



Part 7: UFO Crash/Retrievals: The Inner Sanctum - Status Report VI © July 1991 by Leonard H. Stringfield

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- Retired USAF M/Sergeant about 1947 UFO event at Tularosa, New Mexico

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To be more computer-friendly, the reprint has been divided into parts. Here begins **Part 7** of *Status Report VI*, from July 1991. These status reports were written by Leonard H. Stringfield from 1978 to 1994. *Status Report VII* begins at [Earthfiles 12/15/03](#). Leonard Stringfield died on December 18, 1994.

Provided by Timothy Cooper

Fourth interview with retired USAF M/Sergeant, "Bob," April 7, 1991

Location: Confidential

"I brought the book, *The Roswell Incident* by William Moore, and the report on MJ-12 by Stanton Friedman. When Bob saw them, he guessed the reason for the discussion we had the night before. I showed him the picture of Major Jesse Marcel holding the wreckage of an alleged crashed flying disc. Bob said, 'I knew about that when it happened; Bill Moore had only half the story.' So I asked him if the Roswell recovery was tied in with the White Sands-Tularosa operation. He just looked at me. He did not say a word. Then he just grinned and changed the story. He just wanted to change the subject. Bob knew more than he was letting on. I noticed a medal in a case hanging on the wall of his mobile home. It was the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal. It was awarded him for outstanding service in the Strategic Air Command photographic intelligence service during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis while he was stationed at Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Then, Bob made an abrupt statement to me. He said, 'Roswell is only part of the UFO crash/landings in New Mexico.' I took that to mean, yes to my previous question (about White Sands and Tularosa.)

Digressing a little, he told me that a few years later, the new base commander (Colonel William Baines) brought to him blow-ups of frames taken by Askania tracking cameras. The pictures showed formations of oblong objects pacing the vapor trail of a V-2 rocket and over Holloman AFB itself. The officer that actually ordered him to print copies of these pictures was Colonel Don R. Ostrander. The colonel was insistent that everyone except him leave the production area (a repeat of previous assignments). The Air Force wanted to know what these were. The prints did not turn out well (because of the glass-dot screens then in use). The Air Force Office of Special Investigations was involved in securing photographic material of these over-flights near Holloman AFB in 1949 and in the early fifties. He mentions a Major Edward A. Doty as being in charge of security for Holloman AFB. Bob said he knew him. Since Bob had a Top Secret Q Clearance Crypto, he was not bothered very much - possibly because he could keep secrets well and did not talk about what he saw in the reports he printed.

A Major Edward Doty, OSI, is mentioned in an April 18, 1949 and April 30, 1949, summary of Project Grudge distributed in 1952. Major Doty is mentioned in the abstract on the GRD (Geophysics Research Division, AMC) under Post Contractual Inquiry. On August 9, 1951, Lt. Col. Cox of the 17th OSI District (Kirtland AFB) was quoted as saying that they were still receiving reports of 'aerial object phenomena.' On August 27, 1951, Major Edward A. Doty had assumed responsibility

for Holloman AFB investigations. Major Doty was 'to collect reports, make periodic review of the files ... maintain liaison with OSI, the Provost Marshall's Office and any other agencies whose activities may serve to provide information concerning future aerial phenomena developments.' On August 28, 1951, Dr. Lincoln La Paz met with Holloman security (Maj. Doty) and intelligence staff concerning the 1947 fireball sightings. The report mentions La Paz as saying, 'The fireballs may be of our own military origin, but if not, they are a matter of serious concern.'

The report goes on to state that, 'Major Doty also arranged a conference with Mr. Warren Knot who is in charge of Land-Air Operations. Mr. Knot pointed out that a formal report covering the years (1950) vigilance period *had not been issued* (possibly the one of several Bob says were highly classified and was not included in any official report) since the contract contained no such provision.'

The abstract also contains this bit of information. In a classified letter from Chief of Staff, USAF to CG, AMC, subject "Light Phenomena," on September 14, 1949, Lt. Col. Frederic C. E. Oder of CRD attended a conference at Los Alamos, October 14, 1949, on the subject of 'Green Fireballs' observed in northern New Mexico area. Since the phenomena had been observed only in this area and *only since 1947*, it had caused considerable concern among security agencies in the area.

I remember that a lot of generals were being flown to Alamogordo Field from July 10 through July 14, 1947. I was told that Generals Twining, LeMay, Groves, Vandenberg, Wainwright, and Doolittle were being flown to the base and flying out to other bases. There was also some top ranking German scientists, as well as American, at Alamogordo. Some of them were von Braun, Oppenheimer, von Neuman, Steinhoff, La Paz, and I think Bush - but I can't be certain about (Vannevar) Bush. I know this because I read the names on the reports.

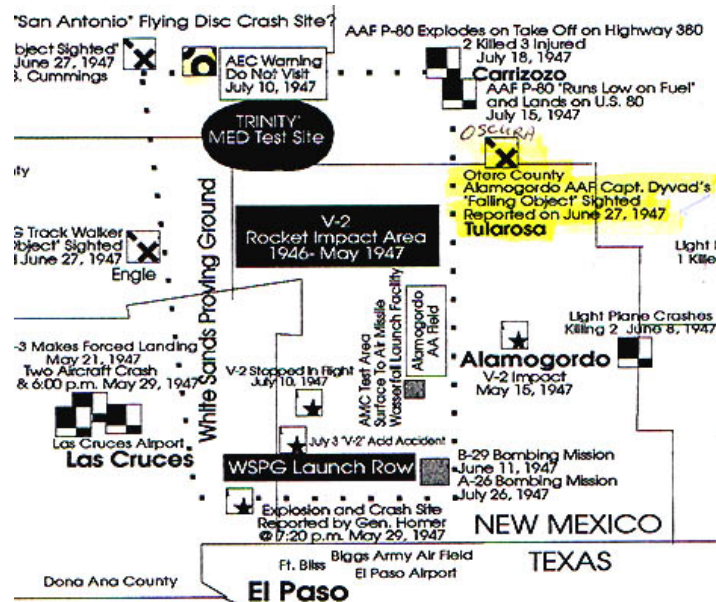
I asked the following questions concerning the test activities at Holloman AFB and any association with Roswell SAC base.

Tularosa, New Mexico

Linda Moulton Howe editorial note: Below is a map provided to me by Andy Kissner, Las Cruces, New Mexico, of 1947 UFO events he has researched that occurred around White Sands Missile Range. He also found the June 28, 1947, *El Paso Times* newspaper article about unidentified "falling objects" sighted by witnesses on June 27, 1947, near Tularosa and Eagle, New Mexico. The article says, "Search parties were sent out from White Sands in attempts to locate the objects or secure additional information." I wonder if this June 27 event could be the real date for the craft retrieval described below in Len Stringfield's *Status Report VI*?

The Majestic-12 research of Timothy Cooper's documents by Bob and Ryan Wood the past decade indicates there were at least three "Landing Zones" of crashed UFOs between July 2 and July 5, 1947. Landing Zone 1 is placed on the Mac Brazel ranch between Corona and Roswell. Landing Zone 2 is identified as near the Trinity Test Site in the White Sands Missile Range. Landing Zone 3 is placed thirty miles east of Alamogordo on an American Indian school property. Changing dates, or floating several dates, for a variety of events whether true or not is a classic intelligence tool to muddy waters and keep the press and public confused about sensitive, classified matters.

It's also possible that objects of unknown origin came down in the Tularosa area on both June 27 and July 4, 1947.



Provided by Timothy Cooper

Fourth interview with retired USAF M/Sergeant, "Bob," April 7, 1991

Location: Confidential

Q: Did you know about the Roswell base finding and transporting unidentified wreckage to 8th Air Force HQ?

A: Not at first. Remember, White Sands and Alamogordo reported to the AMC at Wright-Patterson. Roswell was a SAC base and reported to Offutt Field, so we did not work together. I did not know of any of the alleged activity until after July 8, 1947, when our base went on a security alert until the 16th. There were MPs all over the hangar area and near the strip. After I talked to my buddy, Paul, I knew something was not right. He related to me how he and others were called to the base commander's office for a 'special shoot' in the North Range.

This was on July 4, 1947, near Tularosa. He said he had heard that a target was being tracked clear across the northwestern New Mexico area and was projected to fly over the North Range from the West and straight into Texas. All camera crews and photographers were to report to the motor pool with their equipment. They were told no more than that. Some were still drunk from celebrating (4th of July). Some were in civilian clothes; the MPs were picking them up everywhere.

Q: What happened next?

A: The convoy left the base and proceeded north up the highway and then turned west into the range. Paul told me, 'It took about an hour to get to where we were supposed to go. Crossed a lot of open sand until we reached some hilly area. After they stopped, they fanned out in a long line and started to move toward the hilly area. Most had flashlights and some vehicles had searchlights. The Askania camera operators were told to point their cameras

towards the northwest. We all thought it was the balloons launched the previous day. They had brought some 80's and starshell (illumination) rounds. Why? For balloons!?

Some time around midnight, the tube crews dropped some illumination rounds - lots of them. They lit up the whole sky pretty good, Paul said. A radioman yelled for the colonel to come to the radio van. Then he yelled out for all cameras to train at a certain heading their cameras at a certain angle (relative to true north and compass bearing). Sometime around midnight, the mortar crews started to drop illumination rounds again. A bright object was approaching from the northwest at a 60 degree position in the night sky (from the horizon). All Askania cameras were tracking the object until it disappeared behind some hills.

Q: What happened then?

A: My 1st Sergeant buddy said that the search teams got back in their vehicles and drove off in the direction where the craft came down. It took another hour before they reached the landing site. Some MPs found a large metallic disc resting against a sand hill, slightly tilted. It was approximately 100 to 150 feet or so in diameter, maybe larger. Difficult to tell for sure because it was dark and only the reflection of the searchlights was visible from my position (approximately 100 yards away). There were a lot of lights being shone on the craft and a lot of base personnel surrounding the craft, but keeping a respectable distance from it. Everyone was excited and scared at the same time. They soon brought generators and floodlights for better lighting.

Q: What did the 1st Sergeant see at the landing site?

A: He did not see much. He was some distance away. He could see a big disc-like craft with a flat bottom and a slightly round-shaped dome on top. It was shiny with a rim surrounding the craft. It was big, kinda grayish in color, but very shiny. There were a lot of MPs and base technicians surrounding it. They seemed to just stand there looking at it. All the time, they were taking pictures with flashbulbs and there were some motion picture photographers taking pictures as well. A little later (about 2 or 3 a.m. in the morning), some of the technicians were able to climb on top of the craft. Some had black rubber suits on with geiger counters, I think (checking for radiation possibly).

About 3 a.m. in the morning, some scientists and engineers had arrived. They began to put up canvas all around the craft and set up a command post and storage tents. There were a lot of guards surrounding the site. He knew that some of the scientists did not come from Alamogordo or White Sands because they were accompanied by some high ranking generals. They appeared to enter a tent and emerged wearing some overalls and carrying masks of some kind. There were trucks arriving and departing all morning. I think I heard aircraft flying or landing nearby near the highway. I do not know what these trucks were transporting, but it must have been important. By 6 or 7 a.m. that morning, the Askania crews were ordered out of the area and back to Alamogordo. There were security checkpoints all along the way to the highway. All of us were debriefed at Alamogordo by CIC people and had to sign non-disclosure statements as to what we did, saw and heard. That was when I saw him first. He told me some days afterward.

Q: When did you become involved with this event?

A: As I told you before, I was in my office a few days after I saw Paul. It was at the Base Production Unit. We were printing the results of a V-2 launch when the base commander, Colonel Helmlek, arrived at the building with a detail of MPs that surrounded the premises and ordered everybody to leave except me. The rest, you already know.

Len Stringfield: I note again that Bob emphasizes a crash, or a landing, in the White Sands Range (near Tularosa) and goes into detail about the tracking team and the retrieval operation at the site. The date he gives for this activity is July 4th. However, he does admit without elaboration to having had knowledge of a crash at Corona (the so-called Roswell crash) to which he does not affix the known date, July 2nd. This admission came when Cooper, showing Bob the picture of Major Jesse Marcel holding the alleged wreckage, stated, 'I knew about that when it happened and

Moore had only part of the story.' And later, he said, 'Roswell is only part of the UFO crash landing story in New Mexico.'

In summary, according to Bob, a saucer crashed near Roswell and at White Sands Missile Range and maybe elsewhere. Maybe Bob knows more and is not yet willing to talk about the specifics."

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