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Special Operation Manual SOM 1-01 Posting #3

List of comments (Continued)

13. There is no authentication page. Now if this is an Army manual, as indicated by the seal, there should be a page which states the manual is official by the Chief of Staff or the Secretary of the Army and countersigned or sealed by the Adjutant General's office.

14. There is no page to register changes to the publications.

15. On the content page: The previous statements on the classification of the manual designations, title and short title apply.

16. It is unusual to have the Chapter 2 as the Introduction.

17. The text, paragraphs and titles are not portion marked. This was not effective in 1954 but should have been changed later to comply with current regulations that require is paragraph--subparagraph to be classified individually.

18. Majestic-12, Majestic 12 Group, Majic 12, MJ-12 are not defined. Sometimes they are used interchangeable.

19. There is no glossary to define these term listed in the Table of Content.

20. Paragraph (Para) 2, Chapter 1. "MJ-12 takes the subject of the UFOBs..." Procedures require that when an acronym is first used it is defined. (Comment 19 applies)

21. Para 2a, chapter 1. "The general aspects of MJ-12 to clear up any misconception that anyone may have." This is a howler. Manual are published to prescribe actions and set standards not "clear up misconceptions.."

22. Para 3, Chapter 1. "Eyes Only" previous comments apply. The classification of two points above Top Secret is not defined here. A reference is not given for the definition, and finally there is no official publication that makes such a designation.

23. Para 4d, Chapter 1. "...secret locations..." This could be confusing. The proper terminology would be at... classified locations...

24. Para 6b, Chapter 2. Appendix I contain a list of reference that is completely inadequate to support this manual. (See below)

25. Para 6c, Chapter 2. Appendix II is said to contain a list of Majestic--12 personnel. (Not in the manual available to Berliner.) Note

that nowhere is a clear chain of command and support relationships discussed for the MJ-12 teams

26. Para 7, Chapter 2. Forms and Records. This Appendix (Ia) is not available in the Berliner material.

27. Par 12c, Chapter 3. "down satellites" is listed as one of the cover stories. Since the mission stated in paragraph 12, is a press blackout down satellite in 1954 will not work. It will only reinforce the press's effort to get information. Arguments that there were mystery satellites, searches for natural satellites, etc. completely miss the point. A story from the military that they were recovering a downed satellite in 1954 would cause a sensation. There would be no possibility of a press blackout.

28. Para 13a, Chapter 3. The solution to security concerns is to form a perimeter. Maintaining a perimeter requires large number of personnel. Are all these personnel to be cleared? Solution to this problem of course well known to military personnel. Set up an exclusion area within the perimeter. Keep all the unclear military personnel out of the exclusion area. You can then keep the number of cleared personnel to a minimum. Exclusion areas are used for communication facilities, tactical operation centers, command posts, nuclear weapons areas, and actually ordinary crash sites. Seems unlikely that MJ-12 people couldn't think of this.

29. Para 13a, Chapter 3. Just what type of electronic surveillance existed in 1954. Ground radar. Then, maybe the manual should be included references in Appendix 1. (See item 24.) However, I don't think there was really much in the way of electronic surveillance that was effective in 1954.

30. Para 13a, Chapter 3. Personnel are going to be issued live ammunition for perimeter duty. There is no discussion here of the use of deadly force. No publications are cited. There are not regulations on the use of the deadly force in Appendix I. There are no references to qualifications with weapons. Neither are there any publications cited in appendix I. This borders on gross negligence!

31. Para 13d, Chapter 3. Situation Evaluation. What information does MJ-12 want and in what format? Notice that is not discussed. Nor is there a reference cited in Appendix I.

32. Para 13, Chapter 3. Under "Secure the Area" no provisions are made to prevent observation from the air. No provisions are made to prevent observations from higher ground. Tentage and camouflage would nets seem to be the answer. No guidance and no publications cited.

33. Para 14a, Chapter 3. How is the site to be documented? Is aerial photography to be used? Is a grid system to be established on the site? Is the area to be surveyed in? No guidance, no publications which might help are cited.

34. Para 14a, Chapter 3. The area will be checked for radiation. What type? What type of monitoring equipment should be used? Should radiation exposure records be kept on personnel? Should dosimeters (sp?) be issued? Decontamination procedures and monitoring of exposed personnel are not discussed. No guidance and no publications are cited.

35. para 14a, Chapter 3. Check for toxic agents. How? With what? What are recommended procedure, protective clothing, decontamination procedures? No guidance and no publications are cited.

36. Para 14a, Chapter 3. Documentation. It does not seem that the person who wrote is familiar with Technical Intelligence procedures. (Maybe we fell asleep in that class?) No forms, procedures, guidance, or publications are cited.

37. Para 13a, Chapter 3. No guidance is given on special containers, material handle equipment, etc. No publications are cited.

38. Para 14b, Chapter 3. No much is said about "Red Team." What support is required from the site commander, etc.?

39. Para 14c, Chapter 3. Contamination is mentions, but no protective gear or procedures are recommended.

40. Para 15, Chapter 3. Cleansing the Area. Extraterrestrial technology, in light of modern technology, would be thought to included some very small items. The method for cleaning the area is apparently visual inspection. Should the soil be checked? Too what depth? Should

the top soil be striped and screened? There is no guidance. Here is definitely a place where minimum standard can and should be established. It is left to the discretion of the officer in charge. The site commander should have the area checked and certify in writing that nothing was left there.

41. Para 16, Chapter 3. Special or Unusual Circumstances only anticipates a crash in a populated area. There is a publications cited here. Once again the "Eyes Only" comment applies. However, other special situations like recovery from lakes, swamps, mountain tops are not addressed.

42. Para 17, Chapter 3. This is not a multipart serial numbered form. Even bills of lading were that way in 1954.

43. Para 18a, Chapter 3. Note once again the idea of tagging each item as standard procedures in technical intelligence is ignored.

44. Para 18, Chapter 3. A copy of the inventory is not placed inside the inner box.

45. Para 18, Chapter 3. Packing of unusal, toxic, liquid or other items is not discussed.

46. As there are several page missing only packing is the inner box is discribed. In the removal process procedures are from other wooden contains are discribed in detail.

47. Chapter 4 talks about Extraterrestrial Biological Entities (EBE). If alive, they are to be handle by the OPNAC--BBS team which is never explained. Nor is the type of support expected from the cite commander discussed.

48. Contact with EBE. Generally no protective gear is recommend although it thought that they there is a possibility of contamination.

49 Although the front of the manual apparently has an Army seal, chapter 6 talks about squadrons which expect for the calvary exist in the Air Force.

50. The Appendix on publications is completely inadequate. See above.

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