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RESEARCH SYNOPSIS ON THE MAJESTIC DOCUMENTS

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OVERVIEW

In as much as the controversy surrounding the authenticity of the Majestic documents has generated in the last fifteen years among researchers, much evidence in the form of officially released documents through the Freedom of Information Act has either been ignored, or viewed as uninteresting by ufologists. In this synopsis, I argue the theory that FOIA documents in the public domain are the remnants of a high level UFO intelligence and psychological warfare program of the United States Government which began in 1946 and the Majestic documents reflect what might be a overt part of such a program. I also present documented proof that General Walter B. Smith, Director of Central Intelligence was the first DCI to preside over and coordinate all intelligence collection and dissemination functions of the U.S. intelligence community where UFOs played into psychological and intelligence operations in protecting U.S. strategic interests.

Contrary to popular belief, a coordinated program of UFO intelligence collection between the military and central intelligence began with General Hoyt S. Vandenberg in 1946 and was never properly implemented during Rear Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter's tenure as first Director of the Central Intelligence Agency due to the infighting between RH and the Intelligence Advisory Board (IAB) dominated by high level military intelligence and State Department officials and did not begin until WBS was appointed DCI in October 1950. Also, given the fact that there may have been more than one Majestic project operating at two different levels, one conducted by the State Department and another by the CIA, it is possible that what researchers have studied is a hybrid mixture of both. I propose that the questionable documents known as Majestic or MJ-12 are extrapolations from covert and overt intelligence and psychological material that may have once existed but have long since been absorbed into today's unacknowledged black programs

and are now gone forever.

In summary, the Majestic documents are, in all probability, an attempt by an informed person(s) to reconstruct for researchers a historical narrative based on non-existent and authentic documents supported by published facts with classic disinformation techniques in what is termed in counterintelligence parlance as "gray" intelligence. The question of whether they are genuine, authentic or real is not the issue here. The important point to keep in mind, as I believe, is the information contained in the documents themselves. For in these documents and the FOIA material already released, and the published facts contain the answers we all seek. The truth may be found in our individual perceptions.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Operational interest began in 1942 with General Donovan as Collector of Information (COI) and later Director of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) who enjoyed direct access to President Roosevelt. OSS later came under the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) and in 1943 became militarized with a psychological warfare mission including counterintelligence, scientific intelligence, and covert warfare. It was General George C. Marshall and General Joseph McNarney who sorted out the OSS mission in 1942 and got Roosevelt's approval.

Intelligence on German advanced weapons and technical experts was the focus of the OSS during and after WW II, but bureaucrats tried to get everyone else to agree on some kind of standard definition—doctrine—for "psychological warfare." For obvious reasons, it was left undefined.

After the OSS was disestablished, General Vandenberg kept the capability alive under a psywar rubric for ten months while Director of the Central Intelligence Group (CIG) and rebuilt the organization. As Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force during the Korean War Vandenberg built up a staff and an operational psywar capability he wed that military capability to the CIA which was a new experience in the U.S. intelligence community—something Donovan could not accomplish in the OSS. The only authorizing documents were National Security Council directives 10/2 and 68 which were general and non-specific with the rule that if you can be successful on the ground, then history can't detect one's tracks and the rest is history.

As for flying saucers (later designated unidentified flying objects in 1949) General Charles P. Cabell, Director of Air Force Intelligence reorganized its investigation Project GRUDGE to test the hypothesis by subjecting the UFO intelligence data to rigorous scrutiny of the Feynman method. In 1952, Cabell further enlarged the UFO intelligence collection in Project BLUE BOOK based on the GRUDGE model with recommendations that results be used for psychological warfare applications against the USSR. GRUDGE conclusions stated that the Air Force's "Psychological Warfare Division and other government agencies interested in psychological warfare should be informed of the results of this study." The "other" agencies included the psychological warfare unit at Ft. Riley, Kansas, established in June 1947, Department of State as designated by President Truman to coordinate all U.S. psychological warfare known as the "Bartlett Committee" authorized by NSC 4 of 19 December 1947. Secretary of Defense James Forrestal who incorporated a

secret annex to NSC 4 which directed the DCI to supplement the overt with covert psychological warfare, and the CIA's Directorate of Operations which carried out Forrestal's annex.

In 1947, General Eisenhower sent a memorandum to his Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations (WDGS/G-3) wherein Eisenhower indicated his desire that the War Department "take those steps...necessary to keep alive the arts of psychological warfare and of cover and deception and that there should continue in being a nucleus of personnel capable of handling these arts in case an emergency arises" (19 June 1947, RG319, Army Operations, P&O 091.412, NARA). In September 1947, Lt. General Albert C. Wedemeyer became Army G-3 who responded to Eisenhower's urging in various ways over the next year. In the spring of 1951 the General School at Ft. Riley offered a seven-week PW course and in the autumn of 1952 a formal Army PW service school was established at Ft. Bragg with an additional seventeen-week course of instruction and training.

In September 1947, Lt. General Albert C. Wedemeyer returned to the United States after his China and Korea mission and became the Army G-3 who responded to Eisenhower's urging initiated a psychological warfare strategy plan for 1949 war plans (a major problem since there was no formal planning for PW training). In April 1950, President Truman personally approved the creation of the Psychological Warfare Strategy Board (PWSB). High officials of the War Department and the Army who actively promoted the immediate post-war development of PW starting in 1946 through 1950 included:

Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Kenneth Royall

Secretary of War, the Honorable Robert Patterson

Assistant Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Gordon Gray

Chief of Staff and General of the Army, Dwight D. Eisenhower

Lt. General Albert C. Wedemeyer, USA

Brigadier General Robert McClure, USA

Lt. General J. Lawton Collins, USA

Major General Charles Bolte, USA

Undersecretary of War, the Honorable William Draper

Major General Stephen Chamberlain, USA (G-2)

The OSS drafted the first "Basic Estimate of the Psychological Warfare Situation" in 1942 and the Army drafted the first "National Psychological Plan for General War" in September 1951 (which supported the State Department's "Russian Plan.") The USAF officially established a PW staff in February 1948 and drafted "Special Plans" through 1949; by early 1951, the Air Force had launched a major PW operation closely coupled with PW operations of the CIA.

As the GRUDGE report points out, sightings of flying saucers in the U.S. reached their crescendo in June 1947. This is the same month and year in which Eisenhower directed the WDGS/G-3 to maintain a psychological warfare and counterintelligence directorate capability; in which the first post-war Army

experimental (prototype) PW tactical unit was activated at Fort Riley and in which the Army Ground General School started an extension (correspondence) training course for Army Reserve intelligence specialists in psychological warfare (the late P.J. Corso claims he saw an alien life form and flying saucer parts temporarily stored at Fort Riley on 6 July, 1947). Co-author W.J. Birnes stated in a private conversation with Corso, that the Fort Riley material came exclusively from Corso (it should be noted that Corso was a staff officer of the Psychological Warfare Board during the Eisenhower Administration).

There are other PW implications buried in the GRUDGE report. One of them is that the RAND Corporation consulting report to Project GRUDGE of 1948 by Dr. J.E. Lipp carefully examined the ETH saying, in effect, that at the time the only known technology of space travel would be rockets and that "a trip from another star system requires improvements of propulsion that we have not yet considered." The problem here, as I see it, the questioned Majestic documents discuss both fission-or fusion-based power plants of a downed, recovered UFO in 1947? Is NEPA a coincidence and does it explain a connection? In 1947, NEPA conceived a viable fission-based power source for a nuclear-powered aircraft but had not yet constructed a prototype power source. Dr. Lipp assumed, for argument's sake, that Martians may have developed a nuclear, hydrogen-propelled vehicle as the most efficient basic arrangement yet conceived by Earthlings. He wrote that in principle a large part of the Martian's nuclear material mass might be converted into jet energy but that Earthlings "have no idea how to do this" and "that the materials required to withstand the temperature...may be fundamentally unattainable." The implication of this 1947-1948 state-of-the-art is, that no one at that time would recognize it for what it might otherwise be neither a nuclear power plant in a crashed spaceship nor any more exotic power plant, including one not based on any reaction mass.

About three years after the GRUDGE report was disseminated to other agencies with an interest in PW, in 1952 technical people of the CIA began interacting closely with the Air Force's Project GRUDGE successor, Project BLUE BOOK as CIA/OSI was closely embracing BLUE BOOK by August 1952. A detailed memorandum from CIA/OSI to DCI of 24 September, 1952 reviewed the Air Force's AMC/ATIC work in ufology and discussed the UFO phenomenon for U.S. national security in "a situation of international tension," but two months after the Korean War armistice. This memorandum, originally classified, was declassified in 1978. It states that UFO implications for U.S. national security consist of two parts:

The then inability of U.S. air defenses to distinguish "hardware from phantom", i.e., false air raid warning, especially the identification of real (Soviet) air attack as a phantom (this had happened at least once during the Korean War on 6 December, 1950).

The psychological implication which had to do with whether or not the Soviet Union or the U.S. might be able to manipulate the UFO phenomenon "from a psychological warfare point of view" as based on controlling and predicting it both defensively and offensively. This memorandum went on to recommend that the "United States psychological warfare planners" determine what use could be made of the UFO phenomenon against the Soviet Union.

An earlier CIA memorandum of 1 August, 1952 to OSI from one of its divisions (Weapons and Equipment) said that a large percentage of ATIC (BLUE BOOK) UFO reports "are clearly 'phony'."

Basically, the CIA/OSI-DCI memorandum of 24 September, 1952 said the same thing about UFOs and PW as did the Project GRUDGE report of three years earlier, i.e., that the UFO phenomenon had a lot of psychological aspects that would allow it to be manipulated for Cold War PW purposes and benefits.

In any case, it was this CIA/OSI collaboration with the Air Force PW operations directly led to the DCI referring to the U.S. Psychological Warfare Board (the covert operations committee of the Truman NSC) the subject of PW while also directly leading the CIA to formulate and execute the so-called "Robertson Panel" of January 1953. The Robertson Panel's report basically confirmed the work of CIA/OSI. The initial PSB's principals were; the DCI (chairman); the Undersecretary of State (James Webb, later Administrator of NASA in the Kennedy Administration); the Deputy Secretary of Defense (Robert A. Lovett, later a special advisor to President Kennedy) and a small, functional staff directed by former Assistant Army Secretary, the Honorable Gordon Gray.

CIA AND COUNTER INTELLIGENCE

The CIA was assigned by the Eisenhower Administration the task of preparing a proposed plan of action. Upon executive approval, CIA became responsible for its execution. General Charles P. Cabell as DDCI established a policy "that if a function was susceptible of more efficient fulfillment on a centralized basis for all three Services" opted for centralization. To make this work, DCI brought in James J. Angelton in 1954 to head up a secret department within CIA known as Counter Intelligence (CI). The activities and function of Angelton was largely unknown in CIA and had direct access to Allan W. Dulles. Angelton was a rouge who did not abide by normal procedures and enjoyed plausible denial protection and kept CIA involvement in UFO/PW operations away from public knowledge until 1978. For twenty years, JJA was in charge of the CIA's Counter Intelligence Staff and legendary mole hunter. His role was not revealed until 1968, fifteen years after he had assumed his post. His main task was to prevent other countries from learning the secrets of the United States. In 1952, Angelton had assumed a top position in the agency's clandestine directorate guiding and controlling covert operations. To make CI effective Cabell wedded the military to CIA covert and overt operations by providing personnel to the CIA/CI. To broaden the base of DDCI, Cabell made JJA his liaison to the armed services.

Another point to consider in CIA/CI was the relationship between Allan Dulles and his brother John Foster Dulles who was Secretary of State during Allan's tenure as DCI and this relationship contributed to "maximum effectiveness" as Cabell states in his memoirs. As Director of CI, Angelton employed the services of CIA Project MK-ULTRA and other mind control methods to protect the CIA/UFO/PW agenda against Soviet double agents who came into CI custody. Angelton also had solid connections to the National Security Agency and possessed NSA HUMINT files from allied intelligence on JFK's "SAPPHIRE" letter to French President Charles de Gualle which may have contributed to Kennedy's murder in 1963. I suspect that JJA supplied Dulles

NSA phone intercepts, coordinated State Department back channel information regarding PW operations that embarrassed President Eisenhower with disclosures that Kennedy was eroding his presidency and Nixon's covert aims at running the White House.

TRUMAN AND COVERT OPERATIONS

In 1952, President Truman had effectively created national security statecraft through the National Security Act of 1947 and overt and covert policy through the CIA and NSA was in place when he met with president-elect Eisenhower to the White House for a high level briefing by top officials. One of his first decisions as president was to appoint General Nathan F. Twining as Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Eisenhower had picked up where Truman had left off by wedding science and technology in weapons development. He had launched the Army's postwar research and development program and had been won over to a military strategy of U.S. competitive advantage in nuclear weapons, airpower, and rockets to deter Soviet aggression. If MJ-12 had ascended to the highest levels of power during Truman's Administration, it was now in position to move into the White House itself. General of the Army George C. Marshall and supporters in the War Department succeeded in the unification of the armed forces under a single department of defense. Lt. General McNarney and General Collins had drafted the plan of coordination and centralization and the marriage of the Technical Capabilities Panel headed by James R. Killian, Jr., president of MIT (who later became Eisenhower's scientific advisor). The Office of Defense Mobilization (ODM) had been approved by Truman and now, in 1953, Eisenhower approved recommendations made by Nelson Rockefeller and supported by Robert Cutler, Ike's national security advisor, Vannevar Bush, the CIA, and ODM provided a list of qualified experts as a ad hoc panel of scientists to advise the NSC on MJ-12 proposals and other issues. To aid Eisenhower in selecting the most appropriate course in air defense and the whole UFO problem, he appointed a special study group headed by the president of Bell Laboratories. Truman had received a classified report from Dean Acheson, Robert Lovett, and Averal Harriman. Their conclusions stated that it was impossible to erect an impenetrable defense which led Eisenhower to approve NSC 135/3 "United States Objectives and Strategy for National Security" that continued the line of support and strategy laid out in NSC 68 and similar documents. If Stanton Friedman's Final Report on Operation Majestic 12 gets further confirmation on DCI Walter B. Smith's secret briefings given to Eisenhower before he met Truman (Eisenhower and Truman were seen sitting stone cold publicly in the executive limousine on their way to Ike's swearing in) it may mean that Eisenhower did not agree with Truman's covert UFO research program. Bush, as head of the Research and Development Board (RDB) suggested the creation of the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group (WSEG) in 1947 and 1948 without much success due in large part by the Joint Chiefs of Staff which he viewed as a "clear invasion...into the affairs of the Board." Without disclosing intent (the establishment of MJ-12), Bush submitted a special report to Truman urging the Budget Bureau to create a new division to advise the president on matters regarding the organization and budgeting of government research programs (in 1948, the Pentagon accounted for over 60% of all research and development expenditures, including grants to universities for defense research).

AREA 51

Protecting a secret is as, if not more important than the secret itself and this was never more true of the atomic-powered aircraft research that existed at Los Alamos and Area 51 at the Nevada atomic proving ground. In 1950, defense spending mushroomed to an annual 50 billion dollar budget. The CIA Act of 1949 gave greater significance to black budget spending and program management protecting covert technology projects. As with the Manhattan Project, carefully selected sites in remote and unpopulated areas in the Nevada desert were chosen to conduct advanced research and development of America's best kept secret. Unconventional sky platforms. Accordingly, the CIA Act of 1949 engendered the maximum security placed on any department of the government that included housing, commerce, construction, transportation, et. al.—could transfer funds for CIA covert operations "without regard to any provision of law."

In the summer of 1952, DCI Walter B. Smith sent a memorandum to the Director, Psychological Strategy Board outlining the CIA's proposal to the NSC concerning "problems" related to UFO program management indicating that there were clear "implications for psychological warfare" and a much needed charter for "intelligence and operations" in which Smith desired discussions along these lines for the "utilization of these phenomenon for psychological warfare purposes." In tab (a) Smith drafted the CIA program proposal to the NSC Executive Secretary concerning the "current situation" regarding press coverage of UFO sightings from domestic and foreign sources so far analyzed by the Office of Scientific Intelligence and Weapons Evaluation Department. Given the fact that CIA analysts had ruled out 80% as prosaic or man-made, Smith was concerned with the remaining 20% which might compromise classified defense projects requested a much "broader, coordinated effort" to shore up the Air Forces UFO project and add a higher degree of confidence within the CIA that "present efforts" were not going to be derailed. Smith strongly recommended that the CIA "and agencies of the Department of Defense be directed to formulate and carry out a program of intelligence and research" necessary to "solve the problem of instant positive identification" of UFO sightings. In tab (b) Smith drafted what the CIA UFO project required in the form of assistance and cooperation to make the agency's "program of intelligence and research" doable:

The Director of Central Intelligence shall formulate and carry out a program of intelligence and research activities as required to solve the problem of instant positive identification of unidentified flying objects.

Upon call of the Director of Central Intelligence, Government departments and agencies shall provide assistance in this program of intelligence and research to the extent of their capacity provided, however, that the DCI shall avoid duplication of activities toward the solution of this problem.

This effort shall be coordinated with the military services and the Research and Development Board of the Department of Defense, with the Psychological Strategy Board and other Government agencies as appropriate.

The Director of Central Intelligence shall disseminate information concerning the program of intelligence and research activities in this field to the various departments and agencies which have authorized interest therein.

Note: For a detailed look at the Walter B. Smith Memo please see the following pages below.

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Walter B. Smith Memo Tab A

Walter B. Smith Memo Tab B

The NSC 68 estimate suggested that the Soviets were throwing large amounts of precious resources into armaments of all kinds and supported Smith's outlook on the possibility of "total war" and "annihilation" unless the U.S. gained the high ground in technological developments. Thus, a need for another Manhattan Project was endorsed by President Eisenhower and immediate steps were taken to locate and build a research center in the Nevada desert. This site was located just outside of Nellis AFB. The CIA and Lockheed, its primary contractor began occupying various sites controlled by the Atomic Energy Commission known as Groom Lake for black projects such as ANGEL, AQUITONE, OXCART, LOOKING GLASS, and a host of others. Other sites were later constructed at Papoose Lake, Tonopah Test Range, Indian Springs, and annex sites in New Mexico, California, Arizona, and Texas to facilitate other "agencies" involved in the "program."

To insure the security of the "program" carried out at these sites, an elaborate camouflage operation was conducted by the CIA and the Air Force known to all researchers as Project BLUE BOOK. Initiated by Major General Charles P. Cabell USAF, Director of Air Force Intelligence, Project BLUE BOOK (the successor to GRUDGE) began in the spring of 1952 for the sole purpose of collecting information from all sources including the public and forwarding it to the DCI for further evaluation as specified in Smith's 1952 NSC draft memorandum. In April 1953, Cabell was sworn in as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence by President Eisenhower shortly after Major Edward Ruppelt left the project. Cabell was appraised of the CIA's January 1953 assessment in which H.P. Robertson, Director of the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group presided over concurred with GRUDGE recommendations to "strip the Unidentified Flying Objects of special status" and "institute policies on intelligence" by "an integrated program...to train personnel to recognize and reject false indications...and strengthen regular channels for the evaluation of and prompt reaction to true indications of hostile measures."

I find it interesting that the alleged Top Secret Special Operations Manual dated April 1954 defined the reason for deception and camouflage of the CIA's UFO "intelligence and research activities" by stating that the greatest threat to secrecy was "the acquisition and study of such advanced technology by foreign powers unfriendly to the United States." This concern is echoed in a 1952 briefing given to Air Defense Command units of the classified activities of the Air Technical Intelligence Center "is not to investigate "flying saucer" reports, it is charged with prevention of technological surprise by a foreign country." The manual also relates how the camouflage operated by imposing a "total press blackout" and issuing "cover stories" prefaced by official denials. This is quite similar to past modus operandi employed by military and CIA covert operations and PSYOP policies of psychological

warfare. This could have been the same policy for the Air Force's Project SILVER BUG, a jet powered flying saucer test bed aircraft development for vertical takeoff and landing fighters and bombers. It is also the same year that a case study in psychological warfare manual was published for the Department of the Army titled A Psychological Warfare Casebook, Technical Memorandum ORO-T-360 and revised in 1956 and 1958 under contract with Operations Research Office, Johns Hopkins University.

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