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"If I could ever find a way (indistinct) that was a hoax I'd damn sure do it...if it was possible to prove that it was."

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PK: Have you read TW's book?

SP: I read Travis's book. It's not true.

PK: In what respect?

SP: They twisted the whole thing around.

PK: Says would like to send SP copy of Bill Barry book.

SP: He called me a traitor?

PK: He said you went to Mike Rogers and said that you had a chance to make \$10,000 if you admitted the thing was a hoax. Do you want me to read it to you?

SP: Yeah, go ahead.

PK: I will send you a copy...will mail to you a Xerox copy of what I'm reading...
"On page 139 it says, Meanwhile Steve Pierce was also headed for trouble but of a different kind. He was the kid of the crew just 17 and not not noted for strength of will or mind. After the shattering event in the woods, Pierce married his teen-age sweetheart.

SP: That's a lie and a half.

PK: "They were not destined to live happily ever after. Sheriff Gillespie's deputy in Taylor was Jim Click, the former town marshall. A curious relationship began to develop between Pierce and deputy Click. Though separated by much more than a generation gap, they became friends and spent more and more time together. They discussed Steve's difficult personal life and they discussed the Travis Walton case. Finally a rumor leaked out. Steve has recanted.

SP: What does that mean?

PK: Meaning you changed your mind or changed your story. "According to Sank Flake 'Click has a signed denial from Steve Pierce ^{that says} it (~~wasn't~~ the UFO incident) never happened. Click wants to be the one to break the case because he wants to run for Sheriff. I don't know if he's solved it or not.

"According to Mike Rogers--here's a quote from Mike Rogers--"Steve told me and Travis that he had been offered \$10,000 just to sign a denial. He said he was thinking about taking it. We asked him: 'Even though you know it happened, would you deny it just for the money? He said maybe he would. He was thinking about it. So I told him, then you'll spend the money alone and you'll be bruised. That's the quote attributed to Mike.

The fact was that Steve was already bruised inside himself. Out of work, penniless, his not overly strong personality was cracking. The offered money might have turned his whole life around, but he didn't take it. And he signed no denial. Instead he fled the high plateau in misery and panic, a man-child dispossessed by his own personal devils.

Though the Sheriff's officequote from book he refused to say who had made it. and then it goes on.

PK: What are your reactions to this.

SP: I'm going to kill him.....

SP: Look, they, ~~some~~ I've, Travis, Travis is the most ignorant, stupid person I've ever met in my life. He ain't got enough sense, you know the book he wrote, he couldn't have wrote that book by himself. He ain't got enough common sense to ~~have~~ write that book...

OK look, I never have met you have I?

PK: No.

SP: They got that you've (indistinct) with me

PK: What did you say.

SP: They thought that, you know, you offered me \$10,000, you know.

PK: And you and I have never talked until tonight.

SP: This is the first time I ever talked to you.

PK: Right

SP: And they think we've talked together all the time, you know.

Jim Click told me that IF I COULD EVER PROVE IT WAS A HOAX THAT HE COULD FIND SOMEONE YOU KNOW, this is what Gillespie's assistant guy told them, what's his name?

PK: Click?

SP: No

PK: Oh, Ellison

SP: Is that the big guy?

PK: Well, I don't know I haven't met him. I've only talked to him on the phone, Steve.

SP: OK. Well he told Click that you, that ~~you~~ you'd give anybody \$10,000 if they'd prove it was a hoax.

PK: Well I've never offered \$10,000 for that purpose. I've offered \$10,000 to anyone who could prove that there are extraterrestrial spacecraft. But that's quite a different matter.

SP: OK

PK: Let me go on and read a little more here

SPK: Can I ask you a question? What are you doing this for?

Because I don't believe the UFO abduction story. I BELIEVE IT WAS A HOAX.

SP: Me too.

SP: Me too. If I could ever prove it was a hoax I'd damn sure do it.

Now it quotes you here as saying that Travis was gone most of the day, gone from the job and another man, Mike Rogers, was gone for about two hours.

SP: OK, let me tell you something. It says in the book (TW's) it says in the book that they worked hard all day, you know. TRAVIS DIDN'T DO ONE THING ALL DAY. HE STAYED IN THE TRUCK. HE STAYED IN THE TRUCK ALL DAY. HE WAS SICK. He was supposed to be sick.

PK: Was he on drugs then?

SPK I don't know if he was on drugs or not.

PK: Were any of the crew? How about Allen Dalis, he was a drug-user.

SP: I don't know. I don't none of (indistinct). I didn't know Allen Dalis or John Goulette or that

PK How long were you on the crew?

SP: (hesitates) off and on for about 6 months. See, John Goulette and what's the other guy's name?

PK: Allen Dalis?

SP: No, not Peterson,

PK: DWayne Smith?

(before this happened)

SPK Dwayne Smith and John Goulette only worked for like a week, because they were from Phoenix And Peterson , he started like two weeks before that too because he just came up from Mexico, or something like that, because his wife is a Mexican. So the only persons I really knew was Mike Rogers and Travis, you know. I really didn't know them, what they did. So I couldn't answer if they were junkies or not, drug addicts, or whatever.

PK: There was no drug use on the job as far as you know?

SP: No.

PK: Well, Steve I wanted to talk to you and get your reaction to this. You live at 100 Thornhill,(says will send Xerox, let him look it over, then I'll call him. he suggests that he call me.

SP: There isn't much I can do about it, I mean I can't, you know, they can say anything they want to about me.

(He was calling from work)

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(PK asks if he got material I sent, says he did)

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PK: What did you think of the story.....

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PK: Is that story as described there, that you went to Mike Rogers and told him of this offer of \$10,000?

SP: I didn't go to no one and told them that. I told them that, I didn't say that Phil Klass got ahold of me and said that he was going to give me \$10,000, now (if I said) it was a hoax. NO, I DIDN'T SAY THAT.

PK: What did you say?

(or didn't even tell this to Travis)

SP: I SAID THAT SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT --I EVEN TOLD THIS TO TRAVIS-- John Goullete did, I told John, I said that someone told me that, you know, IF I COULD PROVE THIS WAS A HOAX I COULD GET SOME MONEY OUT OF IT, AND THAT'S ALL I SAID.

PK: Well what about this statement by Mike Rogers in there that he told you that if you took the money you'd be bruised

SP: Well that sounds like a threat to me.

PK: It does to me too. Did he say that to you?

SP: I don't think so. I don't remember that. He told me once that he was getting tired of everybody saying it was a hoax, you know, and he told me, you know, THAT IF I GAVE HIM ANY TROUBLE THAT IT WOULD BE SOMETHING BAD, BUT HE DIDN'T SAY HE'D BEAT ME UP, OR ANYTING

When did you finally leave Arizona?

SP: My wife wrote that, it's in the mail, it should be at your house by tomorrow. She has all that written down.

PK: What does your wife make of all this?

SP: She's mad. See, she don't like Travis. She never has.

PK: What's her name?

SP: Denise

PK: Is this the only wife you've had?

SP:  Yeah.

PK: (explores marital problems, separation)

SP: We separated because I was in the Army.

PK: How long were you in the Army?

SP: About three months. (after incident)

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SP: Well Travis Was in the car that day, and Mike was gone that day. Mike said he wasn't gone. That's a lie.

PK Did anyone ask him where he had gone?

SP: Yeah, but he said he was down the mountain working.

PK: How long have you know Mike Rogers?

SP: Before this happened? About eight months.

PK: What were these other jobs that he was doing, there were a couple other jobs that you were working on when you were not working on Turkey Springs.

SP: He usually cut fire wood, you know, that's the only thing I can remember him doing. Cut fire wood and selling it.

PK: Mike Rogers admitted to me that he was doing a topping job for another Forest Service contractor and that he had another job and in fact he says that's the reason you were running so late on the Turkey Springs job...

SP: I don't know. Sometimes he'd go to work, you know, and get off at noon and come home. And sometimes we wouldn't even go to work. AND THAT WAS ABOUT THE FIRST DAY THAT WE EVER STAYED OVER THAT LATE, that I can remember.

PK: What time did you normally quit work?

: About 4, I guess.....

PK: And you say this was the first time you worked so late. Did Mike explain why you'd worked so late?

SP: He said we were getting behind. and the FOREST DEPT. WAS GETTING MADE ABOUT IT.

PK: Where were you seated in the car at the time of the incident?

SP: I was in the back seat and Allen Dalis was sitting by the door and I was sitting next to Allen Dalis. So I could see everything, because Allen Dallis was on the floorboard and I could see out the window so I seen everything what happened. AND THE REST OF THOSE GUYS DIDN'T EVEN SEE WHAT HAPPENED.

PK: But in the book...they are quoted as all having seen the alleged UFO.

SP: I don't see how that was possible, because I was blocking the view of the two guys sitting beside me.

PK: What did you see?

SP: AH (hesitates)(six seconds). Well I thought it was something that a deer hunter rigged up. because it was deer season--so he could see, you know. Well I couldn't see a top or bottom or sides--all I could see was a front of it, You couldn't tell if it had a bottom to it or a back to it or anything. It was, ah, I can't explain what the color was. It was sort of like (interruption by another party dialing)....

PK: Did Travis disappear? Did you guys all turn coward~~is~~ and drive off? That's hard for me to imagine that you folks, and I'm not blaming you because Mike was at the wheel, but it's hard for me to imagine six guys abandoning a buddy who has been injured

SP: Ah, the one who took off was Mike. No one else had anything to do with that.

PK: Didn't anyone say, My God we can't drive off and leave Travis?

SP: Well, to tell the Truth, I couldn't have cared less what happend to Travis because I've never liked him in the first place.

PK: Why didn't you like him Steve

SP: Because he was smart-ass, you know, a trouble-maker and all kinds of things.

PK: A trouble maker in what way?

SP: Oh~~x~~ he was bad because he thot he knew Karate, you know, and he thot he was bad because he knew a little bit of it.. He never liked me in the first place and we've had our rounds. Me and him got into an argument ONE DAY AFTER THIS HAPPENED.

PK: About what?

SP: Well, I used to go with his girl friend, I really didn't go with her, I went out with her one night, before me and my wife got married. And after this happened me and my wife were already married and I seen his girl friend one day--they're probably married by now, I don't know. Anyway she went and told Travis I made a pass at her and Travis got mad~~x~~ and tried to whip me for it, you know. And that's not true. He knew that I went out with her before, before this even happened, so his girl friend told him I tried to make a pass at her again, you know. And that's not true.

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Steve:

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Approximately what month and year did you leave
Snowflake for Ft. Worth?

7th Class,

Steve went into the Army in
Dec. and I moved to Texas to live
with his mother.

Denise Pierce

June 11, 1978

Mr. Steve Pierce
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Ft. Worth, Texas 76115

Dear Steve:

In accordance with our telephone conversation this evening, enclosed are Xerox copies of pages dealing with your involvement after the Travis Walton "incident," from another new book on the case called "Ultimate Encounter: The True Story of a UFO Kidnapping." It is written by Bill Barry, who wrote an article on the case earlier for Penthouse magazine.

I have ordered another copy of the book and as soon as it arrives I will send it on to you. (My own copy is marked up with comments in the margins.)

I am writing a book on the case which I believe to be a hoax.

In my long negotiations with Mike Rogers for a new polygraph test for Rogers, Walton and the crew, I caught Rogers telling me numerous falsehoods and trying to trick me--add for this and other reasons I do not believe that Travis was abducted by a UFO.

After you have had a chance to read the enclosure, I would like to chat with you by telephone.

I suggest you telephone me COLLECT, Station-To-Station, some evening, around 8-9 p.m. your time.

My home number is: (202) 554 59 01.

Sincerely,

P.S. Can you, or your wife, remember approximately when you moved away from Snowflake/Arizona? If so, could you write down the approximate date on the enclosed memo and send it to me in the enclosed stamped, addressed envelope?

Sank Flake

SEARCHED Gibson ranch -
Says he went up to house once
but did not go inside - locked
walked around

Glen Flake was there
went up BBC camera

Click - formerly lived in Taylor
now in Heber

L Jim

Pierce lived in snowflake

Jim Click (A-18) close friend of Martin Gilespie

Know Pierce real well

his wife then was secretary for town of Taylor
well acquainted with her, (Denise) & Parents

Times when S.P. did not have any \$
gave him some - domestic problem
had breakfast in my house
not that close

haven't seen for about year

went into Army - didn't last long
several months

thinks they're living in Texas now
had 2nd child

Father

Charles Rothwong, (Taylor)

#10R - Trying to think
he & I had talked - he believed he saw something
doesn't know whether arranged -

Never had conversation with Click
talked to somebody on phone - was in a
motel - may have been him

Does not remember any one offering \$10K to offer to SP

Lot of quote is familiar -

Know he had seen something,

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13 November 1975



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PLEASE REPLY ATTENTION OF

Sheriff Marlin Gillespie
Navajo County Sheriff's Office
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Dear Sheriff Gillespie:

On 10 November 1975 a polygraph examination was administered to John E. Goulette, Dwayne D. Smith, Kenneth E. Peterson, Michael H. Rogers, Jeff S. Pierce and Allen M. Dalis.

The purpose of these examinations was to determine whether or not any of the above listed people were deliberately trying to conceal a criminal act i.e.: aggravated assault and/or homicide in which Travis Walton was the victim.

The relevant questions asked and the answers given are as follows:

Question #1 - Did you cause Travis Walton any serious physical injury last Wednesday afternoon?

Question #2 - Do you know if Travis Walton was physically injured by some other member of your work crew last Wednesday?

Question #3 - Do you know if Travis Walton's body is buried or hidden somewhere in that Turkey Springs area?

Question #4 - Did you tell the truth about actually seeing a UFO last Wednesday when Travis Walton disappeared?

Sheriff Marlin Gillespie

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Each of the six men answered NO to questions # 1, 2, and 3 and they each answered YES to question #4. The test results were conclusive on Goulette, Smith, Peterson, Rogers, and Pierce. The test results on Dalis were inconclusive.

Based on the polygraph chart tracing, it is the opinion of this examiner that Goulette, Smith, Peterson, Rogers, and Pierce were being truthful when they answered these relevant questions.

These polygraph examinations prove that these five men did see some object that they believe to be a UFO and that Travis Walton was not injured or murdered by any of these men, on that Wednesday (5 November 1975). If an actual UFO did not exist and the UFO is a man-made hoax, five of these men had no prior knowledge of a hoax. No such determination can be made of the sixth man whose test results were inconclusive.

The charts obtained will be maintained in the Polygraph Section of the Department of Public Safety.

Sincerely,

C. E. Gilson

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