

quarters in Washington to the Kirtland AFB office concerning UFO photos taken by Bennewitz. One sentence stated, "The official U.S. Government policy and results of Project Aquarius is still classified Top Secret with no dissemination outside official intelligence channels and with restricted access to 'MJ Twelve.'" It was the first mention of Project Aquarius and MJ-12. In 1982, Moore worked with reporter Robert Pratt in a plan to publish information concerning Project Aquarius as a novel.

Next came another incredible document, nine pages of a presidential "Executive Briefing" that stated, "This document was prepared by MJ12." Moore said he was allowed to photograph a copy of these documents after being summoned to Maryland by unnamed government agents. UFO researcher Linda Moulton Howe said she too was shown the document—or one very similar—on April 9, 1983, by Sergeant Doty in the Kirtland AFB AFOSI office.

According to these briefing papers:

Only MJ-12 has access to Project Aquarius.

Project Aquarius was created in 1959 by order of President Eisenhower and placed under the control of the National Security Council and MJ-12.

Project Aquarius was funded by nonappropriated confidential CIA money.

The purpose of the project was to "collect all scientific, technological, medical and intelligence information from UFO/IAC (Identified Alien Crafts) sightings, and contacts with Alien Life forms."

Information gained through Project Aquarius was used to advance the United States Space Program.

"In 1947 an aircraft of extraterrestrial origin crashed in the desert of New Mexico. The craft was recovered by the military, four Alien—non-homo-sapiens—bodies were recovered in the wreckage."

"In late 1949 another Alien aircraft crashed in the United States and was recovered partially intact by the military. One Alien of extraterrestrial origin survived the crash. The surviving Alien was male and called itself, 'EBE.' This being came from a planet in the Zeta Reticula star system, approximately 40 light years from Earth. EBE

During the time period EBE was alive, he provided valuable information regarding space technology, origins of the Universe, and exobiological matters."

Beginning in 1947, the U.S. Air Force began a series of programs to determine if these aliens posed a threat to national security. This program operated under the code names Sign, Grudge, and Blue Book. These programs determined that 90 percent of an estimated twelve thousand analyzed reports were considered hoaxes, explainable aerial phenomena, or natural astronomical objects with 10 percent considered "legitimate Alien sightings and/or incidents."

In 1953, President Eisenhower ordered a parallel reporting and study program begun under the name Project Gleem, which then became Project Aquarius in 1966.

In 1958, an abandoned but operational UFO was recovered in Utah that provided a large amount of technological data, only some of which scientists could understand.

In 1966, the United States established contact with aliens and "felt relatively sure the Aliens' exploration of Earth was non-aggressive and non-hostile . . . [and] did not directly threaten the security of the United States."

Project Blue Book was conducted to "satisfy public curiosity, and when it was closed in December 1969, "Project Aquarius continued operation under control of NSC/MJ12."

"MJ12 feels confident the Aliens are on an exploration of our solar system for peaceful purposes" but it was decided to "observe and track" the aliens in secret.

The living alien, EBE, stated "that 2,000 years ago his ancestor planted a human creature on Earth to assist the inhabitants of Earth in developing a civilization. This information was only vague and the exact identity or background information on this homo-sapien was not obtained. Doubtless, if this information was released to the public, it would cause worldwide panic."

A program was developed "for a gradual release of information over a period of time in order to condition the public for future disclosure."

Mr. Gordon Gray, assistant secretary of the army in 1947, became secretary of the army in 1949 and a year later was named a special assistant on national security affairs to President Truman. According to one source, Gray directed a psychological strategy board consulted by CIA director Walter B. Smith in regards to UFOs.

Dr. Donald Menzel, as a director of the Harvard College Observatory, was a respected astronomer. He also became a widely known debunker of UFOs after writing three books in which he explained away most reports and dismissed others, saying, "All non-explained sightings are from poor observers."

Gen. Robert M. Montague was base commander at the Sandia Atomic Energy Commission facility in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from July 1947 to February 1951. Researchers believe Montague undoubtedly would have known about any crashed saucer at Roswell.

Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner worked under Vannevar Bush as executive secretary of the Joint Research and Development Board in 1946 and headed a study that resulted in the creation of the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group. Berkner also was a member of the 1952 CIA-sponsored panel headed by Dr. H. P. Robertson that concluded that UFOs did not constitute any direct threat to national security.

These distinguished men appeared to have two things in common—they were all connected to the highest levels of the military and national security and they were all dead at the time the MJ-12 papers surfaced and thus unable to answer any questions about their role, if any, in such a group.

For more than a decade, various UFO researchers have tried to establish the authenticity of the MJ-12 documents. As debunker Philip Klass declared, "Either [the documents] are the biggest news story of the past two millennia or one of the biggest cons ever attempted against the public."

Any attempt to determine the validity of the MJ-12 documents must begin with a look at UFO researcher William L. Moore. In 1979, Moore, a former high school English teacher turned novelist, authored a book entitled *The Philadelphia Experiment* with Charles Berlitz, which for him began a serious interest in UFOs. In 1980 he and Berlitz published *The Roswell Incident*, one of the better investigative efforts on the story at that time and a popular success. While

operative by government agents. His primary contact was a man he would only identify as the Falcon. Falcon told Moore he represented a group within intelligence who wanted to get truth about UFOs to the public and offered to help Moore if he would help them. Moore agreed, hoping this contact would lead him to more solid UFO information. Soon Falcon put Moore in touch with Master Sgt. Richard C. Doty with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, and Moore was given his first undercover assignment.

It involved investigating the strange activities of Dr. Paul Bennewitz, a physicist who was president of a small Albuquerque electronics firm. Bennewitz previously had reported to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), of which Moore was a director, that he had monitored audio transmissions from UFOs with equipment he designed and even captured UFOs on film. Bennewitz said his studies—which he called "Project Beta"—had convinced him that aliens were controlling certain people by implanting tiny devices in their body during an abduction. Moore went to Albuquerque to meet with Bennewitz after the AFOSI asked him to evaluate the man's claims. Bennewitz maintained his UFO monitoring had disclosed that two types of extraterrestrials were active on Earth—peaceful "white" or "blond" aliens who wanted to help mankind and the more sinister "grey" aliens who were behind cattle mutilations and human abductions. He added that certain people within the U.S. government had met with the "greys" and had agreed to allow them to build an underground base in New Mexico in return for advanced space and weapons technology. Bennewitz said this relationship had deteriorated and that open warfare appeared imminent.

Reporting back to Falcon through Doty, Moore said he learned that for almost three years AFOSI agents had been conducting a "disinformation" campaign against Bennewitz. This involved giving Bennewitz "official" documents detailing the alleged alien-government contacts through a variety of sources. This was designed to "systematically confuse, discourage and discredit" Bennewitz, Moore said. Bennewitz was lured deeper into an investigation of underground bases and mind control that took him away from his surveillance of UFOs and their transmissions.

For four years, Moore watched as Bennewitz's mental and emotional state deteriorated until he was hospitalized with a breakdown. He may have even contributed to Bennewitz's decline, since it was Moore who in February 1981 gave Bennewitz a pre-Majestic-12 document known as the "Project Aquarius Telex."

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In 1983, Bill Moore Reportedly Discussed Possible Use of Bogus MJ-12
Type Documents To Encourage New Roswell Witnesses To Speak Out

On April 16, 1983 -- less than two years before William L. Moore and Jaime Shandera claim they received the 'Top Secret/Eyes Only' MJ-12 documents from an unknown source -- Moore reportedly sought the reaction of his friend Brad Sparks, a respected UFO researcher, to the idea of creating such counterfeit government documents. Sparks strongly recommended against it. Later, when Sparks called Stanton T. Friedman he was shocked to discover that Friedman defended Moore's idea.

Moore explained to Sparks that his and Friedman's efforts to locate persons who had been involved in (alleged) crashed-saucer recovery operations in New Mexico, and subsequent related events, had run into a dead end. During the April 16, 1983, meeting in Berkeley, Calif., Moore suggested that counterfeit government documents containing crashed-saucer information could be used to induce former military personnel to speak out and ignore their secrecy oaths. Sparks urged Moore not to resort to bogus documents, pointing out that if they contained any factual errors, this would identify the documents as counterfeit to those privy to the true facts. This, Sparks warned, could ruin Moore's reputation.

SUN first learned of Sparks' involvement in mid-1991 but he was reluctant to speak out. Subsequent events have overcome his reluctance. These include limited disclosure of Moore's idea of creating bogus documents by Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt in their 1994 book, "The Truth About The UFO Crash At Roswell." In a brief chapter debunking the MJ-12 papers, the book reports: "According to Friedman, among others, Moore had suggested as early as 1982 that he wanted to create Roswell documents, thinking that it might open doors that were closed."

Moore's idea may have been inspired by Sgt. Richard Doty, then assigned to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) at Kirtland Air Force Base, in Albuquerque N.M., with whom Moore developed a close friendship in the early 1980s. Doty was "involved"

an AFOSI post in West Germany and assigned to counter-intelligence work. Within two years Doty was dismissed from AFOSI for turning in bogus claims about his activities. He spent the last two years before retirement serving as the manager of the mess hall for noncommissioned officers at Kirtland AFB [SUN #7/Jan. 1991].

_BOGUS DUTY TELETYPE INTRODUCES TERM "MJ TWELVE" _

So far as is known to SUN, the term "MJ Twelve" first appeared on a one-page "Secret" teletype message involving UFO photos, dated Nov. 17, 1980, which Doty provided to Moore in early 1981. (This was roughly four years before Shandera reportedly received the MJ-12 roll of film in a brown wrapper postmarked "Albuquerque.") Moore showed a copy of this Doty teletype to Sparks and UFOlogist Kal Korff on Jan. 17, 1982. Several months later, after Moore was hired as a consultant for a UFO program for station KPIX-TV in San Francisco, he provided the TV show producer with a copy. [Subsequent investigation by researcher Robert Todd in early 1983 revealed the teletype message that Doty had provided was bogus.]

During the April 16, 1983, meeting with Sparks, Moore briefly discussed a "Top Secret" Project Aquarius document which was cryptically mentioned in the Doty-provided teletype message. But it was not until their meeting on Oct. 19, 1984, that Moore showed Sparks several pages of a heavily censored Project Aquarius document, dated June 14, 1977, which appeared to be a UFO briefing for the President -- then Jimmy Carter. The cover page carried the following notation: "ATTENTION: THIS DOCUMENT WAS PREPARED BY MJ12 [sic]. MJ12 IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS SUBJECT MATTER." The second sheet read: "(TS/-ORCON) The information contained in this document is classified TOP SECRET with ORCON (Only the originator may release the information). Only MJ12 has access to Project Aquarius. No other government agency, to include the military, has access to the information contained in this briefing. There are only two copies of Project Aquarius and the location is known only to MJ12. This document will be destroyed after the briefing. No notes, photographs or audio recordings may be made of this briefing. [Emphasis added.]

The Moore/Shandera report of 1990, offering their assessment of the authenticity of the MJ-12 papers, gave the following account of how Moore had obtained the Aquarius document: "In early March of 1983, Moore received a telephone call telling him that some information was going to be made available to him but that he would have to go and pick it up. 'You will be receiving some instructions,' the caller said. 'You must follow them carefully or the deal is off.' After making a cloak-and-dagger trip across the country, Moore ended up in a motel on the edge of a mid-sized city in upstate New York. At precisely 5:00 P. M., according to the arrangement, an individual came to the door of Moore's room bearing a sealed brown manila envelope. 'You have exactly 19 minutes,' the person said. 'You may do whatever you wish with this material during the time, but at the end of that time, I must have it back. After that, you are free to do whatever you wish.' Inside the envelope were 11 pages of what purported to be a Top Secret/Orcon document entitled 'Executive Briefing: Subject: Project Aquarius.' and bearing the date of June 14, 1977. 'May I photograph this?' Moore asked; 'May I read it into a tape recorder?' The courier, who stood quietly in the corner of the room the entire time, replied: 'Both are permitted. You have 17 minutes remaining.'

According to Moore, he took photographs of each of the 11 pages

using light from the motel room lamp and then read the text into his tape recorder "taking care to read in the word 'line' at the end of each line, as well as verbally noting punctuation marks, etc. so that a complete reconstruction of the text could be made in the proper format should the photos not turn out. (They did, but all were of low contrast and, although legible, some were moderately out [of] focus as well.) When time was up, the courier collected the pages, carefully counted them, replaced them in the original manila envelope, and left."

SGT. DOTY SHOWS SAME AQUARIUS DOCUMENT TO ANOTHER RESEARCHER

UFO/Cattle Mutilation researcher, Linda Moulton Howe says she saw some of the same Project Aquarius papers several weeks later, on April 9, 1983, during her visit to Albuquerque to meet with Sgt. Doty. According to Ms. Howe, "Agent Doty said I was being shown the briefing paper because the government intended to release to me several thousand feet of color and black-and-white film taken between 1947 and 1964 showing crashed UFO discs and extraterrestrial bodies as historic footage to be included in the Home Box Office documentary [which Howe hoped to produce], supported with official government confirmation." Howe never got the (alleged) films.

When Ms. Howe's account was published in the December 1978 issue of Just Cause newsletter, Doty wrote its editor, Barry Greenwood, to flatly deny her report. Ms. Howe responded by submitting an affidavit attesting to the veracity of her account. Doty refused to do the same. Doty's letter of Mar. 3, 1988, published in the June 1988 issue of Just Cause, concluded: "I know of no secret Government investigation of UFOs. I have never heard of MJ-12 or any secret Government agency that investigates UFO." Although Doty claims he had "never heard of MJ-12," "MJ Twelve" was mentioned in the bogus teletype message he provided to Moore.

MOORE CLAIMS THAT HIS TOP WASHINGTON-BASED INTELLIGENCE SOURCE, CODE NAME "FALCON," SELECTED SGT. DOTY -- BASED IN ALBUQUERQUE -- TO SERVE AS HIS LIAISON/COURIER TO TRANSMIT SENSITIVE UFO DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION TO MOORE. (IT IS SURPRISING THAT "FALCON" COULD NOT FIND A COURIER BASED IN WASHINGTON WHICH WOULD BE MUCH MORE CONVENIENT.) IF MOORE'S CLAIM THAT HE, "FALCON" AND DOTY PERIODICALLY MET IN ALBUQUERQUE IS TRUE, THEN DOTY'S STATEMENT THAT HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY "SECRET GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION OF UFOs" IS A LIE. IF, HOWEVER, DOTY WAS BEING TRUTHFUL IN HIS LETTER TO GREENWOOD, THEN MOORE'S "FALCON" CLAIM IS A LIE.

(There is good reason to believe that "Falcon" -- Moore's highly placed intelligence official -- was really Sgt. Doty -- although both Moore and Doty deny it.)

_MOORE USES UFO-RESEARCHER LEE GRAHAM AS HIS "LEAKER-CONDUIT" _

In May of 1985 -- approximately five months after Shandera (allegedly) received the MJ-12 papers on a roll of undeveloped film and nearly two years before they were made public by Moore, Friedman and Shandera -- Moore showed the MJ-12 papers to his friend Lee M. Graham, of Monrovia, Calif. Graham, a credulous UFO researcher, held a "Secret" clearance because of his job as a technician with Aerojet's ElectroSystems Div., working on the sensors used for the USAF's satellites designed to detect the launch of enemy ballistic missiles. On June 17, 1985, Graham made a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Dept. Of Energy in Washington in which he briefly discussed Majestic 12 cited the (alleged) President Truman

letter of Sept. 18, 1947, which created MJ-12, and even listed the names of its 12 members. (Graham erred, the Truman letter was dated Sept. 24, 1947; the Eisenhower briefing document was dated Nov. 18, 1952.)

Graham typically distributes many copies of his many FOIA letters to other UFOlogists, and so many rumors began to circulate about new "Top Secret/Eyes Only" MJ-12 papers which seemingly confirmed the Roswell crashed-saucer incident. These rumors reached Barry Greenwood, editor of the Just Cause UFO newsletter and in mid-October he made contact with Graham. As a result, the December 1985 issue of the newsletter became the first UFO publication to discuss MJ-12 and to list its 12 members, along with a biography for each. (The same issue of Just Cause included a copy of the "Doty teletype message," but Greenwood cautioned readers that its authenticity had not been verified.)

One important document that Moore did not show Graham was a one-page "Top Secret" memo, allegedly written by Robert Cutler, Special Assistant to President Eisenhower, on July 14, 1954, which referred to a "MJ-12 Special Studies Project." Moore and Shandera later claimed they found an unsigned carbon copy of this memo in July of 1985 during the visit to the National Archives in Washington. Allegedly, the White House memo was found in a carton of recently declassified USAF intelligence documents. (Subsequent investigation showed that Cutler was out of the country on the date the memo allegedly was written.)

HOW MOORE ALMOST GOT "SCOOPED" IN RELEASE OF MJ-12 PAPERS

SUN suspects that Moore's strategy for exploiting the MJ-12 papers was the following; he would publish snippets of information from the papers in his newsletter, FOCUS, attributing the information to his alleged high-intelligence sources. Later he would release the MJ-12 papers which seemed to authenticate the information from his (alleged) sources. Then Moore would be free to report any fanciful tale and attribute it to these sources. However, the MJ-12 papers were self-serving because they seemly (sic) confirmed the Roswell crashed-saucer scenario in the Berlitz/Moore book, with a few additions such as recovery of four ET bodies. If the MJ-12 papers had (allegedly) been sent only to Moore, via his associate Shandera, this might prompt suspicions that Moore had created them.

An attractive solution to this problem emerged in late May of 1986 -- a year before the MJ-12 papers were made public -- when Moore was visited by Timothy Good, a British UFOlogist who was in the U.S. to attend a UFO conference in Arizona and to gather material for his book "Above Top Secret," which would be published in July of 1987. If the MJ-12 papers were published in Britain in Good's new book shortly after Moore's release in the U.S., this would help divert suspicion that Moore might be involved in their creation. And the MJ-12 papers would achieve international fame very quickly.

In late May of 1986, Lee Graham and his wife were invited to have dinner with Moore and Good at a restaurant in Tujunga, Calif. At dinner, Moore and Good made guarded quips about MJ-12. Later, Good ordered a carafe of wine and proposed a toast -- but he did not disclose the reason for the toast and Graham opted not to ask.

Later, Graham said he learned that "the toast was for the simultaneous release of the MJ-12 documents in England and the U.S."

Moore and Friedman were scheduled to be featured speakers at the 24th Annual National UFO Conference, which Moore was sponsoring, to be held in mid-June in Burbank, Calif. Advanced conference publicity said that they "will reveal some very startling material." With Good's book scheduled for publication in July, Moore could be the first to reveal MJ-12 papers in mid-June and Good's book would soon follow to provide independent corroboration. However, Good's publisher decided to hold a press conference on May 29 and to feature the book's MJ-12 papers. Apparently, Good did not inform Moore of this until a few days before the London conference. Moore was running late in getting out the next issue of FOCUS, dated April 30, 1987, partially due to work associated with his upcoming UFO conference. But he managed to release the MJ-12 papers to the U.S. media on May 28 -- one day before Good.

The MJ-12 papers received widespread media coverage, including The New York Times and The Washington Post. They were featured on ABC-TV's popular "Nightline" program with host Ted Koppel interviewing Stanton Friedman and SUN's editor.

Evidence that the timing of Good's press conference came as a surprise to Moore is found in the contents of the April 30 issue of FOCUS. It opened with an article in which Moore claimed he had "succeeded in establishing a cooperative relationship with a number of well-placed contacts within the American intelligence community....The information contained in the following pages corroborates information provided us verbally during meetings with these contacts. Assurances have been given that additional information can be made available to us over the next several months. This information is being shared with the UFO community, and through them, ultimately with the public at large...in the hope it will assist in setting the stage for additional information to come." This was followed by three very heavily censored pages from the Eisenhower briefing with all mention of MJ-12 blacked out.

The fact that Moore released complete, unexpurgated MJ-12 papers only a day or two after FOCUS went into the mail indicates that he was surprised by the timing of the press conference for Good's book. The next issue of FOCUS, dated Sept. 1, was largely devoted to MJ-12, but there was no mention of Good's new book.

GOOD CREDITS AN AMERICAN WITH GOOD INTELLIGENCE CONTACTS

At Good's press conference, when asked how he had obtained the MJ-12 papers, he replied that he had obtained them "from a reliable American source who has close connections with the intelligence community," according to a front page story in the May 31 edition of the London Observer. Later, both Good and Moore would deny that Moore was that American source.

Moore's one-page press release of May 28 which accompanied the MJ-12 papers, including the Cutler memo, had the following disclaimer: "Although we are not in a position to endorse its authenticity at this time, it is our considered opinion, based on research and interviews conducted thus far, that the document and its contents appear to be genuine." [Emphasis in original.]

Although Moore had not been scheduled to speak at the annual MUFON conference, held in Washington in late June, he was a last-minute addition and delivered a lengthy report on the MJ-12 papers at the conference banquet. Moore concluded his talk with the following:



Another 'flying peanut'?

Following is a letter to Bruce Maccabee from MUFON investigator John Thompson of Georgia:

Just got through reading your article in the January issue on the 'Flying peanut'/double UFO video seems to be authentic." I must say that a UFO photo taken by a retired police chief and his family in LaGrange, GA, in February 1997 seems to be the exact same UFO. Indeed if you take the dark somewhat superimposed looking church cross away on page 5 in the *MUFON UFO Journal*, it could be the same photo!

I also noticed that you say that the 7/2/98 Ticonderoga, NY, photo was taken by "upstanding citizens of the community...[and] are employed in law-enforcement." Another eerie coincidence. A video of the retired police chief telling of his family's sighting along with the UFO photo taken by his wife was sent to Jeff Sainio, Tom Sheets (MUFON of Georgia's present state director), and George Filer in September of 1997. A copy of the photo and report were also sent to Walt Andrus soon after (but not video). If you will go to www.isur.com, you can see the photo and case copy, complete with Jeff's analysis that has been posted since October of 1997.

The angle of the UFO image in the *MUFON UFO Journal* and shown at [isur's](http://isur.com) website is even the same. Now it is possible that both parties saw an airplane with the wing showing up in the middle, but not seen by any of the witnesses, but two of the LaGrange witnesses said there were two UFOs to begin with and one of them displayed great motion, at great speeds, ruling out an airplane. Their two UFOs "met" in an inverted V fashion before one departed and the remaining one was photographed.

I would love to see a copy of the video taken in New York, complete with audio. In return I'll be glad to send a copy of my witness' interview and photo. Of course, Jeff Sainio and George Filer and Tom Sheets have this also, and I'm sure would give you a copy.

I considered this, by the way, as one of my best cases because of the reputation of the witnesses; a retired police chief with a masters degree; his wife; the photographer and working for the State of Georgia; and their grown daughter, a former 911 dispatcher and married presently to a LaGrange police sergeant. Also because they said they had an off-duty FBI photoanalyst who examined the photo and declared it a genuine unknown. I'm sure because of the similari-

ties of these photos, that Jeff must have brought this up with you in your consultation with him on the NY UFO video.

Proving the MJ-12 documents?

From: "Sid Fiber" <dataVoid@hotmail.com>

(Background: This is an open letter to Dr. Bob Wood and his son Ryan Wood, who are attempting to authenticate the validity of the MJ-12. These documents allegedly document the US government's efforts to conceal the discovery of extraterrestrial beings and crafts during the 1940s.)

Dear Dr. Wood,

If Truman, Bush, Einstein, and others authored the Majestic 12 documents, then the methods of forensic-linguistics will conclusively prove it. Several years ago, Dr. Donald Foster of Vassar College devised a brilliant statistical method for determining the authorship of a document that he has since applied in dozens of court cases requiring verification of document authorship.

In 1996, Foster successfully pegged Joe Klein as the anonymous author of *Primary Colors*, the tell-all White House novel. Also, at the request of the FBI, Dr. Foster conclusively verified that Unabomber suspect Ted Kaczynski had indeed authored his invective manifesto.

Foster first gained prominence by successfully applying his technique to solve an age-old mystery surrounding the acting roles of Shakespeare. His breakthrough—hailed by Elizabethan scholars and computer scientists, alike—was to assume that even Shakespeare was prone to linguistic habits which revealed themselves through statistical comparison.

Clearly, Dr. Wood, if you were to apply Dr. Foster's technique to the MJ-12 documents, you will be a giant step closer to conclusively verifying the authorship of these intriguing documents. If you're interested, you can contact him at foster@vassar.edu or call Vassar at extension x5634. Thank you and good luck.

— Sid Fiber

UFO PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

The following books are still available from MUFON that you may have missed. "Final Report on the America West Airline Case" by Walter N. Webb, \$10.00 plus \$1.50 p/h; "UFO-Related Human Physiological Effects" by John F. Schuessler, \$15.00 plus \$2.00 p/h; "Project 1947: A Preliminary Report on the 1947 UFO Sighting Wave" by Jan L. Aldrich, \$20.00 plus \$2.00 p/h; and "MUFON UFO Journal & Skylook - An index 1967-1996" by Edward G. Stewart, \$59.95 plus \$3.50 p/h. MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Rd., Seguin, Texas 78155-4099. (Check, money order, travelers checks or cash in US dollars.)

Another look at Majestic

By Dr. Robert M. Wood and Ryan S. Wood

The hunt for a genuine U.S. Government document that shows the use of MJ-12 is over. The breakthrough comes from the FOIA effort of Tim Cooper, shown as Figure 1. This document, released by the CIA, is from the Paperclip files, Record Group 330, JIOA files, released Nov. 7, 1985. It is a memo from Hillenkoetter on 12 April 49 to the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency (JIOA) and the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) that, while otherwise unclassified, shows file distribution to a CIA Top Secret control file and to MJ-12. This is unambiguous evidence that there was such a project. To our knowledge, this is the first and only FOIA-released document designating MJ-12. A censor has lined through the distribution block, but did not obliterate it.



Dr. Robert Wood

Provenance of the documents

We are dealing with documents from multiple sources. In two instances, we have an original. Skeptics who casually assert that anyone can fake anything, especially with today's computers, are off base. The simple-minded focus by skeptics on provenance is a huge over-simplification of the problems and techniques of authentication process. For example, if you are at an antique show and an old English dresser has provenance (records of possession over the years), that can add to the value. An expert recognizes the dresser for what it is and knows what signs to look for as indication that it is a replica, not genuine, with or without the provenance records. The same thing is true in the examination of questioned documents.

We recognize that the provenance is relevant. Documents with the caveat MAJIC, Majestic, or MJ-12 have been around since 1984 with the release of the Eisenhower Briefing Document in 1987 by Bill Moore. Since then, other documents have emerged under different circumstances. A summary of their provenance is given in Table 1. There are five different sources for the Majestic documents.

Background of document evaluation

From time to time Bob Wood corresponded with Stanton Friedman, who was very good about sending his research conclusions and passing on leads. Then, towards the end of December 1994, Stan requested permission from Don Berliner to let Bob have a look

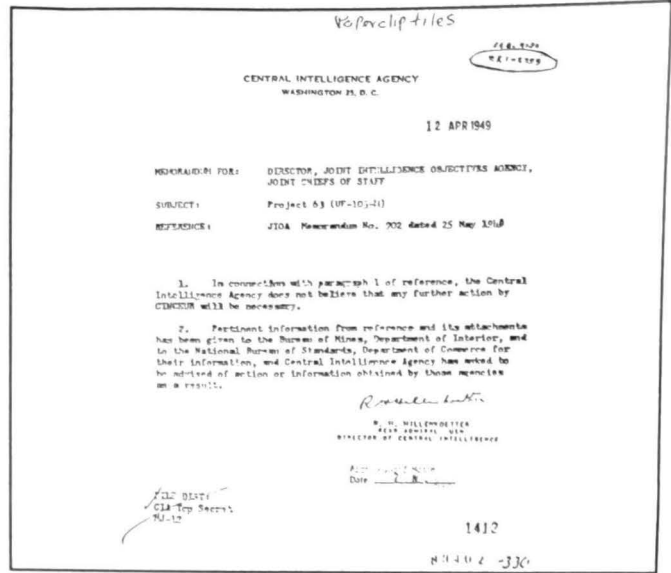


Figure 1: the reference to MJ-12

at the pages of the Special Operations Manual (SOM 1-01, 7 April 1954). Don had circulated SOM among a very limited group with the purpose of determining authenticity. In an attempt to read the words more clearly, he carefully keystroked the manual. Later, Don graciously lent his very best copies, and Bob made photographic enlargements of those and continued the replication of this manual. While doing this, Bob analyzed the factors that would determine fake versus genuine.

Stan decided to include part of the SOM in his 1996 book, *Top Secret/MAJIC*. While the publication had the positive aspect of reducing the secrecy of the document, the negative aspect was that the replication by the publisher was done carelessly, and included no discussion of authenticity. Because of this publication, a witness came forward to say that he had shredded both the EBD and SOM 1-01 while working in an admiral's office. The publication also led to Brian Parks finding identical UFOB reporting words in an FOIA document.

Then Stan sent Bob material that he received from Timothy Cooper, who said he had been receiving new documents in his post office box in Big Bear Lake, CA, beginning in 1992. Timothy already was a highly qualified, innovative UFO researcher, having filed many FOIA requests successfully, and had written a fascinating 300-page summary of what happened at White Sands Proving Ground (WSPG) in the summer of 1947. He also was the source of at least two of Len Stringfield's 1991 crash/retrieval reports. Stan Friedman spent many hours on the phone with Tim Cooper, concluding that several of his document copies probably were authentic in their original forms. Stan then contacted Bob, who lives in Southern California, urg-

ing him to visit with Timothy for closer evaluation.

On Sept. 24, 1996, Bob and his wife Charlotte met with Tim Cooper in his home at Big Bear Lake, CA. Tim said that he had communicated with leading people in the UFO field, but said, "You are the first person who ever took enough interest to come and see me." That first meeting was preliminary, and Tim had many things he wanted to say. He showed a copy of his 1947 WSPG piece and some of the source material.

Bob's interest in getting to the source material and getting past Tim's interpretation of what might have happened, even if it were correct, caused us to focus more on the papers obtained in the mailbox from his source, Thomas Cantwheel. Tim shared his reported unsuccessful attempts to learn the real identity of Cantwheel. Stan had sent us part of the Cooper-Cantwheel collection.

In subsequent visits Tim provided better copies and hunted through his files and found new documents Stan had not yet seen. Tim's filing system was not well-organized, understandably, given the tens of thousands of pages of FOIA material.

In the meantime, Bob's son and partner, Ryan S. Wood, expressed increasing interest in this subject. Ryan had had an independent decade-long interest in UFOs, and took the initiative to suggest that we might have the material and the skill to write a book. We became increasingly confident that the SOM 1-01 in its original form was genuine, having dealt satisfactorily and accurately with early objections to its authenticity. We became a partnership team, and told both Tim and Stan that was our plan, and sought permission

for selective use of the Cooper-Cantwheel collection for a book proposal. As a result, Ryan and Bob visited with Tim three more times, each time with focused questions, and each time leaving with more insight.

Fake versus genuine?

We had been thoroughly exposed to the authentication discussions surrounding the Eisenhower Briefing Documents and the attendant—and often not constructive—criticism the participants piled upon each other. It seemed to us that since all reasonable students have now concluded that there was a covert program by the U.S. to study and exploit UFOs, documentation of such a program is properly assumed to exist. The question is, were we looking at real documents or at faked and disinforming documents?

This problem is very analogous to one that Bob worked on during his earlier career with McDonnell Douglas: "How do you tell the difference between a reentry vehicle (RV) with a real warhead and a decoy designed to fool radar? The details are classified, but the principle was to establish "discriminants," measure their values, and compare the numbers with those expected for RVs and for decoys. Statistically, the answer pops out: "the probability is ten to the minus three that is a real RV."

To use a technique like this, one turns to document authentication methods used by professional questioned document examiners. Whether one is trying to authenticate someone's will, the Dead Sea Scrolls, or old UFO records, the techniques and principles are known, proven and applicable. Generally, they are (1) provenance, (2) assessment of original (3) typography and chirography (including signatures), (4) chronol-

Table 1. This table summarizes the provenance of each of the five sources of Majestic Documents, all of which include allusions to MJ, MAJIC, or Majestic.

<i>Document</i>	<i>No pp</i>	<i>Receipt Date</i>	<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Nature of original</i>	<i>Origin of original</i>	<i>Our estimate of the real source and provenance</i>
Eisenhower Briefing Document	16	Dec 84	Jaime Shandera Mailbox	35 mm black and white film	Albuquerque Postmark	Photography suggests professionalism. Possibly completely genuine but intentionally deceptive, or possibly an intentional leak to the Soviets.
Cutler-Twining Memo	1	Jul 85	Bill Moore, Jaime Shandera	Period onion skin paper, red declassification slash	Rec Gr 341, Box 189, between folders	This authentic piece may have been made easy to locate to ensure acceptance of the Eisenhower Briefing Document.
Thirteen document sets (See Table 2)	59	1992-1996	Timothy Cooper	Copies left on five different occasions	U.S.P.O. Box combination mailbox	Thomas Cantwheel claimed to be the source in a letter and extensive conversation with Cooper. Cantwheel is alias for the CIC agent who picked Cooper, then leaked documents.
Special Operations Manual 1-01	24	7 Mar 94	Don Berliner	Undeveloped 35 mm black and white film	La Crosse WI postmark	Mailed with a meter from a pharmacy. The hands of photographer show clearly. The purloiner probably can be identified by using analysis, interviews.
DCI to JIOA and JCS	1	?	Timothy Cooper	Xerox copy, noticed in 1998	FOIA request by Cooper	The Subject is Project 63, a Paperclip topic, but file distribution shows CIA Top Secret MJ-12

Table 2. This chronological listing identifies many of the documents obtained from Timothy Cooper and identifies some critical content.

<i>Date and Document</i>	<i>No. pp.</i>	<i>Significance</i>
Jun 47 Einstein-Oppenheimer draft	6 draft	Consistent with direct dictation by Einstein of questions that Vannevar Bush asked him about relationships with inhabitant of celestial bodies. First use of the term EBF. Clearly a draft, uncorrected.
4 Jul 47 HPU Travel order	1 final	Sends a CIC unit to "Condron Field, N. M." Requests report by 28 Jul
8 Jul 47 Directive to Twining by Eisenhower	1 final	Authorizes Twining to go the WSIX Command Center for the "purpose of making an appraisal of the reported unidentified objects being kept there."
9 Jul 47 Directive to Twining by Truman	1 final	Exact same wording as above, but new typewriter and signed by Truman. Signature is being validated.
16 Jul 47 Air Accident Report by Twining	3 final	First three pages of the report by Twining on "Flying Discs."
22 Jul 47 CIC HPU report (Interplan. Phenom. Unit)	7 draft	Refers back to 4 Jul 47 order. Identifies autopsy medical officer Rae, death of three technicians handling EBFs. Rae's records are found, confirm credibility.
19 Sep 47 Hillenkoetter memo to Joint Intel. Comm.	1 draft	Cooper's copy published in Good's "Beyond Top Secret," page 467. First appearance of MAJIC as an acronym for document title. Unique RHH handwriting correcting "unknown" to "unidentified."
19 Sep 47 Twining's draft report	18 draft 1 final	Presents technical, scientific, political, and National Security considerations. Recommends Majestic Twelve be a fully funded, operational intelligence gathering agency.
25 Sep 47 Marshall and Humelsine Memo to Truman	1 final	Refers to MAJIC and MJ-12. Emphasizes that no indication of the contents of the Twining report be divulged to the public. Similar wording to authentic Wedemeyer document over secret phone, same date.
Est Early 48 Majestic Twelve Project "1 st Annual Report"	1 draft	Cover page to a report we presumably do not have. Titles of Panel participants are correct for early 1948. The title was "...to investigate the capture of unidentified platform space vehicles..."
Mid- 1952 summary report	16 draft	Provides a multi-year history of our investigation into background, problems and perspectives of the "other-world visitation." Succinct statements of problems in 13 technical and political areas.
28 Jun 61 JFK to Director of the CIA	1 final	Requests "review of MJ-12 intelligence operations."
12 Nov 63 JFK to CIA	1 draft	Handwriting says "Angleton has MJ directive" and is dated 11/20/63.

Table 3. Some of the skeptics' concerns are easier to deal with than others. We believe that constructive skepticism will ultimately establish the authenticity of most of these documents.

<i>Skeptical concern</i>	<i>Present best response</i>
There is no significant provenance.	See Table 1. Provenance is nice but sometimes not essential.
Use of the word "belief" implies an emotional position.	We want to find the truth. We have studied the documents more than anyone else so far. The words "consider" or "regard" are also perfectly good.
The use of the concept of a "zinger" is the equivalent of the "erosion of objectivity."	The evaluation of criteria other than provenance always recognizes a faker could be at work. We are just trying to assess how difficult it would have been for such a faker to have created whatever we are looking at. An exceptionally difficult item to have faked we elected to call a "zinger."
We are inconsistent with Friedman's TOP SECRET/MAJIC determinations of Cooper's material.	True. The authentication work is ongoing. Friedman may change his mind. We may change our mind. The logic processes, however, should be available for inspection. Friedman has excellent archive contacts and they are very helpful.
Fakers have lots of time to dig around archives, get the proper paper.	There can be extremely subtle differences between the genuine and the fake in language and style; the presence of incredibly arcane confirmed detail is very unlikely in a fake.
Since we did not discuss all the documents we have, it is a "cover-up."	We chose to not overload the community with documents of whose authenticity we are unsure.
A fatal flaw has been found in that the alleged disappearance of the New Zealand One-Fourth Regiment has been shown to be both incorrect and first published in the 60s. This ensures the whole document is fraudulent.	This will take a while to determine the correct evaluation. One reaction is that if the story surfaced in 1960s, might it have been lying around classified military sources earlier? The simplistic answer is that the author may have thought it was a true story, just being one of several. More basically, though, the presence of one flaw in a questioned document evaluation must be viewed in the context of perhaps dozens of other detailed checkable facts known to very few. We plan to show that this regiment disappearance story has been around long before the 60s.
The presence of numerous grammatical, punctuation and spelling errors strongly suggests fakery. This extrapolates to "the more errors, the more genuine it is."	Most of the pages we are seeing are unsigned, unfinished draft material (50 out of 59 pages). Technical people are not well known for their writing ability. It is incredible that a faker would permit so many errors. It is reasonable that one of the reasons we have them is that they were drafts, less well controlled by security than the final copies. Errors need to be placed in the context of the author and the typist, who may or may not be the same person.
Retro-virus was a word invented in the 70s. Thus, the 1952 report using it must be fake.	The modern usage of retrovirus has no hyphen. We have located a 1935 reference that uses the concept as a "retrograde" evolution of the virus. It is very likely that this precise word usage with the hyphen will be found in the literature, thereby reaffirming authenticity. Retro-virus is consistent with collegial usage of the time.

ogy, and (5) content analysis and authorship. By analogy, these are five “discriminants.”

Bob embraced this systematic methodology relative to SOM 1-01. The overwhelming conclusion, based on four years of work, was that this is a completely genuine document published for its stated purposes. We have an array of evidence in each of the five categories above that put the conclusion of a fake in a “wishful thinking” pile.

Clearly genuine

The authenticity of SOM 1-01 could be a topic of another article later. Such an article would clearly show the reasons why this document is clearly genuine in its original form. One row of Table 4, to be discussed later, summarizes arguments for SOM 1-01’s authenticity. We have dealt in detail with the five main criticisms of the SOM 1-01 in the available videotape and CD-ROM. (Order at 800-845-2151).

Table 2 shows thirteen documents of the Cooper-Cantwheel collection to which was also have applied discriminants in particular and the QD examination method in general.

Our book, *The Majestic Documents*, assembles the documents in chronological order and includes legible replicas of the original. In one case (25 Sep 47 Humelsine to Truman) similar language or phrases were available before the date of the document. This has caused naysayers to argue that they were surely faked. This “favoring fakery” as a principle of document authentication can not work unless one wishes to maintain a preconceived notion of what the answer should be. A fake document determination is incomplete unless accompanied by a rationale supporting fakery. Who was the target? What evidence supports a faker’s motivation, means, and opportunities?

The question of faking

Detractors claim that almost anything can be faked with the right software, and that the UFO records include many examples of faked documents. This is unsupportable on two counts: first, software tools would have to be available prior to the arrival of the document; second, where and what are examples of such faked documents?

A careful analysis of the typography, for example, shows that the famous Truman-Forrestal memo was created with a 1940 Underwood Standard—certainly not a computerized fake. We may suspect that “The Aquarius Documents” are fake, but to our knowledge they have not undergone a detailed investigation and were never claimed to be anything more than a re-type. We have shown, for example, that the Special Operations Manual includes, amongst other indicators, a few examples of a “raised z” that virtually guarantees the manual was prepared with a hot lead Monotype

printing machine of the period (1954). We always recognize that the faker could recondition an old machine, train an operator for several years to use it, slavishly follow the 1953 Style Manual for format, and voila! we have the fake. Generally, our analyses are oriented not to be absolute and unequivocal, but to show that the faker would have had to have access to equipment, knowledge, and sophistication levels that just become unbelievable.

In each of the categories, an examiner looks for discriminants and uses them to assess genuineness vs. fakery. The mere existence of one indicator of fakery (for example, a seemingly incorrect classification stamp) should never be enough to swing the conclusion, inasmuch as it, for one example among several, is not a discriminant by itself.

The skeptics speak

Over the years, Ryan and Bob have interacted selectively with other researchers whose goal, like ours, was to determine whether the documents were authentic or not. A list of these helpful people is mentioned in our CD-ROM and on our web site. Each usually focused on a specialized aspect of authenticity for a particular document at issue. These colleagues provided about 50 skeptical questions and concerns.

Recently, as part of Mr. Joseph Firmage’s Project Kairos Website (www.TheWordIsTruth.org) we chose to leverage his efforts and provide our documents in support of his vision. The Internet publication was alive with quick reaction criticisms and compliments. A recent critical review is found in a publication edited by Barry Greenwood. After deleting the cynical comment, rhetorical questions, and ad hominem arguments, we concluded that there were a few authenticity concerns raised that would interest all. Table 3 summarizes these concerns and provides the necessary clarity.

The 1st Annual Report discusses period issues, including biological warfare. This draft uses the then-coined word “retro-virus,” discussed in Table 3. The whole report is a casual draft, not a finished report. These drafter education and specialties inclined them to excessive use of hyphenization and word coning, typical of bureaucracies.

“Retro-virus” is but one among many, such as other-world, one-hundred, bio-medical, multi-layers, over-all, stand-by, micro-circuitry, low-power, electro-magnetic, high-temperature, electro-hydrodynamic, super-aerodyne, out-weighed, inter-active, mid-air, rocket-plane, X-plane, body-bag, air-borne, south-western, air-sea, near-miss, right-angle, and low-level.

Another point that needs to be clarified is our position on the authenticity of the Eisenhower Brief-

Table 4. Considerations other than provenance provide impressive authentication arguments. This is, in effect, a list of the requirements that a faker would have had to deal with in order to create the documents.

Date and Document	Content and Authorship	Type and Handwriting	Assessment of originals	Chronology
Jun 47 Oppenheimer -Einstein draft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literary criticism and analysis verifies Einstein as the sole author Content credible, not argumentative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Later classified by paste-on labels Bush's initials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xerography contrast reveals 8 x 10.5 size paper used during war 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Einstein was at Princeton at the time
4 Jul 47 IPU Field Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct style, format Correct military argot or "lingo" Consistent with other unclass. reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of G-2, Chamberlain's authorizing initial, "C" Manual typewriter of the period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 x 10.5 size paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent with published recollections of living eyewitnesses
8 Jul 47 Directive to Twining by Eisenhower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizationally correct distribution Correct "Courier" language No faker would know Sandia was AEC facility 8 Jul; dispute settled days before 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authentic Eisenhower signature Period manual typewriter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xerox copies reveal 8 x 10.5 size paper Type distortion suggest onionskin paper flimsy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Twining gone to NM on 7 July per flight logs Directive provides authority to subordinates
16 Jul 47 Air Accident Report by Twining (AAR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical analysis detail unique to flying saucers Very prosaic description of what was found without romance or glamour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> War Bonds, Save logo authentic paper Authentic Twining signature Organizationally correct routing genuine No faker would add a line for Hap Arnold (5-star generals never retire) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xerox copies reveal 8 x 10.5 size paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> References Presidential Directive of 9 July by Truman
22 Jul 47 CIC IPU (Interplan. Phenon. Unit)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent with style of other (non-UFO) CIC reports Never-before seen mention of Charles Rea as autopsy surgeon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handwriting may be that of Chamberlain C.C.S and J.C.S. file stamps precise and obscure today Period manual typewriter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xerox copies reveal 8 x 10.5 size paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date shows it was initially drafted on 9 July, before reports in from other sites
19 Sep 47 Hillenkoetter memo to Joint Intel. Comm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very peculiar naval terminology word error corrected in author's handwriting Rare mention of Naval Research Lab at White Sands Proving Ground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Period manual typewriter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xerox copies reveal 8 x 10.5 size paper Type distortion suggest "onion skin" paper flimsy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letterhead address was that of CIG headquarters at the time original document was made
19 Sep 47 Twining's 19- page report draft ("White Hot" Report)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unique technologies as in the AAR. All organizational and argot details prove correct historically Checks out 100% in peer-reviewed history and archives NE 102 obscure material today 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authentic signatures on disclosure sheet Names involved very appropriate No faker would know to include Wedemeyer on this list Period manual typewriter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xerox copies reveal 8 x 10.5 size paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No technical, organizational or nomenclature anachronisms
Fall 1952 1st Annual Report on Majestic Twelve Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correct CIA administrative language and argot for 1952 Corresponds in detail to biological warfare interest and activities of the Army Term "retro-virus" dates to 1935 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Period manual typewriter "Not for public inspection" caveat stamp rare but genuine. Examples available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No images of 8 x 10.5 paper showing in 1952 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption PSB by Truman on April 4, 1951 obscure point unlikely to have been faked. Annex B-23 is correct
7 Apr 54 Special Operation Manual, SOM 1-01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid USAF Technical Order nomenclature on cover Par. 17, page 11, 4th column tagging scheme highly consistent current usage Pages 22-25 FOIA-validated, fit perfectly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Period Monotype press and type of print font "Raised z" is totally consistent with other Government documents printed in the period Passes computerized faking tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent in style and size with other USAF TOs and military Field Manuals (FMs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early anachronism detractions all since shown to be not valid Two-word use of "screw driver"

ing Document. Generally, we think that it is likely that all eight pages of the EBD contain genuine material. Also, the Truman-Forrestal memo included as Attachment A appears genuine, given the 1940 Underwood Standard determination and the Truman signature accomplished by use of a pantograph (a mechanical pen with one master driving several slave pens), thereby explaining the similarity to the Truman-Bush signature a week later.

Likewise, there is no reason to suspect the titles of the attachments, since one of them also appears in the Special Operations Manual, and another is thought to be the Preliminary Analytical Report of 19 Sep 47. None of the other attachments were included.

There are, however, inconsistencies in content with the new MJ documents. For example, the EBD says we recovered four EBEs, when our other documents say five. It claims that the propulsion unit was completely destroyed in the wreckage, when it is clear that we dissected it in detail. One clear reason and motivation for a fake document might have been to try to mislead the Soviets in 1984 (the date of the leak) into believing that we had not learned anything about how they work; when, in fact, by then we probably had been smashingly successful in the reverse engineering process. So we imagine that this CIA disinformation operation would be consistent with trying to influence the KGB via the innocent UFO community. We cannot yet prove this, because the other possibility is that the EBD authors decided to not tell like the complete story at that time. After all, he wasn't President yet.

Conclusions

Although not extensively discussed above, the authenticity of the Special Operations Manual (SOM 1-01) in its original form is assured. The rationale for this conclusion is partially discussed on our CD-ROM, and will be more fully stated in our upcoming book. Table 4 identifies subtleties associated with nine documents that strongly favor authenticity of the originals. Detailed discussion of these points is well beyond the scope of this short article, but anyone with the documents, our CD-ROM, or Web site access can be able to follow the logic.

Increasing fine determination of authentication is forecast to continue. This is just the beginning of the data for the public. There is mounting evidence that the Majestic program was the real thing, and that these documents show it. We have several additional documents and analyses that we will be presenting in our forthcoming book. Until then, the best available authentication discussion is available free on the Web site (www.TheWordIsTruth.org), or by purchasing our CD-ROM at 800-845-2151.

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ued on. "There were no reports on radio or television of a crash. The event was eerily reminiscent of night footage of Patriot missiles striking Scuds during the Gulf War."

Thanks to Ken Young <http://home.fuse.net/ufo/>

Maryland

GERMANTOWN— QuBr@aol.com reports that on Jan. 29, 1999, he had very clear sighting of a circular/saucer-shaped craft while driving northbound on I-270 between Germantown and Frederick: "There were lights both on the bottom and around the circumference, some of which were pulsing. I noticed about four planes that were flying in a large circle around the craft. After about 5 minutes, the craft moved upward and toward the South, stopped again, then after a few more minutes, pulsed brightly several times (still stationary) and disappeared. By this time I had pulled over to watch. After it disappeared, the other planes seemed to change flights paths, sort-of crisscrossing like they were looking for something. The sky was almost completely clear, and with the near-full moon, the shape of the craft was EASILY seen, including the parts that weren't lit. On my return southbound, I noticed several contrails coming from the West (the direction I had seen the object) heading east, with the endpoints of the contrails getting closer together (ie.same destination). Thanks to CAUS and QuBr@aol.com.

New Russian stealth fighter uses plasma

The Keldysh Research Center in Russia has reportedly developed new technology allowing a dramatic decrease in an aircraft's radar observability. The Russian approach to low observability (LO) technology is completely different from the US Stealth, and offers complete surreptitious movement of the protected object at a significantly lower price.

An exclusive interview about these technologies was conducted by Nicolai Novichkov, ITAR-TASS, with the director of the Center, Anatoliy Kortelev.

The American approach to LO (Stealth technology) applied on B-2, F-117A, and the fifth generation fighter F-22 "Raptor" is based on designing the airframes and radiation absorbing materials to minimize their radar cross section. The main drawbacks of the Stealth technology are its negative effects on the flight and agility of the stealth aircraft.

Russian scientists approach the issue from the other direction. They proposed to create a plasma formation around the protected object which prevents ra-

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Update on deciphering Gen. Ramey letter

By Donald R. Burleson, Ph.D.

Since my last communication I have made considerable progress with reading the Ramey letter, and am glad to see from recent issues of the *Journal* that others are making inroads as well. I have been using four different image-enhancement computer software packages, and I would estimate that I have reached at least tentative readings of around 80 percent of the text at this point.

While there is too much detail to go into here (I am giving a detailed presentation on the Ramey letter at the International UFO Museum and Research Center here in Roswell on April 10 for anyone interested and able to attend), I wanted to pass along a few points.

For one thing, it would seem that very little had been deciphered heretofore of what I call the "shadowline," the first visible (but barely visible) line of type at the horizontal fold near the top of the document. By using certain image-stretching techniques, I have been able to coax the shadowline into greatly improved visibility. The first grouping, near Gen. Ramey's thumb, seems to start with RECO- (one has to be careful to avoid subjectively jumping to conclusions, but the word RECOVERY comes to mind).

The next group is evidently some word ending in -ATION; this is difficult, but the word looks most like OPERATION, though in some imagings it nearly appears to end in -VATION or -MATION. The following short word looks like WITH, and the group after that is ROSWELL.

Under high zoom and optimal conditions of contrast, the word following that appears to be DISK (the spacing appears a little irregular). Then follows a three-character group of numerals, apparently either 074 or 274. The group following that, again under improved imaging conditions, is a five-character group (with some uncertainty as to possible spacing) clearly starting with MJ and ending with D. The shadowline ends with AT (or AS) THE.

As Stanton Friedman has mentioned, the lighting on the paper is uneven, and in particular I would point out that there is a "flashbulb zone" near the top-left, so the farther one goes from this zone, into shadow, the trickier it all gets.

I should mention too that in the line below the shadowline, with regard to the word I had trouble with before, looking superficially like MAJ--, under better imaging the M turns out to be W and the fifth letter turns out to be K, and the most likely reading is (FOR

THE VICTIMS OF THE) WRECK. I note that Don Schmitt has recently, and independently, arrived at the reading WRECK for this grouping as well.

At the end of line 8, the grouping before CREWS turns out to be DENVER, and one may note that in 1947 Lowry Army Air Field in Denver was the mortuary center for the Army Air Force; in fact Gen. Exon once remarked to Kevin Randle that he thought one of the alien bodies had been taken to Denver, so this may be an interesting connection.

Following DENVER CREWS, with reference to the printed signature TEMPLE, I am indebted to my ENMU colleague, Dr. Henry Monteith, for informing me that in 1947 there was a Maj. Temple on the staff of Gen. James Doolittle; since Doolittle seems already to have been involved in UFO-related matters by 1946, this seems to suggest yet another interesting connection, at least if this Temple is the same person.

There is more, but you can see that the letter is yielding up its secrets at a good pace. What is important now is that those of us who have made the most intense effort and have had the most success in reading the Ramey letter must correlate all our independent findings to arrive at a clear consensus. I feel that we are close to that already.

In any case, it is amusing to revisit the Air Force's July 1994 statement (in the Weaver report) to the effect that there is nothing legible on the paper in the Ramey-DuBoise photo. This is baloney, pure and simple. We are on the threshold of announcing that the cover-up is over.

Daylight silver disc seen over Toronto

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1999, at 10:15 a.m., aircraft engineer Garfield Bowser was at the corner of St. George and Bloor Streets in Toronto, the largest city in Canada, when he spied a very large UFO crossing the sky.

Bowser reported that he "saw a wingless, noiseless, three-hundred-foot-long, fifty-foot-high object with a 'nubin' on top. It was over St. Clair Avenue West a little beyond Casa Loma."

He estimated that the object "was traveling at about 400 miles per hour. No tail fin. Elevation 15 degrees from horizontal. Altitude 10,000 feet, descending to 8 degrees from horizontal two-and-a-half miles to the north. It was very silvery, with pointy-rounded ends and a black horizontal band around it, against a very clear blue sky.

"Having been in the aircraft industry for five years and having an eye and ear for engines, this object is unlike any craft I have observed heretofore," Bowser stated.

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More Top Secret Majestic UFO Documents Arrived This Summer

NEWPORT BEACH, California, October 13, 1999 — During the summer of 1999 Timothy S. Cooper continued to receive alleged TOP SECRET MAJESTIC UFO documents both by mail and in person from several sources.

Overall, the classified documents received from 1994 to present comprise over 2,100 pages of leaked documents and photographs with over 200 pages stamped TOP SECRET/MAJIC or an equivalent derivative. One mail delivery from Ft. Meade, Maryland included a 334-page manuscript that had been submitted to Project Blue Book for review with several chapters stamped in red "TOP SECRET/MAJIC." Unlike previously leaked MAJESTIC documents that came on film or as photocopies these pages are on original watermarked paper, produced on a typewriter identified as a 1939 Underwood Portable," said Ryan Wood. "We think that this exceptional find will lead to a significant validation of the MAJESTIC program because of the handwriting on original paper, with identifiable watermark. Proper analysis of the paper and ink can provide unarguable courtroom proof, which is our primary goal. This new evidence clearly shows the use of the MAJIC classification at least back to the 60s. For the first time, we now have original handwriting to authenticate the involvement of famous Air Force officials in the Majestic program" said Dr. Bob Wood.

Of the new material received over the summer most noteworthy are additional pictures of an apparent alien autopsy, MJ-12 personnel and a (retyped) TOP SECRET EYES ONLY intelligence briefing for President Truman dated 30, September 1947. The title of this six page briefing is "Unidentified Aircraft Sightings Over The United States," prepared by Special Studies and Evaluation State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee and the Office of National Estimates Central Intelligence Agency. Another nine page first generation onionskin carbon copy on original paper with watermark, using a 1956 Courier font, was also stamped in red TOP SECRET/MJ-12. "Other documents will be released on the Wood & Wood website <http://www.majesticdocuments.com> in November. In general, these documents will be released either over the Internet or in a related publication within a year after they have undergone authentication tests. Premature release without quality work only clouds the interpretation of the document and wastes everyone's time," said Ryan Wood.

"The preponderance of evidence supporting the high level US Top Secret

Research and Development program known variously as MJ-12, Operation Majestic Twelve, using the Top Secret code word MAJIC is as problematic as validating the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Aramaic Gospel by Jesus Christ." said Tim Cooper. "The daunting authentication challenges the documents pose not only to the civilian UFO research community but to disinterested government officials are profound. Which begs the question: are they real or a product of Governmental intelligence disinformation of the Cold War?"

"There is a growing body of evidence through the tireless efforts of Dr. Robert M. Wood, Ryan S. Wood, Stanton T. Friedman, and a host of distinguished authors, researchers, and former intelligence officers that the United States had a deeply classified UFO Program since the 1947," said Tim Cooper. A reasonable study of the intelligence and counterintelligence operations of the military, CIA and other defense intelligence agencies of the U.S. Government during World War II, the Cold War, and up to the present offers convincing evidence that the U.S. was engaged in a high level UFO intelligence collection effort. This is abundantly clear from FOIA declassified projects like SIGN, GRUDGE, BLUEBOOK, SNOWBIRD (1954 flying saucer jet aircraft) as well as a dearth of related declassified papers from many agencies including the CIA and NSA.

"In all fairness to anti-MJ-12 arguments, some of the objections to security classification, signatures, and dating still pose problems. These arguments can be solved. What is lacking is a concerted effort to secure sworn testimony from individuals of high rank from the Executive Branch, the CIA, and military intelligence to either refute the MJ-12 enigma or validate the existence of the United States Government's UFO Program," said Tim Cooper.

Finally, it must be understood that while the data contained in the alleged MJ-12 documents may prove to be valid in a historical context, the assertions and claims made by the author(s) of these documents rest not in the hands of ufologists, skeptics and debunkers, but in what is called in legal jurisprudence "the best evidence" rule in the halls of justice. "Ultimately, it will boil down to what documentary evidence and witness testimony can be presented before a Grand Jury, the Attorney General or Congress, said Ryan Wood."

Adding Perspective to the New MAJESTIC Documents

In the October 1, 1999 issue of CNI News (CNINews1@aol.com) a second-hand report on a UK presentation made by respected researcher and author Timothy Good about what he may have said at the Leeds Conference has presented incorrect and misleading information.

Mr. Cooper was disturbed and somewhat upset to learned of the charges made by Friedman and Good; he chose not to believe that it was their intention to discredit him nor paint him as a common prankster. Cooper believes that their original conclusions were based on limited information and inadequate resolution of conflicting data. "I still have the highest regards for Mr. Friedman and Mr. Good and hope that they will soon redouble their efforts at research to explain, not only what may be disinformation, but how it was created and why,

so we can all move on to the other pressing challenges of the UFO enigma," said Tim Cooper.

Ryan and Robert Wood wish to respond to the points raised in the 1 October issue of CNINews as follows.

We very much doubt that Mr. Good used the phrase "blew the new batch of MJ-12 documents out of the water." Our first-hand knowledge of Mr. Good is that he is a cautious, careful researcher not given to sweeping generalities. Assuming, for the moment that he said what was reported, we note the following, sequenced as in the original 1 October CNINews:

1. Concern: Mr. Tim Good was kind enough to share with Bob Wood the original letter that Cooper wrote to Good dated October 4, 1991.

Response: Dr. Wood had this analyzed by his questioned document examiner, James A. Black, who wrote that the fonts of the typewriter for this letter and those of the "Interplanetary Phenomena Unit" report and the "First Annual Report" were the same, probably from a Royal typewriter. He noted that this font is common to tens of thousands of typewriters. He verbally discounted all aspects of similarity of the letter similarities (raised caps, similar letter positioning, identical letter shape) as being exactly what one would expect on two similar machines and two different operators. He did, however, note one defect in the small "L" that occasionally showed up in both documents. Black conceded that the same typewriter might have produced all three documents. However, it may also be a characteristic of that model typewriter being operated by any fast typist. We provided a complimentary copy of Black's evaluation to Tim Good as appreciation for lending us the original, which has been returned.

2. Concern: "The style and indentation of paragraphs is exactly the same." Cooper's letter to Good contains six paragraphs, all indented four spaces.

Response: The IPU document contains 14 paragraphs, all indented 11 spaces, and the First Annual Report contains one paragraph indented 4 spaces, 16 paragraphs indented 5 spaces, 5 paragraphs indented 12 spaces, 16 paragraphs indented 10 spaces, 4 paragraphs indented 9 spaces, 4 paragraphs indented 8 spaces, 9 paragraphs indented 5 spaces, and 7 paragraphs indented 6 spaces. Thus, only one of 76 paragraphs has the same indentation as that of the letter from Cooper to Good.

3. Concern: "The classifications on the documents rule out their being genuine."

Response: The two pages noted may have been from different documents. In any case, the Cutler to Twining memo of July 14, 1954 is an example found by Stan Friedman of Top Secret Restricted right from the National Archives on original watermarked onionskin paper. "Furthermore, the phrase "Not For Public Inspection" of the table of contents page of the First Annual Report is found in authentic documents from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations on microfilmed rolls from the archives," said Ryan Wood. This is an extremely weak argument when put in the light of numerous examples of the Government not following its own rules sometimes, and following them others. Furthermore, the top-secret markings had been redacted. Most knowledgeable document researchers would reject the reality of classifications SUPER SECRET and DOUBLE TOP SECRET, but Wood & Wood have authentic examples of the use of these classifications.

4. Concern: "Stanton Friedman discovered that portions are lifted..." Stan has found chirography and phrases in the book "Wedemeyer Reports" that are similar to those in some of the documents provided by Cooper. He noted that the book was owned by the library in Big Bear Lake where Cooper lives, and that this would have permitted Cooper or anyone else in Big Bear Lake to copy it.

Response: There are thousands of copies of the book across the country; there is no evidence that Cooper ever saw it. In fact, he told Wood & Wood that he did not even know it existed. Furthermore, careful research is underway to determine whether a fake has been created, when, and for what purpose, including the possibility of psychological warfare a long time ago.

5. Concern: "Part of the document number on one page, 1206, is the same as Cooper's Post Office Box address."

Response: Coincidence? Note that 4901 Hillbrook Lane, Vannevar Bush address in 1948 is the same four digits as the street address of Bob Wood's grandson-in law; 5484, the branch number for Van Bush's telephone extension, is the same as the middle four digits of Ryan Wood's UAL frequent flyer number. If one looks hard enough for coincidences, one finds them.

6. Concern: "Letters from the now clearly non-existent Salina Cantwheel, daughter of the mythical Thomas Cantwheel, were written in exactly the same handwriting as Tim Cooper's."

Response: Our questioned document examiner, James Black, saw no evidence that the Salina note was "disguised

writing," and found no indication of handwriting similarities. We cannot imagine the basis for asserting that the Cooper and Salina handwriting are similar. In addition, we have a report from a source that says that there was a Salina (Cantwheel's daughter) working for James Jesus Angleton (Counterintelligence, CIA). There is no reason to think that Cantwheel is a mythical character except wishful thinking by the skeptics.

With respect to the alleged comment that the Eisenhower Briefing Document is a fake, questioned document examiner James Black has definitely identified the typewriter for the Truman-Forrestal letter as an Underwood Standard typewriter, the same as a type specimen of May 1940. This is no longer an issue, and the Truman-Bush letter of October 1 was done with the same model typewriter. He also confirms that the paper could have been removed from the typewriter to type part of the date, since it is vertically misaligned.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, JOINT INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES AGENCY,
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Project 63 (UF-103-M)

REFERENCE: JIOA Memorandum No. 902 dated 25 May 1948

1. In connection with paragraph 1 of reference, the Central Intelligence Agency does not believe that any further action by CINCEUR will be necessary.

2. Pertinent information from reference and its attachments has been given to the Bureau of Mines, Department of Interior, and to the National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce for their information, and Central Intelligence Agency has asked to be advised of action or information obtained by those agencies as a result.

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Re: Project/Operation "Majic"

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
 Date: Thu, 11 Nov 1999 09:18:38 -0400
 Fwd Date: Thu, 11 Nov 1999 08:21:38 -0500
 Subject: Re: Project/Operation "Majic"

>Date: Wed, 10 Nov 1999 21:46:15 +1300 (NZDT)
 >From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
 >To: Updates List <updates@globalserve.net>
 >Subject: Re: Project/Operation "Majic"

>Greetings List

>>From: "Stan Friedman" <fsphys@brunnet.net>
 >>To: "UFO UpDates - Toronto" <updates@globalserve.net>
 >>Subject: Re: Project/Operation "Majic"
 >>Date: Mon, 8 Nov 1999 17:51:49 -0400

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>>This is just flat out wrong. It was MAGIC not Majic. Ronald
 >>Lewin has an excellent book "The American MAGIC"

>>>"MAJIC INTERCEPTS" was a term loosely applied to the actual
 >>>decrypted messages derived from this source

>Okay so I had written my file "mis-spelt" and have amended my
 >file accordingly.

>However all my facts are correct - you can check these out on
 >the publications I quoted.

>As for you seeming choice to differentiate between the genuine
 >"MAGIC" which is the decryption of signals during World War Two
 >and the Claimed "Majic" (spelt with the letter "J") to be part
 >of MJ12 or "Majestic 12", well I am one who finds it difficult

>of MJ12 or "Majestic 12", well I am one who finds it difficult
>to accept that the relevant Security Services of the U.S.A.
>would name a project "Majic" (commencing mid-1947) so soon after
>"Magic" (ceased 1945) due to confusion it may create. If you
>pronounce them verbally they sound quite the same.

>Now if you are trying to belittle me and imply that you are "I
>am holier than you" by saying

>>It was Operation Majestic 12... A little learning is a dangerous
>>things somebody once said.

>Well I not going to get into any slanging match with you Stanton
>- I certainly won't use this list for this purpose. If you are
>not able to present 'Your' facts without trying to be so
>insulting then I won't grace you with responding any further

>Regards to All,

>Murray Bott

>Email : murrayb@win.co.nz
>Voice : 64-9-6345285
>Snail : PO Box 27117, Mt Roskill, Auckland 1030, New Zealand

Murray:

There was no intent of a slanging match. The tone of your posting was that you had made a great discovery - somebody just picked up on MAJIC decryption.

My point is that wasn't the case.

Most security services would have known nothing about MAJIC. Code words themselves are very often classified.

As you point out anybody hearing of MAJIC (only people with clearances but not necessarily 'Need To Know') would have thought of the decryption MAGIC stuff. Great cover.

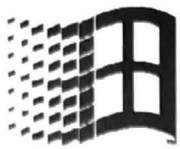
I did make several other comments in my postings about yours. Apparently ignored.

Stan Friedman

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Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys@brunnet.net>
Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 14:49:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 30 Nov 1999 17:41:12 -0500
Subject: Re: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman

>Date: Thu, 25 Nov 1999 21:08:17 +1300 (NZDT)
>From: Murray Bott <murrayb@win.co.nz>
>To: Updates List <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: MJ12 - A Request to Stanton Friedman

>Greetings List

>I have this matter to ask Stanton Friedman with the request that
>you respond to the points raised herein

> From Private discussions I have had with knowledgable
>researchers there have been the following discussion raised.

>Stanton could you please tell me whether you still trust your
>(perhaps your former) research colleage William (Bill) Moore or
>at least do you still trust in the authenticity of the MJ12
>material which he gave to you?

I don't understand the question. My views about the documents are detailed at great length in my 272 page book 'Top Secret/Majic', in my 108 page 'Final Report on Operation Majestic 12' and in several other lengthy papers.

My views are determined by my very extensive investigation of the subject documents and a load of collateral material as observed and reviewed at a host of Archives as detailed in TSM.

I was heavily involved with Bill Moore in the investigation of Roswell and early on in investigation of the documents... roughly 1978-1987.

I have never indicated that the documents must be genuine because Bill and Jaime discovered the CT memo or received the roll of film with the EBE and TF memos.

Bill was a persistent hardworking researcher. We usually agreed in our evaluation of people, events and documents.

Our intereaction is described in detail in TSM as is the fact that he sometimes played games. I suppose this related to his earlier activities as a Teachers Union negotiator in Minnesota... Put something on the table and see how people react.

Bill was a friend.

My first view of the EBE came when Bill visited me at a hospital in Long Beach where I was seeing my son who was dying. and saw me when I came back a few weeks later for my son's memorial service where he had worked.

Do I think Bill and or Jaime faked the documents?

NO.

I have no reason to think they did.

I was directly involved in the events leading up to their visit to the National Archives in DC as described in TSM.

Bill called me and read me the CT memo.

I recognized a line that was similar to one in a memo we had discovered at the Twining Papers in the Library of Congress Manuscript Div. All this is in TSM.

If you have reasons to believe they faked the documents, I would like to see them.

>And How do you respond to the following discussion in light of >the items stated?

>In Light of these statements can you still say that the MJ12 >still holds up?

>I would respectfully request that you answer my enquiry without >any Insults or "slanging match" being generated

>The discussion follows herewith

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>Stanton Friedman believes the MJ-12 documents to be real. This >is based upon the "discoveries" of his then-partner William >Moore, who along with Jaime Shandera, received copies of most of >the original MJ-12 documents on film. The exception is one >document, the Cutler-Twining memo, which was claimed by Moore >and Shandera to have been "discovered" at the National Archives >under controversial circumstances.

This is a grossly inaccurate picture of what happened.

The EBE and TF memo were on a roll of film. The CT memo was discovered at the Archives. Post cards had been received pointing to the Archives. All this has been described. I was read some of the cards over the phone. They went to DC because I had been told by Jo Ann Williamson at the Archives that the review of Entry 267 of RG 341 was finally done.

Where is the controversy?

>Author Timothy Good, in receipt of the MJ-12 documents from an
>"intelligence source" (who happened to use the same photocopier
>as William Moore), created the first major publicity splash
>about MJ-12 from Britain in 1987 to publicize his book ABOVE TOP
>SECRET. This was quickly followed by Moore becoming an MJ-12
>public figure in the U.S. Moore (with Shandera) and Good
>essentially initiated the MJ-12 controversy.

Again this is not accurate. and I have talked to and met with Tim many times in the USA and in the UK.

The version of the EBE published by Bill (with much censorship in his Newsletter Focus) is different from what Tim received from apparently a different source.

The copy received, incidently, by Jaime and Bill on film was totally uncensored.

>In recent times, Moore offered his reflections on MJ-12 and Roswell:

>"If any of the UFO-related documents cited by me in past
>writings are fabrications (a matter which I have always conceded
>to be within the bounds of possibility), then I was just as much
>taken in and used as anyone else, if not more." from Saucer
>Smear, 4-20-97.

I totally agree with this statement.

"I no longer am of the opinion that the extraterrestrial
>explanation is the best explanation for this event (Roswell)."
>from Saucer Smear, 8-5-97.

>(on Roswell) "I've always harbored some doubts about this case."
>from Saucer Smear, 11-15-97.

I have not been in touch with Bill for several years (no response to my letters) so I have no idea what the basis is for this statement and do NOT concur.

I should add that while I do read 'Saucer Smear' it is a humorous gossip sheet relating to UFOs and people involved in ufology. Sometimes it is hilarious. But I hardly take it as a research journal or to be accurate.

>Timothy Good, in 1996, said he believed the MJ-12 documents to
>be bogus (BEYOND TOP SECRET, 1996, pg. 468), though he
>originally claimed to have received them from a source within
>the government.

>How do these statements, from the initiators of the MJ-12
>debate, concur with Friedman's insistence that the documents are

>authentic? Moore and Shandera "found" the only document that was
>alleged to have come from government sources, which formed the
>core of Friedman's faith in the authenticity of the papers. It
>hardly sounds like Moore is wholly convinced of this anymore. If
>there is a case here, Friedman hasn't convinced his own
>colleagues!

This is frankly nonsense.

Faith??

Read my articles and book, note the lengthy list of facts not known to be true until after the documents were found.

Faith has nothing to do with my views.

It was detailed sometimes tedious, time consuming and expensive research.

Note that Phil Klass paid me \$1000. for providing more than ten documents done with the same size and style PICA type as the CT memo.

Note the recent comments by the GAO that indeed TOP SECRET RESTRICTED (used on the CT memo) was a legitimate security marking in 1954 despite many claims that it was not.

Note all the details I found out about Menzel which had not been known.

To suggest that my conclusions after 14 years of effort are based on faith is a view that can only be expressed by somebody not familiar with my extensive investigation and writing on the subject.

>If Friedman's case is conclusive, it depends upon the
>credibility of William Moore's activities. Does Friedman believe
>Moore is an honest man? If he is, why did Moore refer to
>Friedman, the chief defender of MJ-12, as "Fraudmann" (Saucer

My case depends on the facts, the evidence and data and does not depend on the credibility of Moore or anybody else.

>Smear, 11-15-97)? Or why would a discoverer of the MJ-12 papers
>say this about his colleague:

>"As for Friedman, I think he is in this thing way over his head,
>and I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see him get badly burned by
>it. It troubles me greatly to see the money-grubbing showman
>side of him dominating his once respectable scientific
>acumen."(Saucer Smear, 11-15-96.)

Ask Bill.

Bill and I have had our arguments. He even talked of suing me because he didn't land a book deal he hoped to. He settled for my writing him that if anything I had done had harmed him, I apologized.

I don't need to defend myself gainst such charges from him.

I certainly castigated him for the paper he presented at MUFON 1989 in Las Vegas and also for using Falcon and Condor in a TV

program when he expected that some of what they would say would not be true.

I gave him a hard time about not filling mail orders, but cashing the checks when he was hard up. I wrote a strong disagreement about his evaluation of Gerald Anderson.

>If Moore isn't an honest man, then the debate about MJ-12's
>authenticity is academic. Either way, where is Friedman's case
>now?

My case is detailed in the above referenced book, report and papers.

The question revolves around the information in the documents.

It has very little to do with whether Bill has always been honest about everything.

Why is that so hard to understand?

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>I would respectfully request that you answer my enquiry without
>any insults or "slanging match" being generated

>I look forward to your response, Stanton

>Regards
>Murray Bott

I would certainly like to know why more homework wasn't done before these questions were raised.

That only a gossip sheet is referenced certainly raises serious questions as to your motivation.

As a published scientist I strongly resent the implications of the questions which seem not to be based on evidence at all, and certainly not based on the facts and data I have published.

My publications are all available.

Stanton Friedman

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The report was prepared for the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal by Phillip Klass, Washington editor of Aviation Week and a leading debunker of unidentified-flying-object reports.

It concluded the documents are 'clumsy counterfeits.'

CSICOP chairman Paul Kurtz, a University of Buffalo philosophy professor, said in a statement to reporters: 'This represents one of the most deliberate acts of deception ever perpetrated against the news media and the public.'

Documents stating the late U.S. president Harry Truman created a secret unit called Majestic 12 or MJ-12 to study the saucer and dead four-foot aliens were released to the news media in May by UFO researcher William Moore.

News organizations around the world quoted from the documents, suggesting they might be authentic.

Moore told reporters in May his research team found a key White House report in the National Archives dated July 14, 1954. It was supposedly prepared for the U.S. air force by White House aide Robert Cutler and referred to a change in plans for an MJ-12 briefing for Truman's successor, President Dwight Eisenhower.

Klass said his research showed the document is phony - Cutler was not in Washington when the report was supposedly written but departed for Europe 11 days earlier.

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A National Archives memo released by Klass said the Archives is also suspicious because the document does not bear a top-secret registration number, as it should, and is marked 'Top Secret Restricted Information' - a designation that did not come into use until the administration of President Richard Nixon.

Klass suggested the document was planted as a hoax.

Another supposedly official document in which Truman ordered Defence Secretary James Forrestal to create MJ-12 is also a forgery, Klass said.

It did not follow the format Truman used in his letters to cabinet secretaries and was created by superimposing a spurious message on a photograph of an authentic Truman letter, Klass concluded.

A third document, which Moore said he obtained from an anonymous source, is a purported briefing paper for Eisenhower. It describes the 1947 flying saucer crash as if Eisenhower never heard of it.

Klass argued the document is phony because in 1947, when the UFO is said to have crashed, Eisenhower was army chief of staff and would have known about such a remarkable event.

Klass said fabrication of bogus government documents is illegal and those who concocted them should be prosecuted.

U.F.O. DOCUMENTS ARE CALLED FALSE

Science Panel Says a Report on '47 Crash Is Deceptive

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (Reuters) — Documents purported to be from the Truman White House that say the Pentagon recovered a crashed flying saucer and the bodies of four alien creatures in 1947 are "clumsy counterfeits," according to a report by a group of scientists.

The report was released Monday by the group, the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. The report was prepared by Phillip J. Klass, the Washington editor of Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine and a leading debunker of reports on unidentified flying objects.

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The documents, which said President Truman created a secret unit called Majestic 12, or MJ-12, to study the saucer and its contents, were made public in May by William L. Moore, a researcher on U.F.O.'s.

Mr. Moore told reporters then that his research team had found a key White House report in the National Archives dated July 14, 1954. It appeared to have been prepared for the Air Force by Robert Cutler, a White House aide, and mentioned a change in plans for an MJ-12 briefing for President Eisenhower.

Mr. Klass said his research showed that the document was false. He said that Mr. Cutler was not in Washington when the report was supposedly written, having left for Europe 11 days earlier.

According to a National Archives memo released by Mr. Klass, the Archives is also suspicious because Mr. Moore's does not bear the required top secret registration number and is marked "Top Secret Restricted Information" — a designation that was not used until the Nixon Administration.

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The report was prepared for the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal by Phillip Klass, Washington editor of Aviation Week and a leading debunker of unidentified-flying-object reports.

It concluded the documents are "clumsy counterfeits."

"This represents one of the most deliberate acts of deception ever perpetrated against the news media and the public," said Paul Kurtz, a University of Buffalo philosophy professor, said in a ~~statement~~.