

Circumstantial Evidence Suggests That Woods Are Withholding Data That Question Authenticity Of Tim Cooper's Majestic Documents

During Robert Wood's recent MUFON Conference paper in St. Louis, he reported that he and his son Ryan had recently hired Speckin Forensic Laboratories, Okemos, Mich., to assess the age of ink and paper used in Majestic Documents obtained from Tim Cooper which purport to be originals. One of Speckin's specialties is analysis of the chemical composition of inked signatures to determine the year when such ink was first introduced. (A similar chemical composition test performed in 1980 by the Brunelle Forensic Lab on what was claimed to be a diary written in 1947 by the uncle of Gerald Anderson--describing the family's alleged encounter with a crashed saucer on the Plains of San Agustin--revealed that the ink used was not introduced until the early 1970s. Thus, the diary was bogus.) The Woods provided some new Majestic documents to Speckin Forensic Laboratories some time prior to Robert's MUFON talk on July 15, and a Speckin spokesman told SUN that a chemical analysis to date the ink typically requires only a week to perform. But as of mid-November, the Woods' Website was not reporting ANY specific results of ANY Speckin tests.

Robert Wood and son Ryan not only are very slow in reporting negative evidence but they also give it a distorted "spln." For example, Timothy Cooper, who supplied many of the "New Majestic Documents," took a polygraph ("lie detector") test on April 23--which he flunked badly. It was not until nearly FOUR months later, on Aug. 15, that the Woods reported same via a press release which was headlined: "FAILED POLYGRAPH YIELDS UNEXPECTED BENEFIT" [SUN #59/Sept. 1999].

Speckin also specializes in determining the manufacturer and model number of a typewriter used to prepare a document based on analysis of the type font. Speckin says it has a data base of approximately 3,000 different typewriter type fonts. Thus Speckin would be well equipped to perform a critical comparison-analysis of the typewriter used to prepare one of Cooper's key documents--"Majestic 12 Project 1st Annual Report," purportedly written in 1952--and the typewriter Cooper used to write two letters to British UFO researcher Timothy Good on Oct. 4 and Oct. 7, 1991. As first reported in the Nov. 1999 issue of SUN, the typewriter used for the (purported) 1952 report had the same mechanical flaw--a slightly elevated "8"--as the typewriter used by Cooper to write his 1991 letters to Good. In Wood's MUFON talk he said: *"My own Questioned Documents Examiner, James Black, concluded that the typewriter used was a Royal bar typewriter in both cases. But that one could not say more than each could be one of tens of thousands of typewriters, and that fast typists typically do not hit the capitalization bar [shift key] uniformly."* [SUN Comment: The numeral "8" does not require use of the shift key.]

If Questioned Document Examiner James Black is unable to determine small changes in type font between typewriters that Royal produced in the late 1940s/early 1950s and those that the company produced 30+ years later, SUN recommends that the Woods task Speckin, with its 3,000 type font library, to tackle this critical issue. SUN HEREWITH OFFERS TO UNDERWRITE HALF OF THE COST OF A SPECKIN ANALYSIS OF THE "1ST ANNUAL REPORT" AND TIM COOPER'S 1991 LETTERS TO TIMOTHY GOOD, TO DETERMINE IF THE SAME TYPEWRITER WAS USED.

Firmage Displeased With TV Documentary Effort

Joe Firmage, wealthy Silicon Valley software specialist who achieved fame in UFO circles by strongly backing the Woods and their endorsement of the "New Majestic Documents" provided by Tim Cooper, has called for a brand new start on the TV documentary which has been under way for the past year. According to the Woods' Website, "*The evidence presented in this documentary will clearly demonstrate that the official U.S. government position on UFOs is an orchestrated deception that has hidden the most extraordinary secret in history for over half a century.*" Based on his viewing of "out-takes" shot during the past year, Firmage questioned the credulous endorsement of the Cooper documents and convened a meeting of about a dozen UFOlogists in the Bay Area in late August.

The net result was the decision to replace the previous scriptwriter, Sheree Guitar, with Jim Marrs, who is best known for his book charging that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was arranged by the CIA.

"New Evidence" Which Woods Claim Validates Majestic Documents

Although the Woods have never publicly admitted any doubts about the authenticity of Tim Cooper's "New Majestic Documents" which they earlier strongly endorsed, recent additions to their Website suggest that they are searching for evidence from sources other than Cooper. For example, a press release posted on their Website on Aug. 9 is headlined "*NEW WITNESS HANDLES ROSWELL WRECKAGE AT AIR FORCE BASE: New Evidence Supports Reality of the Majestic Program.*" The Woods' press release begins: "*It was the indignation of government lies about Roswell that caused June Crain to call detective sergeant [and UFO researcher] James Clarkson in 1997 to share her firsthand account of working at Wright-Patterson AFB. The highlights are breathtaking--handling unusual metal parts of the flying saucer, taking dictation from Werner von Braun, mentions of three UFO crashes and a Top Secret Q clearance. Once she and many others were asked to sign a "TOO HOT" memo as a result of a careless Master Sergeant announcing he had just flown in from New Mexico with alien bodies and wreckage. Her story continues to validate the contents of the Majestic documents in both powerful overt and subtle ways.* (Emphasis added.) [SUN Comment: In early 1990, Crain had reported her tale to Roswell researcher Kevin Randle who included a brief mention, using a pseudonym, on page 64 of the book "The Truth About The UFO Crash at Roswell."]

BUT CRAIN'S TALE CHALLENGES THE WOODS' CLAIM

Fortuitously, the Woods' Website contains a 65-page transcript of June Crain's recollections in a tape-recorded interview on June 27, 1997, with UFO researcher Clarkson shortly before her death in 1998. From the transcript we learn that June Crain was first employed as an "Under-Clerk-Typist" at WPAFB from July 3, 1942, to June 30, 1943, when she resigned because of pregnancy. (This was FIVE YEARS prior to the "Roswell Incident.") Crain next returned to work at WPAFB on May 13, 1948--nearly ONE YEAR AFTER the Roswell Incident--but she resigned two months later because of ill health. Crain returned to work at WPAFB a third time, from Mar. 8, 1951, until May 2, 1952, when she and her husband moved away from Dayton.

When Clarkson asked Crain when she first heard anything related to UFOs, she replied, "*I would say the second day I went [returned] to work in 1951.*" Crain said some of the men in her office were talking about UFOs they frequently had seen at the White Sands Missile Range. She added: "*Then they told me, and I'm positive there was (sic) three crashes.*" Crain then recalled that a Master Sergeant, whose first name was Clarence, said he had flown two "*little green men*" to WPAFB. "*They were four feet tall and they were dead,*" he said.

In response to Clarkson's question, Crain said that it was during the same 1951-52 period that she was shown a small piece of a crashed ET craft which had just been flown in from New Mexico (four years after the Roswell Incident). Crain said she was unable to cut the lightweight material. Later that same day, Crain said that she and others who had heard of the "little green men" were required to sign an oath of secrecy, warning them that if they repeated this "rumor" they could be fined \$20,000 or be sentenced to 20 years in prison. At one point in the lengthy interview, when Clarkson asked Crain if she knew of Hap Arnold, she replied: "He was just a damn good looking man. God he was good looking." When Clarkson asked if Crain knew Hap Arnold's rank, she replied, "He was probably a lieutenant colonel at the time." (Hap Arnold was a four-star general who headed the Army Air Corps during World War II and Crain's initial employment at WPAFB. He retired in 1946 and died in 1948.)

THE FOREGOING HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNE CRAIN'S RECOLLECTIONS ARE THE BASIS FOR THE WOODS' CLAIM THAT "HER STORY CONTINUES TO VALIDATE THE CONTENTS OF THE MAJESTIC DOCUMENTS IN BOTH POWERFUL OVERT AND SUBTLE WAYS."

No Mention Of "Roswell Incident" In "Top Secret" 1948 UFO Report

On Jan. 22, 1948, after many months of UFO sighting reports, the USAF initiated Project Sign under the Technical Intelligence Division of the Air Materiel Command to try to determine what UFOs might be. On Dec. 10, 1948, the USAF's Directorate of Intelligence issued a 23-page report, titled "Analysis of Flying Object Incidents in the U.S.," which was classified "Top Secret." This report was declassified in March of 1985, largely through the efforts of UFO researcher Robert Todd. And three months later, much of the content of AIR 100-203-79 was featured in the July 1985 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal. But, curiously, the Woods were not aware of AIR 100-203-79 until recently when Ryan Wood spotted a copy during his visit to the Truman Memorial Library last summer. The Woods made a copy of the report available for "downloading" from their Majestic Documents Website.

The Woods' brief summary of this significant report in their Website is most revealing: "*Under possible origins of the unusual flying objects the report states: 'It is evident from the performance characteristics attributed to the unidentified objects at this time that if they are foreign, they involve efficiencies of performance which have not been realized in any operational airborne device in this country. It would therefore be a mistake to analyze the technical aspects of the situation within the limits of our own knowledge of practical developments.'*"

The Woods' summary of the report intentionally omitted the following: "*THE ORIGIN of the devices [UFOs] is not ascertainable. There are two reasonable possibilities: (1) The objects are domestic devices....(2) Objects are foreign, and if so, it would seem most logical to consider that they are from a Soviet source...*" (Emphasis added.) Although AIR 100-203-79 was written more than a year after the "Roswell Incident," there is NO mention of it in the report, nor that ANY crashed saucer had been recovered as of late 1948. The Woods offer the following explanation: "*The authors [of AIR-100-203-79] were not given access to the real evidence of the New Mexico incidents and confined their discussion to lights in the sky and radar-visual cases, many with highly credible witnesses.*" (Emphasis added.)

THE WOODS DON'T VENTURE ANY POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR WHY THE AUTHORS OF THE "TOP SECRET" ASSESSMENT--INTENDED FOR TOP MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS--WOULD BE DENIED ACCESS TO ROSWELL INCIDENT INFORMATION. SURELY BOTH THE AUTHORS AND THESE OFFICIALS HAD THE NECESSARY CLEARANCE AS WELL AS A "NEED TO KNOW."

Frustrated CAUS Director Gersten Becomes Slightly Skeptical

A highlight of the recent Bay Area UFO Expo was the unscheduled appearance of Gary Lowery of Bakersfield, Calif., who reported frequent visits by "insectoid-type" ETs who (reportedly) enter his bedroom from its closet. Lowery was invited to speak by "UFO-lawyer" Peter Gersten, who heads Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), during Gersten's workshop. Lowery had contacted Gersten several weeks earlier to complain that he was unable to interest other UFO researchers in his tale. Gersten said he believed Lowery's story "*represents one of the best cases of contact because of the confirmatory physical evidence, the believability of the witnesses and the continuous [ongoing] nature of the experiences.*" (The physical evidence included an ET footprint on a sheet of aluminum foil and an ET "claw.") Gersten agreed to serve as Lowery's attorney and to launch a campaign "*to get the truth out.*"

But several weeks later, Gersten was informed by Lowery that he had just signed a contract giving exclusive rights to his UFO tale to Christopher Wyatt, founder of "UFO Community.com." Although Lowery did appear on the Mike Siegel show on Sept. 18, he declined to discuss his ET experiences. This prompted Gersten to harshly denounce Wyatt and to comment: "*I can only assume that Lowery is more interested in financial gain than in the public's right to know. His present actions could indicate both the intent and motive to fabricate certain events.*"

Late Lt. Col. Corso's Son To Reveal More Of Dad's (Alleged) Secrets

According to Philip J. Corso, Jr., his late father's popular book "The Day After Roswell" revealed only about 10% of his dad's (alleged) covert knowledge of crashed UFOs and (alleged) reverse-engineering of ET technology to yield today's microchips, lasers, fiber optics, etc. Corso Jr., who recently established a Website [www.Corsofiles.com], says that all of his father's information will be made public by April 2003, a date specified by his late father. Those who pay to join the Corsofiles' "Insider's Club" will be able to see handwritten pages from his father's original manuscript, which was "modified" for the book by its co-author, William J. Birnes, who is now publisher of UFO magazine.

Because Birnes is a professional writer, some observers earlier suspected that he might have inspired some of Corso's wild tales to popularize the book. However, the two Corso manuscript chapters made public on the new Website reveal that the book omitted some of Corso's wilder tales. For example, not reported in the book is Corso's claim to have personally encountered a live ET in an abandoned gold mine on the White Sands Missile Range in 1957: "*At first I thought I saw a coiled rattlesnake. Then, in the faint shimmering light, reflected from the pool of water, a figure began to take shape. I was reminded of what I had seen at Fort Riley [allegedly the body of an ET recovered from the Roswell crashed saucer] except this one had a helmet and was alive. No words were spoken--only a type of self-contained mental spiel. A request filtered through my head to close down our powerful pencil-beam radars (Oct. 13, 1957) with which I complied.*" Later, Corso admitted that he was unsure whether the meeting with the live ET had actually occurred or whether it was his imagination.

[More than half of SUN #49 (Jan. 1998) was devoted to a very critical assessment of claims made in Corso's book, and cited numerous examples which revealed it to be "*the most factually flawed and self-contradictory book on the subject ever published--in SUN's opinion.*" The article carried the headline: "Philip J. Corso's Roswell Book Is Riddled With Factual Errors As Well As Ridiculous Claim That Army Couldn't Figure Out How To Exploit (Alleged) ET Technology For 14 Years Until Corso Was Given The Task."]

One interesting disclosure by Corso Jr. in his initial "Insider's Club" commentary was the following: "*My father often told me that he would have taken all of this information to the grave,*

if not for a gentleman's pact between several high-ranking officials, senators, congressmen and generals (30 of them or so including General Trudeau). This 'battlefield oath' stated that the last man alive would bring the truth into the light. My father was in fact the last of a group of great men that are ultimately responsible for many of the innovations we take for granted today."

MICROCIRCUIT PATENTS CHALLENGE CORSO's CLAIMS

Corso's book claims that a 2-inch-diameter microcircuit chip was recovered from the Roswell crashed-saucer debris and shortly afterwards it was covertly provided to Bell Laboratories and Motorola to "reverse engineer" the fabrication of multiple interconnected transistors on a single semiconductor chip. A basic flaw with this Corso scenario is that while Bell Labs invented the transistor in late 1947, Motorola did not enter the semiconductor field until the mid 1950s. Furthermore, neither company was a pioneer in the microcircuit field. The first microcircuit patent applications were filed by Jack Kirby of Texas Instruments on Feb. 6, 1959, and by (the late) Robert Noyce of Fairchild Semiconductor (now Intel) on June 30, 1959. (Kirby recently received the Nobel Prize in physics for being the co-inventor of the microcircuit.)

Recently released FBI files on Lt. Col. Corso reveal that he did not have a good reputation for truthfulness in his dealings with that agency on non-UFO issues. One memo accused Corso of "downright lies" [SUN #63/May 2000].

Is UFOlogy A Science Or A Religion?

(The following was recently posted on the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) Website by a Michael Davis.)

"Lately several people have posted messages that have called UFOlogy a science. However from my perspective UFOlogy looks a lot more like a religion than a science. Here are my reasons:

- * *UFOlogy is a religion because the believers see Aliens as god-like creatures. They are all powerful and all knowing. They are exempt from the known laws of nature. They are all around us all the time, but invisible to everyone except the 'chosen ones.' According to some believers they may have even created the human race.*
- * *UFOlogy is a religion because it has 'holy places' like Roswell and Area 51 that the faithful make pilgrimages to.*
- * *UFOlogy is a religion because faith is required on the part of believers.*
- * *UFOlogy is a religion because it is full of 'true believers' who don't require, or even desire any sort of hard evidence to support their beliefs, and who react angrily to anyone who questions those beliefs.*
- * *UFOlogy is a religion because UFOlogists are not searching for the truth, but only trying to validate their beliefs. The situation is analogous to creationists attempting to validate their literal interpretation of the Bible.*
- * *UFOlogy is a religion because it has evangelists who see it as their job to spread the 'truth' as they see it and convert more people to the 'faith.'*
- * *UFOlogy is a religion because it has martyred 'saints' who claim to have been persecuted for spreading the word.*

* UFOlogy is a religion because it has 'messiahs' who claim to have met with the God/aliens and to have important messages from them to pass on to humanity.

* UFOlogy is a religion because UFO sightings are similar to apparitions of Christ or The Virgin Mary in that the faithful flock to the scene in hopes of witnessing the 'miracle.'

* UFOlogy is a religion because it has a rich and flexible mythology that can be interpreted in many different ways in an attempt to support the claims of the faithful.

CLEARLY UFOLOGY IS A RELIGION AND NOT A SCIENCE."

New UFO-Abduction Book Flops

The recent book "UFOs and Abductions: Challenging the Borders of Knowledge," published by the Kansas University Press, appears to have missed its stated objective as "a deliberate effort to build a much-needed bridge between the enterprise of serious UFO research and 'the academy' of scholars, scientists and science writers who (at least publicly) have largely ignored or derided this field of study" [SUN #64/July 2000]. The only review of the book cited on the Amazon.com Website, from Kirkus Reviews, is highlighted below:

"The anxieties of an academic outgroup form the subtext of this connection of 11 essays by UFO abduction researchers from both inside and outside the academy. Editor [David M.] Jacobs ("The Threat" 1998) and his colleagues [including Budd Hopkins, Dr. John Mack] want the scientific and intellectual establishment to take reports of unidentified flying objects and tales of earthlings kidnapped by extraterrestrials seriously, but the evidence on display here is far from compelling....Some of these reports are puzzling and their significance is certainly worthy of discussion. But surely the abduction phenomenon, like the recent rash of Satanic ritual abuse, belongs more to the study of the origin and diffusion of mass delusions than it does to the physics of space travel or the possible biologies of alien races. For all its earnestness and its academic trappings, this study will persuade few who are not already believers." (Emphasis added.)

What Really DIDN'T Happen At Roswell

Grizzly Adams Productions missed a golden opportunity when scripting its hour-long documentary "What Really Happened At Roswell," broadcast Sept. 7 on the PAX-TV network. When a representative of the show's producer called to invite SUN's editor to participate, we regrettably had to decline because of deteriorating spinal problems. But we strongly recommended Karl Pflock, explaining that prior to his several-year investigation he had strongly suspected that the Roswell Incident involved a crashed saucer, but had become a crashed-saucer skeptic. By featuring Pflock's conversion this would provide Grizzly Adams with a fresh approach to distinguish their Roswell show from the many earlier ones.

But when the show was broadcast on Sept. 7, Pflock appeared only briefly. All mention of evidence found by Pflock which had made him a crashed-saucer skeptic ended up on the cutting room floor. In total, Pflock was given less air-time than the wild claims of the late Lt. Col. Philip Corso--whom the show characterized as having "impeccable credentials." An actor playing the role of rancher Mack Brazel, who found the debris, said "It was a weather balloon." This flatly contradicts the view that Brazel really expressed in a famous July 8, 1947, interview in the offices of the Roswell Daily Record. The show carried a many-year-old interview with Roswell researcher Kevin Randle endorsing the ET autopsy story told by former mortician Glenn Dennis--which Randle repudiated several years ago as a "tall tale."

The Grizzly Adams Roswell show is one of the PAX-TV's series "Encounters With The Unexplained," which includes "The Search For Noah's Ark."

UFO-Abduction Guru Budd Hopkins Discloses New Book Plans

Budd Hopkins's next book will focus on similar patterns of UFO abductions *"that have not been discussed or documented before,"* according to an interview published in the Nov./Dec. issue of UFO magazine. *"They're not necessarily new patterns, they're newly recognized,"* Hopkins explained. *"There will also be a section in the book on advances in science and scientific theory that suggest that these new patterns in the abduction phenomenon are not beyond the realm of possibility."* (Hopkins had earlier indicated that his next book would be an autobiography.)

SUN predicts one of Hopkins' recently recognized patterns is the ability of "selective invisibility," i.e., the (alleged) ability of ETs to make themselves, their craft and their abductees visible to some people while they are invisible to others. "Selective invisibility" was the focus of Hopkins' lecture at an April 10, 1999, conference in New York City and was briefly discussed by Hopkins in his talk at MUFON's 1999 conference in Washington [SUN #59/Sept. 1999]. (Hopkins credits its "discovery" to his partner, David M. Jacobs.) As proof, Hopkins cited UFO-abduction reports from many large cities, such as New York, Tokyo, Rome, London and Paris. *"There is no way that these abductions could take place in daytime, even at night, without hundreds and hundreds of witnesses,"* according to Hopkins. *"These things somehow are unseeable. Now, of course, that's an outrageous idea but if ETs can float you through a wall, I suppose they can also make you invisible."*

In the UFO magazine interview, Hopkins said he believes the UFO research community is finally beginning to recognize that the UFO-abduction-phenomenon research offers the best means of learning more about the alien presence. *"We still have a lunatic fringe to contend with that only reinforces the idea that there is nothing to this [UFO-abduction phenomenon]. But I think the more sober minds among us are able to overcome the lunatic fringe,"* Hopkins concluded. (Emphasis added.)

Filer's Files Promotes Popular Myth

Filer's Files, a widely read bimonthly Internet report produced by George A. Filer, promoted a popular--but false--myth about U.S. Government UFO policy in its Aug. 28 edition (FF #34). Responding to a brief note from UFOlogist Jeff Chandler, which claimed that the Robertson Panel (convened by the CIA in early 1953) was *"the origin of the official policy of ridicule and debunking,"* Filer responded as follows. *"Well Jeff, there really is a national policy to ridicule UFO reports. The US government's own historical documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act explain why it became US government policy to debunk, mock, and discredit anyone who provides good evidence for UFOs....The Robertson Panel was formed at the request of the White House to quell the situation [growing numbers of UFO reports]. [SUN Comment: Not true.] CIA documents reveal five members of the Robertson Panel who were known skeptics were given several poor UFO cases to examine and came to the conclusion that 'there was no evidence of a direct threat to national security in the objects sighted'....CIA documents reveal [that] one of the Panel's recommendations was that a policy of debunking UFO reports should be instigated..."*

The day after FF #34 appeared, SUN's editor sent Filer an e-mail which challenged his claims and quoted verbatim from the Robertson Panel's recommendations--made at a time when the US was desperately trying to establish an effective defense against a possible Soviet bomber attack. *"The panel further concludes that the continued emphasis on reporting of these phenomena does, in these parlous times, result in a threat to the orderly functioning of the protective organs of the body politic. We cite as examples the clogging of communications by irrelevant reports, the danger of being led by continuous false alarms to ignore real indications of hostile action [i.e., Soviet air attack], and the cultivation of a morbid national psychology in which skillful hostile propagandists could induce hysterical behavior and harmful distrust of duly constituted authority."*

The Robertson Panel recommended "that the national security agencies take immediate steps to strip Unidentified Flying Objects of the special status they have been given and the aura of mystery they have unfortunately acquired." THIS IS THE BASIS OF THE CLAIM THAT THE ROBERTSON PANEL RECOMMENDED A GOVERNMENT DEBUNKING EFFORT.

In our e-mail message to Filer we made the generous offer to "contribute \$1,000 to your favorite charity for each and every one of the many dozens of UFO reports in Filer's Files since it began in response to which ANY U.S. Government agency has issued a statement which 'attacked' the person(s) reporting a UFO sighting or 'ridiculed' the report." (I excluded any USAF reports issued in the mid-1990s on its investigation into the "Roswell Incident.") **FILER HAS YET TO PROVIDE A SINGLE EXAMPLE!**

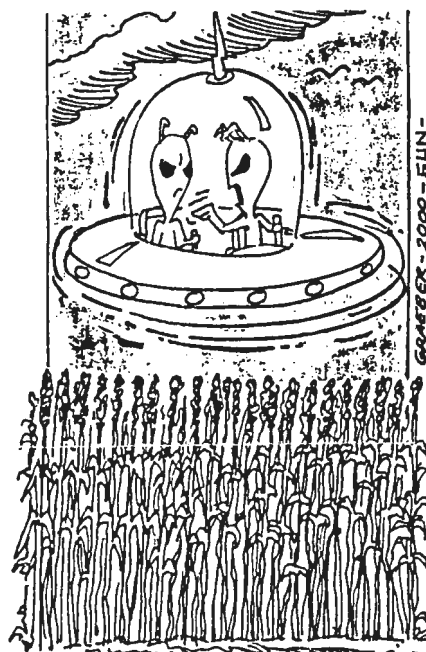
Short Shrift:

* **MUFON's Director of Abduction Research Sold Case Files To Robert Bigelow, wealthy Las Vegas businessman who directs the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS):** Considerable controversy is swirling around the recent disclosure that **John S. Carpenter** sold 140 UFO-abduction case files to **Robert Bigelow** for \$14,000 in 1997, which Carpenter pocketed. The disclosure came from his former wife. Carpenter reportedly claims these were his personal property. MUFON's Executive Committee is investigating whether Carpenter's action was not appropriate. **More interesting is whether Bigelow's action means that NIDS plans to focus more of its activities on UFO-abduction reports.**

* **"UFO Fleet Seen by Thousands in Afghanistan and Pakistan" on Aug. 15, reported by CAUS:** Quoting the **Afghan Islamic Press**, witnesses described the UFOs as looking like missiles and flames of fire which appeared to fall into neighboring Pakistan. The CAUS report **failed to mention that the Perseids meteor shower was underway at the time and normally reaches its peak on Aug. 12.**

* **ET To Return Next Year:** A "spiffed-up" version of Steven Spielberg's very popular movie "ET--The Extra-Terrestrial" will return to theatres in March on the 20th anniversary of its original debut, according to Universal Pictures and Amblin Entertainment. The original version grossed nearly \$360 million in North America alone.

* **Words of Wisdom:** David M. Jacobs, a leading researcher in UFO abductions, speaking at the recent Bay Area UFO Expo, offered the following advice: "**Take everything I say with a BOULDER of salt. In fact, you should take EVERYTHING all of us researchers say with a BOULDER of salt because there are no UFO research standards.**" (Emphasis added.)



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