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Scientists & Secrecy

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List,

For those who like to think that the government still has alien cadavers stashed away in secrecy at Wright-Pat or anywhere else, there's an article in today's Sunday NY Times worth perusing.

It's on the front of the Week in Review section and is titled "The Trials of Secret Science," with the carry-over heading on page 4 of "The Rocky Marriage of Security and Scientists."

It's written in the wake of the Wen Ho Lee case and the more recent disappearance and reappearance of two Los Alamos Labs hard drives containing highly classified nuclear secrets.

The basic point the article makes is that the open culture of science inevitably conflicts with closed government secrecy demands imposed in the umbrella interest of national security.

While a brilliant mind like, say, Einstein can come up with remarkable theories in individual isolation, they don't bear fruit until they are shared, and then endlessly batted back and forth, with all sorts of real world experiments being implemented (and altered where deemed necessary) in the interval. In other words, a social, reciprocal feedback situation is required, not only for gradual, step-by-step progress, but for significant, paradigm-bursting breakthroughs, as well.

To imagine but one example: Suddenly, MJ-12 finds itself in the possession of eight alien corpses as a consequence of the Roswell crash. In order to maintain secrecy (the fewer who know, the better), the head of MJ-12 seeks out the foremost biologist in the country, informs him of his national security obligations, but also burdens him with the obligation to completely analyze the alien remains and report back to him any significant findings within a limited timeframe.

Biologist A does as ordered, but right away encounters a problem

in which he is not a specialist. Scientist A goes back to the head of MJ-12 and says this particular development has me stumped, I need to consult Scientist B, a former colleague and the world renowned authority on the make-up of hemoglobin. I can't do it alone. The head of MJ-12 relents and calls in Dr. B. A few days later, Dr. B says *he* has a problem, and needs to consult with Dr. C, a noted authority in biochemistry, and so on down the line.

Meanwhile, the same situation is unfolding in regard to other areas of the recovered debris, the electronic experts are asking for additional assistance, as are the engineers, material specialists, electricians, and anyone else suddenly confronted with such a profoundly confounding and complex problem.

In short order, an inverted pyramid has been created, out of necessity, as was much the case with the original Manhattan Project, which ultimately resulted in the development of the atomic bomb. It's also worth noting that the Project's secrets were being shared, disseminated, or leaked almost simultaneously with their creation. Why would the situation with MJ-12 and alien artifacts and corpses be any more secure than that of the Manhattan Project, and its successor, the Department of Energy, which continues to leak secrets like a sieve?

It's something to think about, if nothing else. Even for Corso fans.

Dennis Stacy

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MEMORANDUM FOR

GENERAL CUTLER

The attached is an excerpt from a letter I have just received from General Gruenther. Because the letter was completely personal, I suggest that after reading it you destroy it.

While I suggest also that you show it to no one else, I have no objection to your discussing the matter with certain of your associates and assistants if you believe such discussion would be profitable.

D. D. E.

Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, (see 10/2/57)
Doc. No. 100-100-33 (Admiral Strauss file) p. 33

November 25, 1957.

Dear Lewis:

The purpose of this note is to invite you to ride on the Columbine with me when we go to Paris. Possibly a trip like this will give us a chance to talk about one development, as I sense it from the papers, that troubles me greatly. This is the extent to which generals, admirals and laymen are talking on science, and conversely, the extent to which scientists have suddenly become military and political experts. All of these seem to be obsessed with a consuming desire to "tell all."

It reminds me of an old German folk song involving a quack doctor. A rough translation was: "I make the blind so they can hear; I make the deaf so they can see."

With warm regard,

As ever,



Admiral Lewis L. Strauss,
Chairman,
Atomic Energy Commission,
Washington, D. C.

P. S.: By the general term "admirals" I do not, of course, mean one particular one who is an authority in the field to which I refer!