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An examination of aspects of Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) from a scientific perspective.

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Montauk uncovered

Dear readers

In an earlier post, I mentioned that I had read a book on the "Montauk Project", an unbelievable story which incorporated elements of the earlier (1943) "Philadelphia Experiment."

The "Philadelphia Experiment" is the name given to a long-standing claim that a US Navy destroyer "disappeared" from the Philadelphia Navy yard, and that sailors aboard died under mysterious circumstances.

In several "Montauk" books, the stories are given of Preston Nichols (said to be chief technician of the Project); Alfred Bielek (said to be one of the two "Philadelphia Experiment" sailors who time travelled between 1943 and 1983) and Duncan Cameron (said to be the prime psychic to the Project).

If the "Philadelphia Experiment" is shown to be a hoax then the "Montauk Project" is also a hoax.

In looking to find out more about research which has been conducted into the "Philadelphia Experiment" I came across a fascinating article on the topic, written by none other than Jacques Vallee.

The article, titled "Anatomy of a hoax: The Philadelphia Experiment Fifty years Later" appeared in the "Journal of Scientific Exploration" Volume 8 Number 1 pages 47-71, in 1994.

Vallee first sets out the story of the experiment as told by such individuals as Maurice K Jessup (1950's UFO researcher); Charles Berlitz and William L Moore in 1979 ("The Philadelphia Experiment: Project Invisibility." New York. Grosset & Dunlap.); and Brad & Sherry Steiger and Alfred Bielek in 1990 ("The Philadelphia Experiment and other UFO Conspiracies." New Brunswick, NJ. Inner Light Publications.)

Vallee's research led him to one Edward Dudgeon, a retired executive who had served in the US Navy in 1943, the year of the "Philadelphia Experiment."

Dudgeon revealed that he had served on the ship DE50 USS Engstrom, a similar ship to the DE173 USS Eldridge, the latter being the ship featured in the "Philadelphia Experiment."

The Eldridge and Engstrom were in the Philadelphia Navy Yard, at the same time; as were two other similar ships. All four were in the yard as the Navy was "...trying to make our ship invisible to magnetic torpedoes: by de-gaussing the vessels.

Dudgeon stated that this was the big secret, no that the Eldridge was involved in some kind of space/time experiment. The Eldridge, did travel out of the yard over night by inland canal to Norfolk to load ammunition. This probably led to the story that it disappeared but was back by the next morning.

Vallee concluded that with this knowledge, the "Philadelphia experiment" was a hoax story.

"Today most students of UFOlogy...are in agreement that the Philadelphia experiment hoax, which rested on very flimsy data to begin with, should have died a long time ago." (p67.)

Comment:

With the death of the "Philadelphia Experiment," also goes the story of the "Montauk Project."

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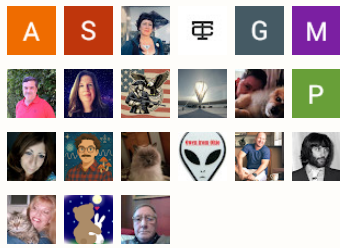
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...r vetted. In 1974, the AEC was reorganized into the Energy Research and Development Administration and in 1977, the ERDA was reorganized as part of the Department of Energy (DOE). One year after Kissner's allegations, the DOE told the GAO it could find no records from 1947 related to UAP crashes.

- 2nd Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference Proceedings, November 12-14, 2004 Las Vegas, Nevada

Note: On 29 January 1947, Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal established the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project (AFSWP), an agency to manage nuclear weapons jointly staffed by the Army and Navy. AFSP and Los Alamos National Laboratory's Z Division established operations at Sandia Base at that time in New Mexico. It is worth determining if these facilities were ever utilized for UAP research as well, like Kissner suggests, and if elements of UAP research are controlled by AFSP/AEC/ERDA/DOE legacy classification mechanisms.

Note: It is worth determining if there are provisions in the Department of Energy Organization Act of 1977 or thereafter that allow DOE agencies such as the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) or others to retrieve material from other federal agencies or military branches and store it in NNSA or DOE owned laboratory facilities including but not limited to Sandia National Laboratories, Los Alamos, Nevada National Security Site, etc.