

A Stellar Book Review

Majic Eyes Only

Earth's Encounters With Extraterrestrial Technology

by Ryan S. Wood

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In his new book *Majic Eyes Only*, Ryan S. Wood has provided the UFO research community with 74 reports of crashed UFOs—some documented—set out chronologically from the bizarre claims of the 1897 Aurora, Texas incident to the watery crash of a something off Scotland in 1996.

In the latter part of the nineteenth century, there were many reports nationally of mysterious airships. In the Texas case, a space ship crashes into a windmill, scattering debris and one hapless, quite dead alien pilot. The alien was buried in the Aurora cemetery, never to be seen again, and the fragmented spaceship material was thrown into a well, which is now sealed.

Wood recognizes that the end of the so-called cosmic Watergate will only occur when unequivocal evidence of the physical reality of the flying saucer or its alien occupants is obtained. So he orients his book to the nuts and bolts of the UFO phenomena. And it is that pursuit that animates this quest.

He has provided the next best thing, documents, both those with certified provenance and those that satisfy the most comprehensive analysis available. When the smirking skeptic fails in his claims of fraudulence the proponent of the claim wins and the proof is established. Wood's strict adherence to analytic criteria results in the only proof presently available.

This book presupposes that the reader is grounded in the legend and the lore of the UFO phenomena. I think Wood would agree with Stanton Friedman, who coined the phrase: "UFOs are simply hardware from elsewhere."

Science with a capital S is not the only venue to establish proof of a fact. The law, which increasingly touches every aspect of life, also provides a vehicle. Through the legal maxim that "the soul of law is reason," has evolved a structure called the best-evidence rule, which requires the

proponent of an original document to produce that very document if it is accessible.

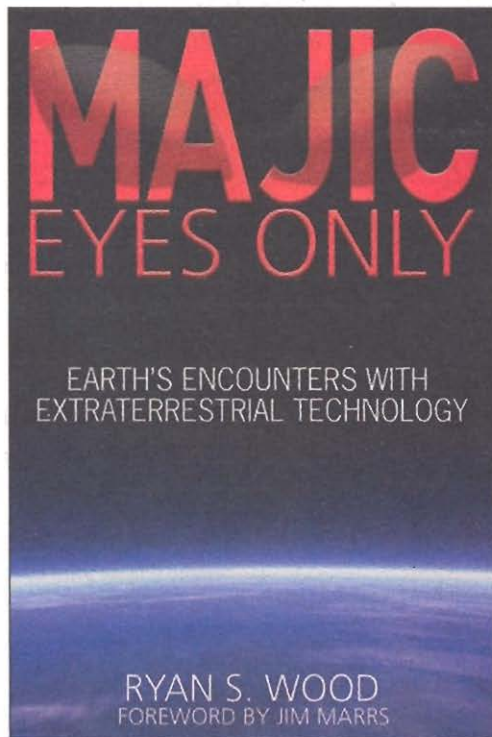
But such a rule doesn't require foolish activity or frustrate a *bono fide* pursuit. If an original is not accessible, a copy will do. The criteria set out to authenticate the copy then must be stringent and comprehensive. Wood has satisfied the tests established. He has proved his document claims. That doesn't mean that he is necessarily correct, only that the burden has shifted to the skeptic.

A document in point—and worth the price of the book alone—is reproduced in the 27-page appendix titled *Majestic-12 Group Special Operations Manual, Extraterrestrial Entities and Technology, Recovery and Disposal*, dated April 1954. It contains very, very specific instructions with illustrations. Today a whimsical official might title this document *UFO Recovery for Dummies*.

In any event, the language directs personnel in the business of "uncrating, unpacking, and checking" with illustrations, instructing them to "(3) remove screws from the top of the shipping container with a screw driver." In this reader's mind, such phrasing as "with a screw driver" could only result from the authentic use of bureaucratic speak in the extreme. This document, if authentic, proves the case of ET presence on earth.

Cases covered familiar to this reviewer and deserving of more investigation are the L.A. air raid of 1942, the two crashes in July 1947 in New Mexico, the Kecksburg, Pennsylvania 1965 case, the Shag Harbor, Canada 1967 case, and the Rendlesham Forest, England 1980 case.

The book is richly illustrated with photographs and fully indexed for the researcher. If there is a weakness to the



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book, it is the uncritical space, which Wood acknowledges, given over to some cases whose antiquity and paucity of evidence is unlikely ever to result in a fruitful investigation. Such inclusion causes an unwelcome distraction. Nonetheless, Ryan Wood has proven the documents that proves the case of crashed UFOs. It is that important. UFO

Robert Bletchman is a retired Connecticut attorney. He says: "My interest in UFOs began in the 1950s. In 1988 I contracted with the world reknowned linguistic scholar Dr. Roger Wescott, who analyzed the Hillenkoetter MJ-12 briefing memo. That year I became MUFON's director of public relations, a post I still hold. In 1992 I coordinated a UFO presentation at the United Nations. In 2000 I spearheaded an effort approved by the state of Missouri which allowed a UFO ballot initiative. I have been a public speaker and symposium presenter as well as appearing on radio and television. I am convinced UFOs are extraterrestrial."