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 Freedom of Information Act Request
 (5 U.S.C. 552)
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The individual (Lieut. Col. JESSE MARCEL) who was charged with the responsibility of collecting SOME of THIS (see enclosure I>K) crash material HAS stated that "...it was not a weather balloon," (see enclosure K1-1)!

Former Senator BARRY GOLDWATER HAS stated that he WAS denied access to a facility (the "BLUE ROOM") at Wright-Patterson AFB where SOME of THIS crash material (see enclosure I>L-1 thru L-6) IS alleged to be sequestered.

I DO have MORE documentation on the subject if you are interested!

Since it IS ostensibly some agency of the United States government (CIA/AFOSI) that IS "leaking" (see enclosure G-1 para. 9) THIS documentation (see enclosure C-1 thru C-3, and E-1 thru E-8) to the public; as fact OR as DISINFORMATION; I believe that YOU (CIA/AFOSI) ARE responsible for "OFFICIALLY" authenticating it or repudiating it as well. Quite obviously letters like this one (see enclosure B) will NOT suffice in that they do NOT cover ANY of the material I have provided YOU and MR. KOCH.

Please note THIS photograph (see enclosure A2-2). THIS photograph of the A-12/F-12 aircraft at Groom Lake, Nevada WAS (no denials have been made) provided (unsolicited) BY the CIA to Mr. JOHN ANDREWS. THESE books (see enclosures A1 and A2) ARE on sale at the Lockheed Employees book store in Burbank, CA and thus demonstrate that there IS a flight test facility located at Groom Lake, Nevada associated with the CIA/USAF!

Mr. JOHN ANDREWS now reports that there ARE discoidally shaped aircraft in flight at Groom Lake, Nevada. YOU MAY call him to verify HIS testimony. HIS number is 619-546-9494.

3. I respectfully request a copy of THIS photograph (see enclosure A2-2) that the CIA IS alleged to have sent to Mr. JOHN ANDREWS.

Please permit me to quote from "YOUR" documentation (see enclosure M-5 #a)- "Under the FOIA, any person, of any citizenship, or none, from any place in the world, and for any purpose or reason whatever, may request a copy of any document or record of the Agency. If the requester 'reasonably describes' the document or record wanted, the Agency must furnish it to him or her..."

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You will note Sir that I have NOT made ANY request for ANY records and/or photographs that are not already in circulation. It is ONLY authentication I seek; NOT DISINFORMATION!

I believe that the material found in (see enclosure N thru N5) DEMONSTRATES that the AFOSI is evading my attempts to authenticate THIS document (see enclosure E-1 thru E-8); I hope that YOU will be NOT be as evasive. I DO believe that I am one of the "serious researchers" that you make mention of (see enclosure B).

Thank you for your time Sir.

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Reference: F87-0904

Dear Mr. Graham:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter (with enclosures) of 27 July 1987 in which you requested a number of items under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). For identification purposes, we have assigned our reference number F87-0904 to this request.

Specifically you requested:

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We will address each of the six items in your request separately, but first we wish to provide you with some general

information about the FOIA. The determination as to whether any document can be released under the FOIA is made by the specific agency that originated the document (or its successor if the originating agency no longer exists.) The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the government-wide controlling body for this process, and determines which agency should do the review if the document is not readily identifiable. CIA review of the "Majestic 12 (MJ-12 or whatever)" package has been requested by a number of persons worldwide. Only one part of that package as submitted to us was purported to be a CIA document; it was a poorly done photocopied fabrication. We cannot identify any CIA equities in any of the other material, and it is not our function to determine who does have equities therein. Thus we are unable to assist you in your quest for authentication.

You should also be aware that the FOIA provides for public access to reasonably described records. This means that a document must be described sufficiently to enable a professional employee familiar with the subject to locate the document without an unreasonable amount of effort. This, with few exceptions, means that the documents must be locatable through the indexing to our various records systems. The FOIA does not require us to perform research or create records for a requester. Neither are we required to study a body of material to see if any of it is related to a specific event, activity, or incident.

As to your specific requests, we conducted a search of our computerized system of material previously released under the FOIA by the index listing "Groom Lake, Nevada" (Item 1). We located a photograph, entitled "Photograph of Ranch at Groom Lake, Nevada, where U2 operations took place", which was originally released to R.W. Koch in late 1980. (Unfortunately our system can only provide photocopies of previously released material, not originals. We apologize for the poor quality.)

We cannot assist you with Item 2. As we pointed out in Paragraph 3 above, you should submit this request to the originating agency, which in this case would obviously be the Department of Defense.

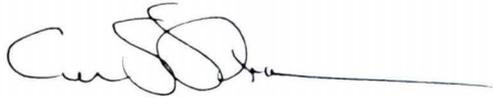
For Item 3, this Agency did provide similar photographs to John Andrews under the FOIA in November 1981. Unfortunately that FOIA request file has been destroyed in accordance with an approved records destruction schedule. (However the file copies of the photographs would have been of the same poor quality as that in Item 1 above.)

We are unable to assist you with Items 4 and 5. These do not describe records that are searchable under the FOIA. (See Paragraph 4 above.)

We hope that this letter will constitute an appropriate answer to your Item 6. As we pointed out to Mr. Koch in our letter of 16 July 1987 (a copy of which you enclosed), we do appreciate the difficulties and frustrations associated with research in the entire spectrum of aerospace activity, where ongoing current classified projects frequently impede historical research on events of forty years ago.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the CIA.

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