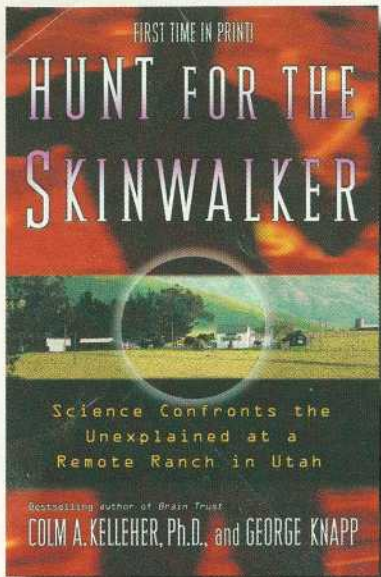


Book Reviews



Hunt for the Skinwalker Science Confronts the Unexplained at a Remote Ranch in Utah

By Colm A. Kelleher, Ph.D., and George Knapp

Paraview Pocket Books (New York), 2005, paperback, 320 pgs.

Bulletproof wolves. Strange creatures with supernatural powers. Black humanoids crawling out from tunnels in the sky. UFOs. Poltergeist activities. Animal mutilations. Death-dealing orbs. All of these phenomena and more have been experienced on a single ranch in Utah, ac-

ording to authors Colm A. Kelleher, Ph.D., and George Knapp in *Hunt for the Skinwalker*. Kelleher is a biochemist whose most recent book was *Brain Trust*, about the threat of mad cow disease. Knapp, an investigative journalist, is well known for his coverage of ufology.

Tom Gorman and his family found the ranch in the Uinta Basin in 1994 and thought it was their dream come true. Tired of small-town life in New Mexico, they yearned for a more comfortable and private place to raise their expensive cattle. But instead of a happy dream, their experience was, from the beginning, a nightmare.

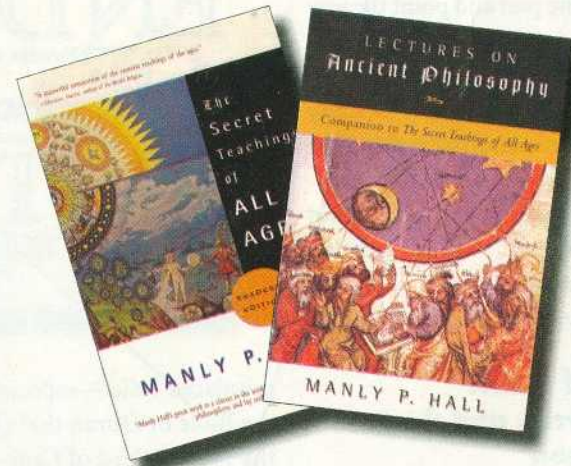
Curiously, the ranch home had an excessive number of bolts and locks, as though the previous owners had been desperate to keep something out. After the Gormans moved in, they discovered what that was. Mysterious invisible shapes moved about the landscape like rushes of wind. Sometimes forms were barely visible. Flying lights appeared. An excessively large wolf menaced the cattle and was not felled—or even wounded—by point-blank rifle fire. Poltergeists kept moving things about the ranch house. And most strangely of all, they witnessed a black funnel roiling in the sky, which opened to show blue sky within. Large black shapes came out of the funnel, as though it were a tunnel to another reality.

The weird activities at the former Gor-

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man ranch may seem like they belong to the realm of fiction, but they were investigated and recorded for at least a decade, and experienced for much longer. Kelleher and Knapp are straightforward in their ac-

count. The events are so bizarre that they need no embellishment; their effect is chilling. Once you start the book, you won't put it down until you've finished it. —Rosemary Ellen Guiley



The Secret Teachings of All Ages Reader's Edition

by Manly P. Hall

Tarcher/Penguin (New York), 2003, softcover, 747 pgs.

First published in 1928, *The Secret Teachings of All Ages* represents the fruit of nearly a decade of research into the symbols, rituals, and doctrines of Western mystery schools from ancient Egypt to the Renaissance. In this encyclopedic work, Manly P. Hall (1901–1990) presents a synthesis of all manner of arcana, tracing the history of the occult tradition from ancient initiatory

Lectures on Ancient Philosophy

by Manly P. Hall

Tarcher/Penguin (New York), 2005, softcover, 513 pgs.

cults and philosophical brotherhoods through the present. Hall was guided in his investigations by “the proposition that concealed within the emblematic figures, allegories, and rituals of the ancients is a secret doctrine concerning the inner mysteries of life, which doctrine has been preserved in toto among a small band of initiated minds since the beginning of the world.”

My View of the Unknown

One of the most important revelations of the past 50 years in the field of the unknown seems to have been ignored by almost everyone. It was documented in a book called *Hunt for the Skinwalker* (reviewed in FATE December 2005). This is an account of high strangeness at an isolated ranch in New Mexico. Cattle mutilations, huge wolves that were shot and didn't drop, flying lights, poltergeists, a tear in the sky opening to another dimension, and many other paranormal events. The owners of the ranch were driven to distraction and sold it to the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS).

NIDS is funded by multi-millionaire Bob Bigelow, who made his fortune building vast housing tracts for burgeoning Las Vegas. He has had a lifelong interest in the paranormal and is willing to put his money into scientific research of strange phenomena. He hired the owner as ranch foreman, and assigned a team of scientists to live on the ranch documenting the phenomena as they occurred with the latest scientific instruments available. Some of the evidence was sent to the NIDS home laboratory for further study and evaluation by additional respected and qualified scientists.

What is important to note here is that most paranormal research is terribly un-

derfunded, and rarely comes to any provable conclusion. Two important examples come to mind.

The first concerns Colin Andrews, who has spent 20 years of his life investigating crop circles. For a short period Laurence Rockefeller funded his work, but dropped out when no definite answers were found as to circle origins. Colin is now attempting to sell his 20 years of research files because he can no longer maintain them out of personal funds.

The other example involves Lloyd Pye, who has spent eight years attempting to prove his Starchild skull is of (at least partial) extraterrestrial origin. The DNA research has been financially exhausting, and even now remains incomplete.

In my 30 years of reporting on these subjects, I am struck by how many researchers say they could eventually prove the existence of the paranormal if only they had the funds.

Thus, the significance of Bob Bigelow's deep pockets. Here is a situation of continual high strangeness recorded by the latest scientific tools, and evaluated by highly skilled scientists. Yet, they could not find nor develop a scientifically reproducible event that would be accepted by the scientific community at large.

One event involved three video cameras mounted to maintain a 360-degree

vigil over the cattle in hopes of catching whatever was mutilating them. One day all three cameras had their wiring dragged out of the PVC tubing quite violently. The sticky duct tape holding the wires disappeared, as did the recording tapes. Luckily, another distant camera had been focused directly on one of the camera installations. This tape was rushed to the laboratory,

where its time clock was set to the precise time the other cameras died. Nothing unusual was recorded.

With unlimited funds and the best of scientific minds, nothing has been proven despite hundreds of eyewitness accounts.

Is it possible we are simply not developed enough to be allowed to know the truth? T

Hilly Rose



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THE 1990S HAVE seen the emergence of a handful of UFO and paranormal philanthropists who have funded a variety of projects and researchers.

These have ranged from UFO sightings and abductions to unusual animal deaths (UAD) and crop circles, exotic propulsion, and the like — not to mention more traditional studies such as ESP and near death experiences (NDE).

The original “three musketeers” of ufological funding are Laurance Rockefeller, Robert Bigelow, and Prince Hans-Adam Liechtenstein. They surfaced quietly a few years ago with projects like the “Unusual Personal Experiences” (a.k.a. alien abductions) national survey conducted by the Roper Organization, which cost upward of a million dollars. This poll, published in 1992, was funded openly by Las Vegas millionaire Robert Bigelow and quietly (though his name was revealed by the French magazine *Paris Match*) by Prince Hans-Adam Liechtenstein, then heir to the throne of this tiny German-speaking independent European principality.

The prince, whom we met once briefly at the MUFON Symposium in Washington, D.C., in 1987, quit all UFO funding after succeeding to the throne a few years ago. Las Vegas hotel tycoon Bob Bigelow, on the other hand, went on to create his own organization, the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS). Its website (www.accessnv.com/nids) lists the organization's goals and some investigations it has conducted. You can read or download, for instance, a very thorough forensic analysis of the unexplained death of a cow in Utah in 1998. “In summary,” concludes the NIDS UAD report, “the totality of the data obtained from the necropsy, combined with the histological, toxicological, bacteriological, and chemical analyses, suggests that the animal did not die a normal death.”

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Also of interest is a 1998 repetition of the eleven-question 1991 Roper survey on Unusual Personal Experiences of 5,955 adult men and women. “...It was noted that the 1998 responses to all key questions are significantly lower than those reported in 1991,” noted a NIDS release. “...That in fact represents a decline of approximately 50% of the number of people thought to have had a UFO abduction.” This is perhaps surprising if we consider the saturation of alien abduction imagery in the popular culture during this decade.

Until recently, Bigelow managed to keep a very low profile. This changed with the launching of Bigelow Aerospace, whose ultimate and highly expensive goal is to develop an orbiting hotel. Last August 23, the *Wall Street Journal* published a lengthy front-page profile of Robert Bigelow titled “A Hotel King and UFO Tracker Shoots for the Stars.” It discussed both the business practices and the unorthodox fields he has funded.

Most Famous

Laurance S. Rockefeller is probably the most famous of the paranormal philanthropists because of his family name; he is one of the original grandsons of the dynasty's founder, John D. Rockefeller. Readers of my column will probably recall that I worked on one of the projects he funded, the “UFO Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence,” released by the UFO Research Coalition (CUFOS, FUFOR, MUFON) in late 1995. Rockefeller later funded another important project, a UFO scientific workshop in Tarrytown, New York, in September 1997, coordinated by astrophysicist Dr. Peter Sturrock, director of the Society of Scientific Exploration (SSE) and author of the seminar's final report. As mentioned in a previous column, you can find the full Sturrock Report at the SSE's website (www.jse.com/ufo_reports/Sturrock/toc.htm). Rockefeller has also provided generous funding in the last couple of years to Colin Andrews's Circles Phenomenon Research Organization.

One characteristic of these paranormal philanthropists is their desire to keep a low profile through it all. Enter Joe Firmage, the Internet whiz kid tycoon from California, former CEO of USWeb Corporation and the latest millionaire to hit the ufological circuit. If we compare Rockefeller, Bigelow, and Liechtenstein to the three musketeers, then Joe Firmage is d'Artagnan in both age and brashness.

Firmage is the author of a 700-page “Internet book” simply called “The Truth.” He also gives interviews and appears in the media, including a couple of full-page ads in *USA Today* promoting the reality of UFOs. Firmage has even lectured at several UFO conferences such as the MUFON Symposium and the National UFO Conference. Like Bigelow, he created his own private institution to pursue his noncommercial research interests, called the International Space Sciences Organization (ISSO). I finally caught up with Firmage at the MUFON Sym-

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posium in Arlington, Virginia, during the Independence Day weekend, where he was the star of the show.

Joe Firmage's Credo

Joe Firmage is convinced that space travel holds the key to mankind's transformation into a truly cosmic era. "I think that opening the frontier of space would be without question the single greatest opportunity in human history to unify the ontology of humanity," said Firmage. He is undoubtedly a very good presenter, as he discussed his all-encompassing talk called "Ontology," using many charts and tables plugged directly from a laptop computer into the hall's giant screen. More than a UFO talk, it was sort of a historical-philosophical presentation of the evolution of human ideas and transcendental beliefs from the Stone Age to the Space Age.

At the speakers' press conference and later, informally, at the bar, Firmage addressed more specifically the UFO subject. He gave three reasons of why he firmly believes in the existence of UFOs: "Number one is, the evidence suggests in my opinion that we have a real, tangible, and unknown phenomenon at work in our skies, and have had such phenomena at work for at least five decades and probably millennia." He concedes that many UFO sightings, indeed most of them, have prosaic explanations, but there is always a significant residue of unexplained cases.

"Secondly, and I don't want to over-stress this, I've had the opportunity to meet with very senior people in the military and scientific community," continued Firmage. "Back in April and May, I was invited by the Department of Defense to tour each of the branches of our armed forces for a week, which was a wonderful experience. I learned an awful lot, and I met dozens of generals and admirals and such... who have confirmed the reality of this phenomenon in the past two

years." We should add here that these Pentagon tours for captains of industry are not at all uncommon.

Gus Russo, a prominent expert and author on the Kennedy assassination who attended the press conference, tried to get more details on his confidential sources. Firmage didn't budge, saying that "I am respecting those relationships. I am not out to do an exposé on the government here, I am out to help the enterprise, which is like three orders of magnitude more interesting." He then said that what his sources had told him is, "number one, the UFO phenomenon is a real phenomenon; in other words, we have craft of unknown origin around in our skies. Number two, the majority of them [his sources] have either directly or indirectly confirmed that in the past half century there has been recovery of various materials and some men."

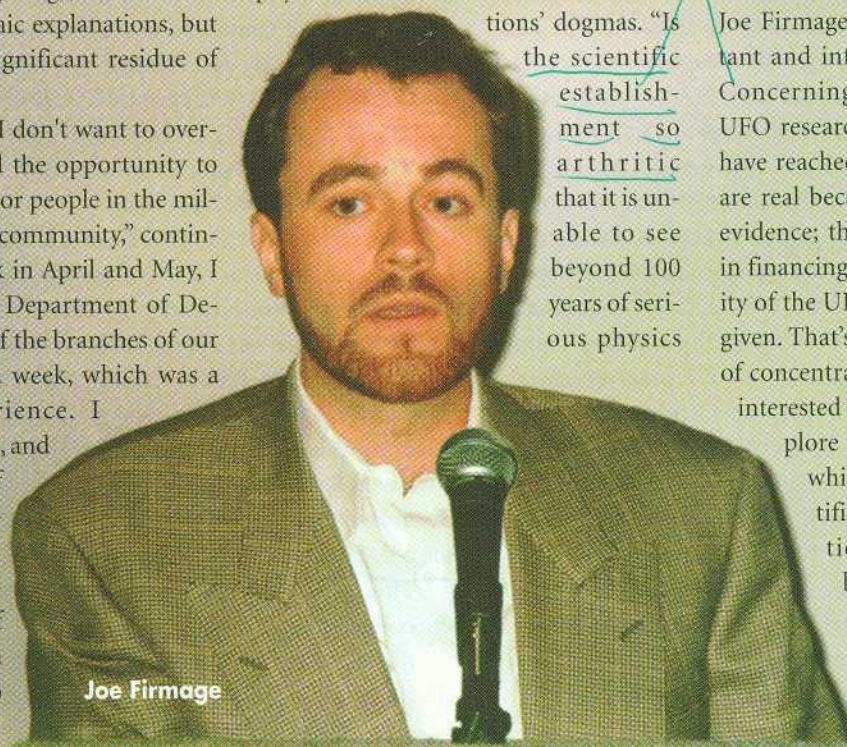
Propulsion Systems

"The third and most important reason why I believe UFOs are real," continued Firmage, "is that science now suggests that their propulsion systems are probable, and by propulsion systems I mean something better than Newtonian propellants." Here Firmage distinguished between the fringes or frontiers of physics and the more established institutions' dogmas. "Is the scientific establishment so arthritic that it is unable to see beyond 100 years of serious physics

and engineering?" he asked, adding that, "The evidence now suggests that space-time engineering, engineering the energy now definitively confirmed to pervade space, is possible, maybe even possible for us in the not too distant future, and the result is all sorts of wonderful technologies that fall right out of the movie screens into reality."

Gary Posner, a skeptic closely allied to Phil Klass, tried to embarrass Firmage at the press conference, stating that the fourth reason for his belief in UFOs is that he had contact with an ET. A few days earlier, *Dateline NBC* had broadcast their interview with Firmage in which he discussed his encounter and conversation with a luminous being. Firmage didn't deny the experience, but clarified that "what I said was that I had a conversation with a being of light. I didn't say alien, I didn't say an organic body, I didn't even say that it was definitely not a psychologically induced experience of some kind. I didn't know what happened and it's the first and only time it's ever happened in my life...and I didn't list that as the fourth reason because it was not a significant factor in my assessment of where we stand on this issue."

Readers can peruse further Joe Firmage's ideas by checking his website (www.TheWordsTruth.org/know.htm). Joe Firmage has emerged as an important and influential figure in the field. Concerning the question of funding UFO research, however, he said that, "I have reached the conclusion that UFOs are real because of the three vectors of evidence; therefore I am not interested in financing investigations into the reality of the UFO phenomena. To me, it's a given. That's the result of 15 years worth of concentrated studies. Therefore, I am interested in financing projects to explore the implications of this and which enhance our own scientific and engineering capabilities to one day make these breakthroughs in our science. That's what I intend to do." ■



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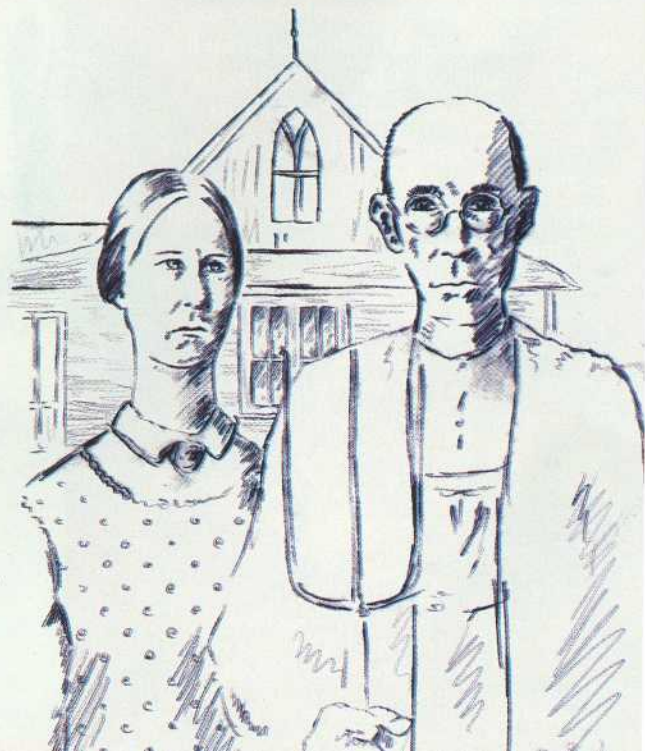
Mysterious millionaire Robert Bigelow is keeping paranormal research at his Utah ranch under wraps.

by Sean Casteel

The story of multimillionaire Robert Bigelow is surrounded by the kind of mystery, intrigue, and conspiracy charges that typically fuel the UFO community's rumor mill. Some observers call him a generous benefactor who has nothing to hide. Others label him a manipulative puppetmaster who uses his money as a weapon and hordes the paranormal research data he once promised to make public.

Very little is known about Bigelow: Even the source of his fortune remains a mystery. Some say he is of the Bigelow Tea family, while others claim he made his money in Las Vegas real estate. Another rumor has it that the death of his son several years ago brought about his passionate interest in the paranormal, the mystery of survival after death, and UFO phenomena.

There are also foreboding rumors that when crossed, Bigelow responds through emissaries who threaten violence — or worse. Accusations of bribery are commonly tossed around. Even more common are the whispers that Bigelow's public posture of secrecy points to



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covert connections to the CIA or other government agencies. Bigelow's determined silence in the press only further fuels the speculation.

But once in a while even Bigelow makes a move that unavoidably brings him into the public eye. Bigelow's purchase of a ranch in isolated eastern Utah perfectly illustrates how he operates: moving in with large sums of money and quickly covering his trail to keep it hidden from prying eyes.

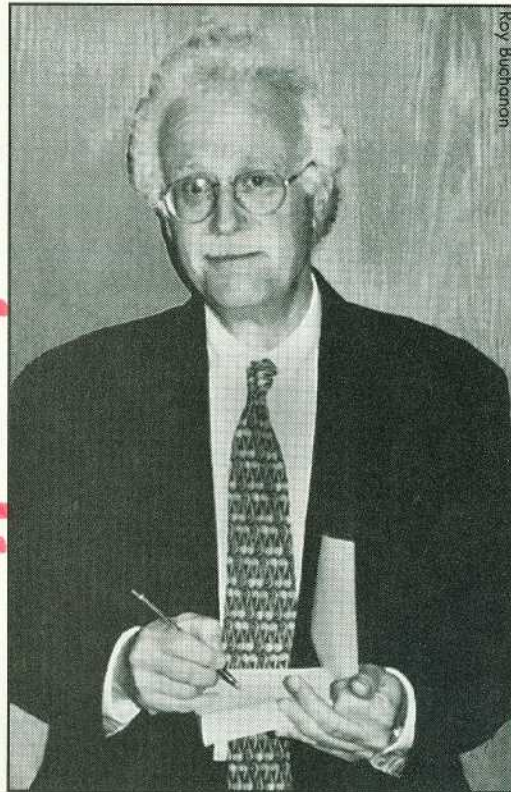
The tale begins with Terry and Gwen Sherman, the ranchers who in 1995 purchased a large tract of Utah land — and got much more than they bargained for.

Home on the Range

The family found their new ranch unusual from day one, according to UFO researcher Christopher O'Brien, who was one of the first to arrive on the Sherman case. "The house had sat empty for seven years. Any house that sits empty for even a month or two in this area is completely cannibalized to the ground. This place — no one would touch it," says O'Brien.

The house looked like it had been vacated hastily the day before, and all the doors in the house had deadbolt locks. A central corridor could be locked on both ends, and a closet in that hallway could be locked from the inside. "It was very spooky — like a Stephen King novel or something," says O'Brien.

The strangeness didn't end there. In July 1996, the Shermans made news by going public with claims of seeing several types of UFOs on their land. According to Zack Van Eyck, a reporter for Salt Lake City's *The Deseret News*, the Shermans reported having three cows mutilated and several others missing, and finding strange impressions in the soil and circles of flattened grass. They saw lights emerge from "doorways" that seemed to appear in the air. One night, as Gwen Sherman was driving home, she was chased by strange red lights. On another occasion, Terry Sherman and his son waved to a black craft, reportedly



Roy Buchanan

Abduction researcher Dr. David Jacobs: "Be fair to Bob."

the size of a football field, and then felt they had received some kind of response from it. Terry, viewing the craft through a scope from about 400 yards away, supposedly saw a tall, dark figure get out.

Enter Robert Bigelow, who flew to Utah soon after the reports and offered to buy the ranch for about \$200,000. The Shermans accepted the offer and bought a smaller ranch about 15 miles away, where they hoped to escape the upsetting events that plagued them for more than a year.

Zack Van Eyck tells FATE about the Shermans' dire need to unload the ranch. "Bigelow's been a savior to them because he got them off the ranch," he says. "I really am impressed with the Shermans. They

had chances to sell the ranch; Terry told me that a guy from Colorado wanted to buy it. Terry just didn't feel comfortable, because he was afraid that this guy and his family would go in and have the same experiences. So Terry, not wanting to put any other family in that position, really had no choice but to sell to someone like Bigelow."

An article in *Spirit* magazine by David Perkins described the Shermans' experience on their last day at the ranch. The night before, they had locked all the doors and gone to bed. "The next morning they awoke to find their bedding covered in blood," Perkins wrote. "They [each] had a one-eighth-inch deep 'scoop mark' in the same place on their right thumbs. The ranch from hell had managed to nick them one last time."

Once he acquired the ranch, Bigelow reportedly hired a pair of scientists and a veterinarian to take up residence there. They would conduct research under the umbrella of the National Institute of Discovery Science (NIDS), a private research organization formed by Bigelow in October 1996.

Beyond these facts, little else is



known. Bigelow maintains a strict silence with the media, and his hand-picked assistant and spokesman John Alexander has granted the press no details into the nature of the research. Terry Sherman, now employed by Bigelow to maintain the ranch, told *The Deseret News* he could no longer comment on his experiences because of a non-disclosure agreement he had to sign.

So here lies the core of the Sherman ranch mystery: What is Bigelow hiding behind his tidy legal agreement that he doesn't want to make known to the UFO community and the public? Is that secrecy imposed, as some have suggested, because of covert connections to the military or government? Or are Bigelow's motives much more personal?

Secrecy and Denial

The answers may lie with John Alexander — usually the only other person mentioned by name in accounts of Bigelow and his operations. Alexander once worked for the Department of Defense as head of Non-Lethal Weapons Research and is now NIDS's Director of Scientific Liaison. "He called me out of the blue one day," Alexander recalls. "I've never actually asked him how he got my name. He had heard of me from somebody."

But when asked whether Bigelow deserves his growing reputation as a secretive financier of paranormal research, Alexander stonewalls.

"I don't know," he says. "Have you stopped beating your wife? I mean, what kind of question is that?"

Asked about the non-disclosure agreement with the Shermans, he replies, after a long silence, "I'm trying to figure out where you're going with all this, or why or what we choose to answer." Alexander is also tight-lipped on the subject of whether any of the better known paranormal investigators are working at the Bigelow Ranch. "We do not address externally with whom we're functioning right now," he says. "I think

that's consistent with most private research organizations."

Is it possible that Alexander's evasiveness is merely a symptom of "nothing new to report?" Rumor has it that when the Shermans moved out of the ranch, so did the paranormal phenomena. It's a rumor that Alexander declines to confirm. "I don't believe that's accurate," he says, and adds, "There's never been a goodly number of [mutilated cattle] cases. It has been a sporadic phenomenon for decades. To the best of my

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knowledge, the phenomenon's never been consistent or in big numbers — with a couple of rare exceptions.

"Our web site pretty well gives the stated position: that we're interested in a couple of specific areas where we want to have some hard results. I think one of the problems in the field is that many people have said more than they know. But we haven't gotten any results that I know of that we'd be choosing to release."

(The NIDS web site is located at www.anv.net/nids/. The section called "Research News," where new information would likely be posted, has been

"Under Construction" for all of 1998 thus far.)

When asked if a photo of Bigelow is available for the press, Alexander replies, "No. And I don't know if he has any. I mean, he must have some at home or something. But he does not have any that are given out."

In a quietly amused tone, Alexander talks about a recent error made by a tabloid television show that he could not recall the name of. "Some television program had him identified and ran a picture of him. It wasn't him," he says.

Abduction researcher and occasional Bigelow associate David Jacobs doesn't have a Bigelow photo either. When asked, he seems to realize for the first time that no photo exists. "I don't have any pictures of Bob," he says. "Oddly enough, I actually don't."

Researcher Christopher O'Brien shares the following anecdote about Bigelow's apparent camera-shyness: "Bigelow gave a sizable amount of money for a new wing for some life studies center at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas, and *Strange Universe* hired a photographer to go to the opening and get a picture of him. I guess Bigelow bought him off. This guy told *Strange Universe*, 'Hey, he offered me more money.'"

But aside from these kinds of tactics of avoiding (or bribing) paparazzi, O'Brien says he supports Bigelow's basic game plan.

"I applaud the whole idea Bigelow's come up with, putting together a crack team of scientists who are trying to locate specific areas where specific-type activity is occurring," O'Brien says. "The problem I do have is his hoarding the data and not making any of the findings public. He's leaking just enough to keep people off his case. But the full findings should be a matter of public record. I think most people you talk to who know anything about NIDS or Bigelow will agree that that's the main sticking point that people have in dealing with him and whatever agenda he is exercising."

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Where the Steers and the Aliens Play

Reporter Van Eyck has his own misgivings in regard to the hesitancy to release data being evinced by Bigelow and NIDS.

"If there isn't some type of military or government connection," he asks, "then why is Robert Bigelow so hesitant to release any information? I mean, he and John Alexander say that they just want to do these studies independently and without any interference so that the data won't be skewed. I understand all that.

"If it's not some kind of covert operation, then the guy in charge of it just happens to be very secretive about himself," Van Eyck adds. "But I would hope that someone who has the money and the interest would do the research and then put it out as quickly as possible, and say, 'Look, here's what we've been doing. Here's what we've seen.' It's too bad that's not what's happening. I think that's what's disappointing to all of us who came across this before Bigelow bought it up. We were hoping that this information would not be privatized."

The Good Philanthropist

There are other voices who speak in Bigelow's defense. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Bigelow was a regular fixture at numerous UFO conferences around the country. While attending these gatherings, he made the acquaintance of several of the better-known experts, including abduction researcher and author Dr. David Jacobs and animal-mutilation expert and filmmaker Linda Moulton Howe. Both Jacobs and Howe say there is nothing particularly mysterious about him.

"He's always been completely open with me," Jacobs says. "He was enormously helpful to everyone, and he did it without wanting anything in return. I have nothing but good things to say about him."

Bigelow sponsored a 1992 Roper Poll designed to elicit from respondents whether they had experienced any of a number of phenomena connected with the abduction experience. Jacobs, fellow

researcher Budd Hopkins, and Harvard psychiatrist Dr. John Mack worked on the project, which they termed a success. Bigelow also footed the bill for those researchers' workshops on the psychological impact of abduction, which were given to mental health professionals around the country free of charge.

"Robert Bigelow is a businessman," Jacobs says, "and he's interested in the subject. He's funded all sorts of projects and he's one of the few who has. We owe him an enormous debt of gratitude for that."

For Linda Howe, Bigelow was willing to cover the costs of having mutilated animals examined by veterinarians. "We were able to make contact with veterinarians and veterinary pathologists that we could pay for tests. We had not been able to do that before," she says. "That was the extent of my work with him."

So from two widely respected researchers who received direct monetary help from Bigelow, there is almost no sense that Bigelow is anything but a generous benefactor who operates very much in the open.

"I wish I could tell you all sorts of dirt and mysterious things and nefarious dealings," Jacobs says, laughing, "but I can't. You're dealing with the world of conspiracies and the soft underbelly of flying-saucer land. Everybody believes that deep, dark conspiracies exist everywhere. And here's a 'shadowy figure,' you know, Bob Bigelow. But it ain't like that."

Without being able to talk to Robert Bigelow himself, we can only offer the testimonies of those who know him and those who know of him. Like so many of the mysteries surrounding the UFO

phenomenon, Bigelow continues to be shrouded in a self-imposed veil of secrecy, a veil unlikely to be lifted any time soon. Meanwhile, Bigelow and his NIDS staff members are presumably waiting for the activity to start up again. And surely they will be ready.

"Listen," Jacobs adds, "you've got to be fair to Bob. Bob has dispensed funding when no one else in the country has. And he's asked very, very little in return. He's never cost anybody a penny. He never wants money for anything. Never. And boy, is that ever different!" ■

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