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FRANK SCULLY DIES: June 24th of this year was the last day on earth for Frank Scully, noted columnist and author of the 1950 best-seller "Behind the Flying Saucers." His was one of the first books written about UFO's, and it was perhaps the most controversial saucer book of all times. Scully alleged that "little men" in spaceships had crashed several times in our southwestern desert, and that their bodies had been discovered and preserved by our military authorities. The author's informants were scientists whom he refused to name, and many people wondered if Scully, who was a humorist by trade, might not have had tongue in cheek while writing the book. In September of 1952 True Magazine printed an expose of "Behind the Flying Saucers," - but like all exposes, it settled nothing. Scully never backed down, nor could he ever prove his statements. Your Editor met him in late 1953, and found him to be an unconvincing sort of man. However, we remained on friendly terms over the years. Scully's contributions to SAUCER NEWS included two articles and several letters to the Editor.

GENERAL MACARTHUR TAKES SAUCER SECRETS TO THE GRAVE: As many saucer researchers know, General Douglas MacArthur was one of the few high-ranking military men who publicly expressed a belief in life on other planets. Addressing a West Point graduation in May, 1962, MacArthur said: "We deal now not with things of this world alone, but with the illimitable distances and as yet unfathomed mysteries of the universe. We are reaching out for a new and boundless frontier. We speak in strange terms of harnessing cosmic energy.... of ultimate conflict between a united human race and the sinister forces of some other planet or galaxy...." Prior to that, on October 9th, 1955, the New York Times published an interview with Mayor Achille Lauro of Naples, Italy, who had just had a visit at General MacArthur's suite in the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. Mayor Lauro told newsmen that MacArthur had said that the nations of the earth would some day have to "make a common front against attack by people from other planets." When asked about this, the General refused comment.

The question is - was General MacArthur merely expressing an opinion, or were his statements based on top secret information which would be available to a soldier of his rank? We shall never know, for MacArthur died in April of this year without ever having amplified his statements on this subject. But, if we can judge from his startlingly frank opinions on military matters, which were published amid great controversy immediately after his death, we can assume that MacArthur would have had a great deal to say about flying saucers. Perhaps he would have revealed the solution to the saucer mystery in a private interview, just as he revealed his innermost feelings about Korea, Truman, etc., in a 1954 interview with reporter Jim Lucas, published by the New York World-Telegram a few days after MacArthur died.

Knowing that MacArthur might have some very revealing things to say about life on other planets, your Editor tried for an interview in December 1963. The following letter, dated December 11th, 1963, and signed by Douglas MacArthur, is in our possession: "Dear Mr. Moseley: Thank you so much for your cordial letter of December 9th. I deeply appreciate your kindly sentiments. Your father and I were lifelong friends and I admired and esteemed him greatly. I should like very much to meet his son and will have my secretary call you when the first opportunity for such a meeting arises...."

But, alas, we thought of the idea too late! The interview was postponed because of Christmas, and then because of the General's fatal illness. Had we obtained a "scoop," we would have kept it in confidence until MacArthur died, just as Jim Lucas did. There are, however, other living generals who might have knowledge about flying saucers, and we hope to have more to say about this in the near future.