

My name is Richard Doty, retired special agent, Air Force Office of Special Investigation (AFOSI), and now a private citizen living in New Mexico. I've been an avid reader of *UFO Magazine* for the past several years.

Recently Bill Birnes, the magazine's publisher, asked me to make some comments regarding the recent Serpo revelations. I told Bill I'd be very happy to write this article relating my personal analysis of the Serpo information, which describes an exchange program in 1965 between United States military personnel and extraterrestrials from the Planet Serpo in the Zeta Reticuli star system.

Before I go into the details of Project Serpo, let me explain that I've been a recipient of Victor Martinez's email listing for the past year. For those readers who don't know Victor, let me give a brief biographical review of him. Understanding the Project Serpo disclosure starts with understanding Victor's role.

Victor is a former U.S. government employee. He worked for a number of different Federal law enforcement agencies and now works in Los Angeles as a teacher. Victor has a longstanding personal interest in the subject of UFOs and maintains an email distribution list of well over a hundred recipients on the topic. In early November 2005 I learned from Victor that he'd been contacted by a person identifying himself as *Anonymous* who was telling an extraordinary story; moreover, it's one which I'd heard before.

Mr. Anonymous, as I like to call him, first introduced himself as a retired employee of the U.S. government and then went on to detail the "real" Roswell incident. He stated that the Roswell incident involved two crash sites: one southwest of Corona and the second site at Pelona Peak, south of Datil, New Mexico. The crash involved two extraterrestrial aircraft.

The Corona crash was found a day later by an archaeology team who reported the crash site to the Lincoln County Sheriff's department. A deputy arrived the next day and summoned a state police officer. One live alien being, an extraterrestrial biological entity (EBE), was found hiding behind a rock. The alien was given water but declined food, and was later transferred to Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

The information eventually went to Roswell Army Air Field. The site was examined and all hard evidence was also removed to Roswell. However, the bodies were taken to Los Alamos since they had a freezing system that allowed the bodies to remain frozen for research. The craft itself was taken to Roswell and then on to Wright Field, Ohio, later to be renamed Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

The second site was not discovered until August 1949 by two ranchers. They reported the findings several days later to the sheriff of Catron County, New Mexico.

Because of the remote location, it took the sheriff several days to make his way to the crash site on horseback. Once at the site, the sheriff took photographs and then returned to Datil. Sandia Army Base, later to become Kirtland Air Force Base, was notified. A recovery team took custody of all evidence, including six bodies. The bodies were initially taken to Sandia but were later transferred to Los Alamos.

The live entity established communication with the U.S. military and provided information about his planet and his race of extraterrestrials. Eventually, the U.S. Government made contact with the Ebens, as they were termed, and set up a meeting location, which turned out to be the well-known Holloman landing in 1964. Mr. Anonymous explained that the landing was near Holloman Air Force Base, not actually at Holloman itself.

During that meeting, an exchange program was set up between our two races. Our government selected twelve military personnel: ten men and two women. They were trained, vetted, and carefully removed from the military system, and in 1965 the twelve left on an Eben spacecraft to the planet Serpo.

That was the core story as presented by Mr. Anonymous in a sequence of eleven major releases of information to date, all so far *via* Victor Martinez. Readers can go to www.serpo.org and read the archive of the entire release, accompanied by further analysis from many different people. In this rest of this article, I'll offer my personal analysis of the initial contact made by Mr. Anonymous, and of the information released by him.

In early 1979, after arriving at Kirtland Air Force Base as a young special agent with AFOSI, I was assigned to the counterintelligence division of AFOSI District 17. I was briefed into a special compartmented program.

This program dealt with United States government involvement with extraterrestrial biological entities. During my initial briefing I was given the complete background of our government's involvement with EBEs. This background included information on the Roswell incident, which did indeed state that two crash sites were found. The first crash site was located southeast of Corona and the second site was found south of Datil. Basically, this was exactly the same information that Mr. Anonymous released.

Other details about the location of the bodies and the site where the live entity was discovered were also mentioned. I learned these details in 1979 and can confirm that Mr. Anonymous did indeed state information that was previously unknown to the public. The fact that the bodies were taken to Los Alamos and that Sandia Base handled the second site were not known publicly in the past. This information is quite correct.

During a briefing in 1984 I read a document which

mentioned an exchange program between an alien race and twelve U.S. military personnel. The briefing did not mention any specific details of the exchange program, but it did refer to the program lasting from 1965 to 1978.

I tried to obtain more information during a Pentagon briefing in 1985, but I was told I didn't have the proper clearance for that information. I retired in 1988 and with one exception, I never learned anything further about the subject until very recently.

In 1991 during a retirement party for a AFOSI friend, I had a conversation with Colonel Jack Casey, retired Air Force Intelligence. I specifically asked Colonel Casey about the exchange program I'd heard about. With a look of surprise, Colonel Casey looked around as if to make sure no one was listening and then led me outside to a patio. Colonel Casey then went on to give me a short briefing about the exchange program. He told me the following:

In 1965, twelve U.S. military men were placed on an extraterrestrial spacecraft and flew to an alien planet some 40 light years away. The exchange program lasted until 1978 when the team returned. Some of the twelve died on the alien planet and by 1991, when I was given this information, some had died since. The final briefing of the returnees is still classified. *Note: all the team members are now dead, the last surviving until 2002.* Again, this was exactly what Mr. Anonymous has described.

That was all the information Colonel Casey would or could provide. I did try over the years to obtain more information, but no one, not even the retired intelligence officers I knew, had any further data they possessed or were willing to share. Then in late 2005, 14 years later, Mr. Anonymous made the stunning release being discussed here.

Although much of the information correlates closely with what I've heard elsewhere, I do have a few concerns both regarding the method used by Mr. Anonymous in his initial release, and also regarding some of the information itself. First, I'd personally have preferred Mr. Anonymous to have chosen a different medium for his release; he could perhaps have used a more open source.

Although I have nothing but praise for Victor Martinez and his email forum, I think Mr. Anonymous could have chosen a widely recognized news medium, such as CNN, Fox, or the like, which would have given him more credibility and instant access to a much wider public.

If Mr. Anonymous wishes the information to be released broadly, then in my opinion what would work best would be for him to go to such an open source and make all the information available at one time. I don't

actually know the exact reasons why he chose instead to release his information *via* Victor Martinez.

Secondly, there are some apparent anomalies in the information that has been released to date. Many former intelligence officers have come forward after Mr. Anonymous made his initial release, and pointed out what they claimed were errors in some of the data.

For instance, Mr. Anonymous stated that ten men and two women comprised the exchange team. However, both Paul McGovern, former security chief for the Defense Intelligence Agency, and Gene Loscowski (real name Gene Lakes), former director of security, Nevada Test Site, have come forward questioning this particular gender mix of the team. Three other former Air Force Intelligence officers have also questioned this information.

According to Mr. McGovern, twelve men were selected; no women. My other independent sources also confirmed that no women were sent on that mission. I'm not in any way wanting to upset female readers, but to understand how the military would have regarded this project, one must really look back to the U.S. military, not now—but way back in 1965.

During that time period women in the military were segregated. The USAF had women in the Air Force (WAFS), there were women in the Navy (WAVES), and the Army had women in the Army corps (WACS).

Most military females were in medical, administrative, supply, or the personnel career field. Few women would have been qualified for such a long-duration mission. Female astronauts were not selected until the late 1970s. These are valid reasons to doubt Mr. Anonymous's particular statement that women were included on this particular mission.

Mr. Anonymous then detailed the training given to the twelve people selected for the mission. Two former Defense Intelligence Agency employees have come forward to state that the training actually fell in line with astronaut training and that the training lasted for one year and consisted of astronaut training rather than the intelligence and combat training detailed by Mr. Anonymous. If one stops and thinks about it, astronaut training would probably make a little more sense than the training described by Mr. Anonymous.

Mr. Anonymous also mentioned some items which were taken on the mission. According to his early reports, the team took 9,000 pounds of equipment with them. However, Mr. Anonymous subsequently corrected this by saying 90,500 pounds of equipment was taken.

He then mentioned that liquid nitrogen canisters were taken as a fall-back weapon against the Ebens, who were sensitive to cold. But liquid nitrogen would not stay stable for an extended period of time and would last only a few weeks in a canister. Maybe Mr.

Anonymous meant compressed air, which would last longer, or better yet, Freon, which would remain stable in a canister for a long period of time.

Finally, Mr. Anonymous mentioned handguns and rifles being taken as defense. I have mixed feelings regarding this. Since it was a military team, I could understand that some weapons would be taken as a routine measure. However, if you trusted the Ebens to the degree of allowing twelve United States military personnel to fly 40 light years for 12 or 13 years, why would anyone take weapons? What good would weapons be on a planet 40 light years away?

On the positive side of Mr. Anonymous's information, a number of insiders and researchers have reported hearing of such an exchange program before. These include such respected individuals as Linda Howe and Whitley Strieber, together with Colonel Casey and all the other former DIA officials mentioned above.

Whitley Strieber's tantalizing and brief experience over 10 years ago was with a man he met at a convention who claimed to have been on the Serpo team before he left Strieber to consider what he had been told. This overall degree of corroboration seems highly significant, as I think readers will agree.

Some of the data provided by Mr. Anonymous seems off-beam—the orbital data and other scientific information—although he did state, intriguingly, that the laws of physics were not exactly the same on Serpo as they are here in our own solar system.

Nevertheless, there's a growing debate regarding the scientific information provided by Mr. Anonymous about the planet Serpo and that solar system. According to him, Serpo was a planet of a binary star system. A binary star is a double star, each orbiting their common center of mass.

I'm not a math or science expert and will not state all the different figures or formulas, but it seems to me that there are legitimate arguments on both sides of this issue. But I have to say that I do feel that a simple hoaxer would have been sure to get the numbers right. The purpose of a hoaxer, or even someone spreading disinformation, is—after all—to convince, not to lay himself open to criticism straight away.

To conclude, and aside from the broadly confirming testimony of my various colleagues, Mr. Anonymous is simply in my opinion not operating like a hoaxer would. A hoaxer would have actually done a better job, so to speak, of researching information for his hoax. Importantly, the apparent anomalies and absence of the promised photographs to date can all be accounted for if we suppose that the context under which Mr. Anonymous is operating is not exactly as it may first appear.

We must remember that Mr. Anonymous will hardly have the 3,000-page report in his living room just

sitting there like a Sears catalog. The report will be guarded under the tightest conceivable security and the conditions of access are unknown by us. We can hypothesize that Mr. Anonymous may not even have access to the documents at all and may be relying on memory, someone else's memory, or someone else supplying him with the information maybe by phone or by tape under conditions over which he himself has no control.

As for the photographs, they may again be in a different location. Paradoxically, there is the factor of Mr. Anonymous having gone quiet since his last post on December 21 up to the time of my writing this on January 13 may be precisely because he has indeed met with difficulty caused by insider agents.

We know that there are different factions within the intelligence community regarding disclosure. Some may wish to obstruct a disclosure such as this while some others may be looking the other way, quietly supporting the disclosure by allowing it to happen. We just don't know at this point. These factors are not reasons in themselves to accept the story; however, they are persuasive reasons not to dismiss it without very careful thought indeed.

In conclusion, it seems to me that while there are some discrepancies in detail, there's a persuasively broad measure of agreement that such a project actually existed, and there are good reasons for us to suspend our disbelief. I earnestly hope that by the time this edition of the magazine is published we may have heard more from Mr. Anonymous, and that his important revelations will continue well into 2006. **UFO**