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Re: RIPT & MJ-12

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Previously, Neil had offered:

>The paper is also clearly not a teletype message, as Kevin
>points out teletype machines used (and still do) continuous roll
>paper which is just torn away as the message is complete, this
>makes a large "letter heading" on the paper impossible if it
>were teletype output.

 <snip>

>And the document seems to mention:

>"4"  "VICTIMS"  "WRECK" "CONVAY" "CRASHES" "MIDDAY" "STORY ADV"
>and might I also offer "EVEN PUT THEORY WEATATN BALLOONS"

Hi, Neil.

Some things I thought I'd throw into the mix.

First, when I was a kid, there was an old (or I suppose new, at
that time) teletype machine at the TV station where my father
worked. The type it put out was identical to that of an old
Remington typewriter my parents still have. Therefore, I'm not
sure that based on type, alone, could someone determine whether
the memo in question originated from a teletype machine though
some teletypes used upper case only.
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Second, I remember the news guys bitching and moaning about how
unreliable the teletype was. Things were always coming in
spelled incorrectly due to machine error (as well as error on
the part of the original "typist", I'm sure).

Third, the feed on the machine was not always on the mark, which
resulted in uneven lines of type more often than not. As we've
become used to laser printers and ink jet printers, it's good to
remember that some of the old equipment wasn't always up to
snuff, even when hitting on all cylinders! (hell, my ink jet
printer still screws up from time to time)

And lastly, the news department had a habit of stamping the top
of a teletype after it came in, for whatever reason. I'm not
familiar with the habits of the military back in those days. Is
it possible that they, too, stamped teletypes upon receipt? If
so, it might explain the "header" at the top of the memo. Just a
thought...

Take care.
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