Announcement

Because I have had many questions about the "Memo" being held in the hand of General Roger Ramey in a picture taken in his office on July 8, l947, by J. Bond Johnson, I have decided to make available for a nominal fee a CD ROM with a great deal of relevant information . My goal is to enlist the help of as many analysts as possible so that a concensus might be reached as to just what words are on the "memo."

The CD ROM includes high resolution scans of the following items:
1. The memo portion of an 11"x14" print of the picture obtained earlier this year from U. of Texas, Arlington, Archives.
2.The memo portion of an 8"x10" print that I obtained 20 years ago from the Ft. Worth Star Telgram long before the negative was handled a lot.
3. An 8"x10" print of roughly just the memo portion made for me a few months ago by UTA. It is the equvalent of the memo portion of a print roughly 55" x70".
4. The Original 4"x5" negative was scanned in its entirety, and with very high resolution (about 8300ppi...no interpolation on the scans of the negative), back and front, of the memo portions. The scans were done by an imaging outfit in Dallas. It cost me $250. just to have the UTA carry the negative and remain with it while it was being scanned. and an addtional $250. for the scans, the CD ROMs, Fed ex etc. I am very grateful to Victor Golubic of Phoenix for locating the imaging company and discussing the scans with them.

My colleague is Rob Belyea, owner and operator of ProLab here in Fredericton, New Brunswick Canada, one of the top 10 labs in Canada. He has been in the business for more than 30 years. He has compiled all the scans with additional materials (including work in progress) on a CD ROM having about 188MB.

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By the way my very competent associate Rob Belyea, who is rather
busy running a company, suggested I warn those interested in
this problem "not to waste time on compressed images. Just use
.psd, .tif, .bmp, .png, or any vector mapped metafile like .cgm
Don't use .jpg, .jpe, .jpeg, .lzw or any compression that
results in change to the original. Jpeg and similar routines use
some slick math to turn huge arcs and circles, with millions of
data points, into fewer and fewer tangents. After repeated passes
a circle becomes a square..."

This is one of the reasons we are offering the CD-ROM with all
the scans on it so that people won't have to compress poorer
files and send them on the internet. The CDROM has about 188MB.
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The CD ROM is available for US25$ or equivalent in

Canadian $ or English pounds. Send check or money order to

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The price includes shipping and handling.Let the chips fall where they may. Neil Morris, Bond J. and Debbie Stock have already been sent their Cd-ROMs.

Regards *Stan Friedman*

A NOTE FROM ROB BELYEA

Hi... there were several scans under investigation when Stan asked me for a CD to send out... All the raw stuff is there, but there is a lot of extra info available to anyone interested in working with these images. A couple of the files are pre-filtered to speed up the process of cleaning up the noise/grain/base junk and to provide a starting point.

Checking some of the info from other sites, the question of resolution from prints or negatives or scans appears confused. A very high res scan from an 8X10 print can't come close to the detail obtained from a clean, regular res scan from an enlargement such as the detail 8X10 of the memo cropped from an enlargement of 55+ inches wide from the original 4X5 B&W neg.. Anyone who has ever printed negatives knows that an 8X10 contains only a small amount of info from the original compared with a 55X80 or a scan of the negative..

Regards *Rob*

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