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Dear Stan and Bill:

This is a copy of a manuscript I got recently from Jenny Randles. It will appear soon in IUR. I ask you not to copy it or distribute it, since obviously I would like to break the story to IUR readers, but I'm sending it on for your personal interest and response.

Best,



I have followed with great interest the story of the covertly released MJ-12 documents and naturally appreciate their importance. I understand how their premature release was necessitated by Timothy Good deciding to publish part of the material (which he had received separately) in order to promote his book 'Above Top Secret' (Sidgwick & Jackson). Whilst the book has some merit summarising fact, fiction and rumours about the so-called 'cover-up', I am rather concerned about the willingness to accept data at face value, and the consequent situation William Moore and his colleagues were placed in by Timothy's hasty (but I am sure he considered reasonable) actions.

My reasons for concern stem from the opinion that disinformation is occurring, with certain sources deliberately attempting to feed out false documents. It is not possible to say who this is, or why they are doing it, but one conceivable scenario is this: The authorities, being concerned at the need to release somewhat damaging documents under the 'Freedom of Information' Act (and they cannot continually refuse to release on the grounds of 'national security', since too much of that would be a clear statement of the importance of UFOs) consider a plan to counteract this. That plan is to feed out patently false papers making extreme claims of sufficient plausability to UFO researchers (ie about real cases such as Roswell) but yet reporting things so bizarre (eg autopsies on dead aliens) that they have the effect of making many objective commentators question the valid files. They also tend to discredit ufology as 'gullible'...ie 'if they buy these then they'll buy anything', ergo the entire subject is suspect.

I first saw this process in operation during the Rendlesham Forest/Bentwaters case. I have excellent grounds (too complex to discuss here) for believing that the infamous 'Halt tape' (ie the recording allegedly made in the forest on the night of 29-30 December 1980, during which UFOs were seen by servicemen and senior USAF

officers such as Colonel Charles Halt) was DELIBERATE disinformation fed out to the one man then connected with the case (lawyer Harry Harris) who was virtually certain to make it public as fast as possible. There is no question that the tape does depict the Orford Ness Lighthouse and various other stray lights. Clearly Colonel Sam Morgan, who released it, and those implicated by the tape, are sufficiently intelligent and knowledgeable to know that. My view is that the entire point of releasing the tape was so that it could serve as a 'red herring' to distract attention from the events of 27 December 1980 (when the 'real' sky crash happened) and, in the process, support debunkers like Philip Klass and Ian Ridpath. Their version then looks more and more credible and ufologists appear to be gullible fools.

However, more immediately crucial to the MJ-12 saga is the Ministry of Defence document received (again by Harry Harris—who was also the man invited on base by Colonel Halt in July 1968, none of which is irrelevant and all of which is important). That MoD document is reproduced in 'Sky Crash' with a small comment beneath it, but a fuller account is useful at this point.

In October 1980 when the 'News of the World' carried the story (largely thanks to a false rumour given to Harry Harris, indirectly via Ian Ridpath, that they were already planning to publish) one man suddenly appeared on the scene. This man was Ralph Noyes, former under secretary at the MoD (then retired) who had headed the department responsible for UFO data. One of the first things he did was befriend editor Derek Jameson, who had personally championed the case and was directly responsible for the prominence the paper gave to it and its consequent effect on the world. Jameson left the paper almost immediately and took a job with the BBC (the government's national TV channel). Presumably this was pure coincidence, but Jameson has since become a national figure with a prime-time radio show and regular TV appearances (including hosting the most popular 'chat show' on British TV — "WOGAN"). Since then the News of the World have categorically refused to have anything more to do with the Bentwaters case, despite

promises made in 1983 that they would 'persue the matter to the end'.

Of course, I have no evidence for a 'plot', but it is fascinating to note the way Jameson's career has escalated almost in direct opposition to the way all interest in the Bentwaters case has plunged out of public consciousness...all following that Ralph Noyes session (where as Noyes told me personally, 'I invited Derek Jameson for dinner so we could chat in depth about UFOs')

Tim Good contacted Noyes quickly and he spends several pages in 'Above Top Secret' refering to his assistance. I became intrigued by the man when he wrote out of the blue (I think you can guess who to!) early in 1981...about four months after his meeting with Jameson and the dropping of the case by the press. In several meetings and exchanges of letters I became increasingly puzzled about Noyes' motives. In 'Sky Crash' and my book 'The UFO Conspiracy' (Blandford Press-Sterling Books) I point out some of my concerns.

One of those was the question of the 'Ralph Noyes' letter. This was received by Brenda Butler in August 1983...two months BEFORE the story went in the press (and only days after Harry Harris had been covertly invited onto base by Halt). Whilst I did not see this letter until later, I do recall Brenda refering to 'a letter from an MoD source' at this time. Noyes asked for a meeting. She wanted to know what Dot and I felt we ought to do and we suggested caution. The meeting never took place. Indeed Brenda did not reply to the letter. However, what escalates this insignificant letter into extraordinary prominence is that Ralph Noyes flatly denies he wrote it!

There is no question it contains his address, a passable version of his signature and yet looks as if it is contrived. Noyes is adamant of its falseness for one very good reason. He did not find out about the case, he says, until the News of the World story, eight weeks after Brenda got the letter! For this reason he tried to stop us refering to it in 'Sky Crash', although ultimately agreed (reluctantly) provided we included a statement from him.

The real issue here is WHO would fake such an innocuous letter at a time when it was allegedly impossible for anyone to have predicted that

Noyes would become interested? It was quite obvious to me that the implication being offered was that Brenda had faked it, months later after Noyes came on the scene. But again why? It certainly would have cast us into disarray at a time when we were writing 'Sky Crash' had we believed this.

Of course, another person who might have been able to predict his future involvement in the case, and might have reason to write a letter in such a crude way that it could later be termed 'not mine', would be Ralph Noyes himself. The man who in the wake of 'Sky Crash' worked covertly with Tim Good and Lord Hill-Norton, even though Hill-Norton failed to answer direct questions I put to him about the case or do anything at all specific about it. Indeed I was virtually ordered by both Noyes and Hill-Norton to 'leave it to Tim'. Was it a coincidence that I was openly suspicious of motivations whilst Tim Good was not?

Noyes later published his utterly bizarre novel 'A Secret Property' (Quartet Books, 1985), in which he dismissed the case from UFO relevance even though he added a rider that the book was NOT based on real people or a real story. It is absolutely astounding that a former MoD man should write a book about his work (think of the incredible saga of the Peter Wright book 'Spy Catcher'!) It is equally astounding that he should speak of blatantly real people such as a Conservative female

Prime Minister of 'Iron lady' disposition (guess who?) and a 'UFO investigator from Kent who has written a book on George Adamski' (clearly none other than Tim Good). And his fairy tale set in Rendlesham Forest, near an air base 'Bentbridge' (an obvious combination of Bentwaters and Woodbridge) with a lighthouse called Blandfordness (the Oxford Ness) and a base commander who sees UFOs called Colonel Hoyt (rather than Halt) are so absurdly real that he has to be crazy if he seriously expects anyone to believe that this is 'just' a work of fiction.

After this book came out Noyes went to Italy to 'convalesce' and, aside from occasional chats with Tim Good, has vanished from the

UFO scene as assuredly as the Bentwaters case has in Britain. I am at least justified in wondering if his 'job' has been done. Once in the MoD, as the 'Spy Catcher' affair plainly shows, you never retire.

Even if this were all, I would wonder about the strange MoD letter. This arrived without a covering note, just a few weeks before Ralph Noyes wrote to Harry Harris, asking him to reveal in confidence what he had learnt on the air base when invited by Malt! Harry wisely declined, and enquired of Noyes where he, (a), learnt of his visit to the base (since it was not in the press), and, (b), obtained his address. Noyes said that he had been incognito at a lecture Harris had given to BUFORA three months earlier (December 1983) and had traced him through the legal register. He had not approached Harris at the lecture because he was too 'shy' (although apparently not too shy to invite the editor of one of Britain's biggest newspapers, hardly noted for its discretion, out to dinner!) Neither Harry Harris nor I were stupid enough to fall for that, and immediately saw that the anonymous MoD letter which Harris had obtained in January 1984 (only days after his BUFORA lecture) came in a similar envelope and identical postmark to that on Noyes' approach letter.

As readers of 'Sky Crash' will know, the contents of this MoD letter is extraordinary. The MoD notepaper indicated by the photocopy is correct high quality stuff, but all reference to dates, codes and office sources were blocked out. Noyes, when we later asked him to comment on the letter, pointed out numerous small points which were not consistent with normal practice, but agreed it was superficially plausible and pointed out that the most important feature was carried on the top and not obliterated although this is NOT reproduced on the photograph in 'Sky Crash'. This was a security code, 'UK EYES 'B'', which, Noyes told us, was correct and would certainly be that given to a document such as the one we had. IF it were genuine. He found this the oddest feature of all, because it implied someone who not only had access to MoD paper but knew the security codes and was willing to risk prosecution, since the forgery of MoD documents would certainly lead to that (if proven).

An alternative scenario, of course, is that the forger KNEW he was immune from prosecution, because the letter was faked with government blessing!

Incidentally, we never resolved why the security code WAS cut from the photograph in the book. The publishers blamed the printer, who said (very unconvincingly) that it was probably just a 'technical decision'. 'UK Eyes 'D' means that access of the document was only for security cleared sources in Britain and America, not other allies.

The document is fascinating in many respects, which I do not have space to dwell on here. It begins by saying, "As you know, USI has completed a report on the landing of a craft of unknown origin crewed by several entities near RAF Bentwaters on the night of December 29/30 1980." It describes the entities as "approximately 1.5 metres tall", stressing they had "no helmets", correctly noted that the night was misty (which is a key reason in my argument about the disinformation status of the 'Halt tape') and that this mistiness gave

the illusion that the aliens hovered above ground. After referring to enclosures E through G (not included with the letter) it talked of NSA intercepts of 'electronically synthesized' voices and that the craft had not crashed but was "part of a series of visits to SAC bases in USA and Europe". It concludes by explaining that the landing was not considered a "defence issue" because of "the overt peaceful nature of the contact" and that a precautionary plan for "counter-information at a local level" was underway.

It is easy to see how, if true, this MoD letter would be as explosive as the MI 12 documents now on offer in the USA. It even seems to have been fed out at more or less the same time as Moore, Friedman and Shandera were getting their stuff. It would have been easy to imagine Harry Harris taking this to the press in early 1984, having its failings pointed out by some anonymous source at the MoD and consequently his credibility and that of the case (and by inference 'Sky Crash' when it later appeared) totally disappearing. Luckily that did not occur, but it was a close run thing and fortunate that I got a



copy the day after it arrived and instantly pointed out the suspicious fact that it referred to investigations being undertaken by 'DS S/-Ralph Noyes' former Department. This is a very improbable location for any truly secret study.

As you can see I have very good reason to believe that official sources do try to disinform and discredit ufology by feeding it sensational documents that look plausible but have certain failings. This alone would cause me to be extremely wary of the MJ-12 files now being promoted. But there is an even more devastating story I must report on. This DIRECTLY relates to MJ-12.

In 1984 both Tim Good and I were working on our books about UFO secrecy. This must have been known to anyone sufficiently aware of the UFO literature and may have made us both 'prime targets' for disinformation, for fear of what our books might achieve. I suspect it was William Moore's excellent work unravelling the Roswell case (clearly crucial to UFO history) that made him a target. It is incredibly suspicious, therefore, that Tim and I both apparently received covert approaches offering secret documents at this strategic time!

Of course, neither of us knew what William Moore and his colleagues had, and you know that Tim chose to make public his MJ-12 file, although it is not clear exactly where he got it from. (He told me on July 11 1987, when we did a radio show together in London, that he felt it was probably the same covert source as offered the file to Jaime Shandera.)

My story has not been made public before now, because I took things very, very cautiously... particularly in the light of the above MoD letter debacle. Whilst I have no documents to show, I do have a second witness to back me up and I did take the precaution of advising IUR editor Jerry Clark at the time that I was involved in some sort of secret documents situation (without specifying details). Here is what happened.

On 28 October 1984 I received a phone call from a man who refused to give his name or number. He said that his 'CO' (commanding officer) had given him my phone number and suggested I 'might be interested' in what he had. He did not know who I was or why I could help, but then

went on to describe some documents that had come into his possession.

He referred to six reports, spanning 600 PAGES! A number of specific comments about the contents of these files were made, sufficient to give names like 'Wright Patterson Air Force Base' and 'Major Hector Quintinella' - neither of which meant anything to him (he said) but which, naturally, were clearly relevant to me. Another name he gave was Dr Frederick Hawser (Hauser?) - which still remains a puzzle to me - but which he claimed appeared in these files as a scientist who carried

out biological analyses on alien bodies. He believed the report was dated in 1948 and that the term 'befabs' (standing for 'beings from alien objects') was included as an acronym for the aliens. There was also a file dated 11/2/1977 from Wright Patterson, with the reference number 6061 and the frightening title "Elimination of non-military sources".

Whilst extremely suspicious it was patently obvious that he was claiming to possess incredible files concerning the secret governmental UFO project in the USA (which we now call MJ-12) and that he was at least acting his part well, for no obvious reason. He promised to think over what to do, after I expressed my willingness to proceed further, and said he would call me back in two days.

On the 20 October he did call back, at 8.45 am. The first thing he did was give me his name and his town of origin. Save that this was in Lancashire (about 15 miles from me) I will not elaborate. He clearly gave this as a token of faith, saying that he had mulled over the significance of what he was doing and could we meet. Even though this was about the most inconvenient day possible (my birthday) I naturally agreed. However, I asked if I could bring a colleague, UFO researcher Peter Hough, whom he could trust as much as he could trust me. The man seemed reluctant, but when I pointed out that I did not drive and that if he wanted to meet at a venue of his choice (as he insisted) I needed someone else with a car, then he agreed. In truth, of course, I was intent on having a second opinion on this case!

About sixty minutes later he called back and set a meeting time of just a couple of hours later at a pub about 10 miles from me and even further from Nigan. This barely gave Peter Hough enough time to travel from where he lived to pick me up and for us to drive to the venue (especially as Peter was currently looking after his young child and could not leave until his wife returned from shopping). Nevertheless we made it a few minutes late. We stood in the bar and asked discretely for him, since he did not come to us. Only after about ten minutes (whilst we were having a drink and frankly on the verge of going home) did a young man, in his late twenties, come up to me and very sheepishly ask if I was 'Jenny Randles'. He claimed that he had been given a photograph of me so he might recognise me, but in it I had long hair and I now looked different. This was quite consistent, since I had recently changed to a new hairstyle.

We then spent several hours in a busy pub talking to the man. He gave us a long and extremely detailed account of the story of how he came to possess the files, sketched things from these files, related in detail their content and gave extensive replies to all our questions. Never once did he strike us as evasive or a liar. To be honest both Peter and I sat in the car afterwards for a long time shaking our heads at his plausibility and saying to ourselves 'My God - IF he's telling the truth...'

I took pages of notes (he did not wish to be taped and argued that the noise in the pub was important). Obviously, it would be impossible to give anything but a very brief summary here.

John, as I shall call him, had been in a certain branch of the Royal Army corps until he left in February 1985. His CO had spent time on attachment in the USA and had got to know a USAF officer at Wright Patterson during this spell. This was a computer technician and, to cut a long story very short, whilst investigating a fault that officer had accidentally tapped into amazing files on UFOs. He secured copies and was then arrested for being in a security area without permission. Despite being interrogated the officer did not indicate he

had copies and, during his arrest, succeeded in informing his British officer friend where they were and asking him to get them out of the country. A few days later, whilst on 'remand', the USAF officer died in a car crash, the death certificate putting it down to intoxication.

John's CO did not believe this cause of death and suspected the man had been murdered. (This all supposedly occurred in 1983 in Ohio - presumably near Dayton)

John's CO came to England with the files and for a long time sat on these. Often he raised UFOs as a subject with his men, picking out those in whom he saw a reaction and talking <sup>to them</sup> in private. John had no idea why this was. He recalls talking to the CO about a 'Big case in Brazil, where the navy were involved and photographs were taken' (Trindade Island?). What would he do about that, John was asked? He told his CO that whilst in the army he would 'do as the army do and deny UFOs exist' but privately and when out accept them. Later it became clear to John that he was being 'tested' to ensure he would follow regulations whilst still aware that UFOs were real.

Allegedly this process took two years and gradually John was shown reports that the army were submitting to the British MoD, then a photo of a daylight disc (later it emerged this was from the USAF files). Finally he left to become a civilian. It was only in August 1986, when John returned for a weekend training camp for reservists, that his CO told him of the files and gave him a key to a location where he kept them. John was told to take them, read them, call my number and (if he felt okay about it) give them to me.

The files were dusty and did not look impressive. Since John knew little of UFOs, he only really glanced at them. He first read them all through, he claimed, the day before our meeting (29 October). On doing so he saw the explosive nature of their content (some of which he described to us in detail) and then began to get fearful for his wife and three children. So he did a sophisticated job of splitting the documents, relocating them in a way that they would not be traced to him, and decided to see what I was like first. Now he was satisfied he

was glad to get them off his hands. He arranged a covert meeting at a country park eight days later (saying he needed this time to get the files back in order). Peter and I waited hours, but he never showed up.

It was possibly the fact that Peter and I were not willing to take his story at face value that precipitated his failure to show. Whilst, as explained, we were both extremely impressed by him and saw no obvious motive for a hoax, we nevertheless pointed out to John that we had to satisfy ourselves this was not a 'set up'. He might just be an innocent 'messenger boy', unaware of the bogus nature of the material he had. He did not think so, and we pointed out it was possibly consistent with being genuine. However, we wanted to cover ourselves from looking fools, and knew that if he was genuine he would understand our caution.

Only after his failure to appear with the documents did we really check into his background. We had enough to go on to make a thorough check. For instance, I had covertly secured his car registration number and model (a quite unusual one). This gave us the option of trying to trace the garage that sold the car, finding his place of employment (which he had given us enough hints about) and so forth. Some of these things proved to be dead ends, others slightly suspicious. But at least one did agree with his tale. The car was registered in February 1995, the precise month he said he came north to return to civil life and so when he might have purchased a new vehicle.

But this was not quite the final act. Eleven days after the aborted second meeting John posted a letter to me (to a rudimentary and partially incorrect address, clearly based on looking up my number in a phone directory and guessing the rest). This unexpected postscript, which there seems no real point in having bothered us with if he was somehow (for no obvious reason) trying to hoax us, gave an 'explanation' for his disappearance.

John claimed that "events took a dramatic turn" two days after our meeting in the pub. He was "invited to my home base to assist in an internal investigation". This, he later said, involved "force" and saw him "'urged' to remain on base for several days while their investigations were completed". He was interrogated about 'sensitive' documents (whose nature was never referred to) and told that these were "the creation of an educated prankster" to which "no credence could be attributed". When released he was told that it was "in your own interest" that no mention be made of the documents.

He further claimed that he felt "embarrassed at not having the evidence to support my claims and the thought of being ridiculed as a hoaxer/or fraud". He said that he was now determined to track down the documents (whose distribution by himself had been "catalogued" by the authorities). He gathered from discrete enquiries (from the context, although not said specifically, with the CO who gave them to him) that "they are still in the possession of the British government although at some time they are to be transferred to one of 3 USAF bases where they will be returned to the US and destroyed".

John had also accrued "'snippets' of information from military sources that in themselves do not appear important, but combined present a disturbing picture of the forces secrecy and attitude towards UFOs". He has also seen several 'unimportant' documents from the USAF base at Greenham Common and these were "identical in form" with the USAF files he had. To him this discovery was crucial.

Whilst his family did not know about the documents and "that's the way I intend to keep it" he still felt that he needed to 'spread around enough information to ensure that nothing can (or will) happen to me or my family without suspicions being aroused'. He was also making arrangements to sign an affidavit about his story and the contents of the files.

He closed by saying, "I sincerely hope that you will not dismiss me as a hoaxer or fraud...I can assure you that at no time have I compromised your position nor made any reference in fact to you or

anyone else regarding this matter...Please dont think little of me.I was afraid and alone and I tried to cope as best I could.If you do not wish to take this matter any further then I will understand...I apologise again for letting you (and myself) down and hope that you will not always hold it against me."

Nine months have passed and neither Peter nor I have heard from John again.To be honest I still have difficulty viewing him as a hoaxter,but no difficulty at all seeing this as a plot to try and dupe me into promoting a dubious tale via my book.For this reason I kept it out and have not refered to the matter in public.There is also,of course,the proviso that the story might be true,in which case I have an obligation to John.This is why I have not given certain key details here and changed certain other facts of no relevance to the essence of the story.

Now,in the light of the MJ-12 revelations,and after much consideration,Peter and I agreed we should relate this cautionary tale for whatever it is worth.