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Re: Stewart & Friedman

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>Date: Wed, 09 Feb 2000 21:34:15 -0400
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>>Date: Tue, 08 Feb 2000 20:21:26 -0800
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>Too bad that Ed Stewart and Bob Todd have conveniently forgotten
>that Robert Cutler worked at the White House. He was a special
>assistant to the President.

This is another ruse and deception that Friedman keeps
perpetrating on the UFO community. No one has "conveniently
forgotten" who Robert Cutler was, who he worked for and where he
worked at. It is simply not relevant. Robert Cutler was not
found in RG341, an Air Force record group. The alleged
Cutler-Twining memo was and it was the procedure of the Air
Force at the time (documented fact) to use document control
numbers on Top Secret documents that came under their control.
Where Robert Cutler had his morning cup of coffee is simply not
relevant, never was relevant, and never will be relevant.

>He was not at the DOD.

So what? What is the relevance? The document was allegedly found
by Moore-Shandera in RG 341 an Air Force record group, not in
the White House, not in the Library of Congress, not anywhere
but in an Air Force record group. That is what is relevant,
always has been relevant, and always will be relevant.

>Two of the TOP SECRET items (Pages B-4
>and B-5, in my autographed "Final Report on Operation Majestic
>12") were directly from Robert Cutler, Special Assistant to the
>President, to the Secretary of Defense and to General Twining.

Does your autograph make your report more legitimate?

>Both were found at the Library of Congress Manuscript Division
>in the Twining papers and are therefore under the rules of the
>White House (The Originating Agency) and not the DOD.

So what? What does this have to do with the alleged
Cutler-Twining memo found in RG 341 and therefore under the
control of the DOD?

>I have consistently noted that the Cutler Twining Memo (from the
>White House office of Robert Cutler) was obviously planted in
>Box 189 of Entry 267 of RG 321.

That is RG 341, not RG 321. And it is obvious that it was planted __after__ the dual review team went through their classification procedures. If it had been found by the review team, it would have gone through their declassification review and since it was an NSC document that obviously did not belong there, it would have been forwarded to the NSC for declassification review since neither the Air Force nor the Archives had such authority. There is nothing to indicate the Air Force/Archives review team ever saw the document during their review declassification of RG 341. Moore-Shandera were the first to view RG 341 after the review teams finished their job where all of a sudden here pops up the Cutler-Twining memo. Gee, Mr. Archives person, look what I found! Hello? Anybody home?

>The originating agency establishes the Security markings. Not
>the receiving agency.

Excuse me. What does the original security determination have to do with ensuing control procedures by the receiving agencies? Nothing, and if Stanton Friedman had any kind of knowledge about security procedures he would understand the difference. There is no dispute that the alleged originating agency/owner determines the classification of the alleged document. But it is up to the receiving agency to protect and control their received copy according to the control procedures in place. It is obvious that Stanton Friedman either doesn't know the difference or is deliberately attempting a deception by introducing a ruse in desperation. Either way, it displays the low level of Stanton Friedman's alleged expertise on such matters.

>I repeat Cutler worked in the Executive Branch of the government
>at the White House.

And Mickey Mouse worked at Disneyland. So what? Neither statement is of relevance. The memo was allegedly found by your co-researchers in a record group belonging to the Air Force, not the White House, not Disneyland. Hello? Anybody home?

>He issued at least 2 top secret items which wound up in the
>files of General Twining. Neither has a TS Control number.. As a
>matter of fact when they were first discovered neither had been
>stamped declassified, though that box had been released .. as
>happens occasionally.

Conveniently, Stanton Friedman neglects to mention that they were not found in RG 341 and therefore not relevant to this discussion. By the way, as point of reference, the research team of Moore-Shandera-Freidman are on record going through the papers/schedule of General Twining as early as 1980, four years before the alleged appearance of the MJ-12 documents and seven years before their revelation to the rest of the UFO community. Consequently, any claims by Friedman that the MJ-12 papers presented "new" information related to Twining is completely false since the Twining papers were declassified when the research team of Moore-Shandera-Freidman went through them in 1980.

>There was quite a reaction from a staff person when at my
>instruction she obtained them from the box (Maybe #120), brought
>them into her office for some Japanese cameramen, and suddenly
>realized they still said TOP SECRET. She immediately grabbed a
>declassified stamp and applied it several times to each.

So what? Why introduce a distraction that has nothing to do with the Cutler-Twining memo?

>These two clearly establish that it was the policy of Robert
>Cutler at the White House not to use (at least some of the
>time) a TS Control number, Ed Stewart and Bob Todd
>notwithstanding and despite their expertise in such matters.

What does it have to do with a document under the control of the Department of Defense? That is the issue. Always has been the issue. The answer is nothing.

>Though as I recall Todd's expertise is of the armchair variety
>never having been at an archive.

You don't know that. Then again, you have maintained over and over again that entering archives makes one an expert. Your writings and posturing on security classifications have demonstrated that you have no expertise on such matters. By inference, visiting archives is no guarantee of an education on such matters. Obviously, having visited multiple archives has not helped you, or helped you gain any relevant knowledge.

>Case closed.

It has been closed for almost a decade now to the rest of the world. Where have you been?

>The absence of a TS control number on the Cutler Twining memo, >and the Truman Forrestal Memo and the EBD (Recall that Truman >also was at the White House and Hillenkoetter when he was DCI >was part of the Executive Branch _not_ the DOD) does _not_ >establish these items as frauds.

You are the only one that has interpreted my comments to say that. I have always maintained that it indicates either a breach of security or that the documents were bogus. What part of _either or_ are you unable to understand. Friedman wants the world to believe on one hand that MJ-12 existed and was the most secret of all programs, yet the documents involved used no known security control procedures in protecting the alleged secret even though the alleged members were all knowledgeable and versed on proper security procedures. Hello? Anybody home?

Ed Stewart

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Ed Stewart ufoindex@jps.net | So Man, who here seems principal alone,
There Is Something ,>'?'<, | Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.
Going On! ,>'?'<, | Touches some wheel, or verges to some goal,
Salvador Freixedo (O O) | 'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.
-----oo00-(_)-00oo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----

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