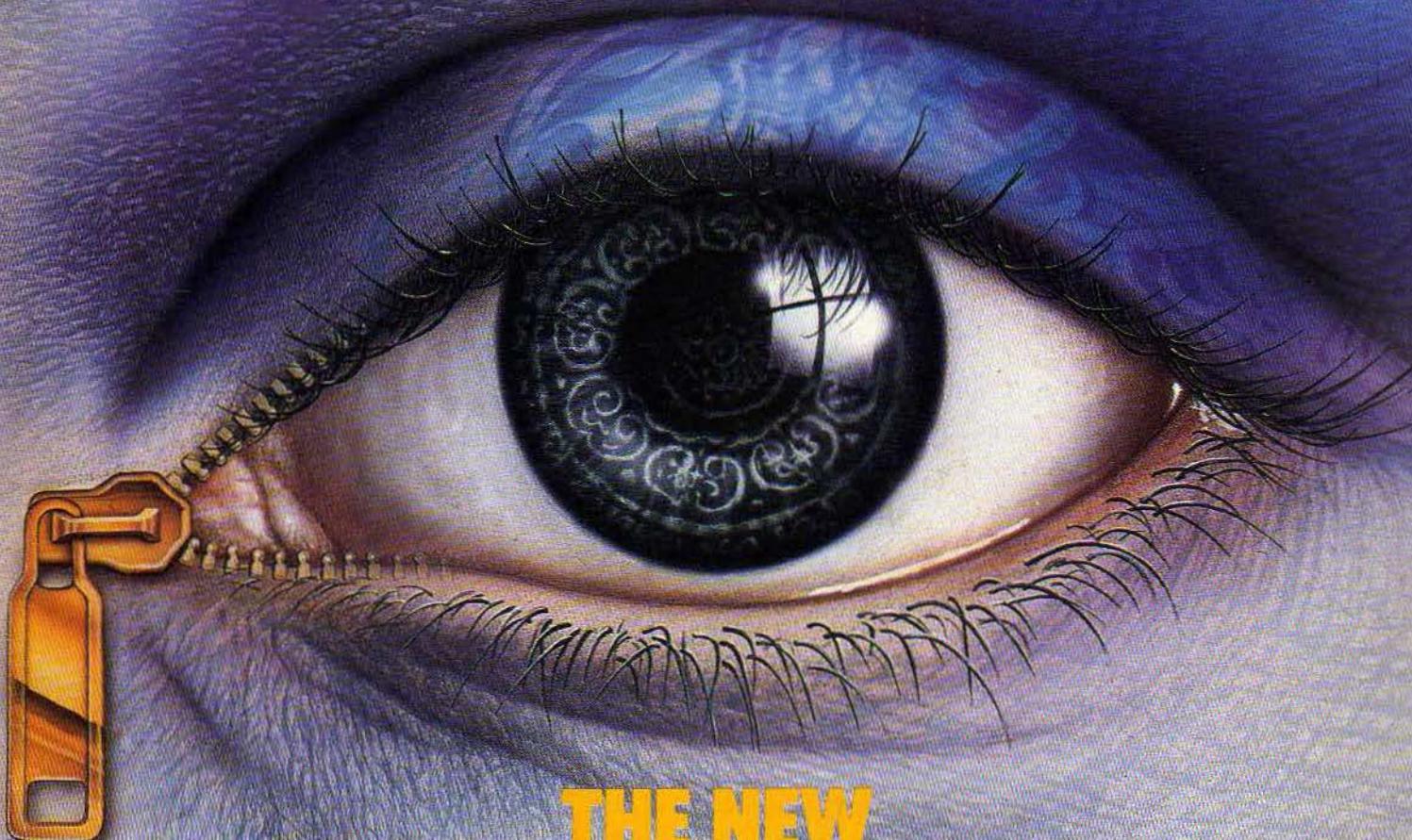


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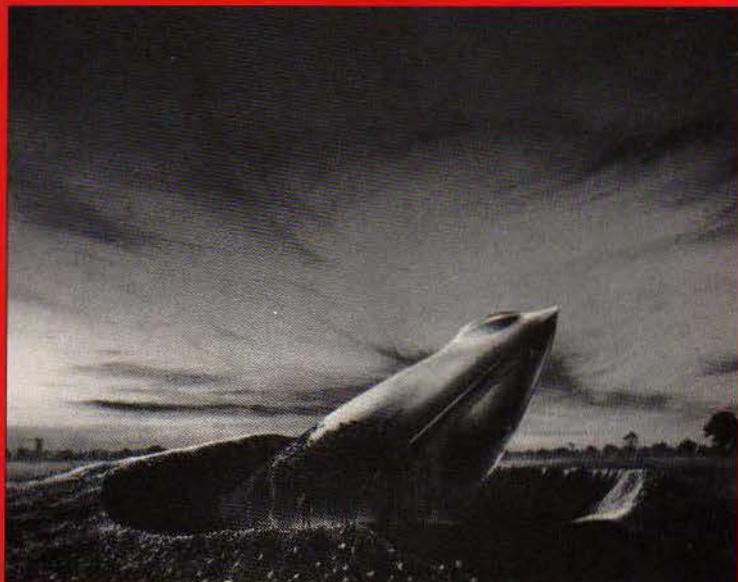


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If it's true, it's the biggest story of the twentieth century, maybe of all time. If it isn't, it's one of the most sophisticated hoaxes in the history of UFOs.

The cause of all the controversy? The MJ-12 document, unleashed on the world last May 29 by UFOlogist William Moore. According to Moore, the document arrived at the home of Southern California television producer Jaime Shandera in December 1984. Stored on a roll of 35mm film, it apparently consisted of an eight-page National Security briefing dated November 18, 1952. Its purpose: to inform President-elect



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Eisenhower that the United States government possessed the remains of two alien craft.

The first craft, the document alleges, was recovered in July 1947 from a remote area northwest of Roswell, New Mexico. In addition, the document goes on, aerial reconnaissance had located the bodies of "four small, humanlike beings . . . badly decomposed due to action by predators." The document also claims that a second UFO crash occurred along the Texas-Mexico border, but by the time researchers arrived, the object had been incinerated.

Finally, the document supposedly includes President Truman's authorization of an investigation into the alien artifacts under the code name "Operation Majestic Twelve." Original operation members, the document states, included such luminaries as Vannevar Bush, chief science adviser; Defense Secretary James Forrestal, and, most surprising to UFOlogists, Harvard astronomer Donald Menzel, who until his death in 1976 was a militant UFO debunker.

What may be confirming evidence of MJ-12 was discovered at the National Archives in 1985 in the form of a memo supposedly sent to General Nathan Twining, an MJ-12 member, by President Eisenhower. Dated July 14, 1954, the memo refers to an MJ-12 briefing to take place two days later. After investigating the document, Moore and nuclear scientist Stanton Friedman describe themselves as "nearly percent convinced" that it's real. Moore says he has heard about MJ-12 from Deep Throat military-intelligence sources with whom he has

been in contact since publication of his book *The Roswell Incident*. And Friedman has been looking into the backgrounds of MJ-12 members and tracking their movements during crucial periods described in the document. He says he has proof, for instance, that Bush and Forrestal conferred with the President on September 24, 1947, and that Menzel was suddenly called away to work on a secret project.

Intriguing though it may be, however, this circumstantial evidence isn't enough for Brad Sparks, who has been studying official UFO documents for the last two decades. He dismisses the document as a "complete hoax." What clinches it for me? Sparks says, "is that the hoaxer used the wrong date and locations for the recovery, information that first appeared as a misprint in *The Roswell Incident*."

Friedman, however, doesn't have time for the critics. "People who claim the briefing is a fraud," he says, "haven't done the investigation." And Moore says he'll reveal more about extraterrestrial visitations soon.—JEROME CLARK