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Re: request for updated statement on claim that an alien-craft crashed and was recovered in New Mexico, August 1945 ("Trinity")

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CHRIS MELLON

Sat, Apr 27, 2024 at 7:47 AM

To: "Douglas D. Johnson" <douglas.dean.johnson@gmail.com>

Hi Douglas:

"My view from the outset has been that although Dr. Vallee did not find definitive proof of the recovery of anomalous technology in 1945, he surfaced enough credible information to make the case worth investigating. I did some serious due diligence by flying out West to meet one of the family members before reaching even that tentative conclusion. I understand that since that time Douglas Johnson has surfaced new information that raises questions about the veracity of the principal witnesses. However, I have not had the time to dig into the specifics of this dispute, so I am in no position to evaluate the contrasting views over this case. "

~Chris

On Apr 25, 2024, at 6:17 PM, Douglas D. Johnson <douglas.dean.johnson@gmail.com> wrote:

Chris,

My on-the-record question: What is your current position regarding the claim that a non-human craft crashed near San Antonio, New Mexico in August 1945, and was recovered largely intact by the U.S. Army (usually referred to as the "Trinity UFO crash").

Context for the question:

In June 2021, the *First Edition of Trinity: The Best-Kept Secret*, by Jacques F. Vallee and Paola Leopizzi Harris, carried the following blurb attributed to you on the back cover: "Thanks to the quiet, meticulous research of Dr. Jacques Vallee and Paola Harris, there is fresh reason to believe that our government is concealing physical proof of alien technology. Read the book, and if persuaded, join the millions of other Americans in seeking a straight answer." The same blurb appears on the August 2022 Second Edition.

The book dealt with a story told by Reme Baca and Jose Padilla, starting in 2003, about events they claimed to have witnessed in August, 1945, near San Antonio, New Mexico, usually now referred to as "the Trinity UFO crash." In brief, the two men claimed that as boys aged 6 and 8, respectively, they had witnessed a just-crashed craft and alien beings, and subsequent recovery of the largely intact craft by U.S. Army personnel. (*Trinity: The Best-Kept Secret* says that the "the primary reference to the events described here" could be found in a 2011 Baca-Padilla book titled *Born on the Edge of Ground Zero*, which also incorporated claims both a live alien and alien cadavers were recovered after this crash, but those claims did not appear in the Vallee-Harris book.)

In May, 2023, I published a series of investigatory reports that showed that the two purported witnesses, among other inventions, had fabricated important "credentialing" claims about their own pasts, and had inserted local law enforcement celebrity, New Mexico State Police office Eddie Apodaca, as a major character in their UFO story, although Apodaca had been in Europe at the time and did not become a NMSF officer until 1951. On May 20, 2023, I published a recorded interview that Baca gave to UFO researcher Thomas J. Carey in late 2002, in which Baca unsuccessfully pitched (on his behalf and Padilla's) a very different childhood UFO-crash adventure-- a story that Jacques Vallee has since acknowledged was "fiction." (Please note that there was no way that Dr. Vallee could have known about this earlier and incompatible Baca-Padilla story when he wrote *Trinity: The Best-Kept Secret*-- even Thomas Carey had forgotten the details, although Carey had retained the recorded interview. This was entirely new information.)

In September, 2023, I published police interviews in which Jose Padilla's adult son and housemate, Sammy Padilla, said that his father Jose is "a pathological liar," and had lied about military service, about having

been a police officer, and about the UFO story, among other things. In January, 2024, in collaboration with veteran UFO researcher Frank Warren, I published additional documentation that Jose Padilla's claims to military service during the 1950s, and to having been shot in military service in Korea (both Padilla's original claims and the revised stories he told to Dr. Vallee in response to my earlier articles), were fabrications by Padilla. In a [September 2023 presentation](#), Paola Harris revealed Reme Baca (who died in 2013) had repeatedly tried to sell the rights to the story for \$250,000, and a metal artifact (which Baca and Padilla insisted had been pried off the inner wall of the alien craft) for another \$250,000; these and other attempts to by Baca and Padilla to get rich on the story were not successful, although Harris said there have been discussions with The Disney Company about a possible movie.

No one has produced any record or testimony **created before 2003** of an unusual crash event near San Antonio, New Mexico in August 1945. Indeed, no one has produced even a record that **the 1945 crash story** was told by Baca, Padilla, or anybody else **prior to 2003**. Notwithstanding, in September 2023, both Dr. Vallee and Paola Harris said, in separate public statements, that a 3rd Edition of their *Trinity* book was in the works.

Best,

Doug

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