

William L. Moore :

Hoaxer Or Hoaxed?

Editorial by Lawrence Fenwick

The documents which follow this editorial should be carefully looked at by readers. We feel that healthy skepticism is a prerequisite for researchers in any field, not just ours. They were sent to us by Bill Moore.

Read with caution. Some of these pages are sensational in their contents. The facts are summed up in the newspaper article on the last page.

My opinion is that a hoax has been perpetrated by someone. If it is a U.S. Intelligence operative acting under orders, it will be hard to prove it. We have no evidence for that scenario, only suspicion. And only some of the documents are hoaxes.

In 1983, William L. Moore told a CUFORN meeting he had a U.S. military intelligence contact who was feeding him

information. Is his contact the source of this mixture of real and false documents? Finally, does Moore know some of them are false? Has he been duped?

POSSIBLE MOTIVATION FOR MOORE

If Bill Moore has tried a hoax, he will be ostracized by ufologists everywhere. He did not make money from the sale of his books. Is there a "sour grapes" attitude on his part which led him to do this? Several times in the past, I've asked him if he's planning another book and he's said "Yes". Where is the book?

Timothy Good, a British ufologist, has a new book out called Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-up. Moore obviously has provided "documents" to Good. If the book makes money, does Bill expect to get some of the profits? Remember, Bill is divorced and may need money for support payments. He's living in Los Angeles where the cost of living is high.

Another possibility is that Moore has gotten money from the U.S. government in return for planting false documents in the National Archives.

CUFORN'S OTHER DIRECTORS COMMENT

Harry Tokarz and Joe Muskat, our other Co-Directors, were at first astonished and then suspicious of the documents.

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Harry (and Joe agrees with him) said: "The text of the C.I.A. memo and the page which mentions Project Sigma sound quite different from known government documents. They appear totally incongruous. The text is totally out of whack."

"The wording 'to make those fools realize' on the C.I.A. memo is a good example of this. Not only that, the blatant language used seems as though it was intended to impress UFO researchers. Rather than using code words, it uses researchers language. The Unclassified Project Sigma page uses the word 'aliens'. There's a questionable look to this." (ED. NOTE: the meeting 'two aliens at a pre-arranged location in the desert of New Mexico' sounds like something out of Adamski's books.)

"The memo to General Twining is unsigned. Most important," said Harry, "the classifications used in many of the documents are incongruous with what Dr. Robert Sarbacher said when he noted that UFOs are considered at a level much above "Top Secret".

"When Moore sent these documents, you would think that, given his knowledge of government documents, he would spot a phoney document and mention it in a covering letter. He did not include such a letter to us."

LARRY BRYANT SUSPICIOUS

Larry Bryant, who works at the Pentagon and is a founder of the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, had this to say:

"As for the material itself, some of it's probably hoax. It just sounds too good to be true, to some degree. It also sounds phoney. The cover sheet of one of those documents has a funny

little symbol on it which I've never seen before. It doesn't look like a government symbol. I don't know if Moore thinks we're supposed to accept that. He may be testing us, and for what reason I don't know. But he's going to end up in trouble at the rate he's going."

"One way or the other, somebody's going to get tired of these hoax documents. It's unfortunate if he's just playing games."

"The document from Bolling Air Force Base which mentions Stanton Friedman is legitimate. The one from the Archives is probably legitimate. You wonder who's doing the blacking out of parts of the documents. Whether that's just a teaser or what. I'll tell you, I'm surprised at Bill doing this. That C.I.A. page is the phoniest one of all. If it is top secret, you don't talk like that about another agency."

BARRY GREENWOOD PUZZLED

Another CAUS member, Clear Intent co-author Barry Greenwood said: "I think the C.I.A. document is a crock of bull. I filed a request on that document with the C.I.A. and I got a response back on June 1, 1987. They said, essentially, it's a 'poorly made fabrication.' I frankly can't understand how Bill Moore would let that go without qualifying it. It's loaded with flaws. It's going to reflect badly on him because the impression will be that he's circulating phoney stuff. That's what's puzzling about this whole thing."

"He's putting these things out with his newsletter and and we just don't see any evidence that he doubts some of these things he's seeing."

"Furthermore," said Greenwood, "the National Archives, in fact, is casting doubt on the Cutler memo."

NOTE: The documents will be printed in two parts; the remainder will be the July-August, 1987 issue.

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"I just got a note from Bob Todd. He had spoken with them and they said there are several physical things about the memo which they are very bothered by. One being that the document did not contain the top secret control number it's supposed to contain for filing an access. They said that's very unusual that it would turn up like that without the number. If the document just happened to turn up at the time, they never would have found it. They've put a control number on it now so they will be able to get it."

WRONG LOCATION FOR MARKING

"But they said that also the placement of this security marking was unusual. Normally, it's on the bottom and the top of the document. Here, it's under the date. Abnormal, in other words."

"And a few other minor things which they felt added up to this being suspicious. They did allow for the possibility that the document was "salted" there by someone from outside. It's very easy for someone to come in and put phoney documents in their files."

MOORE ADMITS DELETIONS

Greenwood pointed out that he "spoke to Marge Christianson recently. She said Moore had been on a Phoenix radio talk show and he admitted he had made the deletions on the documents. If he's altering these things, it doesn't speak well."

"It might be hard to prove

that Bill "salted" something at the Archives, but I think you can see that he or someone else did it. Somebody seems to be manufacturing some of the information."

"I still find it hard to believe that Bill would be doing that. I had a little more trust in the things Bill Moore did. I just find it amazing that he could be part of a disinformation campaign. He should know better."

"What's the meaning of these things? I hope it isn't a money motive either. This could really be devastating for the subject."

We'd like your opinion about the documents and this editorial. We'll print your letters in the next issue. Write to us.

FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW section, May 3, 1987

Intruders Don't Discriminate

To the Editor:

In her sympathetic review of my book "Intruders: The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods" (April 5), Bettyann Kevles makes an assertion I would like to correct. After carefully outlining the admittedly bizarre U.F.O. abductions and enforced genetic experiments my book describes, she states that all the victims of these experiences are white Americans. She wonders, then, if this constitutes a racial bias. Since I had not felt the obligation to disclose the race of anyone I dealt with in my book, I am dismayed that the absence of this information led Ms. Kevles to assume the subjects were, by default, white. In fact, the abductees I've worked with include seven Hispanic victims as well as blacks, Europeans, Native Americans and people of extremely varied ethnic and socioeconomic background.

BUDD HOPKINS
New York

Bettyann Kevles replies:

Perhaps this is an instance in which identification of the racial composition of the victims might have been enlightening. The half-alien, half-human hybrids Mr. Hopkins describes are all pink or gray, from which I inferred that all of their human parents were white. I am pleased to learn that a number of them were Hispanic-Americans or blacks.

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EXECUTIVE BRIEFING

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PROJECT AQUARIUS (T.S.)



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PROJECT AQUARIUS

TS/ORCO) 429,040: [REDACTED] Contains 16 volumes of documented information [REDACTED] from the beginning of the United States investigation of unidentified Flying [REDACTED] Object: (UFO) unidentified Alien Craft (AIAC). The Project was originally established in 1959 by order of President Eisenhower, under control of [REDACTED]

In 1961 the Project's name was changed from Project [REDACTED] to Project [REDACTED]

The Project was funded by [REDACTED] confidential funds non-appropriated. [REDACTED]

Dec 1969 after Project Blue Book was closed. The purpose of [REDACTED]

collect all scientific, technological, medical and intelligence [REDACTED]

UFO/AIC sightings, and contacts with alien life forms. This [REDACTED]

ed information has been used to advance the United States Space [REDACTED]

(TS/ORCO.) The preceding briefing is an historical account of the [REDACTED]

Government's investigation of Aerial Phenomena, Recovered Alien [REDACTED]

Contacts with Extraterrestrial Life Forms.

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ALL PROJECTS UNDER PROJECT

2. ITS/ORCOR29

PROJECT SIGMA: (PROWORD: [REDACTED])

Originally established as part of Project [REDACTED] in 1959. Became a separate project in 1976. Its mission was to establish communication with Aliens. This Project met with positive success, when in 1969, the United States established primitive communications with the Aliens. On April 25, 1969, a USAF Intelligence Officer, met two Aliens at a pre-arranged location in the desert of New Mexico. The contact lasted for approximately three hours.

[REDACTED] the Air Force officer managed to exchange basic information with the two Aliens (Atch ?). This project is continuing at an Air Force base in New Mexico. (OPR: [REDACTED])

3. ITS/ORCOR2

PROJECT SNOWBIRD: (PROWORD: [REDACTED])

Originally established in 1972. Its mission was to test fly a recovered Alien aircraft. This project is continuing in Nevada. [REDACTED]

ITS/ORCOR2

PROJECT ROUNCE [REDACTED]

Originally established

in 1966. Its mission was to evaluate all U.S. information pertaining to space technology. PROJECT ROUNCE continues [REDACTED]

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July 14, 1954

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL TWINING

SUBJECT: NSC/MJ-12 Special Studies Project

The President has decided that the MJ-12 SSP briefing should take place during the already scheduled White House meeting of July 16, rather than following it as previously intended. More precise arrangements will be explained to you upon arrival. Please alter your plans accordingly.

Your concurrence in the above change of arrangements is assumed.

ROBERT CUTLER
Special Assistant
to the President

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[REDACTED]

DOCUMENT PREPARED [REDACTED]

BRIEFING OFFICER: ADM. ROSCOE H. HILLENKOETTER (MJ-1)

NOTE: This document has been prepared as a preliminary briefing only. It should be regarded as introductory to a full operations briefing intended to follow.

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OPERATION [REDACTED] is a TOP SECRET Research and Development/Intelligence operation responsible directly and only to the President of the United States. Operations of the project are carried out under control of the [REDACTED] Group which was established by special classified executive order of President Truman on 24 September, 1947, upon recommendation by Dr. Vannevar Bush and Secretary James Forrestal. (See Attachment "A".) Members of the [REDACTED] Group were designated as follows:

- Adm. Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter
- Dr. Vannevar Bush
- Secy. James V. Forrestal*
- Gen. Nathan F. Twining
- Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg
- Dr. Detley Bronk
- Dr. Jerome Hunsaker
- Mr. Sidney W. Souers
- Mr. Gordon Gray
- Dr. Donald Hensel
- Gen. Robert M. Montague
- Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner

The death of Secretary Forrestal on 22 May, 1949, created a vacancy which remained unfilled until 01 August, 1950, upon which date Gen. Walter B. Smith was designated as permanent replacement.

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OBSERVER

And now ... if you've read enough about the election, here's news from another world

Close encounters of an alien kind

by MARTIN BAILEY

BODIES of four 'aliens' from a crashed UFO (unidentified flying object) were recovered and examined by a special American Government team 40 years ago, according to a top-secret 'document' obtained by a British researcher.

A bitter debate is now likely to develop among UFO experts over the existence of a mysterious committee, code-named Majestic-12, which is supposed to have examined the aliens.

The highly classified briefing paper claims that the then head of the CIA, Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter, reported that 'although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development have apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in *homo sapiens*.'

The document, which has been shown to *The Observer* by Timothy Good, Britain's leading UFO researcher, purports to be a briefing paper for President-elect Eisenhower on Operation Majestic-12, also known as MJ-12.

In his book, 'Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-up,' to be published by Sidgwick & Jackson on 9 July, Mr Good claims that MJ-12 was a committee of senior US officials

up news of flying saucer crashes.

Other UFO experts believe the story could be a hoax involving the planting of a fake supporting White House memo in the files of Air Force Intelligence and then getting the National Archives officially to declassify a forged document.

The Eisenhower briefing paper, dated 18 November, 1952, claims the MJ-12 committee had been set up by his predecessor, President Truman, on 24 September, 1947, as a 'top secret research and development/intelligence operation responsible directly and only to the President of the United States.'

The document reports that on 24 June 1947, 'disc-shaped aircraft' were sighted in the United States.

'Little was learned about the objects until a local rancher reported that one had crashed in a remote region of New Mexico, about 75 miles north-west of Roswell Army Air Base (now Walker Field).

'On 7 July 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage of this object for scientific study. During the course of this operation, aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded. These had fallen to earth about two miles east of the wreckage

According to the briefing paper: 'All four were dead and badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements during the approximately one week of time which had elapsed before their discovery.

'A covert analytical effort resulted in a preliminary consensus (19 September 1947) that the disc was most likely a short-range reconnaissance craft . . .

The Majestic-12 Group remains of the unanimous opinion that imposition of the strictest security precautions should continue without interruption into the new Administration.'

Inquiries by *The Observer* at the National Archives, the archives of former Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, and the National Security Council archives, have been unable to authenticate the briefing paper. They all say that extensive searches have failed to locate copies of the document.

There is, however, new evidence from the files of US Intelligence that a secret group called MJ-12 did exist. This is a White House memorandum to General Twining informing him about an 'MJ-12' briefing for President Eisenhower. It was declassified on 12 January 1987.

The White House memorandum was described by the National

Archives last week as 'a very strange document.'

Archivist Joanna Williamson said: 'It was found in the files of the US Air Force's Director of Intelligence and is certainly genuine, but we have found no minutes of the MJ-12 meeting, which was scheduled for just two days later. It is very surprising that there are no other papers on MJ-12, and we have no idea what it was.'

If the White House memorandum is genuine, this proves the existence of an MJ-12 group whose responsibility could have covered UFOs. This would then strengthen Mr Good's view that there was a cover-up of the discovery of dead aliens. However, US UFO writer Mr Barry Greenwood has raised an intriguing question suggesting that there could have been a very sophisticated fraud.

'There are some things that look wrong with the White House memo. For example, it is unsigned. It is just possible that it was manufactured by someone wanting to prove the existence of MJ-12 and then inserted into Air Force Intelligence records which had recently been opened up to the public.

'The hoaxer could then have ordered a copy from the National Archives which would carry the official declassification stamp. MJ-12 may well have existed but more research is needed to authenticate the

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ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded. These had fallen to earth about two miles east of the wreckage site. All four were dead and badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements during the approximately one week time period which had elapsed before their discovery. A special scientific team took charge of removing these bodies for study. (See Attachment "C".) The wreckage

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505



June 24, [REDACTED]

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Executive Briefing (Memo)

Yesterday R2 requested briefing on Project [A]. In particular, he wanted updated info from [REDACTED]. MJ3 advised that that info was not available to R2. Apparently, White House requested info because of [REDACTED]. Can't seem to make those fools realize [REDACTED] info is not available for any dissemination, per EO 01156, regardless of who requests info. Contact T-2P and see if he can assume custody of the matter.

Don't allow AF to evaluate IDENT info. They may open up a little too much. KEND-3 can assist to some extent.

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On 24 June, 1947, a civilian pilot flying over the Cascade Mountains in the State of Washington observed nine flying disc-shaped aircraft traveling in formation at a high rate of speed. Although this was not the first known sighting of such objects, it was the first to gain widespread attention in the public media. Hundreds of reports of sightings of similar objects followed. Many of these came from highly credible military and civilian sources. These reports resulted in independent efforts by several different elements of the military to ascertain the nature and purpose of these objects in the interests of national defense. A number of witnesses were interviewed and there were several unsuccessful attempts to utilize aircraft in efforts to pursue reported discs in flight. Public reaction bordered on near hysteria at times.



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