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The Paul Bennewitz Affair

In the late 1970s, electronics engineer Paul Bennewitz began detecting and meticulously documenting odd lights and radio signals near Kirtland Air Force Base, which was located just a few miles from his home and business, Thunder Scientific in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Believing a spate of cattle mutilations in the area were connected to the strange lights, Bennewitz shared his findings with Gabriel Valdez, a highway patrolman he had met at a cattle mutilation conference in 1980.¹ Later that year, Valdez requested Bennewitz' help in investigating a UFO and abduction report filed by a Myrna Hansen. Under the guidance of Bennewitz and psychologist Leo Sprinkle, Hansen underwent several hypnosis sessions in a tin-foil covered car in Bennewitz' garage. In her first session, she recalled observing cows being abducted into spaceships. She also recalled being abducted by ETs who took her to an underground base (later identified as Dulce Base) filled with specimen jars containing bodily organs where she was implanted with a device used to control her thoughts—thoughts which caused her to ask where Roswell, New Mexico is located.²

More information about the ETs' nefarious plans for colonizing Earth was said to have been revealed in Hansen's subsequent hypnosis sessions. Bennewitz believed the ETs' sinister schemes were corroborated by communications he decoded using a computer supplied to him by the Air Force and by his observations of strange activity around Kirtland AFB, an area which

¹ Greg Valdez, *Dulce Base: The Truth and Evidence from the Case Files of Gabe Valdez*, Levi-Cash Publishing, LLC, 2013, Chapter 5; Paul Bennewitz, "Project Beta," 1988, https://www.bibliotecapleyades.net/branton/esp_dulcebook12a.htm

² William L. Moore, "UFOs & The U.S. Government: Part I," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 259 (November 1989): 11-12, accessed via The Black Vault, http://www.theblackvault.com/encyclopedia/documents/MUFON/Journals/1989/November_1989.pdf; Greg Bishop, *Project Beta: The Story of Paul Bennewitz, National Security, and the Creation of a Modern UFO Myth*, New York: Simon and Schuster, 2005, 9-15; 17-30; 152.

includes the military base itself, the Sandia National Laboratories, Phillips Labs, and the Manzano Nuclear Weapons Storage Facility.³ Concerned that these ETs posed a dire threat to national security, Bennewitz launched a letter-writing campaign and contacted Kirtland AFB, various government organizations, politicians (including then-President Ronald Reagan and New Mexico Senators Pete Domenici and Harrison Schmidt), and several independent UFO organizations to issue a warning. Surprisingly, Bennewitz was invited to present his observations to the officers at Kirtland AFB, and the Air Force seemed genuinely alarmed by his discoveries. Bennewitz was even provided with a \$75,000 grant from the Air Force to support further investigations, and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) generously gave permission for special agent Richard Doty to share what they claimed was classified government information about UFOs.⁴ Bennewitz' round-the-clock investigations proved prodigious, and he outlined the machinations of the ETs' operating from Dulce Base in a 1988 report titled "Project Beta."⁵

According to Bennewitz, ETs had violated an agreement with the US military giving them access to an Earth base and organisms for genetic experimentation in exchange for their advanced, off-world technology. Via a coup, the ETs allegedly took over an underground base located under Dulce and the Manzano Weapons Nuclear Weapons Storage Facility—and their next moves would involve taking over the entire planet.⁶ Thanks to the tabloids, Bennewitz' claims spread rapidly, sparking further speculations about ETs' ties to UFOs, abductions, mind-

³ Bishop, 90-95; 97-98.

⁴ Mark Pilkington, *Mirage Men: An Adventure into Paranoia, Espionage, Psychological Warfare, and UFOs*, New York: Skyhorse, 2010, **Chapter 2**; Lundberg, *Mirage Men*, 9:30-11:02; Bishop, 33-44; 138; 157.

⁵ Paul Bennewitz' 1988 "Project Beta" paper is available in Bishop, 2005, 233-259 & here: https://www.bibliotecapleyades.net/branton/esp_dulcebook12a.htm; Bishop, 149-150; William Moore, "UFOs & The U.S. Government: Part I," *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 259 (November 1989): 11-15, accessed via The Black Vault, http://www.theblackvault.com/encyclopedia/documents/MUFON/Journals/1989/November_1989.pdf

⁶ Bishop, 30-32; 148-149; 203.

control implants, and cattle mutilations. With the encouragement of his Air Force contacts, including Richard Doty and author William Moore, Bennewitz tirelessly tried to rally defensive action against the ET invaders whose activities and communications he was diligently documenting. After battling against the ETs he believed had implanted a tracking device in his wife's brain, manifested as orbs of light in his home, and entered through his bedroom wall every night to inject him with chemicals, Paul Bennewitz eventually suffered a mental breakdown in 1988 that required hospitalization.⁷

A bizarre plot twist soon followed. William Moore, author of *The Roswell Incident* (1980), confessed during a speech given at a 1989 MUFON symposium in Las Vegas that for many years he had been a disinformation agent and “controlled informant” in the service of the US government.⁸ His job? To infiltrate UFO organizations and to get chummy with influential journalists and politicians for the purpose of spreading narratives—the more ridiculous, the better—about UFOs. Why? To distract attention from top secret military projects that UFO investigators were stumbling upon and documenting.⁹

Moore also claimed that the primary government agent feeding false information to Bennewitz was the AFOSI agent Sgt. Richard Doty.¹⁰ Doty confirmed this allegation and explained that Paul Bennewitz had unwittingly been filming classified Air Force experiments

⁷ Bishop, 146; Moore, “UFOs & The U.S. Government: Part I,” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 259 (November 1989): 8-16, accessed via *The Black Vault*, http://www.theblackvault.com/encyclopedia/documents/MUFON/Journals/1989/November_1989.pdf

⁸ William Moore, “Speech at 1989 MUFON Conference, Las Vegas,” YouTube video posted by *The Breeder Syndicate 3.0* on February 7, 2022, 53:25-2:248:19, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwO6AY8YRR0>; R. J. Durant, “Will The Real Scott Jones Please Stand Up?” (PDF), CIA Stargate Project, released under FOIA on August 23, 2003, 10, <https://www.cia.gov/readingroom/docs/CIA-RDP96-00792R000400300004-7.pdf>; *Mirage Men*, directed by John Lundberg, Perception Management Productions, 2013, Film, 33:20-35:00; -----TIMESTAMP, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srtrRbt77AE>

⁹ William L. Moore, “UFOs & The U.S. Government: Part I,” *MUFON UFO Journal*, no. 259 (November 1989): 8-16; 18, accessed via *The Black Vault*, http://www.theblackvault.com/encyclopedia/documents/MUFON/Journals/1989/November_1989.pdf; Lundberg, *Mirage Men*, 32:56-45:45; Pilkington, *Mirage Men*, Chapter 2; Chapter 4.

¹⁰ Durant, 11-12; Lundberg, *Mirage Men*, TIMESTAMP; Moore, *MUFON Journal*, 8-16.

with cutting-edge aerial platforms, which may have been early drone experiments. According to Doty, Bennewitz had also discovered a secret training camp in the Archuleta Mesa near Dulce, New Mexico.¹¹ Rather than telling Bennewitz the truth and asking him to stop filming, in Doty's version of the story, the Air Force decided to play the longer game to avert future security breaches by nosy investigators. Thus, Bennewitz became a medium through which the Air Force could spread an elaborate mythology about ETs that would camouflage their secret tech and discredit UFO sleuths. If Moore and Doty are to be believed, many myths about UFOs related to the Roswell crash, Dulce Base, cattle mutilations, secret government-ET pacts, alien abductions, and the *Majestic 12* documents on the extraterrestrial origins of humanity began with the Bennewitz disinfo campaign and were crafted to protect sensitive defense information.¹²

¹¹ Lundberg, *Mirage Men*, 6:50-10:03; 13:14-17:15.

¹² William Moore was among the first to make this assertion and stated at the 1989 MUFON conference: "What we are hearing today about malevolent aliens, underground bases, secret treaties with the US government, has its roots firmly planted in the Bennewitz affair." See: *Mirage Men*, 43:30-44:40.