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Re: MJ-12 and Area 51

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> Re: MJ-12

> To answer your question, IF a group like MJ-12 existed, there would
> be no supporting documentation anywhere you or anyone outside of the
> loop could get at it.

Thank you for the insight. I don't agree. If it was real involving people and resources, somewhere there would be a "fingerprint". We may well not be smart enough to recognize it. If one was to go by your assumption, might as well stop all research efforts and take up a new hobby called IFology. There are already too many people into IFology. My interests are in Ufology and keeping the two separated.

> Re: Bob Lazar

> Doesn't it seem like Lazar's records could be destroyed by the
> government, IF his story was true?

But Lazar does have records. Those records that we know to exist do not support his story.

> Re: Your comments about belief systems

> I don't hold any one particular "belief system". You too must
> realize, that being a total skeptic is a belief system as well. I don't
> know what your religion is, but total denial is a belief in itself. Now,
> I don't mean to call you a total skeptic, because I don't know what your
> beliefs are.

My beliefs, as well as yours, are irrelevant. I am not prepared to relegate Ufology to the realm of faith and religion. A person's belief system doesn't add any vestige of knowledge to the subject. There are already too many people that approach ufology from the foundation of belief systems. I am interested in what we can substantiate with confidence based on what survives after discernment and critical thinking is applied and can be independently verified with source documentation identified.

> I have done much work into MJ-12, including the Truman
> signature. The signature isn't identical, it's close though. One must
> wonder where Phil Klass "found" this signature. How in the thousands of
> Truman signatures did he find an "exact" match? Did he sit there for
> days with a ruler and go through them? I know they aren't identical
> because I scanned them both, and made some acetate(spelling?) overlays.

> Right now I am led to believe that the SOM is fake. If it is, so what?
> Couldn't it be a copycat hoax? I think it's possible that the Ike papers
> are genuine. When I began UFO research, I thought MJ-12 was surely a
> hoax, now I'm not too sure.

Of all the thousands and thousands of Truman documents, the signature known to be genuine comes from a short letter from President Truman to Dr. Bush, dated October 1, 1947 - one week after the alleged Truman Memorandum of September 24, 1947. Interesting that they were dated only a week apart and that the known real signature was also addressed to an alleged MJ-12 member. Dr. Vannevar Bush has been a focus of intense research by many ufologists since the late 70s and the emergence of the Wilbur Smith memo.

Assuming that the two signatures have to be identical is a false assumption. As a matter of fact, they are not identical. Supporters of MJ-12 base their arguments on an incorrect argument. What can be demonstrated and shown is whether or not the two signature samples share a common ancestor. Dr. Willy Smith, UNICAT Project, published his analysis demonstrating that both the known real signature and the alleged Truman memorandum signature do indeed share a common ancestor. Since we know that the Oct. 1, 1947 signature is a genuine signature, the Truman signature of the alleged Truman/Forrestal memo has to be a copy of the original. That makes the entire memo bogus. The step-by-step analysis was published in JUST CAUSE, No. 27, March 1991. I suggest you find a copy and read it. You won't find it in Friedman's new book. On several occasions on this list I have asked Friedman about it. To this date he has yet to respond to the above damning evidence that shows the alleged Truman/Forrestal memorandum to be bogus. I have also recently spoken to Dr. Willy Smith. He tells me that since the publication of his analysis in JUST CAUSE in 1991, the analysis has never been addressed by Friedman.

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Ed Stewart - egs@netcom.com - | So Man, who here seems principal alone,
"There is unknown. | Perhaps acts second to some sphere
Something Going On!" ,>'?'<, | Touches some wheel, or verges to some
goal,
-Salvador Freixedo- (O O) | 'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.
-----ooOO-()-OOoo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man-----

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