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### SOURCE BACKGROUND

Thomas Cantwheel (cover name) enlisted in the United States Army in sometime in the 1930s and joined the US Army Counterintelligence Corps around 1940, and commissioned as an officer after the US entered WW II. Much of CANTWHEEL's activities with CIC is unknown, only that he was assigned by CIC to a secret army investigative unit known as the IPU (Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit). The IPU was a intelligence branch of the CIC Directorate which passed on UFO reports to US Army G-2 (Intelligence) Director. Cantwheel is estimated to be in his 90s and his current whereabouts is unknown at this time though is believed to be living in California. CANTWHEEL served in CIC until 1980 and worked for CIA covert operations in the 60s, and had contacts with FB, KGB and GRU. CANTWHEEL claims to have retired as a Lt. Col. and claims to have been involved with the alleged MAJESTIC COMMUNITY, or MAJCOM as he refers to it, and the super secret 54/12 GROUP. CANTWHEEL claims to have played a part in the elimination of security leaks within the Department of Defense and the CIA after the murder of President John F. Kennedy. CANTWHEEL claims to have known another CIC/CIA agent by the name of NAGELL who was the subject of a book by DICK RUSSELL called THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH, published in 1992 by Carroll & Graf Publishers, Inc. CANTWHEEL claims to have been at two UFO crash sites in New Mexico in 1947 and an earlier one in May 1947. CANTWHEEL claims to have submitted many classified reports to CIA and FBI that involve UFO close encounters by military and civilian witnesses where national security interests were at risk, and has played a part in leaking US Army and DOD 'gray intelligence' to civilian UFO researchers. CANTWHEEL met with this investigator only once on 16 July 1995 and it is the belief of this investigator, that it was CANTWHEEL who was the source of the alleged UFO intelligence documents received by investigator

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THIS REPORT CONTAINS EXTRACTS FROM ABOVE REFERENCED MILITARY AND PUBLISHED MATERIAL AND INCLUDES UNCONFIRMED DOCUMENTS ALLEGEDLY DETAILING THE CAPTURE AND STUDY OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL SPACE BORNE OBJECTS FOUND ON AND NEAR U.S. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN NEW MEXICO BETWEEN MAY-JULY 1947. THE INITIATOR OF THIS REPORT(\*) AS OF REF. DATE HAS NO VERIFICATION FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT WOULD VALIDATE SOME MATERIAL FOUND WITHIN THIS REPORT.

May 1, 1956  
J. W. [Signature]

## Analysis of Intelligence Background of Thomas Cantwheel, Preliminary

If subject was in Army CIC he would have attended the following intelligence schools for CIC and Officer grade appointments:

**Intelligence Analyst**

Location: Intelligence School, Fort Holabird, MD.

Objectives: To train enlisted personnel to assist intelligence staff officers in the collection and processing of military information and the production and dissemination of military intelligence.

Subjects Covered: Combat intelligence organization; enemy capabilities; collection, evaluation, and interpretation of information; dissemination of intelligence; analysis of area operations; production of combat intelligence; order of battle intelligence; techniques of interrogation; aerial surveillance and reconnaissance; organization and functions in the field of counterintelligence and security.

**Intelligence Enlisted**

Location: Fort Holabird, MD.

Objectives: To train enlisted personnel to assist staff officers in the collection, processing, and dissemination of military information and intelligence, in the preparation of intelligence reports, and in the preparation and supervision of intelligence training programs.

Subjects Covered: Intelligence clerical and editing duties; familiarization with the organization, tactics, and operations of the Armed Forces and selected foreign nations; doctrine, principles, and techniques of combat intelligence and counterintelligence; principles, functions, and operations of intelligence specialists, including such areas as censorship, editing, field operations intelligence, photo interpretation, and interrogation of prisoners of war.

**Military Intelligence Officer**

Location: Intelligence School, Fort Holabird, MD.

Objectives: To provide advanced training in the duties and responsibilities of field-grade officers in the area of intelligence.

Subjects Covered: Command and staff responsibilities; management techniques; photo interpretation; communication security; principles of offensive and defensive combat leadership; employment of atomic weapons; air-ground operations; organization and tactics of foreign armies; combat intelligence; collection, evaluation, and interpretation of information; intelligence reports and documents; joint intelligence operations; fundamentals of interrogation; order of battle intelligence; geography, history, economy, and political structure of strategic world areas; intelligence operations in a theater of war.

**Installation Intelligence**

Location: Intelligence School, Fort Holabird, MD.

Objectives: To Train Commissioned officers and enlisted personnel in installation intelligence, counterintelligence, and physical security functions and responsibilities.

Objectives: Counterintelligence; installation intelligence; investigative legal principles; security; personnel security investigation; countersabotage; counterespionage; defense against methods of entry; investigative potential of photography; physical evidence; extremist groups; interviewing and incidental informants; questioning techniques.

**Air Intelligence Officer**

Location: Lowry AFB, CO; Shepard AFB, TX.

Objectives: To Train officers of all services to perform the combined duties of operational intelligence activities; producing intelligence from direct and indirect aerial and aerospace photography; To provide officers with update training in air intelligence.

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Ordnance Technical Intelligence

Location: Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

Objectives: To train commissioned officers to collect, identify, and evaluate foreign ordnance material or relevant technical documents, and to disseminate pertinent information.

Army Language School

West Coast Branch, Defense Language Institute  
Presidio of Monterey, CA.

Basic Courses

The objective of the Basic Courses given at the West Coast Branch is to train military personnel in the interpretation and translation of the designated language and to provide basic military, geographic, economic, historic, and political information about the country, and/or area, in which the language is spoken. The terminology used by the Armed Forces to indicate that the courses are their "regular" programs in the various languages. They are not limited to what most civilian institutions would term beginning or basic courses in a language.

East Coast Branch, Defense Language Institute

(Formerly the Language Department, Naval Intelligence School  
Washington, D.C.)

The intensive courses at the East Coast Branch is to prepare military personnel to be thoroughly at ease in speaking, understanding, reading, and writing a foreign language. Also taught in the designated language are area studies such as geography, history, politics, economics, government, social structure, and military situations pertaining to the country and/or region.

Defense Intelligence Course

Location: Defense Intelligence School, Washington, D.C.

Objectives: To train officers in the fundamentals of intelligence which will serve as a foundation for progressive career development and future billets.

National War College

Location: Washington, D.C.

Objectives: To prepare selected officers of the rank of permanent Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel of the Armed Forces for important command, staff, and planning assignments.

Subjects Covered: United States interests in the world today; factors of national power; national security policy making; military capabilities and strategies; defense management, counterinsurgency; Communist states; Free Europe and the western hemisphere; Africa and Free Asia; overseas studies--an appraisal of implementation of national security policy in strategic areas; development of national security policy and plans.

Nuclear Weapons Employment and Radiological Defense

Location: Chemical Corps School, Fort McClellan, AB.

Objectives: To train commissioned officers in nuclear and radiological warfare and defense measures.

Subjects Covered: Technical aspects of atomic weapons, their effects, and employment; use of radiac instruments; principles of radiological survey; characteristics, capabilities, and limitations of atomic weapons and the associated delivery means; target analysis techniques; problems of atomic warfare.

Intelligence Photography

Location: Intelligence School, Fort Holabird, MD.

Objectives: To train intelligence personnel in the techniques, theory, and application of photography in the intelligence field.

Subjects Covered: Basic theory of photography; sensitized photomaterial; press camera operation; action and depth of field; exposure methods; motion picture photography; portrait photography; Polaroid photography; special lenses; Leica camera; principles of intelligence ground photography; microfilm equipment; subminiature

Analysis of Intelligence Background of Thomas Cantwheel, Preliminary  
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Photography; film development; photographic print processing; equipment maintenance; special photographic techniques and equipment; color photography.

Analysis of Intelligence/Counterintelligence Service of Thomas Cantwheel, Preliminary

U.S. Army Intelligence Command  
Before 1977

U.S. Army Intelligence, Washington, D.C.  
1942-1945

U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps  
1945-1977

112th Military Intelligence Group, Fourth Army, Ft. Sam Houston, TX  
1961-1963

500th Military Intelligence Group, Japan  
1945-1949

66th Military Intelligence Group, Munich, West Germany  
1960s

205th Military Intelligence Group, Frankfurt, West Germany  
1960s-1970s

U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, Arlington Hall Station,  
Arlington, VA  
1977-1980s

Criminal Investigations Command, Washington, D.C.  
1985-1990\*

U.S. Army Intelligence Agency, Fort Meade, MD  
1975-1980

Defense Nuclear Agency, U.S. Army Element, Albuquerque, NM  
1964-1968, or 69

\* It is believed that Cantwheel might have served his active reserve during this period.

### Conclusions

Cantwheel claims to have been an CIC officer in the U.S. Army's Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit from 1942-1958, with overseas TDY. His main area of interest was UFO sightings by military personnel. During this period Cantwheel was part of CIA teams that interrogated witnesses via drug induced questioning of POWs from Korea, and GRU agents in West Germany. If his CIC background is true, then his training and duty assignments may be valid. He would have held TOP SECRET, ABOVE TOP SECRET, NEED TO KNOW, COSMIC, HUFF, and COMPARTMENTED clearances which would allow him access to classified intelligence programs such as the CIA MK experiments on mind control; NSA intelligence data on HUMINT, PHOTINT, RADINT, and SIGINT. He also would have access to MAJIC, ROYAL, ULTRA, and UMBRA EYES ONLY UFO intelligence records. As a FBI contract agent, he would have sent dossiers to the FBI Counterintelligence Division, which was shared with Army G-2, and CIG of the CIA. If he was a GRU double agent, he would have passed on to MI what UFO or related data from Soviet MoD.

## Conclusions (Cont'd)

Given the fact that CANTWHEEL as a last name does not appear on any record in the public domain, it must be assumed that he is using an alias, or "cover name," which is consistent with CIC practices.

His attention to detail, such as names, dates, and places suggests he may have files and records that may contribute to the many gaps found in official government UFO files released through the FOIA. His method of disclosure in the form of "gray" information is also consistent with disinformation techniques routinely employed by counterintelligence officers. His evasive and covert methods of contact with this investigator with regard to mail drops and dead drop of alleged documents, is also consistent with intelligence procedures (inserting true information within bad), and leaking information that no one on the outside would have knowledge of, but, providing enough information that would allow researchers to find verification in public accessed sources, is convincing.

His ability to notify this investigator of personal facts known only to me, demonstrates his ability to access confidential knowledge of activities not known to anyone (such as my wife's death, the date, and location). All this suggests that he has had contact with agencies that has the ability to track one's past and present doings. The ability to tap phone conversations, locate place of residence, work, and friends without revealing his name and giving away his intent is one more convincing element of his skills. I must confess that he has done a superb job of tailing me and advising me of certain facts of my investigation of his whereabouts and background.

All this has led me to conclude, that Cantwheel (or whoever he is) was a bonofide military intelligence officer, a product of "spycraft" training and experience. As to his motives? I can only speculate at this late date, that he was close to dying and wanted to tell what he knows of UFO secrecy. Possibly to rest his conscience, or to muddy the waters. He may have wanted to stir the air a little. Make some sweat a little in the Intelligence Community. I don't know. His reference to past sins, a desire to right some wrongs, or just wanting to get some things off his chest, may be the motive. I had the impression that he was not happy, nor agreed with the "policy" of ridicule and harassment of honest and sincere military men who reported the truth regarding UFO sightings and encounters, or worse still, ruining the careers and integrity of those who wanted to talk. Possibly participating in, or having knowledge of the demise of those who knew the truth. Or, being part of the national security cover-up for so long. In any case, for whatever reasons, he decided to tell what he knows, and hoped that this new information would somehow be presented to the people.

Until more research and investigation is done on Cantwheel's claims and the information verified as contained in the documents he supplied to me, this report should be viewed in the context presented and considered preliminary in nature. A final report of my findings will be forthcoming when enough research has been accomplished.



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