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## **DULCE BASE: INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED SUBTERRANEAN OPERATIONS**

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### **VAULT TERMINAL DOCUMENT: DULCE BASE - EXAMINING UNDERGROUND FACILITY CLAIMS**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The alleged existence of an underground facility beneath Dulce, New Mexico, has been a subject of intrigue and speculation for decades. This report critically examines the origins of these claims, the evidence presented, and the investigations conducted. While the topic has captured the public imagination, it is essential to differentiate between documented facts, firsthand accounts, and unverified claims.

#### **ORIGINS OF DULCE BASE CLAIMS**

The claims regarding Dulce Base can be traced back to the late 1970s and early 1980s. The origins of these claims are often attributed to Paul Bennewitz, an electronics engineer from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Bennewitz began to report strange activities near Kirtland Air Force Base and believed he had intercepted electronic communications from extraterrestrial sources. His theories gained traction when he claimed to have discovered an underground alien base near Dulce.

- Paul Bennewitz's initial claims were documented in reports he sent to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) in the early 1980s.
- Notably, in 1980, Bennewitz's allegations were formally investigated by AFOSI, as evidenced by documents that have since been declassified.

#### **KEY PROPONENTS AND EVIDENCE PRESENTED**

Several individuals have been key proponents of the Dulce Base theory. Among them are John Lear, a former CIA pilot, and Bill Cooper, a conspiracy theorist. They have both publicized claims of covert operations involving extraterrestrials and advanced technology at Dulce.

- John Lear's statements, made public in the late 1980s, suggested that the U.S. government had been collaborating with alien species at various secret bases, including Dulce.
- Bill Cooper's 1991 book, "Behold a Pale Horse," further propagated the idea of a subterranean base, alleging that it involved human-alien collaborations.

The most cited "evidence" for Dulce Base comes from anecdotal accounts and speculative narratives rather than verifiable documentation. These include:

- Reports of strange lights and unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in the area, which are often attributed to the activities of the alleged base.
- Testimonies from individuals claiming to be former employees or abductees, describing a multi-level underground facility with advanced technology.

## **INVESTIGATIONS AND OFFICIAL RESPONSES**

Despite the widespread interest in Dulce Base, official investigations into the claims have been limited. The lack of physical evidence and reliance on anecdotal accounts have hindered substantial inquiry.

- In 1990, the "UFO Cover-up? Live!" TV special aired claims about Dulce Base, prompting public interest but did not result in any official government investigation.
- The FBI has released documents through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) concerning UFO sightings and investigations, but none explicitly confirm the existence of an underground base at Dulce.

Official responses from government agencies have consistently denied the existence of such a facility. Documents from the Department of Defense and the Air Force have made no mention of Dulce Base in any formal capacity.

- The 1983 declassified AFOSI document reviewed Bennewitz's claims but concluded there was no substantiating evidence for his allegations.

### **FIRSTHAND ACCOUNTS VS. UNVERIFIED CLAIMS**

A critical assessment of the Dulce Base narrative must distinguish between firsthand accounts and unverified claims. While numerous individuals have come forward with stories of encounters or employment at the base, there is a lack of corroborating evidence.

- Firsthand accounts from individuals like Thomas Castello, who claimed to be a former security officer at Dulce Base, have provided detailed descriptions but remain unverified due to a lack of tangible proof.
- Unverified claims often involve dramatic elements such as underground battles between humans and extraterrestrial beings, which have not been substantiated by credible evidence.

## **DOCUMENTABLE FACTS AND HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

The historical context of the era in which these claims emerged is crucial. The late 20th century saw significant interest in UFO phenomena, fueled by Cold War paranoia and advancements in aerospace technology.

- The declassification of documents in the 1990s and 2000s, revealing previously undisclosed government projects like the U-2 and SR-71 reconnaissance aircraft, illustrates how secretive military activities can fuel speculative narratives.

More recent declassified documents continue to reveal surprising historical truths, such as the CIA's Project MK-Ultra and the DoD's Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), reminding us that truth often lies in primary sources rather than official narratives.

## **CONCLUSIONS AND IMPLICATIONS**

In conclusion, the claims of an underground facility at Dulce, New Mexico, remain unverified and largely speculative. While intriguing, the evidence presented to date does not meet the criteria for substantiation by scientific or investigative standards.

The ongoing fascination with Dulce Base underscores the broader societal interest in hidden operations and governmental secrecy. It highlights the importance of critically assessing narratives and relying on primary sources for historical truths.

Future research into such claims should prioritize the declassification of government documents and credible investigative efforts to discern fact from

fiction. Until more concrete evidence is presented, the Dulce Base will remain a topic of speculative intrigue rather than verifiable history.

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