



Introduction

In the summer of 1947, *something* crashed to earth in the blisteringly hot and barren deserts of New Mexico. The event has been the subject of many books, official investigations undertaken by both the government and the military, numerous television documentaries, a movie, intense media coverage and speculation, and has left in its wake a legacy of controversy and a web of intrigue that continue to reverberate nearly sixty years later. It has come to be known as the Roswell Incident.

It is a matter of record that in early July 1947, the then Army Air Forces announced that it had recovered the remains of a "flying disc" that had been found on a ranch near the town of Roswell, New Mexico. The intense media frenzy that followed was only brought to a swift and conclusive halt when the AAF hastily retracted its statement: the flying disk story was a huge mistake and the crash "remains" were actually nothing more than a weather balloon. Today, the United States Air Force tells a different story: that the debris found at Roswell came from a top-secret balloon project designed to monitor

Soviet nuclear tests and that claims of unusual-looking or "alien" bodies found at the site were, in reality, based upon witnesses remembering having seen "crash-test dummies" utilized in parachute experiments.

'Those who champion the idea that something truly anomalous occurred at Roswell scoff at the ever-mutating assertions of the Pentagon and maintain that a conspiracy of truly cosmic proportions exists at the highest level to hide the out-of-this-world truth of the affair and its alien origins'.

But what if there was another, distinctly darker explanation behind the Roswell legend -- one that summarily dismissed the balloon and crash-test dummy claims but that also laid to rest the theories that extraterrestrials met their deaths in the New Mexico desert? From 1996 to 2004, I spoke with a number of military and intelligence whistle-blowers, all of whom related to me the details of a series of shocking post-World War II experiments undertaken on American soil. I confess that I did not initially pay much attention to the claims. But as time progressed and additional and corroborative data and testimony began to surface, the horrible truth behind the legend of Roswell became apparent. This controversial body of data and never-before-revealed testimony forms the crux of *Body Snatchers in the Desert*.

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