

'Document' revives rumors of crashed UFO aliens

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Rumors about the recovery of the bodies of four aliens from a crashed flying saucer in New Mexico 40 years ago have circulated for years.

But a "document" has surfaced in England and locally that describes the work of a mysterious committee which is supposed to have examined the aliens.

Lee M. Graham, a Monrovia resident and aerospace research technician, and UFO researcher William L. Moore have obtained copies of a purported briefing memo on the top secret committee, Majestic 12.

"The document and its contents appear to be genuine," said Moore, who wrote a book about the 1947 flying saucer crash, "The Roswell Incident," in 1980. His book was based on eyewitness and newspaper accounts.

The document, which was given to The Tribune this week, is purportedly written by then-CIA Director Adm. Roscoe Hillenkoetter on Nov. 18, 1952, for then-President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The document claims that on July 7, 1947, a scientific team was dispatched to a remote region in New Mexico where Air Force aerial reconnaissance discovered "four small human-like beings" which had been ejected from a flying disc crashed 75 miles away from Roswell Air Force Base.

The document claims, "Although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development has apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in homo sapiens."



Lee Graham of Monrovia, left, and William Moore with documents concerning UFO

An Air Force spokesman said that Pentagon officials have not seen the purported documents and cannot comment on their authenticity.

"Nobody in the Air Force has seen the document, but as far as what the Pentagon has heard from reporters, there is no new information that wasn't out a couple of years ago," Lt. Tim Cothrew, a public affairs officer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in

Ohio, said Tuesday.

Graham said that he sent a copy of the document to the director of public affairs for the Air Force Tuesday. He said he enclosed a Freedom of Information Act letter requesting authentication of the Majestic 12 documents.

According to a July 1947 FBI telegram obtained by Graham, the remnants of the "flying disc" at

New Mexico were taken to Wright-Patterson, which also was headquarters of Operation Blue Book, the Air Force's defunct UFO program.

"We have no wreckage or bodies of aliens," Cothrew said.

Moore claims he received the document in December 1984 from a source who mailed it to his research partner, Jaime H. Shander, in a plain brown wrapper with no return address.

"We have been conducting an exhaustive study of every aspect of this document since receiving it," Moore said.

He says he has been combing the National Archives and the presidential libraries of Harry Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower for evidence to verify the information contained in the document.

"We haven't found anything to indicate it is a phony," he said. "If it is concocted, it would have to have been done by someone who has done a tremendous amount of research."

Moore would fit that description, but he said that he is not the perpetrator.

The mysterious Majestic 12 group was established by special classified executive order of President Truman two months after the wreckage was discovered, according to the briefing memo.

Supporting the memo, a purported copy of Truman's signed Sept. 24, 1947, memo to Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal states, "Hereafter this matter shall be referred to only as Operation Majestic Twelve."

Moore claims to have developed sources in the

"intelligence gathering community" who have been leaking the supporting evidence to him. All members of this mysterious committee are dead.

The briefing memo lists the members as Hillenkoetter, Dr. Vannevar Bush, Forrestal, Gen. Nathan P. Twining, Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Dr. Detlev Bronk, Dr. Jerome C. Hunsaker, Sidney W. Souers, Gordon Gray, Dr. Donald Menzel, Gen. Robert M. Montague, Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner and Gen. Walter B. Smith, who replaced Hillenkoetter when he became director of the CIA in 1960.

Moore said that the secrecy surrounding Majestic 12 and the Roswell incident is indicative of the fear the government has of causing a public panic.

To further support his claim that Majestic 12 documents appear to be authentic, Moore says he saw a White House memo at the National Archives to General Twining, Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The memo informs Twining of an "MJ-12" briefing with Eisenhower.

Although Moore has been trying to authenticate the MJ-12 documents for two years, British UFO researcher Timothy Good beat him to the punch and gave the documents to The London Observer last week.

Moore said that he does not know who supplied the documents to Good, but added that Good told him last week that the story would "break in Europe."

The media attention over the documents may boost attendance at the National UFO Conference at the Burchank Hilton on June 11, 12 and 14.

Moore's publishing company is co-sponsoring the conference with the Fair Witness Project.

He says the thinking on The London Observer story, which was carried on American wire services Saturday, was "purely coincidental," even though Good is a scheduled speaker at the conference.

Moore claims he has a source to verify the authenticity of the documents, but is not ready to disclose the source at this time.