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Dan Delton Fulgham was born on a farm outside of Grapeland, Texas, October 3, 1927. His parents were Pet Frank and Mary Marsena (Dyal) Fulgham. They settled in Pasadena, Texas, in 1937, and Dan graduated from Pasadena High in May 1945. He joined the Army in July 1945. He spent over 31 years in the military, retiring from the U.S. Air Force in 1978 as a full colonel. Dan received a B.S. degree in Pre-Medical studies from the University of Houston in 1950, a Master's degree in Human Factors Engineering in 1961 from the Air Force Institute of Technology program, and a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology in 1971 from Purdue. He flew over 100 combat missions over North Korea, approximately 100 combat missions over North Vietnam, and 33 combat missions over Laos/Cambodia. Dan's plane was shot down on one occasion. He was awarded several Distinguished Flying Crosses, 16 Air Medals, the Purple Heart and Parachutist Badge.

During his career, he made over 100 experimental parachute jumps. At Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Dan was trained in free manned balloons. It was during one of these training flights that he was almost killed during a landing in Roswell, New Mexico. I personally got to see a documentary on the incident on the History Channel. This included an interview with Dan. According to this account, Dan was working with balloons from which he parachuted from extreme altitudes. On this occasion, the balloon crash landed and a door to an attached chamber came open. Dan was wearing a helmet, but his head was caught between the ground and the chamber. By the time help arrived and they were able to free him, his head had swollen to the point his helmet had to be forcibly removed. When he arrived at the hospital, his head was swollen and his eyes darkened giving him an alien appearance. I believe it was a reporter that came into the emergency room while he was being treated by medical personnel. He was forcibly removed by security personnel. The documentary indicated this was the beginning of the "alien autopsy" story that has circulated for many years. This was allegedly the real story behind the reported crash of a flying saucer in Roswell. It was the first time I had heard this version of the story. I understand Dan Fulgham now lives in Boerne, Texas.

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ROSWELL, NM, UFO EXPLANATION (USAF Version)

The incidents relating to the incident led to theories of alien autopsies and the crash of a UFO near Roswell, New Mexico.

The AF already had a red headed captain who was involved in balloon/dummy testing in the 50's. Captain Kittinger was a real honest to goodness hero and he happened to be involved in a ballooning accident with two of his fellow officers on May 21, 1959. He was training Capt. Dan Fulgham and Capt. William Kaufmann that morning with a high altitude balloon gondola. Upon landing, the gondola tipped over and spilled the pilots on to the ground. Fulgham's head was pinned between the ground and the gondola, shattering his helmet. A chase helicopter and several ground vehicles were tracking the balloon and the helicopter picked them up for transport to Walker AFB hospital. Upon arrival, the base security clamped down on the helicopter and its crew because they felt it was a surprise security inspection from SAC. These were often unannounced and the security forces were evaluated on their response (This was a B-52 nuclear bomber base at the time). The ground support vehicles for this! operation were two M-43 3/4 ton field ambulances and one M37 3/4-ton utility vehicle (sometimes called a "Weapons carrier"). They all parked outside the hospital and one of the ambulances had been converted into a communications vehicle. The photographs of this same vehicle are displayed in the book and there are two panels at the bottom of the vehicle that look somewhat like Glenn's "bottom of a canoe". They were painted Air Force blue (Glenn said they were bluish-purple) and above them was the lettering "Push Handle to Lock" (possibly Dennis's hieroglyphics) which would not be readable from a distance (They had to significantly enlarge the photograph to show this). Captain Fulgham suffered an unusual injury in this accident, which was described as an "extensive hemotoma" or blood filled swelling to the scalp and forehead. According to Kittinger, "His whole face had swollen up and his nose barely protruded" (HQ USAF 119). Even though he looked pretty bad, Fulgham did not feel much pain and even stopped outside the hospital to smoke a cigarette! If one felt this was an alien, it would be interesting the commercial that it could have produced. It

would have made Joe Camel cringe! Fulgham spent a short time in the hospital at Walker AFB was then sent to Holloman AFB and three days later was sent to WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB aboard a special flight! Kittinger arranged the flight on a C-131 hospital aircraft and recounts the events of their arrival:

They dropped the ramp and I looked down at the bottom and there was Dan Fulgham's wife. Dan couldn't see... so I grabbed him by the arm... Dan's wife sees me leading this blob down the staircase... and she looks right at me and says, 'Where's my husband?' I said, 'Ma'am, this is your husband'. I presented her this blob that I was leading down the ramp. And she let out this scream you could hear a mile away. He was such a horrendous looking thing that she had no idea that the thing I was leading down that ramp was her husband. (HQ USAF 120)