THE USSR

By Gordon Creighton



We still have a large accumulation of press-clippings and other reports about things allegedly seen or events allegedly experienced in the USSR, most of which have not yet been published by us.

We emphasise, as we have always emphasised, that we have no possible means of knowing whether any of this material is genuine. But it should also be emphasised that quite a lot of the reports were gathered, on the spot, in Russia and the USSR, by a highly competent and professional Russian-speaking (Latvian-born) American freelance journalist, Henry Gris of California, with whom FSR (through myself) first made contact more than twenty years ago.⁽¹⁾

Much of Mr. Gris's material was published in the allegedly "notorious" and "unreliable" American weekly newspaper *The National Enquirer*, of Lantana, Florida, this having been one of the journals that he represented when on his travels in the USSR. For years we have been told that no respectable UFO investigator would touch any story that came from Henry Gris or from *The National Enquirer*. However, in 1978 Mr. Gris and his fellow-journalist Mr. Dick brought out an enormously important and successful book, *The New Soviet Psychic Discoveries* (pub. by Prentice-Hall, USA, with a British edition by Souvenir Press, London, in 1979).

In recent years, furthermore, we have seen

the USA's leading UFO publication, *MUFON UFO Journal*, carrying a series of digests by their Columnist Lucius Farish of some of these more "fantastic" sort of UFO reports from the pages of the *National Enquirer*! One may feel justified therefore in thinking that the time has surely come for our own readers to see some of this extraordinary material. With no guarantees, of course. The reader must make up his own mind about each individual story. And it must always be remembered that, even if every one of these "wild, far-out tales" is totally faked, nevertheless the existence of such a weird fringe is itself an integral part of the "UFO scene" through which we have all been living for the past forty years, and deserves to be evaluated as such. EDITOR.

I. ALIEN "SPACE-BABY" FOUND ALIVE *Researched by Henry Gris and Charles Parmiter*

According to an astounding story told in the *National Enquirer* on November 22, 1983, for more than a month a fantastic child from another world was kept alive by Soviet doctors.

Purple-eyed and web-fingered, the little critter was said to be the sole survivor of a silvery UFO that exploded and crashed in the mountains near Frunze,