

The Reme Baca UFO Crash Story – 2002 Baca “Draft” vs. Published Baca-Padilla Story		
Element of the story	As pitched to Tom Carey in audio-recorded interview late 2002 or early 2003	Baca-Padilla UFO crash story as published Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 2003 or later refinements
When did it happen?	Reme Baca said four times it happened in the summer of 1946 (late summer, probably August). “It’d been about a year since the bomb.”	Mid-August, 1945 (in <i>Trinity; The Best-Kept Secret</i> , the crash is on August 16, 1945; recovery takes roughly 10 days.)
Who found the downed UFO?	Reme Baca (“about 7”) and Jose Padilla (“9 or 10”) (“my cousin”)	Reme Baca, age 6 (usually reported as 7) and Jose Padilla, age 8 (usually reported as 9)
What was the boys’ intent when they went out that day?	To visit the “Ground Zero” blast site; also, to look for a cow about to give birth.	To find a cow about to give birth, and to check on fences.
How did the boys travel?	Padilla drove a pickup truck.	On two horses.
Did the boys see or hear a crash?	No mention of hearing or seeing anything unusual until simply coming upon large alien disk, recently downed.	Boys see a flash of light and/or hear a very loud sound; they cross a ridge and find the just-crashed UFO.
Did the boys see aliens?	Yes, shadowy figures, “like bugs.” No mention of unusual movements by, or any sounds from, the aliens.	Very detailed (altho conflicting) descriptions in later accounts; strange movements; loud squeals.
Who later returned to the crash site with the boys, and when?	Jose Padilla’s father and an unnamed State Police officer, the day after the discovery.	Jose Padilla’s father and New Mexico State Police officer Eddie Apodaca, two days after the crash.
What did the State Police officer do at the crash site?	The craft was initially hidden (“someone had thrown dirt” over it), so the State Police officer left without even seeing it.	New Mexico State Police Officer Eddie Apodaca and Jose Padilla’s father entered the downed craft.
How was the craft described?	A disc, about 30-45 feet across and about 5 feet thick. Possibly big lights on the bottom	Shaped like an avocado with a small dome, 25-30 feet across, 14 feet tall.
Did soldiers later throw alien metal in crevice?	Yes. “It’s still there!”	Yes (and so did the boys, Baca said in a 2010 interview).
How did the boys obtain a metal device or artifact that was part of the alien craft?	The soldiers loaded up “trailers” with craft debris. As the young soldiers socialized with females in town, the boys swiped the metal piece off the back of a military trailer (parked some place other than the crash site).	On the last day before the UFO was removed, at the crash site, Jose Padilla entered the unattended alien craft and pried the device off of an inner wall panel, using a pipe or crowbar (versions vary).
Is the swiped object described the same way in both stories, and does it correspond to the artifact later much handled, photographed, & analyzed?	Yes, the object pictured in a photo Baca mailed to Carey looks the same as the artifact (“bracket”) that has been much photographed and analyzed since 2003.	Yes, the object pictured in a photo Baca mailed to Carey looks the same as the artifact (“bracket”) that has been much photographed and analyzed since 2003. v1: 5-20-23 12:30PM EDT