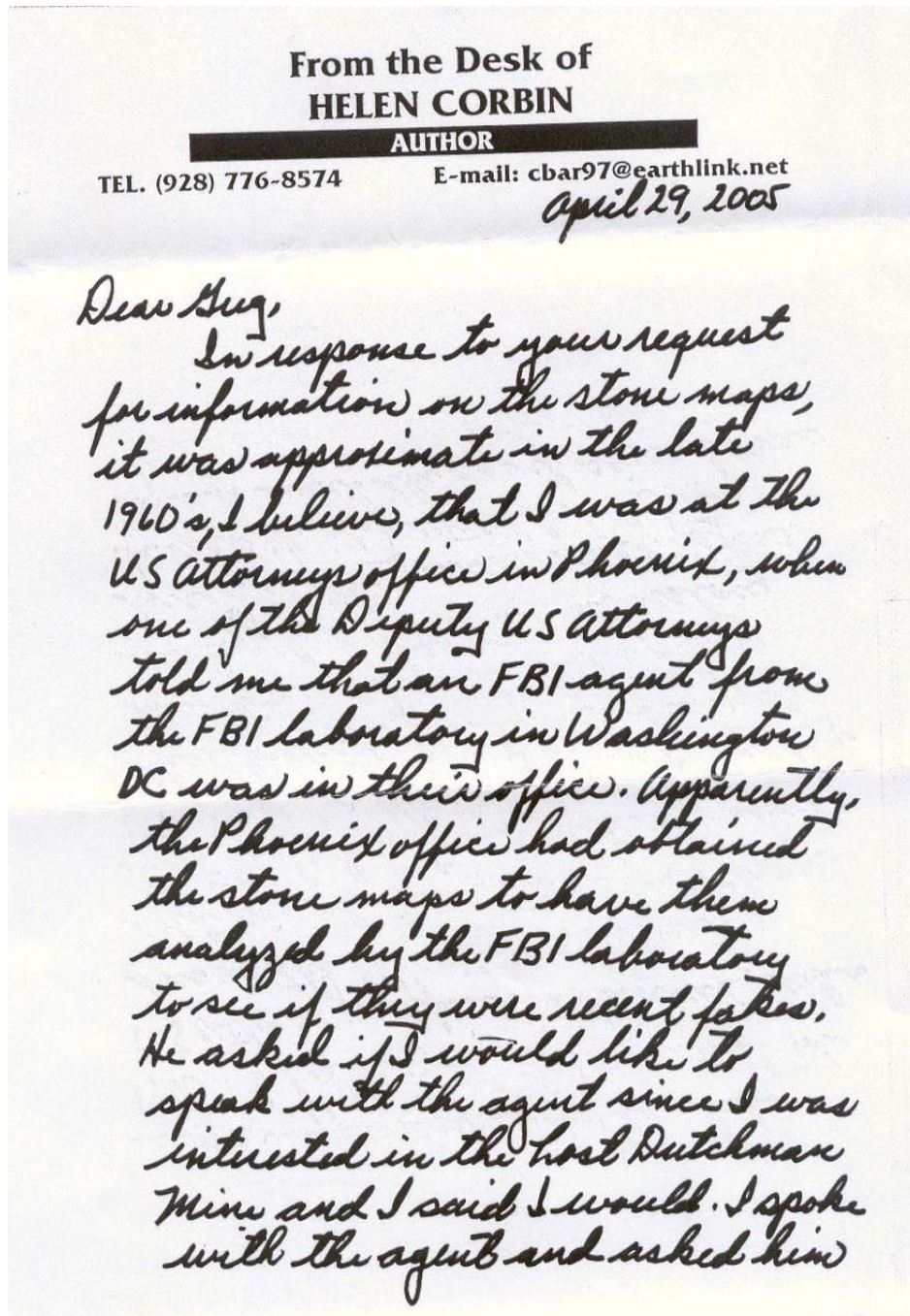


The Bob Corbin Story Regarding the FBI and the Stone Maps

There has been much written regarding a conversation that Bob Corbin had with an FBI agent who was involved in an investigation that included the Stone Maps. The story appears to have grown well beyond what initially occurred. I will not address any of that speculation here but will simply post the words of Bob as to what took place.

The first reference is a hand written note from Bob to Greg Davis in 2005.



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about the maps.*

Hope the above is of some help.

Bob

Speculation on what actually occurred continued and Greg Davis called Bob in 2007 for some additional clarification. Below is Greg's Post on a now defunct Lost Dutchman Mine Forum.

06-04-2007 (Kraig Roberts and Peter Esposito's LDM Forum)

Gentlemen:

After having read Aurum last several posts I called Bob Corbin this evening to clarify some points about his FBI story pertaining to the Stone Maps. His reply was, "between 1966-69" I was the County Attorney. I was in the U.S. Attorneys office in Phoenix when one of the Deputy U.S. Attorneys told me that an FBI agent from the FBI Laboratory in Washington D.C. was in their office and asked if I wanted to talk with him about the Stone Maps. Apparently the Phoenix office had obtained the Stone Maps to have them analyzed by the FBI Laboratories in Washington DC to see if they were recent fakes. I said yes. (Bob told me that the maps were physical sent back to the Washington DC lab). The agent I spoke with only said that the maps were believed to be at least a

hundred years old". Bob did not see the maps at that time. Bob further said that the maps were sent to the Washington DC lab because the Phoenix FBI lab was not equipped to analyze them.

OK, before we go any further, I suggest that someone contact the Washington D.C. FBI offices or the National Archives through the Freedom of Information Act and see if they can obtain a copy of the case file for the Stone Maps. This should answer the questions put forth in these posts discussions as to the involvement of the FBI with the Stone Maps and MOEL.

Cordially, Gregory E. Davis

If anyone followed up on Greg's suggestion to contact the FBI, they apparently did not share those results. The story continued to grow. A third contact with Bob Corbin was initiated by Joe Ribaldo in 2010 and the words of Bob Corbin follow.

From: Robert Corbin
Date: 06/18/10 18:58:59
To: Joe Ribaldo
Subject: Re: FBI Stuff.....

Joe I don't know anything about what is in your e-mail other than what I have previously said and that was I was visiting a friend in the US Attorneys office and he said that an FBI agent was in the office who had investigated the stone maps to see if they were a fraud and who worked in their lab in DC. I asked him what he had found and he told me that in his opinion that they were at least 100 years old. That is it, the rest of the statements in your e-mail I never said nor do I know anything about them. I don't know how the US Attorneys office in Phoenix got the stones nor why they were investigating them. I do not know a Mitchell or anything about him. The Antiquities Act is a federal act and is enforced by the federal government and not the state. I was never a Deputy US Attorney, I was a Deputy County Attorney and a County Attorney. To my knowledge we never confiscated the stone maps so we could have never made any deals with anyone. If there was any deals made I sure wasn't involved and I never knew anything about them. If they were made it would have been with the US Attorneys office. In other words Jim is sure putting a lot of words in my mouth which I never said. Hope this answers your e-mail but if it hasn't let me know. By the way, Tom Kollenborn. told me about Jim and what he was saying I said but not in detail. I told Tom that everything I have ever said about the maps was what the FBI agent told me that day and that was it. In fact I think the stone maps are fake anyway. Bob

A follow-up by Ribaldo (Before posting the above e-mail)

I received Bob's permission to post his email, after I sent him a link to this site so he could read the comments for himself. It's better to let Bob speak for himself: "Joe you can use the above and the previous e-mail any way you want and if I can be of any further help let me know because I would like to see what I have actually said regarding the stone maps straightened out. Bob Corbin".

I am going to share one more reference that may also be tied to the FBI investigation to which Bob Corbin was referring. Perhaps one of the **unnamed parties** in this article included MOEL? The time frame does follow Bob's timeframe. (Newspaper from the Bernice McGee Collection)



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**FBI Starts Sweeping Probe
Of Dutchman Mine 'Frauds'**

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting a thorough probe into what has been termed "a swindle of almost wholesale proportions" in connection with a number of claims of discovery of the Lost Dutchman Mine, this newspaper learned this week.

A bureau spokesman, in confirming rumors that FBI agents were investigating several charges of fraud growing out of alleged sale of stock and shares in non-existent mines, said the swindles are believed to have netted the operators "many thousands of dollars."

One FBI agent said the investigation indicates that many of the gold and silver samples appearing in state assay offices during the past few months actually were secured in California by representatives of "several groups" said involved in the alleged frauds, and passed off later as coming from their mines in the Superstitions.

Declining to name the groups involved, the FBI agent said the operators of the frauds "announce the discovery of a bonanza, usually called the Lost Dutchman, and bilk thousands of dollars out of gullible get-rich quick investors."

The bureau spokesman revealed that an FBI agent, checking into the claim of one "miner" that a rich ore sample came from his Superstition mine, went into the Wilderness area and discovered "only a slight trace" of gold in the mine.

"It was just about the same amount you'd find if you took a shovel and dug a hole under a highway," the agent said. Nothing at all like the sample, the miner claimed came from his mine."

As the FBI continued its probe, investigators from the securities division of the Arizona Corporation Commission began to look into rumors that a group of Oklahoma City men, who in May filed a location lode

claim at Florence on what they maintain is the Lost Dutchman, are now engaged in selling stock.

The investigation was ordered by the commission's chairman, Milton J. Husky, at the request of the Apache Sentinel. Husky said that the initial investigation shows that no such stock is registered with his office, as required by state law.

Other developments this week included the arrest of one of the Oklahomans on a charge of writing a check on insufficient funds and claims that two others of the group had "sold" an exclusive radio "story" to a Tucson broadcasting company for \$1500.

The two, Baker Looney and Andy Vloedman, checked out of the Superstition Inn last week after telling manager Bob Lake they would return Wednesday "to make a trip to the mine." However, the Inn late yesterday (Thursday) said the two had not yet appeared.

In the meantime, 37-year-old Harlan Wilson, described as one of the leaders of the Oklahoma group, was free on his own recognizance under the understanding that he "make good" a check for \$221 passed at the Inn.

Wilson was arrested Tuesday at his Mesa Manor apartment by Deputy Sheriff Orin Isenogle on a complaint signed by Inn manager Bob Lake. After being booked at the Apache Junction sheriff's office, Wilson told Justice of the Peace Norman Teason the check was returned by an Oklahoma City bank because of a bookkeeping error.

Teason gave Wilson a few days grace to make the check good, and a telephone call made to the bank Wednesday indicated the funds were available. The money could not be wired to Apache Junction because of a Western Union strike, Wilson told Teason.