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Debunking UFOs

IN his attempt to debunk UFOs (*The Sunday Telegraph*, November 19), Mr Adrian Berry made a number of factual errors.

There is no evidence that the signature on President Truman's memo of September 1947 (to Secretary of Defence James Forrestal, authorising "Operation Majestic Twelve") is "a proven forgery," neither has any evidence been found to date that disproves the authenticity of the "Majestic-12" briefing paper allegedly prepared for President-elect Eisenhower by Vice-Admiral Hillenkoetter in November 1952, in which it is stated that four alien bodies were recovered in the New Mexican desert in July 1947.

The 1981 (not 1983) official memorandum from Colonel Charles Halt to the Ministry of Defence describes a series of extraordinary events outside USAF Woodbridge in December, 1980, including a sighting by three security police patrolmen of an object that was "metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three metres across the base and two metres high".

Colonel Halt, who has confirmed the accuracy of the report to me, rejects any suggestion that this sighting was caused by "the rotating beam

of the nearby Orford Ness lighthouse," as does the former Ministry of Defence official Mr Ralph Noyes, in his reappraisal of the case.

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