

increasingly cut off from the common opinion. John Lear, son of the aircraft builder, contributed on his part details that he had obtained from friends in the Air Force: the Nevada base is Groom Lake base, in "area 51" (Groom Lake does in fact exist; it is so secret that the Air Force does not recognize its existence; nevertheless, it is mentioned in the June 1996 issue of *Jane's Defence Weekly*). Later, a former Navy petty officer from the 2nd Marine Division, Bill Cooper, "revealed" that the Council for Foreign Relations (CFR), which, according to him, governs the world through the Bilderberg [Group] and the Trilateral [Commission], supposedly does so in close union with the EBEs...

Amplifying disinformation has probably permitted the protection of research on microwave weapons at Kirtland and on new types of aircraft at Groom Lake. It has certainly allowed the weapon of ridicule to be used against certain gullible ufologists.

## **Appendix 6 - The Long History of the UFO Phenomenon - Elements of a Chronology**

The UFO phenomenon truly experienced worldwide dissemination as of pilot Kenneth Arnold's sighting on June 24, 1947, in the area of Mount Rainier in the northwest United States. In reality, air phenomena that are still unexplained today are much older.

Before going further, it is interesting to note that between May and July of this same year, 850 different sightings were recorded across the United States and that in January an RAF Mosquito night fighter tried in vain to intercept a very rapid object detected by radars over the North Sea.

### **In 1946, phantom rockets overfly Sweden**

From February to December 1946, many witnesses sighted generally fusiform objects (occasionally resembling spheres or disks) flying most often horizontally in Swedish skies, in some cases leaving a luminous trail, but also capable of very suddenly ascending or descending.

Called "ghost rockets," these apparitions (close to a thousand were detected) considerably worried Scandinavian, British, and U.S. military authorities, who conducted investigations.

Although no debris was ever found (officially), it was long thought that it could have been a case of Soviet tests conducted with craft recovered in German factories. This hypothesis has since been completely ruled out.

### **During World War II, the "foo fighters"**

From 1940 to 1945, numerous aviators sighted either swarms of red or green luminous balls several dozen centimeters in diameter or groups of small metal-looking disks that followed the aircraft or flew around them, giving the impression of intelligent behavior. Most often not detected by the radars of the time, they did not seem "material" in nature. In fact, some observers saw them touch the wings or the tail assemblies of the aircraft without causing any visible damage to them.

First called "Kraut fireballs," then "foo fighters" (probably in reference to a comic strip), they were reported in all theaters of operation as of the start of the war. They began to appear in number during the first major day bombings over Germany. They were also observed from the ground and were the subject of numerous reports as of June 1944.

These sightings were the cause of much concern to the Allied authorities, who believed them to be a secret German process in the beginning. It became clearly apparent at the end of the war that it was nothing of the sort.