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Re: MJ-12 And Truman's Signature

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993@aol.com>
Date: Wed, 14 Oct 1998 22:50:01 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Oct 1998 07:58:15 -0400
Subject: Re: MJ-12 And Truman's Signature

In a message dated 10/14/98 7:12:18 PM Central Daylight Time, updates@globalserve.net writes:

>Date: Tue, 13 Oct 1998 17:16:13 -0700 (PDT)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj@proaxis.com>
>Subject: MJ-12 and Truman's signature

>Hello List,

>At John White's recent UFO-Experience conference, Bob Wood and
>his son Ryan brought out a little known fact that could explain
>the pair of near-identical signatures of Truman which bear on
>the genuineness of the MJ-12 papers. In the Truman Library they
>located a photo of Truman in an earlier year, 1927, showing him
>using an "autopen" or "multiple machine." It consisted of 4 pens
>driven by a fifth master pen which the signer held, all attached
>to a long board of some sort upon which his secretary would have
>papers to sign all laid out. The 4 slave pens were linked
>through a mechanism (like a series of parallelograms I suppose)
>so that they'd reproduce the motions of the lowermost master
>pen. Each pen was separated horizontally from the others by
>several inches, to allow space for the different letters and
>memos. Thus, except for minor slop in the mechanical linkages,
>the other four signatures would be identical to the master
>signature except perhaps also in intensity of the ink trace.

>They learned that this multi-pen apparatus had followed Truman
>to the White House. So it's not at all implausible that during
>hectic periods of his presidency, Truman decided to save a few
>minutes of time by using the multi-pen. In fact, I think this is
>more plausible than that a clever hoaxster in everything else
>wouldn't know enough to be aware that no two signatures are
>supposed to be identical.

>A point I missed, and also because I've not read Stanton's book
>_Top Secret/Majic_, is the date of the two documents bearing the
>nearly identical signature. They need to be fairly close to the
>same date for this to be a valid explanation. Perhaps someone
>can fill me in on that.

>As time permits Bob and Ryan are interested in examining many
>other Truman signatures of the appropriate time period in case a
>third or fourth or even fifth of the same identical appearance
>can be found. And in case two or more identical Truman
>signatures different from this other one can be found, that
>would at least indicate that he had used the multi-pen apparatus
>while in
>office.

> Jim Deardorff>>

Hello all -

The dates on the documents in question, if I remember correctly is September 23, 1947, and October 1, 1947, which means, that it is unlikely that both documents were signed at the same time so that the signatures would match. Both are letters or correspondence that was of a perishable nature. They would have been signed and then sent on, so that you wouldn't have had the September 23 memo setting around for five or six weeks.

Second point is, again if I remember correctly, that when the October 1 document was found, the MJ-12 proponents suggested that it proved the authenticity because it was an exact match. When they learned that no two signatures from the same hand should match exactly, Bill Moore and Jaime Shandera went to a great deal of trouble to prove that they weren't an exact match. That should rule out the multiple pens trick.

Finally, a questioned document expert in New York City suggested that the October 1 "donor" signature had been slightly modified so that it would fit onto the memo. The stroke on the T in Truman had been shortened. Truman also signed his documents so that the T extended into the body of the text but on the MJ-12 document, it was uncharacteristically low. Both of these things suggested that the signature had been lifted from an authentic document and applied to the memo. That meant the memo was a fake.

It is too bad that we are now being again subjected to the Truman memo as an authentic document because Truman might have used the multiple pen to sign a number of documents at once. That overlooks the fact that no one knows where these documents originated, no one can use a FOIA request to obtain copies of them, and they are filled with technical and historical errors.

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