

General Walter Bedell Smith, Director of the CIA from 1950-53 stated:

"The Central Intelligence Agency has reviewed the current situation concerning unidentified flying objects which have created extensive speculation in the press and have been the subject of concern to Government organizations... Since 1947, approximately 2,000 official reports of sightings have been received and of these, about 20% are as yet unexplained.

"It is my view that this situation has possible implications for our national security which transcend the interests of a single service. A broader, coordinated effort should be initiated to develop a firm scientific understanding of the several phenomena which apparently are involved in these reports..."  
(1952 memorandum to the National Security Council.)

Diary - - 12 - Continued

"Chips tooth"

Feb 21 LA Times "Immediately after dinner Palm  
Heems emerged with Paul Helms, one of his cohorts, and was  
directed to the office of a local dentist, Dr. M. A. Pucell, where  
the cap was repaired."

Hager 1/4 "At Palm Springs - Pres broke cap off tooth - had it fixed  
at local dentist - Dr. C. A. Pucell - AP from Syracuse,  
flushed "Pres Eisenhower died tonight of a heart attack  
at Palm Springs" - someone fooling around with teletype -  
moved on open state wire - caused some hell but AP killed  
it 2 minutes later - Called AP New York for explanation and  
to demand a full report."

Tennis Club in evening.

PRES  
APPOINTMENT  
BOOK  
8:00pm Sometime between 8:00 and 10:00pm, the President  
broke cap off front tooth and went to a dentist in Palm  
Springs to have it fixed.

Stephens  
Sometime between 8 & 10 pm Broke Cap off - front tooth & went  
to dentist in Palm Springs to have fixed (typed 3/16/54)

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Ike: *His Life & Times, Harper & Row 1986.*  
magnanimous to a fault. His book sold exceptionally well, it added further to Ike's popularity on both sides of the Atlantic, and it enhanced his stature as a global statesman.

No one could have been more modest than Ike about his qualifications to be president of Columbia, and many of those he met at the university agreed that he had a lot to be modest about. It was Ike himself who first suggested that the trustees had got the wrong Eisenhower, having mistaken him for his brother Milton, who was already president of Kansas State College. It was an amusing myth, but it gained wide currency. Ike disarmingly admitted that he knew nothing about running a university and that his own education had been radically defective. Far from reforming Columbia, Ike said, he would probably be reformed himself. **The academics were somewhat mollified by his attitude, which did not stop them suggesting that he had never read a book and that he should not be sent long memoranda in case his lips got tired.**

In some ways, of course, Ike invited sneers of this kind. He was apt to make naïve suggestions about adding the teaching of patriotism and citizenship to the curriculum. He was initially "so alert—and I might say, so allergic—. . . to the possibility of finding Columbia honeycombed with socialistic teachings that I made it my first business to acquaint myself with operations in Teacher's College, previously reported to me as practically a hotbed of this kind of indoctrination."<sup>62</sup> Such investigations did not endear him to most members of the university, particularly as he found little evidence to support the allegations. Nor was Columbia impressed by Ike's moral homilies, though one trustee enthused, apparently without irony, that "Emphasis on the obvious rather than elucidation of the obscure makes an Eisenhower talk something unique for a New York audience."<sup>63</sup> Ike was further criticized for his frequent absences on speaking tours or at golf links; for delegating most of his functions; for allowing his two military aides, Kevin McCann and Robert Schulz, to bar entry to all but the most favored members of the university to his office; and for valuing athletic above academic pursuits. For his part, Ike was irritated by excessive discussion and minimal action, maintaining that "Even in a University some things must stay decided." He resented undergraduate hostility to his views, and once threatened to boycott commencement ceremonies on account of their insubordination. He disliked raising funds, which he was expected to do. He found the work strange and bewildering. He complained of having an "appalling" schedule when he had hoped to "relax a bit," though Mamie was amazed by how much time he could spare for leisurely meals and

Backward into the Limelight 201  
games of bridge. It was generally agreed, in fact, that his appointment had been "a mistake" from all points of view.<sup>64</sup>

This was not entirely the case. Mamie had never seen her husband in better spirits. According to Kevin McCann, Ike had "a ball" at Columbia, making more friends in his two and a half years there than he had made in the whole of the rest of his life.<sup>65</sup> Most people at the university were, in turn, beguiled by Ike's charm. He had the ability to come into a crowded room, it was said, and give each person there a sense that he was smiling at him, or more especially, at her. When he was introduced to someone he seemed to radiate warmth and to study the face of that person with flattering intensity. At least one witness reckoned that there was nothing behind this mode of greeting except a natural flair for public relations and that new faces scarcely registered with Ike.<sup>66</sup> However, few could resist his animal magnetism. As for Ike himself, according to the secretary of the university, Frank D. Fackenthal, he "finally got over what I think was an inferiority complex about Professors. . . . By the time he left, he felt the University was home."<sup>67</sup>

Furthermore, Ike took initiatives which, although sometimes an embarrassment to those on the campus, augmented Columbia's wealth and prestige. Most notable among them was the American Assembly, a forum in which prominent citizens could discuss major issues of the day with the cloistered scholars of Columbia at a beautiful estate on the Hudson River, Arden House, donated by Averell Harriman. This was suspected of being a distinctly reactionary project, as was Ike's establishment of a "chair of Competitive [sic] Enterprise."<sup>68</sup> But the same could not be said of his program for the Conservation of Human Resources, his new Engineering Center, his Nutrition Center, or his Institute of War and Peace Studies. The last was the result of Ike's observation that, although millions of dollars were spent annually to cure cancer and tuberculosis, "no money had been provided for study or research of the greatest killer of them all—war."<sup>69</sup> Ike also raised large sums of money, increased endowments, and balanced Columbia's budget. By September 1949 he could report to a friend, "Compared to last year, it is my impression that there is a comforting hum of activity and forward-looking planning going on around this place."<sup>70</sup> In many respects the wholly unintellectual and partially absentee president had contributed to that hum.

It can scarcely be maintained, though, that Ike was cut out to be a university president. He was, paradoxically, too small and too big a man. His friends chaffed him for sounding like the secretary of a chamber of commerce in his new role. Yet he was also such a large

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In a message dated 10/18/2000 1:16:48 PM US Mountain Standard Time, squishy@altavista.com writes:

<< I have just discovered that two of three letters sent to President Eisenhower by Leonard Stringfield were sent to the secret service. >>

Probably routine when either the sender, the subject matter or both are "questionable." Nothing unusual in that.

Peter

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Richard Bissel Oral Nov. 9, 76

- Started in 53 with Mutual Security Agency
- CIA in 54 first major project U-2. (Guatemala operation)

Dr. Thomas Leapes

P.21 Based on his background in military intelligence taught to evaluate a piece of information or directive on two scales

- 1) how reliable is the source
- 2) how believable is the information

Bissel June 5 - 67 Ed Edwin

Questions Hagdinn  
Toner notes  
alpha Major Donald  
Hayhoe

MURDO

Gerald Light goes with

Franklin Allen Hearst papers  
Edwin NORSE BROOKING<sup>1957</sup> (

PPF "dentists"

need Hagarty's ~~papers~~ press conference.

- ✓ Check claim of Hoffman invitation
- record of Weds Hagarty press conference. (Wed Feb-17)
- check Daniel Zanuck reporting on reds.
- ✓ Check Margaret Chase Smith Senator from Maine

✓ Pull Baughman, Urbanus (U.S. Secret Service) Thomas Stephens (App. Security)  
Mamie Eisenhower diary ✓ request oral as well  
Killian Oral History

July 28, 1950.

Quarles to Major Gen D. M. Schlatter

Chairman of Geophysics and Geography Committee is  
Dr. W. E. Weather, Geological Survey, Department  
of Interior

Rees called Paul Hoffman April 1

Interview

Swan - Alpha file

Would have paid the dentist

DDE Diary Feb 1954.

no letter to dentist

Chief of US Secret Service 1953-1971

Baughman, Urbanus

In Secret Service File Admin Series DDE, Paper of President  
Box 33 none of the files withdrawn have been put back in.

Bedell Smith resigns Aug 18. 54

## MS-12 document series

The archivist compiled a list of "UFO Sources at NLE" It includes 5 insignificant references to documents found in the Eisenhower Library files.

At the bottom of the sheet the archivist includes "Alleged Incidents involving DDE and UFOs." Item #1 of two discussed is the alleged NOV. 18, 1952.

briefing of DDE by members of MS-12. The archivist concludes "UFO crowd is circulating a fake briefing document alleging that DDE was briefed at the Pentagon on MS-12, the alleged secret government operation on UFOs."

According to the scenario set up by the room monitor the DDE Library may know for a fact the MS-12 briefing document is phoney, because they know where the real one ~~is~~ was transferred.

The rules according to the monitor in the research area is

1) They are to say they don't have "the document (as in my case) any documents. The monitor insisted to me "I would be telling the truth."

2) Those handling documents are not allowed to "reveal transfers." "You shouldn't have been given that transfer ~~transfer~~ sheet" (as in my case)

PPF 1-F-23

President granted no interviews

offered visit to 3<sup>rd</sup> Army Headquarters & Training Base  
headquarters for General George Patton for African Desert  
Warfare Training

DDE sent many thank-yous

"The Villager" Palm Springs George Wheeler

## CUTLER MEMO SHOWN TO BE A FAKE

Due to the renewed interest in MJ-12 in recent months, we have decided to share with our readers a fascinating Reference Report from the National Archives in Washington, D.C., dated July 22nd, 1987. You see, the only MJ-12 document actually found in an archives instead of appearing from an unknown source, was the so-called Cutler Memo. It was supposedly found by either William Moore or his friend Jaime Shandera, or both. If it were to be proven genuine, this could be considered proof that a mysterious UFO-related group called MJ-12 actually did/does exist. But alas, this memo is not even a little bit genuine!

The memo in question is from Robert Cutler to General Nathan Twining, dated July 14th, 1954. This was during the Eisenhower administration. The document mentions a meeting of the National Security Council which Twining attended, and where MJ-12 was discussed. Unfortunately, Cutler was out of the country at the time, and there is no record of any NSC meeting on the date this meeting was supposed to have occurred!

There are numerous other problems, of which ten are listed in this Report. It appears that a sincere effort was made by the government to find any other MJ-12 reference whatsoever in governmental files, but none could be found. Obviously the Cutler Memo was placed in the National Archives, by someone with a motive to do so. Who could that possibly be? ...