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You may have little interest in the attached two-part article on UFO research in Russia which appeared in the Bulletin of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in Tucson, but the history of the article may intrigue you.

The Bulletin is published by two friends of nearly 20 years, Jim and Coral Lorenzen. Jim recently had a heart attack that was followed by open heart surgery (he made a good recovery) and Coral has just finished one book and is working on another. In their extremity they've been sending me some stuff which I work up for the Bulletin to help out. This Russian thing was the result of the first batch they sent, a file of typed notes at least 50 pages thick, all mixed up and chaotic as any reporter's notes are likely to be, but basically sound and capable of being sorted out and handled.

They came from Henry Gris, who as you may know is a reporter for the National Enquirer. The Lorenzens have had an arrangement with the Enq. for several years as consultants on UFO stories.

In 1975 the Enq. sent Gris to Moscow (I have little doubt that it was arranged by the KGB and its American counterpart) where he interviewed all the big Russian wheels in the realm of UFO affairs, including a Prof. Zigel who is an astrophysicist who briefs all the Cosmonauts before they take off. When Gris got back the Enq. used only a very short and rather humdrum story on all the things he looked into (probably not sensational enough), and Coral called up or wrote to the Enq. publisher and said look, we've been helping you guys all these years, ^{now} about returning the favor and letting us use in the Bulletin some of the Gris material you passed up? The Enq. agreed with only one stipulation -- no attribution or credit to the Enq.

That's how Coral happened to get this enormous stack of Gris notes at a time when she was swamped, and how I happened to work on them.

Gris obviously is a good reporter. I was a little uncertain at times where he was translating from the Russian, but otherwise his stuff was solid, just as you'd expect. He's the guy who stage-managed the visit of the Russian woman who had an affair during World War II with an American naval officer, now retired in Florida, and more or less Shanghaied her to fly to Miami for a reunion with him and her daughter (their daughter, rather) who is now married to a Pan-Am pilot and whose arrival here to visit her father was front page news a couple of years ago. In any case they're suing him and the Enq. for fraud or something, as I understand it.

In any case, because of Gris and the Enq. I thought you might be interested. Certainly his interviews with the Russian scientists could never have taken place if both the KGB and the CIA hadn't considered they had a mutual interest in its taking place.

What emerges is that as far as UFOs are concerned, both governments are Siamese twins.

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