



## Part 12: UFO Crash/Retrievals: Status Report III - Amassing The Evidence

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To be more computer-friendly, the reprint has been divided into parts. Here begins **Part 12** of *Status Report III*, written in June 1982. The series of status reports, I through VII, were written by Leonard H. Stringfield from 1978 to 1994. Previous *Status Report IV* begins at **Earthfiles 021205**. Leonard Stringfield died on December 18, 1994.

**Leonard H. Stringfield:**

### THE INTERMINABLE CASES

"Behind the assortment of intermediary reports are all kinds of people. Some in all sincerity claim to know a potential source, but fail in their effort to get results for reasons beyond their control. Of this kind, one might have an 'Uncle' in-the-know, but when approached, 'Uncle' won't talk. Or it might be simply that their source had second thoughts. Some others, when their source encounters interference, soon get bogged down themselves in a chilling drama of high intrigue. They range from phone threats, a visit by a stranger, or when their information sent by mail never arrives. Then of course, there are a few intermediaries that are borderline themselves.

The interminable case, for whatever reason, surfaces too often in my work, especially since the release of my *Status Report II*. [To be reprinted in future Earthfiles.] For the record, following are examples of reports of all kinds reaching me that belong to history:

ITEM A: Mrs. B. of Cincinnati, claimed friendship through church affairs with Mr. D., an engineer whose work frequently took him to Wright-Patterson for his expertise. According to Mrs. B, her friend had 'worked on the alien craft' at the base, so I tried to arrange an interview. In the beginning it was a likely prospect, but after more than a dozen phone calls over a span of time, Mr. D was never available and during that period never attended church. Finally, she said, he got married and had no time to discuss the subject.

ITEM B: SB, employed in a responsible position at OP&G, Cincinnati, watched my interview on crashed UFOs on WCPO-TV in February 1980. Interested, he called and visited my home, relating that he recalled information told to him by his father, an officer in the Air Force, before his death in 1969. According to SB, his father had worked on the alien craft at Wright-Patterson in 1952 and knew about retrieval operations, but the details were vague. Hopefully, he said, his uncle who also worked at Wright-Patterson with high security clearance and who shared information with his father might be willing to talk. Also, he said, his mother should remember some details. He assured me that he would make arrangements, but after several follow-up calls, nothing developed. His uncle, he said, could not be reached and his mother preferred to be respectfully silent.

ITEM C: Researcher Carl McMillan, during the MUFON Symposium in Houston in 1980, gave me the name of G. d'A, a French-born American citizen whose uncle was an R & D physicist working at the Pentagon. The uncle allegedly knew about crashed UFOs and occupants. When I called G, I was told to present my credentials by letter and that it would be 'forwarded for consideration' to his uncle in Washington, D. C. According to G, his uncle worked on a non-metal section of an alien craft. Also the uncle did see the deceased occupants which he described as being similar to those in my monographs. Later

when I called, he said my letter and enclosed monograph of June 27, 1980, had been forwarded as promised. But, G got no reply. Several weeks later, I tried to reach G by phone and learned from the landlady of his apartment that he had returned to France.

ITEM D: Diane is a member of the Cleveland Ufology Project. When I spoke for that group in September 1980, she related privately that she knew a source, DM, a police officer who seemed willing to talk about a 'saucer' he witnessed at a military base in Texas. His branch of service and the year of his observation were at that time unknown to Diane. On Diane's request, I sent her my letter of credentials, offered anonymous protection and listed questions hoping he would answer. She delivered my letter personally. He never replied, nor did he attend any later CUP meetings. Diane said her source had second thoughts about security matters.

ITEM E: Dr. X, a medical doctor, works at Wright-Patterson. Richard Hoffman, researcher in Dayton explained the doctor's interest in my C/R research, which he had learned as a third party during a phone conversation with the program director in the studio of a TV station in Dayton. Visiting me in Cincinnati in October 1980 to discuss the prospects of doing a show on UFO Crash/Retrievals, both Hoffman and the station director suggested I call Dr. X. After several tries, I finally reached him at his home in the fall of 1981. To my surprise, the doctor said he never heard of me and professed no knowledge or interest in the subject. When I later told Hoffman about the doctor's reaction, he said, 'I can't believe it!'

ITEM F: Danny Perkins, UFO and radionics researcher from Las Vegas, Nevada, gave me a source name, Mr. E, an engineer in California who allegedly had worked on the alien craft in the military. As good friends and reciprocal in business practices, Mr. E had told Perkins about some of the details of the craft. When I called Mr. E, however, he was surprised by my call and said that Perkins must have meant his brother in another California city. When I called to speak to the other Mr. E, he replied that I had the wrong brother. In fact, neither Mr. E could recall any past relationship with Perkins. Perkins, when told this, was totally flabbergasted.

ITEM G: When Dick Hall and I were preparing to leave with Tom Deuley in his van from the MUFON Symposium in Houston in June 1980, Norma Lindblad, RN, asked for a ride to Texarkana, her home. As soon as we got underway, the subject of alien craft and the recovered bodies were brought up and to our surprise, she said she had a close friend, Evelyn McCormack, who had known a source in the Air Force who had seen both.

In short time, Norma was in touch with Evelyn who in turn sent me a letter recalling her talk with the source she knew as Hank. According to Evelyn, she met Hank who was a radar specialist assigned to the local base in a Texarkana NCO club. One evening she asked him if he ever had seen a UFO. To her surprise, he said that he had seen one close-up, but not in Texarkana. It was while in the service at another airbase which he did not name. At this base, said Evelyn, he claimed that he had seen one under heavy guard that had been retrieved, along with bodies. She said Hank described them as 3.5 to 4.5 feet tall with large, round heads and wearing metallic suits. Evelyn said she lost track of her friend, but knew that he lived in Pratt, Kansas. Norma and I tried to trace him, but were unsuccessful.

ITEM H: Barbara Schutte, a researcher in Wever, Iowa, is acquainted with a family in which one member is a professional photographer with a studio in Chicago. The photographer was assigned in 1974 to take pictures of live aliens recovered from a crash landed craft somewhere in Texas. When Barbara first reached him by phone at his studio, she said he was friendly. But after she asked about the retrieval in Texas, he abruptly hung up. She called again later, on my request and to assure him anonymity. His phone had been disconnected. Later she learned from the photographer's mother that to her surprise, her son had moved to Texas, address unknown.

ITEM I: LH holds a responsible position at a Bell Laboratories complex and is keenly aware of the sensitivity of certain aspects of the UFO situation. Some of this he learned from his source, a former NASA employee who had been in a technical capacity and had access to highly classified information concerning a craft retrieval operation in 1950. Later technical material included a head-band transceiver worn by some members of the alien crews. Because of some 'impropriety' at NASA, said LH, his source was dismissed as a security risk. LH suspects his source has been under surveillance ever since. LH also learned that another person in the same capacity at NASA and involved in the same impropriety had long ago mysteriously disappeared. Since 1978, I have made several attempts through LH to meet his source. Finally in July 1981, I made my last try. But as before, I was refused on grounds of fear of reprisals.

ITEM J: Warren Nicholson of Columbus, Ohio, informed me in August 1980 that he knew a source in Highland County, Ohio, who claimed he had possession of photographs

showing alien cadavers. His source, who had served in the U.S. Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB from 1943 to 1956 was difficult to track down. At first, said Nicholson, he seemed cool to seeing me, but he warmed up and was willing to show me photos of classified German military hardware of World War II vintage. But the source held out on the cadaver photos. Later, Nicholson said he tried to arrange a meeting for me with his source, but that was unsuccessful. When I talked with Nicholson on October 16, 1981, he said that he had reached his source again. he had just returned from a year absence in Florida. When he brought up the cadaver photos, he said to his shock that his source became hostile. 'A complete turnaround. He refused to even discuss the photos,' said Nicholson.

**ITEM K:** In a quiet, unobtrusive way, the subject of two UFO crash/retrievals surfaced in the early days of research. Such is a letter sent to NICAP from a qualified source, ZO, on September 22, 1959. The letter sent to me from the files of Richard Hall is quoted in part as follows:

**September 22, 1959 Letter to NICAP:** '...I've promised my source that no publicity of any sort will be given his statement. He stated that if questioned, he would have to deny its authenticity to protect himself and his sources. I would take the same course.

My source was present at a family gathering (1953-1954). His informant was an AF Major, later Colonel, who was related to my source by marriage. The Major was a specialist in investigating aircraft crashes. The Major had not been at the scene of the reported crash (of a UFO), but accepted that it occurred because of what he heard at Wright-Patterson. He was convinced of the reality of UFOs and had read a Top Secret report on the subject. As a matter of fact, he was in transit from one base to another and was carrying the report with him.'

ZO tells another story in his 1959 letter as follows:

'My source is a recent hire at Rocketdyne where I also work. ...In 1952, he attended a meeting on celestial navigation at another aircraft company. ...One Air Force officer spoke up who had been investigating UFO reports, specializing in cases where hardware was reported, usually hoaxes. ...The officer, an inspector, had been at the scene of the crash soon after the UFO had been discovered. He stated that the ship was badly damaged, giving evidence of having struck the earth at high speed, straight down - no skipping. He obtained for study a metal part broken from the ship by the crash. He said it was impervious to diamond saws and to torches. ...The officer confirmed that a small body had been found badly burned. He stated that it was removed from the scene in a suit case.'

**ITEM L:** Clark McClelland of Pittsburgh, PA, is a veteran researcher, formerly with NICAP and in the employ of NASA during the Apollo program. After a lecture he gave at the University of Hawaii in April 1982, Clark received the following brief letter from Cora K. of Honolulu:

**1982 Letter to Clark McClelland:** 'After hearing you talk about UFOs on the Don Lamond, KSSK Radio Show, I was reminded of something that happened in Germany in 1966 or 1967. At that time, I worked as a telephone operator for the American Army in Stuttgart. One day there was great excitement because all the General's phone lines were lit up and the supervisors had to sit on the switchboard and help us connect some of the calls. The reason for the excitement was a chase going on between two American Air Force jets and a UFO. After some time, word came over the phone that the UFO had been brought down near Mannheim. I watched the papers and listened to the radio, but I never heard this instance mentioned again. We were not allowed to discuss anything that happened in the telephone exchange as it was a secured area and to mention something of this nature would mean losing our security clearance and job.'

McClelland later learned from Cora by phone that she was assigned to Robinson Barracks on the Stuttgart Army base. He checked with the Pentagon and confirmed that she served in Headquarters, 7th Corp. Cora could not provide any further leads - or was fearful to do so.

**COMMENT:** There are many other interminable cases on file. Some are less dramatic, perhaps, which cumulatively suggest that many people involved in crash/retrieval operations, even indirectly, are fearful to talk. As Shakespeare might have reminded them: 'Mend your speech a little, lest it may mar your fortunes.'

**SUPERSECRETS**

Official documents or letters that show up mysteriously in the hands of researchers revealing matters of obvious security are always suspect. Probably most have been dreamed up by hoaxers or are the product of misinformers to muddy the waters.

One was a letter on C.I.A. stationery and was sent to a researcher to trick him into embarrassment, but it eventually backfired on the perpetrator, as his purpose and identity became known. See Case A-6, *Status Report II*.

Another letter that reached several researchers and was forwarded to me from the APRO office in January 1981, reported a landed UFO on or near Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, on July 16, 1980. The observer, Craig Weitzel, according to the unidentified informant, photographed the UFO and witnessed one of its occupants, dressed in a metallic suit, get out and quickly return to the craft. The informant, who claimed to be a career airman, also claimed he knew about a crashed UFO stored in the Manzano storage area located on the base which was under heavy guard. The source also stated, 'I have reason to believe OSI is conducting a very secret investigation into UFO sightings. ...I was told this by my commander, Colonel Purvine. ...He also told me that Kirtland AFB, AFOSI District 17, has a special detachment that investigates sightings around this area. They also investigate the cattle mutilations in New Mexico.'

COMMENT: The unidentified airman, however, who names his confidants as Weitzel and Purvine and not himself, is highly suspect. I later learned that Colonel Purvine had been checked out and there is no record that he exists.

Another loaded letter making the rounds on University of Chicago stationery was allegedly sent to a former researcher, Todd Zeckel, from a professor (name withheld). The letter dated May 5, 1979, follows:

**May 5, 1979 Letter to Todd Zeckel:** 'I do not know the source of your information, but after having assigned several graduate students to spend considerable time researching the University archives, I find that you are correct in your information about some very strange humanoid bodies being examined here in 1948 and again in 1952.'

The professors you named indeed did participate in the autopsies and studies, but unfortunately, all three are deceased so we can obtain no further information from them. All results of the studies were apparently classified and removed from the university by government agents for whom the studies were performed.

The only people my graduate students could locate that were even remotely connected with the studies said that they only remembered talk of four-foot-tall, sexless bodies thought to have been the product of Nazi cloning and genetic experiments and recovered from the ruins of German laboratories.

The enclosed list of names and addresses will give you all the leads we could develop in case you want to follow up on them.'

I gave the suspect letter to Dr. Peter Rank for professional follow-up. The professor, whose signature was identical in both letters, replied as follows:

**1979 Letter from Prof. Peter Rank:** 'The information that you have received is incorrect. As far as I know, the basis for it is a letter under my name describing such a strange phenomenon. However, the letter is a forgery, the body of the letter apparently having been inserted over a genuine letter and then xeroxed. I am somewhat concerned about this matter and would appreciate knowing where your information came from.'

And of course, there is the sensational *Project Grudge Report # 13*, 'Top Secret,' that was allegedly published, but never distributed and was subsequently destroyed. According to the memo circulated among researchers in early 1981, the report consisted of 624 pages, typed, offset press reproduced on white paper with gray cover. Allegedly, it covered U. S. Government Official UFO Procedures and all Top Secret UFO activity from 1942 through 1951. In it were all the UFO mysteries, including information concerning photographs of UFO crashes, deceased aliens, three live ones, cattle mutilations, and a human mutilation. Also listed were some anatomical details of the alien, including information that his language was similar to Sanskrit.

COMMENT: Noted is reference to Sanskrit, which incidentally was mentioned in Case A-1, *Status Report II*. The report has been refuted by every researcher who took the time to read it.

Still another report which came to me by phone in February 1982, is the so-called Los Alamos Treaty, dated March 7, 1977, supposedly smuggled through Canada. Its purpose is vague, but the names listed therein suggest high level involvement. Signing in the absence of the President of the United States were General Fitzpatrick and Admiral Ross. Among the signers were Dr. John Oliver, Professor Herman Bernard, Dr. Hopkins, Lazrus Path. Below the document read: 'Code 3x301, 3x302; Passuant F.A.I.C.; Classification Twilight; Code Name, Plotean Cyclops; Craft: Sterling I.'

COMMENT: When the purpose of the document was questioned, one of my 'insiders' stated that it was probably nonsense. And if it were legitimate, we might ask what did it have to do with UFOs in the first place?"

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