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August 29, 1985

Dear Larry Fawcett:

Thank you for a copy of "Just Cause" which I found most interesting. Although CAUS earlier took my money and ran, without delivering the promised issues (W. Todd Zechel), I will risk another \$10.00 which I enclose for a year's subscription.

Not surprisingly, my skeptic's book is selling far fewer copies than your own. Which is what interests me in a proposition I recently received from a major publisher--to write a book titled "Why I Changed My Mind About UFOs." The initial cash advance offer was \$50,000--which would be barely enough to pay off three \$10,000 offers now in force. I told the publisher that if he would raise it to \$100K I would seriously consider the idea.

MJ-12: Stands for "Mega-Jerk" and the "12" stands for the 12 people in the Pentagon who conceived the idea to demonstrate the extreme gullibility of the "UFO Believers." (The idea came from the Project Alpha pulled off by Jim Randi, of CSICOP, who trained two young magicians to pose as psychics and to undergo tests at the Washington University Psi Lab in St. Louis, where they completely fooled the lab scientists until Randi pulled the plug, held a press conference to expose the hoax)

When I first heard of MJ-12 from one of the originators, I told them it was too obvious a hoax and would never fool any but the most gullible of the UFOlogists. I pointed out that Lt. Gen. Nate Twining's letter of Sept. 23, 1947 to the commander of the Army Air Forces (See p. 394 of the Condon Report) showed the MJ-12 report to be a hoax.

And I told them that the President (Harry Truman) would never sign a report prepared by others for him. But they said they intentionally included all of these obvious contradictions to show how UFOlogists ignore such contradictions.

The Sept. 18, 1947 date is a dead giveaway. That was the date that the CIA was created. But the "12" figured that would give the report an aura of "mystique."

It is clear to me that the MJ-12 have not taken you in and that you spotted their hoax, as I predicted.

Reference the Iranian incident, my own sources were at the Iranian air base from which the F-4s were launched. And tapes played for Iranian reporters, recorded at the Tehran tower which was in communication with the F-4s, shows there were only two aircraft involved.

Is the "Iranian General" still in Iran? Or, when he fled for his life did he remember to take the file with him? I look forward to learning more when you translate his alleged file. FYI, USAF reps were invited to sit in on the debriefing by Iranian Air Force, which they did. I interviewed one of the USAF officers in his home a couple years after the incident.

Cordially,

PJK
Annotations
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Pure PJK
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November 12, 1985

Dear Stanton Friedman:

Inasmuch as your Nov. 3 letter cites a lone FBI Office Memo of 1/31/49 in support of Roswell Crashed Saucers because it states that "This matter [UFOs] is considered Top Secret by Intelligence Officers of both the Army and the Air Forces," and because you pride yourself on your (allegedly) very extensive research, I seek your comments on the following FBI memoranda/letters from the agency's UFO files:

- (1) To D. M. Ladd (7/10/47) [shortly after alleged recovery of Roswell saucer] "...According to General Schulgen, the Air Corps Intelligence are utilizing all of their scientists in order to ascertain whether or not such a phenomenon could in fact occur. He stated that this research is being conducted with the thought that the flying objects might be a celestial phenomenon and with the view that they might be a foreign body mechanically devised and controlled." (Emphasis added.)
- (2) To D.M. Ladd (7/24/47): "General Schulgen indicated to Mr. () that he believed that there was a possibility that this entire [UFO] matter might have been started by subversive individuals for the purpose of creating a mass hysteria...General Schulgen stated to Mr. () that he would make available to the Bureau all information in the possession of the Air Corps..."
- (3) [Found in FBI Files, an AAF Summary of 18 UFO reports/dated 7/30/47] While this report includes the Kenneth Arnold incident, there is no mention of any Roswell crashed-saucer incident
- (4) To D.M. Ladd (8/19/85): "Special Agent S.W. Reynolds...while discussing the above captioned phenomena with Lt. Col. (Garrett) of the Air Forces Intelligence, expressed the possibility that flying discs were, in fact, a very highly classified experiment of the Army or Navy. Mr. (Reynolds) was very much surprised when Col. (Garrett) not only agreed that this was a possibility, but confidentially stated it was his personal opinion that such was a probability..."
- (5) J. Edgar Hoover letter of 9/27/47 to Maj. Gen. George C. McDonald, in which Hoover objects to having FBI "investigate incidents of discs found on the ground..."
- (6) To Director FBI (1/10/49) from SAC Knoxville: "() predicated his remarks concerning the 'flying saucers' or 'mystery missiles' by stating that he knew nothing of an official nature concerning them, other than the fact that they were believed by air force intelligence officials to be man-made missiles, rather than some natural phenomena....He also stated...none have ever been known to crash, collide or disintegrate over American soil..." (Emphasis added.)
- (7) To Director, FBI (j/31/49) from SAC, San Antonio: "It is noted that no debris has ever been known to be located anywhere resulting from the unexplained phenomena [i.e. UFOs]." (Emphasis added.)

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- (8) To Director, FBI (3/22/49) from SAC, San Antonio: "Further, on Feb. 14, 1949, higher Military authorities advised that it was believed that ultimately it would be found that the phenomena [UFOs] in question have a natural explanation."
- (9) To The Director, FBI (3/25/50) from D.M. Ladd: (responding to director's request for "the facts re 'flying saucers.'") "...The Air Force discontinued their intelligence projects to determine what flying saucers are the latter part of last year...The reason...was that after two years of investigation over three-fourths of the incidents...proved to be misidentifications of a wide variety of conventional items..."
- (10) To (), dated May 26, 1949: "Col. () has now advised that there is no information available in any arm of the Air Force to the effect that any flying saucers of any kind have been recovered in the United States. Col. () stated delay [in his response to FBI inquiry] had been encountered in determining this fact inasmuch as inquiries had been directed through individuals known to him and trusted by him and not through the usual channels from which he possibly would receive a stock answer."
- (11) To Director, FBI, from D.M. Ladd (10/9/50): "Bureau liaison determined...that investigations of these aerial phenomena are being handled by OSI, Wright Field, Ohio. Their investigation of these phenomena fails to indicate that the sightings involve space ships or missiles from any other planet or country."
- (12) To A.H. Belmont (7/29/52): "Mr. N.W. Philcox, the Bureau's Air Force Liaison Representative, made arrangements through the office of Maj. Gen. John A. Samford, Director of Air Intelligence, U.S. Air Force, to receive a briefing from Commander () of the Current Intelligence Branch...regarding the present status of Air Intelligence research into the numerous reports regarding flying saucers and flying discs....He advised that it is not entirely impossible that the objects sighted may possibly be ships from another planet, such as Mars. He advised that at the present time there is nothing to substantiate this theory but the possibility is not being overlooked." (Emphasis added.)
- (13) To A.H. Belmont (10/27/52): "Air Intelligence still feels flying saucers are optical illusions or atmospherical phenomena but some Military officials are seriously considering the possibility of interplanetary ships..."

I look forward to your explanations, confident that you will claim that top FBI officials, including J. Edgar Hoover, like Gen. of the Armies Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lt. Gen. Nate Twining, and many other top officials simply lacked clearances to be informed of the alleged crashed Roswell saucer, despite the fact that you believe that dozens of low-level, ordinary N.M. citizens with no clearance and no need to know already knew all about the crashed saucer.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large loop followed by a horizontal stroke and another loop.



Harry S. Truman Library

Independence, Missouri 64050

June 23, 1987

Mr. Stanton T. Friedman

Canada

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Thank you for your letter of June 17, 1987.

We have made a further search of our files and have been unable to find a copy of the briefing document dated November 18, 1952, a copy of which you enclosed with your letter.

Our regulations do not permit us to pass on the authenticity of documents or handwriting. We are enclosing a list of appraisers compiled by the Society of American Archivists. One of these appraisers might be willing to pass on the genuineness of the November 18, 1952 briefing document.

President Truman's appointment records indicate that his only meeting with Dr. Vannevar Bush between May and December 31, 1947 was on September 24, 1947. Dr. Bush was accompanied at that meeting by Secretary of Defense James Forrestal. There is no indication in the files as to what was discussed at the meeting.

Sincerely,

George H. Curtis
for BENEDICT K. ZOBRIST
Director

Enclosure

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Dwight D. Eisenhower Library

Abilene, Kansas 67410

August 14, 1987

Mr. Philip J. Klass
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Dear Mr. Klass:

This is in response to your letter of August 8. You may feel free to quote from our letter of August 5 and to reproduce copies of the documents from our files.

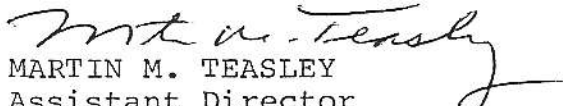
In response to your inquiry regarding William L. Moore, Stanton Friedman, and Jamie Shandera, we can inform you that Moore and Friedman visited our Library to conduct research on the subject of UFO's and related matters. We can provide you with this information only because they indicated on their research applications that we could supply their names and the subject of their research to other researchers. The Privacy Act prohibits us from disclosing specific information regarding a researcher such as the dates they visited the Library.

We have also checked our files concerning Jamie Shandera and found no record of a visit by this individual to our Library.

The identity of individuals who correspond with the Library is also protected by the Privacy Act. This information cannot be divulged unless the Library receives written permission from the individuals to release their names. Stanton Friedman, who has corresponded with the Library, has given us permission to release his name to other researchers interested in the purported Cutler-Twining memorandum.

If we can be of additional assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,


MARTIN M. TEASLEY
Assistant Director

MOORE & FRIEDMAN: MUFON Sunday June 28, 1987

Q&A:

(Question restated by Moore): This gentleman suspects that some reporters would suspect that perhaps I was the creator of the Eisenhower briefing document. How would I go about convincing them that that was not true:)

Moore: My answer was that in any way I can. I do not, by the way, currently have a book contract, film contract or any other financial incentive concerning that material. I have no--at this point--financial interest in them. I don't know what the future will bring but the documents are not for sale. It is available to anyone who is a legitimate member of the press that wants to look at it, examine it, study it, and make every effort they can to learn what can be learned about it. That's why it's out there.

I think if I were a hoaxer of the document and wanted to do something like that, even perhaps what I know about my personality, I would probably want to write a book first and make my money, and then run for (indistinct: cover?)"

-----STANTON FRIEDMAN-----

1. Mentions MJ-12 papers in June 16, 1987 issue of NY Times.
2. "I think, apparently, that the documents were released first in England, in the London Observer... [A-32]"
3. (On abductions): "I recognize that abductions are fascinating, exciting, sometimes frightening and very, very significant events for the people involved and perhaps (!) for society as a whole. But I don't think we want to jump to the conclusion that that's the total picture of extraterrestrial visitations. It seems to me more logical to think of a flying college with a lot of departments. There's a department that concerns itself with biological-genetic manipulation, if you will. There's probably some geologists around, some metallurgists around, some psychologists around, some military specialists making sure that these guys can get home when they want to."

"I think we need to be aware that while the abductions may be the experiences, the interactions that touch the individual pulse, that they may only be a small part of a larger picture. I think you should bear that in mind."



Washington, DC 20408

Date : July 22, 1987
Reply to :
Attn of : Military Reference Branch
Subject : Reference Report on MJ-12
To : The Record

The National Archives has received many requests for documentation and information about "Project MJ-12". Many of the inquiries concern a memorandum from Robert Cutler to General Nathan Twining, dated July 14, 1954. This particular document poses problems for the following reasons:

1. The document was located in Record Group 341, entry 267. The series is filed by a Top Secret register number. This document does not bear such a number.
2. The document is filed in the folder T4-1846. There are no other documents in the folder regarding "NSC/MJ-12".
3. The Military Reference Branch (Edward Reese) has conducted a search in the records of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Headquarters US Air Force, and in other related files. No further information has been found on this subject.
4. Inquiries to the US Air Force, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the National Security Council failed to produce further information.
5. The Acting Director of the Freedom of Information Office of the National Security Council informed us that "Top Secret Restricted Information" is a marking which did not come into use at the National Security Council until the Nixon Administration. The Eisenhower Presidential Library also confirms that this particular marking was not used during the Eisenhower Administration.
6. The document in question does not bear an official government letterhead or watermark. The NARA conservation

specialist (Mary Ritzenthaler) examined the paper and determined it was a ribbon copy prepared on "dictation onionskin". The Eisenhower Library has examined its collection of the Cutler papers. All documents created by Mr. Cutler while he served on the NSC staff have an eagle watermark in the onionskin carbon paper. Most documents sent out by the NSC were prepared on White House letterhead paper. For the brief period when Mr. Cutler left the NSC, his carbon copies were prepared on "prestige onionskin".

7. The Judicial, Fiscal, and Social Branch searched the Official Meeting Minute Files of the National Security Council and found no record of a NSC meeting on July 16, 1954. A search of all NSC Meeting Minutes for July 1954 found no mention of MJ-12 nor Majestic.

8. The Judicial, Fiscal, and Social Branch (Mary Ronan) searched the indices of the NSC records and found no listing for: MJ-12, Majestic, unidentified flying objects, UFO, flying saucers, or flying discs.

9. The Judicial, Fiscal, and Social Branch (Mary Ronan) found a memo in a folder titled "Special Meeting July 16, 1954" which indicated that NSC members would be called to a civil defense exercise on July 16, 1954.

10. The Eisenhower Library states, in a letter to NNMR, dated July 16, 1987:

"President Eisenhower's Appointment Books contain no entry for a special meeting on July 16, 1954 which might have included a briefing on MJ-12. Even when the President had 'off the record' meetings, the Appointment Books contain entries indicating the time of the meeting and the participants...

The Declassification Office of the National Security Council has informed us that it has no record of any declassification action having been taken on this memorandum or any other documents on this alleged project...

Robert Cutler, at the direction of President Eisenhower, was visiting overseas military installations on the day he supposedly

issued this memorandum --- July 14, 1954. The Administration Series in Eisenhower's Papers as President contains Cutler's memorandum and report to the President upon his return from the trip. The memorandum is dated July 20, 1954 and refers to Cutler's visits to installations in Europe and North Africa between July 3 and 15. Also, within the NSC Staff Papers is a memorandum dated July 3, 1954, from Cutler to his two subordinates, James S. Lay and J. Patrick Coyne, explaining how they should handle NSC administrative matters during his absence; one would assume that if the memorandum to Twining were genuine, Lay or Coyne would have signed it."

Jo Ann Williamson
JO ANN WILLIAMSON
Chief, Military Reference Branch
Military Archives Division

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TOP SECRET UFO DOCUMENTS LABELED "FORGERY" BY SKEPTICS

BUFFALO, N.Y. -- Recent widely publicized "Top Secret" documents which claimed to reveal that the U.S. government secretly recovered a crashed flying saucer and four alien bodies near Roswell, N.M., 40 years ago, are "clumsy counterfeits" according to spokesmen for the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP).

"The evidence clearly shows that these are hoax documents," according to Prof. Paul Kurtz, CSICOP's Chairman. The documents were widely publicized in the U.S. and international news media, including the New York Times and on ABC-TV's popular "Night Line" program. "This represents one of the most deliberate acts of deception ever perpetrated against the news media and the public," continued Kurtz.

CSICOP is releasing here the results of a study of the documents conducted by Philip J. Klass, Chairman of its special "UFO Subcommittee" and author of the book UFOs: The Public Deceived. Included in the report is the finding of Jo Ann Williamson, Chief of the Military Reference Branch of the Military Archives in Washington D.C. The hoax documents claim that shortly after a crashed saucer and four alien bodies were recovered by the U.S. government in July, 1947, President Harry S. Truman created a top secret group called "Majestic-12" (MJ-12), consisting of a dozen of the nation's top scientists, to study the craft and the aliens.

Further, that President Dwight D. Eisenhower (and all of his successors, including President Reagan) managed to keep the crashed saucer and alien bodies secret--despite the inability to keep Watergate and Irangate scandals under cover.

The MJ-12 documents were released to the news media in late May by William L. Moore and two associate UFO-researchers: Stanton T. Friedman and Jamie Shandera. They seemed to confirm earlier claims by Moore of a secret government recovery of a crashed saucer, made in 1980 in a now out-of-print book which he coauthored with Charles Berlitz. (Berlitz earlier authored a book claiming that aircraft and ships disappear mysteriously in the "Bermuda Triangle.")

According to Moore, photos of the MJ-12 documents were found on an undeveloped roll of 35 mm. film received by Shandera in December, 1984, from an unknown source. Moore claims that he, Shandera and Friedman spent more than two years in trying to authenticate the MJ-12 documents before recently deciding to make them public. (British UFOlogist Timothy Good made similar claims at about the same time, based on the same documents which he said he obtained from an anonymous source.)

Moore recently publicly stated that "it is our considered opinion, based upon research and interviews conducted thus far, that the document and its contents appear to be genuine. At the very least, it is possible to state with certainty that absolutely nothing has surfaced during the course of our research which would seem to suggest otherwise."

According to Moore, this research included "many days...spent combing through the records at the National Archives in Washington D.C. as well as both the Truman and Eisenhower presidential libraries..."

Moore's claim is challenged by Klass, a member of CSICOP's Executive Council, who turned up hard evidence in a matter of several weeks to show that key documents are counterfeits. Klass wrote to the directors of the Truman and Eisenhower Libraries to obtain documents of the same vintage and checked with officials at the National Archives who themselves already had become skeptical of one key memorandum.

Moore and Shandera admit that this memorandum is a cornerstone of their claims for the MJ-12 document authenticity: "For the first time," according to Moore, "we had an official document available through a public source that talked about MJ-12." According to Shandera, the memo "gave us an auditable trail to a (government) document that referenced MJ-12."

This document appeared to be an unsigned carbon copy of a memorandum dated July 14, 1954, written by Robert Cutler, then President Eisenhower's special assistant, to General Nathan Twining, then chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force. The memo informed Twining of a last minute change in plans for an MJ-12 special studies project briefing of President Eisenhower and the National Security Council to be held on July 16.

But Cutler could not possibly have written this July 14 memo, telling of very recent changes in Eisenhower's schedule, because Cutler had departed Washington 11 days earlier on an extended trip to visit military facilities in Europe and North Africa and did not return to Washington until July 15.

This Klass learned from Martin M. Teasley, assistant director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, in Abilene, Kan., in response to a letter-inquiry. Teasley sent Klass a copy of Cutler's trip-report on his July 3-15 overseas visits, written July 20.

Suspicious about the authenticity of the Cutler/Twining memo arose at the National Archives in the wake of inquiries generated by release of the MJ-12 documents. The memo was found by Moore and Shandera in July, 1985, in one of 126 boxes of once Top Secret U.S. Air Force intelligence documents, each of which is given a register number by the USAF before being turned over to the National Archives. The Cutler/Twining memo "does not bear such a number," according to Ms. Jo Ann Williamson, chief of the National Archives military reference branch.

This prompted the National Archives to dig deeper. On the surface, the Cutler/Twining memo, on thin onion-skin paper, appeared to be an unsigned carbon-copy--used before the "Xerox Age." But analysis showed that it did not have the characteristic "Eagle watermark" of all government onion-skin paper like that found on other Cutler memoranda in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, in Abilene, Kan. Furthermore, indentations from the impact of typewriter keys

were visible on the back side, showing that it was a typed "original" and not a carbon copy as it first seemed to be.

The memo bore a security classification that read: "TOP SECRET RESTRICTED SECURITY INFORMATION," but this terminology did not come into use until more than a decade later. Numerous other discrepancies in the Cutler/Twining memo are cited in a National Archives memorandum, dated July 22, 1987, signed by Ms. Williamson. (Copy is attached.)

Shandera told Klass on June 27 that a very extensive check had been run on the authenticity of the Cutler memo. He claimed "we found numerous other documents, Cutler memoranda, same letterhead, same typewriter, same type style."

But when Klass obtained photocopies of authentic Cutler memoranda and letters written during July 1954 from the Eisenhower Library, they did not bear out Shandera's claim. "Even casual comparison of the clean, high-quality typeface on these documents with the typeface on the Cutler/ Twining memo provides further evidence of a counterfeit," Klass said.

"It may be no more than coincidence," Klass noted, "that this Cutler/ Twining memo was first discovered at the National Archives by Moore and Shandera." According to Moore, when he learned through Friedman in March, 1985, that large numbers of Top Secret USAF intelligence documents were being declassified, he asked that the National Archives notify him as soon as they became available. As a result, Moore and Shandera were, by their account, the first persons to gain access to the documents after they had been declassified.

Another key document, found on the 35 mm. film roll and released by Moore, Shandera and Friedman, which appears to be a President Truman letter creating the MJ-12 group, also is a counterfeit, according to Klass. The Sept. 24, 1947, letter to Defense Secretary James Forrestal--which Moore and Shandera characterize as an Executive Order although it is not--is stamped "TOP SECRET EYES ONLY."

It authorizes Forrestal "to proceed with all due speed and caution... Hereafter this matter shall be referred to only as Operation Majestic Twelve" i.e. MJ-12. Shandera told Klass that he and Moore had carefully checked the Truman letter's authenticity. "We had the typing checked, to determine the kind of typewriter (used)...the way the document was done."

Klass challenges Shandera's claim on the basis of other Truman letters written in the same 1947 time period to other Cabinet members, obtained from Benedict K. Zobrist, director of the Harry S. Truman Library, in Independence, Mo. Examination of the typeface and format of these authentic Truman letters indicates that the Sept. 24, 1947, letter to Forrestal is a counterfeit, according to Klass, created by superimposing a spurious message on a photocopy of an authentic Truman letter.

For example, authentic Truman letters to Cabinet members begin: "My Dear Secretary -.....," and the full name and address of the intended recipient is typed in at the lower left corner of the page. But in the Sept. 24, 1947, letter, the counterfeiter forgot to type Forrestal's name, title and address in the lower left portion of the page and used "Dear Secretary Forrestal" instead of Truman's typical "My Dear Secretary....."

Klass's detailed report on the counterfeit MJ-12 papers will appear in the Winter 1987 edition of CSICOP's publication, The Skeptical Inquirer.

Fabrication of counterfeit U.S. government documents is illegal, Klass noted, and he believes that those who concocted the MJ-12 documents to dupe the public and fool the news media should be brought to justice.

Klass invited Moore and his associates to join his own efforts toward that goal and expressed the hope that they will now be more responsive than in the past to his requests for information in their possession which might aid in pinpointing the person(s) responsible for fabricating the hoax documents.

Moore recently indicated that he has additional documents beyond the MJ-12 papers, which he may soon release. Klass said he "hopes Moore and his associates will make a more rigorous study of their authenticity to avoid a repetition of their earlier mistakes and further duping of the public."

Kurtz expressed the hope that news media which gave such widespread publicity to the MJ-12 papers when they were released in late May will promptly inform their readers/viewers/listeners that the papers are a hoax.

Report of U.F.O. Crash in '47 Called False by Science Panel

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (Reuters) — Documents purported to be from the Truman White House that say the Pentagon recovered a crashed flying saucer and the bodies of four alien creatures in 1947 are "clumsy counterfeits," according to a report by a group of scientists.

The report was released Monday by the group, the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. The report was prepared by Phillip J. Klass, the Washington editor of Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine and a leading debunker of reports on unidentified flying objects.

The chairman of the committee, Paul Kurtz, a University of Buffalo philosophy professor, said the documents represented "one of the most deliberate acts of deception ever perpetrated against the news media and the public."

The documents, which said President Truman created a secret unit called Majestic 12, or MJ-12, to study the saucer and its contents, were made public in May by William L. Moore, a researcher on U.F.O.'s.

White House Report

Mr. Moore told reporters then that his research team had found a key White House report in the National Archives dated July 14, 1954. It appeared to have been prepared for the Air Force by Robert Cutler, a White House aide, and mentioned a change in plans for an MJ-12 briefing for President Eisenhower.

Mr. Klass said his research showed that the document was false. He said that Mr. Cutler was not in Washington when the report was supposedly written, having left for Europe 11 days earlier.

According to a National Archives

memo released by Mr. Klass, the Archives is also suspicious because Mr. Moore's does not bear the required top secret registration number and is marked "Top Secret Restricted Information" — a designation that was not used until the Nixon Administration.

Another document in which Truman supposedly ordered Defense Secretary James Forrestal to create MJ-12, is also a forgery, Mr. Klass said.

The document did not follow the format Truman used in writing letters to his Cabinet secretaries and was created by superimposing a spurious message on a photograph of an authentic Truman letter, the editor concluded.

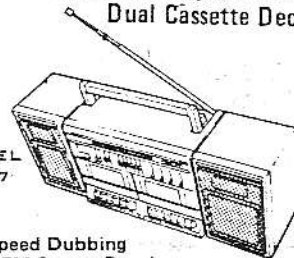
Du Pont to Get U.S. Funds

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (AP) — Pierre S. du Pont 4th, the former Governor of Delaware, has been certified by the Federal Election Commission to receive Federal matching funds in his bid for the Republican Presidential nomination. The commission approved Mr. du Pont Monday, making him the seventh 1988 Presidential contender to be certified for the funds. The money comes from the voluntary \$1 checkoff on individual income tax returns. To qualify, a candidate must raise \$5,000 in each of 20 states in contributions of \$250 or less. The money is not released until Jan. 1, 1988.

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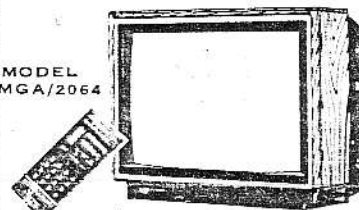
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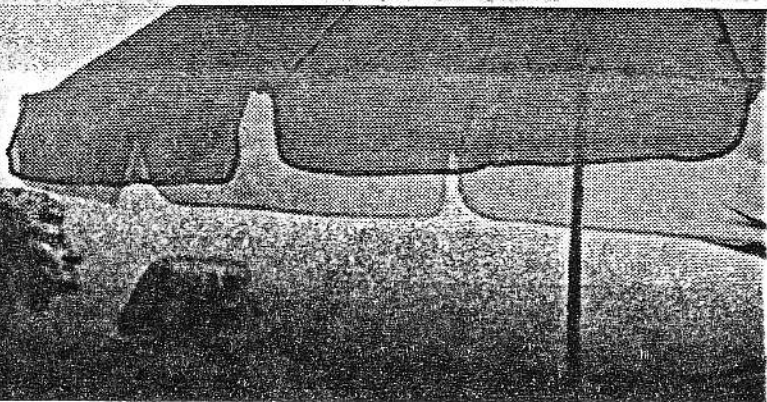
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Sept. 20, 1987

HARD EVIDENCE THAT SHOWS THAT THE "HILLENKOETTER MJ-12 BRIEFING DOCUMENT OF NOVEMBER 18, 1952" IS A COUNTERFEIT.

For many decades the traditional military protocol for writing a specific date has differed from the civil style. For example, where a civilian would write: NOVEMBER 8, 1952, the military style would be: 8 NOVEMBER 1952.

The format of preceding a single-digit date with a "0", i.e. 08 NOVEMBER 1952, was NOT used in the early 1950s when the Hillenkoetter briefing paper allegedly was written.

Yet the Hillenkoetter briefing document, allegedly written in mid-November, 1952, uses a style that did not come into use until more than two decades later. For example:

Page 2: 01 August, 1950.
Page 3: 07 July, 1947.
Page 5: 06 December, 1950.

(Exhibit "A" contrasts the format used in the alleged Hillenkoetter briefing papers with the valid format used on authentic Defense Dept. and CIA documents of the 1950s.)

There is still another give-away error of format in the Hillenkoetter briefing document which mixes military and civil formats. With the military format, there is never a comma between the month and the year when the date stands alone, or the sentence ends with the year. (If the sentence continues beyond the year, then there is a comma following the month and another that follows the year.)

Examples of this erroneous "mixed military-civil format," shown in Exhibit "B," include:

Page 1: 18 November, 1952
Page 2: 18 November, 1952
Page 4: 30 November, 1947

Curiously, this same erroneous "mixed military-civil format," with a superfluous comma, is repeatedly used in letters written by WILLIAM L. MOORE--who (in association with Stanton Friedman and Jamie Shandera) released the MJ-12 papers to the public. See Exhibit "C".

These significant anomalies were first brought to my attention by Christopher D. Allen, Stoke-on-Trent, England.



EXHIBIT "A"

Hillenkoetter MJ-12 documents:

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Authentic Military/CIA document format of the 1950s:

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SECRET

SECURITY INFORMATION

DATE: 4 April 1958

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 9 December 1952

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

Declassified by
date

OCT 2 1952

9 April 1958

Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director (Intelligence)

7 February 1967

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letter of 11 March 1958
45th Street
SPECIAL REPORT NO. 14

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
U. S. Air Force Contract with the University of
Colorado to Report on the UFO Situation

PORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED A

Declassified by
date

1 August 1952

/SI

Intelligence Division

DATE: 3 July 1953

PROJECT NO. 10073

5 MAY 1955

Director, SI

is & Electronics Division, SI

Flying Objects

EXHIBIT "B"

Hillenkoetter MJ-12 documents:

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18 NOVEMBER, 1952

DOCUMENT PREPARED 18 NOVEMBER, 1952.

REPORTING OFFICER: ADM. ROSCOR H. HILL.

Authentic Military/CIA documents showing correct format without
comma after the name of the month:

ANALYSIS OF FLYING OBJECT INCIDENTS IN THE U. S.

Air Intelligence Division Study No. 203
10 December 1948

Directorate of Intelligence and Office of Naval Intelligence

REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL
ON
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
17 January 1953

INTELLIGENCE

Objects Reporting (Short Title: UFOD.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 12 AUGUST 1954

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
19 June 1952

Mr. Leon Davidson
804 South Irving Street
Arlington, Virginia

Declassified by 589375
date 20 APR 1977

JUL 29 1952

FROM : Chief, Applied Science Division, SI

SUBJECT: Comments on Letters Dealing with Unidentified Flying Objects

REFERENCES: (1) Letter to Director, CIA, from Leon Davidson, dated
11 March 1958
(2) Letter to Director, CIA, from Donald E. Kayhoe, Director
of National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena

1. As a result of the action taken by the IAC on 4 December
1952 (IAC-M-90, Paragraph 3a), a Scientific Intelligence Advisory
Panel was convened 14-18 January 1953. The panel consisted of the
following scientists: H. P. Robertson, Luis W. Alvarez, Lloyd V.
Berkner, S. A. Goudsmit, and Thornton Page. The panel concerned
itself with the evaluation of any possible threat to National
Security by unidentified flying objects. The panel issued a report
dated 17 January 1953. This report was classified Secret.

EXHIBIT "C"

William L. Moore letters showing same incorrect "mixed military-civil" format as that used in the Hillenkoetter MJ-12 briefing paper.



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CHRONOLOGY OF WILLIAM L. MOORE'S PECULIAR STYLE OF WRITING A DATE
(The very same style used in the "Hillenkoetter MJ-12" document.)

Analysis of correspondence from William L. Moore in my files, dating back to mid-1982, shows that even then he was using an erroneous (corrupted) version of the military style of giving the specific date, the month and the year. The proper military format is: 28 September 1987. But Moore always inserts a comma after the month, as shown below, in every one of his letters-- exactly as was done by the person who typed the "Hillenkoetter MJ-12" papers.

Note that for single-digit dates (1-9), Moore did not precede the digit with a zero--until about November 1983. This is about a year before the 35 mm. film with the "Hillenkoetter MJ-12" papers reportedly was received by Jamie Shandera from an anonymous source.

Curiously, the person who typed the Hillenkoetter MJ-12 papers--allegedly in 1952--not only used Moore's 1980s style of inserting an unnecessary comma after the month, but he/she also used Moore's more recently acquired style of using a zero before a single digit. Yet that format did not come into use until several decades after the Hillenkoetter letter allegedly was written.

Were it not that the "Hillenkoetter MJ-12" papers purport to have been written 35 years ago, one might suspect that perhaps Moore had worked in Hillenkoetter's office as a typist or secretary. But in 1952 Moore would have been a mere child, which seems to rule out this scenario.

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ANOTHER INDICATION THAT THE "MJ-12 HILLENKOETTER BRIEFING DOCUMENT" IS A COUNTERFEIT...

IT ERRONEOUSLY REFERS TO ADM. HILLENKOETTER AS "ROSCOE H..." IN TWO PLACES. AUTHENTIC DOCUMENTS SHOW THAT HE USED HIS INITIALS "R.H", NOT HIS FIRST NAME. (Possibly he was not too fond of the name "Roscoe.")

Authentic Hillenkoetter memoranda to the White House written while he was Director of Central Intelligence (1947-1950) (obtained from the Truman Library, thanks to its director, Benedict K. Zobrist), show all were signed as follows:

R.H. Hillenkoetter
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

These include the following:

- (1) Once Top Secret Memorandum for the President, bearing date of "6 Aug. 1948."
- (2) Memorandum of "14 June 1949"
- (3) Once Confidential Memorandum, dated "9 January 1950"
- (4) Once Secret Memorandum, dated "3 March 1950"

NOTE that none of the single-digit dates used a zero-prefix, nor did any use an "unnecessary comma" after the month, as is found on the "MJ-12 Hillenkoetter papers" released by William L. Moore. Moore uses this peculiar "MJ-12 style" in his own letters.

When Hillenkoetter retired from the Navy in 1957, and subsequently joined the Board of NICAP, he was listed as "R.H. Hillenkoetter," NOT as Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter. An article on UFOs published in the Nov. 18, 1957, edition of The Washington Daily News, based on an interview, identifies him as: "Admiral R.H. Hillenkoetter." When he was quoted as a NICAP spokesman in an article on UFOs in the Feb. 28, 1960, edition of The New York Times, he was identified as "Vice Admiral R.H. Hillenkoetter (Ret.)..." When a similar statement on UFOs was published in the Congressional Record of Sept. 2, 1960, he was referred to as "Vice Adm. R.H. Hillenkoetter..."

Clearly the "MJ-12 briefing document" was not written by Hillenkoetter or typed by his secretary, who would certainly have known that he used "R.H.", not "Roscoe."

Moore claims that his more than two years of research into the validity of the MJ-12 papers turned up "absolutely nothing" to question their authenticity. "Absolutely nothing"?????

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WHICH WILLIAM L. MOORE STORY SHOULD WE BELIEVE??

According to William L. Moore, the 35 mm. film containing the MJ-12 Hillenkoetter briefing papers was received in December, 1984. (Shandera says the date was Dec. 11, 1984) The third page of the document contains the following:

"On 07 July, 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage of this object for scientific study. During the course of this operation, AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE DISCOVERED THAT FOUR SMALL HUMAN-LIKE BEINGS HAD APPARENTLY EJECTED FROM THE CRAFT AT SOME POINT BEFORE IT EXPLODED. THESE HAD FALLEN TO EARTH ABOUT TWO MILES EAST OF THE WRECKAGE SITE. ALL FOUR WERE DEAD AND BADLY DECOMPOSED DUE TO ACTION BY PREDATORS..." (Emphasis added.)

Approximately six months after Moore claims he first saw this MJ-12 document, he presented a paper at the 1985 MUFON UFO Conference, in St. Louis (June 28-30). In the published version of Moore's 1985 MUFON talk we find the following:

(Page 174): "More recently (1984) a confidential informant who is still in government employ, has stated that THERE WERE FOUR BODIES RECOVERED AT ROSWELL, BUT THAT ALL WERE BADLY DECOMPOSED AND HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY PREDATORS BEFORE THEIR DISCOVERY. According to this source, who claims to have seen the bodies, THE OCCUPANTS OF THE CRAFT HAD APPARENTLY EJECTED JUST BEFORE IT EXPLODED, AND WERE KILLED WHEN THEY STRUCK THE GROUND...THESE WERE DISCOVERED BY AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE SEVERAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE BRAZEL RANCH CRASH SITE..."

"The reliability of the source of this information is believed to be good; but since ... his testimony remains almost totally uncorroborated, his testimony at present can only be regarded as very interesting hearsay." (Emphasis added.)

UNCORROBORATED? The information allegedly supplied by this source was essentially identical to that in the Hillenkoetter briefing document. Moore had had six months in which to investigate its authenticity and even today claims his research has turned up "absolutely nothing" to question its validity.

But in late June of 1985, when Moore presented his MUFON paper, he and Shandera had not yet "found" the counterfeit Cutler/Twinning memo in the National Archives, which seemed to authenticate the MJ-12 Hillenkoetter briefing papers. That momentous discovery would occur shortly after Moore delivered his MUFON paper.

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WAS ARMY CHIEF-OF-STAFF DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER PROMPTLY INFORMED OF THE ALLEGED ARMY AIR FORCES RECOVERY OF A CRASHED SAUCER??

NO, according to Stanton Friedman, William Moore and Jamie Shandera. The reason, they explain in their memo of June 8, 1987, was that Eisenhower had announced in June, 1947, that he would leave the Pentagon at the end of that year to become President of Columbia University. And that although he remained at the Pentagon for six months after the crashed saucer allegedly was recovered and three months after the MJ-12 committee allegedly was created, and he later served as Supreme Commander of NATO Forces in Europe, according to Friedman, Moore and Shandera Eisenhower had "no need-to-know during the period July, 1947 through November 1952."

This, they claim, explains why the MJ-12 Hillenkoetter briefing document is written as if Eisenhower had never heard of the recovered crashed saucer or of MJ-12.

Friedman, Moore and Shandera should re-read the paper that Moore presented at the 1982 MUFON UFO Conference in Toronto. Moore cites page 28 of his own book and claims that Brig. Gen. Roger Ramey, commander of the Eighth Air Force at Ft. Worth, received a telephone call on July 8, 1947, from Lt. Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg (soon to become Vice Chief of Staff of the new U.S. Air Force) which "alerted" Ramey to the fact that "pieces of the object were on the Roswell Air Base..." (p. 28.) If true, then clearly Gen. Vandenberg knew of the crashed saucer by July 8.

According to Moore's MUFON paper (p. 101), the next day, July 9, Gen. Vandenberg "again meets with Symington [who would be named Secretary of the new USAF] at 12:50 PM, following which both attend a meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) from 12:57 - 2:15 PM." Surely Gen. Vandenberg would have informed the JCS--nation's top military officials--of the recovered crashed saucer--and Eisenhower as Army chief-of-staff would have been in attendance.

Probably Eisenhower would already have learned of the crashed saucer from Lt. Gen. Lauris Norstad (who would soon become USAF deputy chief of staff/operations). According to Moore's MUFON paper, Norstad met with Eisenhower on July 9 from 10:50 AM to 12:15 p.m.

YET ACCORDING TO FRIEDMAN, MOORE AND SHANDERA, AND THE CONTENTS OF THE MJ-12 HILLENKOETTER BRIEFING DOCUMENT, NOBODY THOUGHT TO INFORM EISENHOWER BECAUSE HE WOULD BE LEAVING THE PENTAGON SIX MONTHS LATER AND HAD NO "NEED-TO-KNOW."

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REPORTS OF UFOS OVER THE NATION'S CAPITAL IN JULY, 1952....
AND THE NOV. 18, 1952 MJ-12 HILLENKOETTER BRIEFING DOCUMENT.

According to the MJ-12 Hillenkoetter briefing document, dated Nov. 18, 1952, for President-elect Eisenhower: "Implications for the National Security are of continuing importance in that the motives and ultimate intentions of these visitors remain completely unknown. In addition, a significant upsurge in the surveillance activity of these craft beginning in May and continuing through the autumn of this year [1952] has caused considerable concern that new developments may be imminent."

If two crashed ET saucers had been recovered, one of them more than five years earlier, there should have been very grave concern in late 1952 over "National Security"--especially considering that UFOS seemingly had been spotted on National Airport radar in the vicinity of the nation's capital only a few months earlier--night of July 19/20 and again on night of July 26/27.)

APPARENTLY HILLENKOETTER DID NOT THINK THIS APPARENT UFO RECONNAISSANCE OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO MENTION IN HIS BRIEFING FOR THE NEW PRESIDENT--compared to a discussion of Kenneth Arnold's UFO sighting.

Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, allegedly a member of MJ-12 and who therefore would have known of the two crashed-saucers, was chief-of-staff of the USAF in 1952, and thus bore a direct responsibility for defending the nation from possible air attack. Surely Vandenberg would have deployed many interceptor aircraft in the vicinity of Washington by mid-1952 so they could at least try to defend the nation's capital if ET craft should attack.

Yet on the night of July 19/20, when unknown blips were spotted on the Washington National Airport radar around midnight, it was not until shortly before dawn that the USAF dispatched a single F-94 interceptor, from Newcastle AFB, Del., and it did not arrive until around daybreak, by which time the UFO-blips had disappeared from the radar scopes.

The July 19/20 incident generated headlines around the nation. Surely President Truman would have called Gen. Vandenberg to "chew him out" for leaving the nation's capital so defenseless for so many hours. And Gen. Vandenberg would promptly have deployed many more interceptors at nearby air bases, such as Andrews AFB, Md., and have placed them on 24-hour alert.

Nov. 10, 1987

Yet a week later, when UFO-blips again showed up on the radar scopes at Washington National Airport about 10:30 p.m., the USAF dispatched only two interceptors, again from the Delaware base, for there were none available at nearby Andrews AFB, and it took more than an hour before these two F-94s were airborne.

Clearly--if the MJ-12 papers are authentic--Gen. Vandenberg and the USAF had let the nation down badly. Surely Truman would have summoned Vandenberg to the White House early on the morning of July 27 for an explanation (and probably would have fired him for dereliction of duty.)

Instead, it was not until the afternoon of July 27 that President Truman's Air Force aide, General Landry, called USAF Intelligence, in the Pentagon, seeking an explanation. Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, who had hurried to Washington after the second incident, was in the Pentagon and took Landry's call. (Ruppelt said he later learned that President Truman listened in on the call: See "The UFO Controversy in America," by David Jacobs: p. 77.)

So, President Truman got his explanation for the "UFOs over the nation's capital" and the lack of suitable air defense second-hand by telephone from a lowly captain, rather than getting a briefing at the White House from Gen. Vandenberg, USAF chief-of-staff and member of the alleged MJ-12.

Did President Truman fire Gen. Vandenberg for his "gross negligence" in not protecting the nation's capital?? No, Vandenberg remained chief of staff until he retired a year later--in June, 1953.

His successor was Gen. Nathan Twining, another alleged member of MJ-12, who along with Vandenberg should have been sacked for leaving the nation's capital so poorly protected, IF the MJ-12 Hillenkoetter papers are authentic.

Did the USAF finally make a massive deployment of interceptors to the vicinity of Washington in August, 1952, to protect the nation's capital? Not so far as is known.

And why didn't Hillenkoetter think to inform President-elect Eisenhower what was being done to protect the nation's capital? Why waste Eisenhower's time by describing "ancient UFO history"?



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Dear Friend:

While some UFO researchers and so called investigators follow a path strewn with fraudulent documents and disinformation by both military personnel and private individuals, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) continues to pursue the truth and obtain legitimate documents under the Freedom of Information Act.

Pursuant to this endeavor CAUS is pleased to share with you a recent FOIA release entitled "German Flying Wings Designed By Horton Brothers". I can assure you that CAUS has made no deletions in this document.

I personally believe this document is a first step in explaining the nature and origin of the strange and unusual objects seen in the skies from 1946 through 1952. Hopefully, in the near future, CAUS will be obtaining still unreleased documents concerning these objects, specifically the Swedish Ghost Rockets, Foo Fighters, Green Fireballs and Flying Discs as well as other documents relevant to the technological development of that time.

The UFO field has been divided over the MJ-12/Project Aquarius documents and whether William Moore is merely an innocent dupe or actively involved in this fiasco. It is my opinion that the MJ-12/Project Aquarius documents are obviously and undoubtedly fakes; that no extraterrestrial craft crashed in New Mexico in 1947, but rather an aerial device from a top secret Government project located in Sandia; that William Moore, rather than being an innocent dupe, was and still is actively and intentionally engaged in a continuing program of disinformation involving fraudulent documents.

Lastly, I suggest that anyone wishing to have a proper perspective of the period from approximately 1940, read the fiction book "GENESIS" by W.A. Harbinson, the non-fiction book Intercept- But Dont Shoot by Renalto Vesco and Air Intelligence Division Study No. 203, dated December 10, 1948 Analysis of Flying Object Incidents in the U.S.

Sincerely,

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GERSTEN FINDS NO EVIDENCE OF A "GOVERNMENT COVER-UP" ON UFOs

Peter A. Gersten, counsel for the plaintiff in Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) v. the National Security Agency, presented a paper at the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) Conference, in Cambridge, Mass., July 25-26, 1981. In the published paper, Gersten claims:

"Certain official government documents on the subject of UFOs give evidence that (1) some UFOs are unconventional aerial objects; that (2) these unconventional aerial objects perform in ways that are beyond the range of present day technological development; and (3) that these unconventional aerial objects with high performance characteristics have posed a threat to the national security of the United States and may have human survival implications as well.

"In these official documents -- in the 3,000 pages of previously classified documents on UFOs released during the past four years by the Departments of State, Army, Navy, and Air Force, and by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency -- we find the expert testimony of scientists, military personnel, intelligence personnel, law enforcement officers, and other reliable and responsible people on the subject of UFOs...

"If the evidence contained in these documents were to be presented in court it would provide overwhelming proof that UFOs do exist and that some UFOs are unconventional aerial objects..." (Emphasis added)

"These government documents have given us the opportunity to see what the government should be aware of -- what the government should know about UFOs. But it is difficult to say exactly what the government does know about UFOs because I do not have in my possession all the government UFO documents."

According to Gersten, the 3,000 pages of once-classified pages now in his hands "provide overwhelming proof that UFOs do exist and that some UFOs are unconventional aerial objects." Yet he claims that "it is difficult to say exactly what the government does know about UFOs" unless he obtains an additional 135 pages of now-classified NSA material and another 57 pages of CIA material.

Note that Gersten does not claim that these classified documents need to be made public so that the public can determine whether or not UFOs exist, or are "unconventional aerial objects" that pose a "threat to the national security." That, Gersten claims, already is proven by material now in his hands.

On Sept. 5, 1980, following a press conference in Washington, sponsored by Citizens Against UFO Secrecy and the Fund for UFO Research, I asked Gersten whether, after many months of study of the 3,000 pages of material, he had found any evidence of a Government cover-up. Gersten replied: "There is no evidence that I can see that the Government is intentionally withholding anything, or misleading anybody. I think it's just negligence on their part, bureaucratic bungling, bureaucratic inefficiency."

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October 26, 1981

"FLYING SAUCERS" - March 1966

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON THE MENZEL - HILLENKOETTER MATTER

Flying Saucers likes to be on the "correct" side of the fence - therefore we present the facts from actual records on the recent NICAP-Menzel dispute.

IN A recent Chicago broadcast, Harvard astronomer Donald H. Menzel - an often violent attacker of UFO witnesses and believers - made the following claim in regard to Vice. Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, former NICAP Board Member:

"Adm. Hillenkoetter has read my book (The World of Flying Saucers) and has told me he fully accepts all my explanations." (Dr. Menzel rejects all positive evidence, insists UFOs are only natural phenomena, errors in identifying planes, meteors, etc.)

Dr. Menzel's statement apparently was an attempt to discredit NICAP, after an Affiliate member quoted Hillenkoetter as holding a contrary view.

The first time Menzel made this claim, as far as we know, was on Boston station WEEI, late in 1964. Adm. Hillenkoetter was already on record, in a signed Board Member

statement, as stressing the UFO problem's importance, the risk of accidental war from mistaken identification of UFOs as a secret Soviet attack, and the urgent need for a Congressional investigation. Since a complete reversal of these views was incredible, NICAP's director, a Naval Academy classmate and personal friend of Hillenkoetter, wrote him about the Menzel claim.

Adm. Hillenkoetter's reply is reproduced below. (The reference to Maj. Hart was not concerned with Menzel.)

* January 8, 1965

Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.)
National Investigations Committee On Aerial Phenomena
1536 Connecticut Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.
Dear Don:

I apologize for the delay in

answering your letter of December 13th but for part of the time over the holidays I was up in Massachusetts. I think you were misinformed about some of the things you mention. First, as far as I can remember, I never talked to Major Hart nor, also as far as I remember, I have never met him and would not know him if he walked in the door.

I saw Dr. Menzel at a dinner in December but other than saying "Good Evening - Merry Christmas" there was no conversation and I have never carried on any conversation with Menzel about NICAP or UFO. He did send me a copy of his book for which I thanked him but took no position on the statements he made.

Please take my apologies again for being so long in answering your letter and with best personal wishes to you, believe me, as ever.

Sincerely,

* R. H. Hillenkoetter

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In spite of Dr. Menzel's unfounded attacks on NICAP, we could not believe he would deliberately make a false claim about Adm. Hillenkoetter. Since he was on a quiz program, arguing under some stress, we could only assume he had confused Hillenkoetter with some one else.

For this reason, we refrained

from publishing the letter. But since Menzel is now repeating this claim, we have no choice.

During his five years on the Board, Adm. Hillenkoetter strongly supported all NICAP policies, including our views against unwarranted secrecy. When he left the Board, there was no ill feeling, as Dr. Menzel has implied. In a letter to the director, he said he felt we had reached a stalemate. He said he knew the UFOs were not secret U. S. or Soviet devices, and if they were extraterrestrial we could do nothing but wait for them to act.

Though we did not agree there was a stalemate, we did not argue the point. A majority of our Board, advisers and members are convinced a great deal can be done to prove UFO reality and help prepare the public for whatever develops. We believe the events of this past year have proved this policy correct.

November 10, 1965

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Washington, D. C.
Dear Major Keyhoe:

In the UFO INVESTIGATOR for August-September, 1965, you have published a statement under the heading "ADM. HILLENKOETTER

NOTE: "2 August." NOT "02 August."

"DENIES MENZEL CLAIM," You question the validity of statements I have made in various radio broadcasts, in reply to assertions by NICAP members concerning Admiral Hillenkoetter's views on UFOs and NICAP. You suggest that I might have "confused Hillenkoetter with someone else."

In view of your stated desire "to get the facts on record," I enclose herewith the copy of Admiral Hillenkoetter's letter to me, dated September 19, 1963. I fear that the Admiral was guilty of the absent-mindedness you attributed to me.

Your statement that when the Admiral "left the Board, there was no ill feeling, as Dr. Menzel has implied," stands at variance with the third paragraph of the Admiral's letter to me. Further, I find it hard to accept your statement that "the reference to Major Hart was not concerned with Menzel," since it was Major Carl R. Hart, Project Blue Book Information Officer, United States Air Force, who wrote a glowing tribute to "The World of Flying Saucers", written by myself and Mrs. Lyle Boyd and published by Doubleday.

Sincerely yours,
Donald H. Menzel
Director

* September 19, 1963
Doctor Donald H. Menzel
Harvard College Observatory
Cambridge 28, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Menzel:

Please accept my deepest apologies for the delay in answering your letter of 2 August, as well as the acknowledgment of the receipt of your book. I was away for some time during the summer and the Navy Department forwarded your letter to my home where I was a long time receiving it.

Thank you very much for your book. To my mind, it was very well done and I enjoyed it and found it of great interest. I should say that you have effectively put to rest all surmises about flying saucers being from "outer space". You have done a thorough and praiseworthy job.

As I told you at the last "Ends of the Earth", I resigned from NICAP about 20 months ago feeling that it had degenerated from an organization honestly trying to find out something definite about possible unknowns, into a body bickering about personalities. The Air Force, too, could have helped by not being so secretive.

At all events, you have done a fine job and I am very grateful you were so kind as to send me your book.

Again, with thanks and the hope of seeing you at the next "Ends of the Earth", please believe me.

Most Cordially,
* * R. H. Hillenkoetter
Vice Admiral, U.S.N.
(Ret.)
Vice President

THESE AUTHENTIC HILLENKOETTER LETTERS
- RAISE SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

IF MJ-12 really existed, and Hillenkoetter and Menzel were members, why would Menzel bother to mail his new book instead of handing it to Hillenkoetter at the next meeting of MJ-12.

And why would Hillenkoetter take time to write such a letter, instead of simply thanking Menzel in person at the next MJ-12 meeting?

And why would Hillenkoetter tell Menzel that he had "effectively put to rest all surmises about flying saucers being from 'outer space'" if both men knew the Government had recovered crashed ET craft?

And if Hillenkoetter's membership in NICAP's Board was part of some "grand cover," why would he then resign that position?

MOST IMPORTANT: Why does Hillenkoetter use a traditional date format, instead of the "MJ-12/Moore" format? And why does he sign his letters using his initials (R.H.) instead of "Roscoe," as in the MJ-12 papers??

Philip J. Klass
July 28, 1988

* NOTE that Hillenkoetter does NOT use the "MJ-12/Moore" format in writing the date.

* * NOTE that Hillenkoetter signs name as "R.H." and NOT as "Roscoe" as in MJ-12 papers. Also, he correctly refers to his rank as VICE Admiral and not "Admiral" as in MJ-12.

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HOW LONG WILL FRIEDMAN CONTINUE TO "COVER-UP" IMPORTANT DATA THAT SHOWS THE "CUTLER-TWINING MEMO" OF JULY 14, 1954, IS A HOAX?

The alleged Robert Cutler memorandum of July 14, 1954, to Gen. Nathan Twining, reportedly found by William L. Moore and Jaime Shandera, during their July, 1985, visit to the National Archives, states the subject of the memo is: "NSC [National Security Council]/MJ-12 Special Studies Project."

The memo reads: "The President has decided that the MJ-12 SSP briefing should take place during the already scheduled White House meeting of July 16, rather than following it as previously intended. More precise arrangements will be explained to you upon your arrival. Please alter your plans accordingly. Your concurrence in the above change of arrangements is assumed." (Emphasis added.)

Friedman likes to brag about how many times he has visited the Library of Congress (LOC), the National Archives, the Truman and Eisenhower Libraries. Friedman admits that he visited LOC again to peruse the Twining Collection of papers after the Cutler-Twining memo was discovered. At LOC, Friedman could examine Gen. Twining's Daily Log for July 16, 1954, to see if Gen. Twining did attend a White House/NSC briefing--as he was instructed to do by the (alleged) Cutler memo.

FRIEDMAN WOULD HAVE DISCOVERED THAT TWINING--THE NATION'S TOP MILITARY OFFICER--EITHER CHOSE TO IGNORE INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, THE PRESIDENT, OR ELSE THAT TWINING NEVER RECEIVED A JULY 14, 1954, CUTLER MEMO THAT MOORE AND SHANDERA SAY THEY FOUND IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES.

Here is the official log of Gen. Twining's activities on 16 July 1954. Note that there is no mention of any White House/NSC meeting.

08:30	Arrived [at office]
09:00	General Burns
10:30	General K.B. Wolfe
11:00	JCS [Joint Chiefs of Staff] briefing (until 11:55)
12:25	Lunch (until 13:00) (Returned w/Gen. Burns)
13:30	Col. Strom Thurmond (President of Reserve Officers Association)-Admiral LaBarge and Colonel Boyer.
14:00	JCS (until 16:15)
18:00	Departed [office]
7:00 p.m.	Buffet--Libyans (Shoreham-Black Tie)

WHY DID FRIEDMAN FAIL TO MENTION THIS IMPORTANT FACT IN ANY OF HIS MANY MJ-12 PAPERS?? OR DIDN'T IT OCCUR TO HIM TO EXAMINE GEN. TWINING'S DAILY LOG TO TRY TO VERIFY THE CUTLER MEMO??

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Friedman has been given \$16,000 by The Fund for UFO Research to investigate the authenticity of the MJ-12 papers. The foregoing provides a clue as to what Friedman's \$16,000 effort is likely to uncover--and to cover up. Friedman's choice is a bit like asking the fox to investigate the hen-house to see if the chickens need protection.

Friedman likes to stress that an authentic Cutler memo to Twining, written July 13, 1953, used phraseology similar to the suspect 1954 memo, i.e. "...your concurrence in the above arrangements in assumed." But this phraseology was known to Moore and Friedman several years before the suspect 1954 memo reportedly was discovered by Moore and Shandera. In 1981, Friedman and Moore obtained a copy of the authentic (1953) Cutler memo using this phraseology during their visit to LOC.

Cutler could not possibly have written the suspect July 14, 1954 memo because he was out of the country. This forces Friedman to claim that the memo was written by James Lay, NSC secretary, over Cutler's name.

But if this were true, would Lay be familiar with and remember the phraseology that had been used by Cutler in a memo to Twining written a year earlier?

However, a counterfeiter who did not know that Cutler was out-of-country on July 14, 1954, would try to use Cutler's phraseology to make the memo appear to be authentic.

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STILL NO REPLY AS OF 6/10/89
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Dear S. Terry Friedman:

According to Jerry Clark's article in the April 1988 issue of FATE magazine, based on his interview with William L. Moore, sometime between May 1982 and early 1983, the following occurred:

"One time, Moore flew from airport to airport, getting directions at each stop from a voice on a pay phone. Eventually he ended up in a certain motel in upstate New York. He was to eat at the restaurant across the street--the caller even recommended a particular item on the menu--and to sit by the window. By 5:00 p.m. he was to be back at his motel room.

"At precisely 5:00 p.m. someone knocked on the door and a man appeared with a bundle under his arm. He said to Moore that he had 17 minutes to do whatever he wanted with what he was about to be given. He could copy it but he couldn't keep it. Moore had a camera with him and did his best. The document purported to be a briefing paper telling newly-elected President Jimmy Carter about MJ-12, Project Aquarius, the little gray men and all the rest. (Emphasis added.)

"Moore learned later that the individual responsible for seeing to it that he got the document got into trouble. All Moore knew for sure was that not long afterwards two FBI agents called on him." (Emphasis added.)

This FBI visit/interview occurred on Mar. 1, 1983, according to a photo-copy of portions of the FBI files on Moore released to him, contained in the Nov. 1, 1988, issue of FOCUS newsletter.

QUESTION #1: Have you seen the photographs (allegedly) taken by Moore in the 1982-83 time-period of this (alleged) President Carter MJ-12 briefing document?

QUESTION #2: If so, approximately when did you first see them?

For your convenience, a photocopy of this letter is enclosed so you can write in your answers and return same promptly.



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EVEN STANTON ("the credulous") FRIEDMAN HAS TROUBLE BELIEVING THE TALL TALES TOLD ON THE OCT. 14, 1988, TV SHOW BY "FALCON" AND "CONDOR"--TWO OF WILLIAM MOORE AND JAIME SHANDERA'S PRINCIPAL "TOP INTELLIGENCE" SOURCES ON MJ-12, CRASHED SAUCERS AND EBES.

Friedman says he believes Falcon and Condor are highly placed members of the U.S. intelligence community. But he said their statements on the TV program "are in my gray basket. I cannot judge whether they are true or not. If I had been in charge of the show I would not have used them...and not just because I don't like strawberry ice cream."

During the "UFO-Coverup?--Live" TV show, Shandera claimed that he and Moore joined forces "in June, 1982, when Falcon told us about MJ-12." Shandera also claimed: "we've been able to check and verify their credentials, and it's clear that they are in secret need-to-know positions. Falcon's position, for example, gives him access to the MJ-12 infrastructure."

Moore and Shandera claim that they received the MJ-12 (Hillenkoetter) briefing papers on Dec. 11, 1984, and that they spent the next two and a half years attempting to verify their authenticity before releasing them in late May, 1987.

IF, as Shandera claims, he and Moore made contact with Falcon in June, 1982, and had verified that "Falcon's position...gives him access to the MJ-12 infrastructure," WHY DIDN'T THEY SIMPLY ASK FALCON WHETHER THE MJ-12 BRIEFING PAPERS WERE AUTHENTIC INSTEAD OF (ALLEGEDLY) SPENDING MORE THAN TWO YEARS TRYING TO VERIFY THEIR AUTHENTICITY???????

When Friedman, one of William L. Moore's earliest collaborators on the "Roswell crashed-saucer," was asked if he knows the true identity of "Falcon" and "Condor," he responded: "Yes, Probably"--a curious answer for a person trained as a scientist. When asked if he has ever met Falcon or Condor, Friedman replied: "Not to the best of my knowledge."

This is curious because Jaime Shandera, who did not become involved until mid-1982, says he met with both "Falcon" and "Condor," according to the Oct. 14, 1988, TV program: "UFO Coverup?--Live". Even an outsider, Peter Leone, a Los Angeles TV producer--claims he met with Falcon in 1983, along with Moore and Shandera, and again, in 1987. But not Friedman!

One possible explanation is that in 1980, Friedman moved to eastern Canada--far from the Los Angeles area where these meetings (apparently) occurred.

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Yet in a paper authored by Moore and Friedman (published in the 1988 MUFON conference proceedings) they claim that Moore and Shandera "were keeping Friedman fully informed [about the MJ-12 papers] by phone and at meetings which took place two or three times a year on the average."

According to an article in FATE magazine, authored by Jerry Clark, Moore met with Falcon more than 100 times, or slightly more frequently than once a month, on average. YET FOR SOME CURIOUS REASON MOORE NEVER SCHEDULED ONE OF HIS FREQUENT MEETINGS WITH FALCON TO COINCIDE WITH A VISIT BY FRIEDMAN.

Shandera, in his talk at the 1988 MUFON conference, claimed he "had to pass a security clearance before they [Falcon et al] would even meet with me." One possible explanation for Friedman's inability to meet with Falcon and Condor is that he could not pass a security clearance check. Yet when Friedman worked as a nuclear physicist he qualified for appropriate security clearances.

Although Moore claims that he met with Friedman "two or three times a year on average," Friedman admits he did not obtain a copy of the MJ-12 briefing papers until more than two years after Moore and Shandera say they received the documents on a roll of undeveloped 35 mm. film.

One possible explanation is that Moore and Friedman were afraid to mail documents stamped "TOP SECRET/EYES ONLY" for fear they might be intercepted by the U.S. or Canadian government, and Friedman was afraid to carry them back from one of his periodic meetings with Moore and Shandera lest they be discovered by U.S./Canadian customs.

Seemingly it never occurred to Friedman, Moore or Shandera that the MJ-12 papers could be photographed on 35 mm. film and the undeveloped film could be mailed to Friedman or hand-carried back by him. So Friedman had to wait for more than two years until the MJ-12 papers were released publicly before he obtained a copy.

In response to my question as to whether Friedman had seen the taped Falcon and Condor interviews prior to Oct. 14, 1988, he said he "had seen some videos within three years of the broadcast...not necessarily the same ones." (Emphasis added.)

When will Moore and Shandera make public these "other videos" to which Friedman refers? After all, Falcon and Condor claim that they are eager for the public to know the "truth" about UFOs, crashed-saucers and ETs.

WHY ARE MOORE, SHANDERA AND FRIEDMAN RESORTING TO "COVER-UP" BY WITHHOLDING THIS INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC??

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GULLIBILITY OF MOORE, SHANDERA AND FRIEDMAN REVEALED BY NEW DATA
ON THEIR PRINCIPAL MJ-12 SOURCE--RICHARD C. DOTY--"FALCON"

According to Jaime Shandera, after he and Moore joined forces in June, 1982, they were told about MJ-12 by "Falcon," whom he characterizes as a "highly placed military intelligence source." Shandera claims that he and Moore verified that "Falcon's position...gives him access to the MJ-12 infrastructure." ["UFO-Coverup?--Live"/telecast 10/14/88].

According to Jerome Clark, "Moore has met him [Falcon] over 100 times and now knows Falcon's family. Shandera knows him well too." [FATE magazine, April 1988]

According to UFO-lecturer Robert Hastings, Linda Moulton Howe told him that when she met with Sgt. Richard C. Doty at Kirtland AFB in April, 1983, "he identified himself as code-name 'Falcon' and stated that it was Bill Moore who had given him that name." [Hastings White Paper, March 1, 1989] Further, Hastings reports that "in early December 1988, a ranking member of the production team responsible for the 'UFO Coverup?--Live' television documentary confirmed that Doty is 'Falcon.'"

New confirmation that "Falcon" is Richard C. Doty comes from two of his former AFOSI associates who recently had the opportunity to view the video-tape of the TV program. Both agreed that "the inflections, the mannerisms, the way he spoke" prompted them to conclude that Doty is "Falcon." Profile shots indicate that "Falcon" was wearing glasses, and Doty sometimes wears glasses.

Was Sgt. Richard C. Doty really a "highly-placed military intelligence operative," as Shandera and Moore claim?? Doty's service records, obtained by Larry W. Bryant via FOIA, show that during the early 1970s, Doty was based in West Germany where he served as a "PATROLMAN GATE-GUARD." Later, at Ellsworth AFB, he was a law enforcement instructor. Portions of Doty's service record supplied to Bryant were censored. The time has come to reveal why.

IN EARLY 1985, SGT. DOTY WAS TRANSFERRED TO LINDSEY AIR STATION IN WEST GERMANY. WHILE STATIONED THERE, DOTY WAS CHARGED WITH FALSIFYING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS AND TELLING FALSEHOODS TO HIS COMMANDING OFFICER. A FORMAL INVESTIGATION CONFIRMED THESE CHARGES AND DOTY WAS "DECERTIFIED" AS A SPECIAL AGENT OF AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS AND RETURNED TO KIRTLAND AFB IN LATE 1986. DOTY SPENT HIS LAST TWO YEARS BEFORE RETIREMENT WORKING IN FOOD-SERVICES (MESS HALL) MANAGEMENT.

THIS REVEALS MUCH ABOUT THE INVESTIGATIVE SKILLS OF MOORE, SHANDERA AND FRIEDMAN AND THEIR ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE FANTASY WHEN THEY ENCOUNTER PERSONS WHO LIKE TO SPIN TALL TALES.

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(Note: Because of "Cosmic Secret" regulations, portions of the newsletter are printed with "Invisible Ink." Persons cleared for "Cosmic Secret" know how to make missing words visible.)

(1) First semi-successful transfer of advanced Alien technology was demonstrated recently at the University of , Salt Lake City. Original cover plan was to attribute breakthrough to Stanton Friedman, but this seemed so improbable that instead it was attributed to two obscure professors. Even greater Fusion efficiency is expected when Alien metal (Unclassified Code Name: Bullfriedmium) arrives from Reticuli.

(2) NASA successfully launched Magellan spacecraft and news media "bought" the cover story that its destination is Venus, rather than its true destination of Zeta where its mission is to return a pregnant EBE for delivery. Fortuitously, EBEs have long gestation period of about 100 years.

(3) First reverse-transfer of technology is expected soon following Congressional approval to give Stealth technology to the EBEs. "We sorely need your Stealth technology so we won't generate those damned UFO-radar reports that the public finds so impressive," EBE # , said.

(4) Serious budget crunch and trade deficit on Zeta may force EBEs to close one or more of their underground bases in state of , according to "Eagle." However, "Pigeon" and "Falcon" have offered to donate money received for their recent appearance on "UFO- ?--Live" to keep one base open.

(5) Effort has been launched to protect identity of "Falcon" by circulating the cover story that "he" is really Shirley MacLaine or Col. Ollie North, according to Richard C.

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WHY DID WILLIAM MOORE AND JAIME SHANDERA MISLEAD MILLIONS OF VIEWERS OF "UFO-COVERUP?--LIVE" WITH AN UNQUALIFIED ENDORSEMENT OF "FALCON" AND "CONDOR" WHOSE TALES MOORE NOW ADMITS CONTAINED "DISINFORMATION," i.e. FALSEHOODS.

During this TV program, when Moore and Shandera were asked "why do you believe them [Falcon and Condor]?" millions of TV viewers heard Shandera reply: "Because we've been able to meet with them, we've been able to check and verify credentials. And it's clear that they are in secret, need-to-know positions. Falcon's position, for example, gives him access to the MJ-12 infrastructure."

Later, Shandera's friend, Peter Leone, told the TV audience: "I met with a government intelligence agent with the code name of Falcon in 1983 with Jaime and Bill...At the time we verified as authentic his credentials. And then again in 1987, we met again with Falcon and again verified his credentials." Thus, millions of TV viewers would logically conclude that Moore and Shandera believed the tales told by Falcon and Condor.

But Moore offered quite a different appraisal when he spoke at the MUFON conference in Las Vegas on July 1. (Perhaps because so many UFOlogists, including even his close associate, Stanton Friedman, have expressed doubts about the Falcon/Condor tales.)

Moore told MUFON: "In the case of the 'Falcon' and 'Condor' interviews broadcast last October on "UFO-Coverup?--Live", I am convinced that at least SOME, QUITE POSSIBLY A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION, OF THAT INFORMATION FALLS UNDER THE CATEGORY OF DISINFORMATION." But Moore then added: "I AM EQUALLY CONVINCED THAT SOME OF IT IS TRUE." (Emphasis added.)

Moore did not indicate which information he believed to be true. But he commented: "The important point here is that, regardless of whether it is disinformation or truth, it DOES have to do with UFOs..."

IS THAT REALLY "THE IMPORTANT POINT"??

Earlier in Moore's MUFON talk, he said that "if I was trying to perpetrate a hoax, I would have played it for all the cash I could get a long time ago and then taken the money and run--as some in the UFO community have already done."

HOW MUCH WERE MOORE AND SHANDERA PAID FOR THEIR VIDEO-TAPED INTERVIEWS WITH "FALCON" AND "CONDOR"--WHICH MOORE NOW ADMITS CONTAINED "AT LEAST SOME" SPURIOUS INFORMATION? (One unconfirmed report puts the figure at "over \$25,000.")

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DID WILLIAM L. MOORE CREATE A COUNTERFEIT DOCUMENT--THE FIRST TO MENTION MJ-12--OR DID HE KNOWINGLY LIE TO THE FBI?.

The Nov. 1, 1988, issue of "Focus" newsletter, published by William L. Moore's "Fair-Witness Project," reproduced unclassified portions of the FBI's file on Moore, which he had obtained via a Freedom of Information request. This file indicates that FBI agents interviewed Moore in Prescott, Ariz., on MARCH 1, 1983. According to the FBI, "MOORE DECLARED THAT HE HAS NEVER HAD IN HIS POSSESSION ANY CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS FROM ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY." Remember this date: March 1, 1983.

The record shows that months earlier, Moore had in his possession a one-page document, stamped "SECRET" with an official-looking "17 Nov. 80" date stamp, which purported to be a teletype message from AFOSI Headquarters. MORE IMPORTANT, IT WAS THE FIRST DOCUMENT WHICH MENTIONED "MJ-TWELVE."

(1) In the early summer of 1982, Moore was hired as a consultant to KPIX-TV (San Francisco) for a UFO show being produced by Ron Lakis. On Aug. 6, 1982, KPIX contacted USAF to try to verify authenticity of the "AFOSI teletype message."

(2) On Jan. 15, 1983,--more than six weeks prior to Moore's interview with the FBI--UFO-researcher Robert G. Todd obtained a copy of this "AFOSI teletype message" from Peter Gersten.

(3) According to the Moore's "Focus" newsletter (Jan. 1988), "Moore's brief-case containing a number of important papers and documents had been stolen from his car while on a trip to San Francisco...a copy of one of the missing documents later turned up in the hands of none other than UFOlogist-attorney Peter Gersten."

(4) In my telephone conversation of Sept. 5, 1988, with Gersten, he told me he was given a copy of the "AFOSI teletype message" by Ron Lakis (KPIX-TV) in January, 1983, when he, Lakis and Moore visited Albuquerque, N.M. to meet with Sgt. Richard C. Doty.

(5) In Richard Hall's letter of April 4, 1983, to Peter Gersten, Hall wrote: "The AFOSI document is not authentic in the sense of not being an original; Moore has retyped it and done a cut and paste job, as he acknowledged in answer to my direct questioning when he attend our meeting three weeks ago."

[PJK Comment: The "cut-and-paste" refers to the fact that Moore pasted an official-looking "17 Nov. 80" date stamp on the document, to make it appear authentic.]

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(6) AFOSI Headquarters, in response to inquiries about the "AFOSI teletype message" has labeled it a hoax, citing numerous fundamental flaws in style, format and names of non-existent persons.

IF, ON MARCH 1, 1983, MOORE BELIEVED THE "AFOSI TELETYPE MESSAGE" WAS AUTHENTIC, THEN HE KNOWINGLY LIED TO THE FBI. IF MOORE KNEW THE DOCUMENT--THE FIRST (TO CIRCULATE WITHIN THE UFO MOVEMENT) THAT MENTIONED MJ-12--WAS A HOAX BECAUSE HE HAD CREATED IT, THEN HE COULD TRUTHFULLY TELL THE FBI THAT HE "HAD NEVER HAD IN HIS POSSESSION ANY CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS FROM ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY."

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"SMOKING GUN" CONFIRMS THAT MJ-12 DOCUMENTS ARE COUNTERFEIT

A person's hand-written signature is like a snowflake--no two are identical.

Before the advent of the "Xerox Era," and the "Auto-pen" machine, the very existence of two identical signatures was considered to be "very strong evidence of forgery," according to the book "Questioned Documents," authored by Albert S. Osborn, published in 1978. Osborn notes that "the fact that two signatures are very nearly alike is not alone necessarily an indication of forgery of one or both but the question is whether they are suspiciously alike." (Emphasis added.)

The MJ-12 papers that were released by William L. Moore, Jaime Shandera and Stanton T. Friedman in May, 1987, reportedly were received on 35 mm. film by Shandera on Dec. 11, 1984. The MJ-12 documents consisted of what purported to be a briefing paper for President-elect Eisenhower, seemingly written by Rear-Adm. R.H. Hillenkoetter, and a purported memorandum signed by President Harry Truman to Defense Secretary James Forrestal, dated September 24, 1947, which called for the creation of "Operation Majestic Twelve" (MJ-12).

THE "HARRY TRUMAN" SIGNATURE ON THIS MJ-12 LETTER IS IDENTICAL TO THE SIGNATURE ON AN AUTHENTIC LETTER THAT TRUMAN WROTE TO DR. VANNEVAR BUSH ON OCTOBER 1, 1947. FURTHER, THE MJ-12 SIGNATURE IS "SUSPICIOUSLY ALIKE" THE ONE OF OCTOBER 1, 1947, IN THAT BOTH HAVE A SMALL (accidental) SCRATCH MARK NEAR THE LEFT UPPER PART OF THE RIGHT-HAND VERTICAL STROKE OF THE LETTER "H".

Photo-copies of both signatures are supplied so you can superimpose them and hold them up to a light source for your own examination. The Truman signature and small "scratch mark" on the MJ-12 memo are slightly heavier than on the original Oct. 1, 1947, letter, as a result of multiple photo-copying operations used in making the hoax document.

Photo-copies of other known-to-be-authentic Truman signatures, written during the same time-period, are included so that you can make a similar comparison with the authentic Truman Oct. 1, 1947, letter-signature to substantiate that each genuine signature is unique. (Copies of the complete letters from which signatures were taken are available on request.)

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Because this Truman memorandum is counterfeit, clearly the alleged Hillenkoetter MJ-12 briefing paper, contained on the same 35 mm. film, is also a counterfeit because it includes a reference to a "special classified executive order of President Truman on 24 September, 1947..." involving Bush and Forrestal. (Numerous other flaws which indicate the Hillenkoetter briefing paper is counterfeit are detailed in my two articles in The Skeptical Inquirer, [Winter 1987-88, Spring 1988.])

Today, there are signature machines, such as the "Auto-pen," manufactured by a small company near Washington D.C., used by the White House, by Congress, and others, which can create any number of identical signatures for busy executives whose signatures are needed for large numbers of outgoing letters. The first such machine made its government debut during the Truman Administration for use in the Defense Dept., according to an article in the Aug. 22, 1989, edition of The Washington Post.

Was such a machine in use in the White House in 1947, when the Truman MJ-12 memo purportedly was written? In response to my query, the director of the Harry S. Truman Library--Dr. Benedict K. Zobrist--wrote me on July 25, 1989, to say: "My archives staff has never found in the White House files any evidence that Truman ever used a signature machine." (Emphasis added.)

Even if a signature machine had been installed in the White House in 1947, it would take less time for the President to sign the single MJ-12 memo than to call and ask his secretary to take it to the signature machine!

Others have earlier pointed out another suspicious flaw in the alleged Truman memo to Forrestal. This is the fact that the numerical portion of the date--"24, 1947"--was typed using a different machine than the one used to type "September."

The logical explanation for this is that the counterfeiter used a 30+ year old machine to make it appear that the memo was written in 1947. But the ancient-vintage machine's numerical keys were inoperative, forcing the counfeiter to type the numerical part of the date on a more modern machine and paste it in. If this were an authentic Truman memo, it would indicate that the President's secretary did not have access to a fully operable typewriter--which is unthinkable.

Stanton T. Friedman, who together with Moore and Shandera made public the MJ-12 papers in the spring of 1987, knew shortly after their release--more than two years ago--that the Truman signature on the MJ-12 memorandum was identical to the one on Truman's Oct. 1, 1947 letter to Bush.

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Friedman reported this fact in his article published in the Sept./Oct. 1987, issue of International UFO Reporter. But he implied that the "match" between the signature on the Oct. 1 letter to Bush and the Sept. 24 MJ-12 memo indicated that the MJ-12 document was authentic when in fact it revealed just the opposite. (I am indebted to Christopher D. Allan of the U.K. for bringing Friedman's claim to my attention, and to Joe Nickell for supplying references from the book "Questioned Documents.")

Friedman and Moore are believed to have obtained a copy of the authentic Oct. 1, 1947, Truman-Bush memorandum from the Bush collection in the Manuscript Div. of the Library of Congress at least several years before the MJ-12 papers reportedly were received. Their perusal of the Bush papers in the Library of Congress was prompted by a 1950 memorandum written by a Canadian scientist, named Wilbert B. Smith. His memo claimed that the U.S. government was conducting a highly classified investigation into "flying saucers" which was headed by Bush.

Evidence of Friedman's and Moore's research into the Bush papers can be found in Moore's mid-1982 MUFON conference proceedings paper. Moore disclosed that Bush had returned to Washington about Sept. 16, 1947, and on Sept. 24, 1947, he and Forrestal had met with Truman, and Bush had agreed to head the Pentagon's new research and development board.

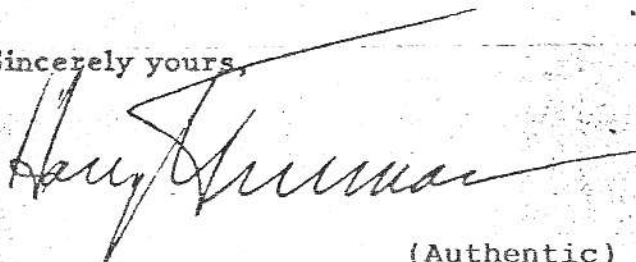
Earlier this year, Friedman received a \$16,000 grant from the Fund for UFO Research for further investigation into the authenticity of the MJ-12 papers. Ironically, he already had in his possession the "smoking gun."

I INVITE MOORE, SHANDERA AND/OR FRIEDMAN TO JOIN ME IN ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE THE PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING THESE COUNTERFEIT DOCUMENTS BY RESPONDING FULLY AND CANDIDLY TO MY REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. I remind Friedman and Moore that in their 1981 MUFON paper, they quoted Albert Einstein as follows: "The right to search for the truth implies also a duty; one must not conceal any part of what one has recognized to be the truth."

[Reproduced below is President Truman's authentic signature from his Oct. 1, 1947, letter to Dr. Vannevar Bush. Compare it with the MJ-12 signature, and with other authentic signatures reproduced on the attached page.]

Sincerely yours,

October 1, 1947



(Authentic)

Harry Truman

February 28, 1947

Sincerely yours,

Harry Truman

January 14, 1947

Sincerely yours,

Harry Truman

July 31, 1947

Sincerely yours,

Harry Truman

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April 16, 1947

Very sincerely yours,

Harry Truman

November 8, 1947

Very sincerely yours,

Harry Truman

September 26, 1947

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Sincerely yours,

Harry Truman

December 23, 1946

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MJ-12

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Dear Mr. Klass:

I have no idea why you do things the way you do, but once again you've managed to put your foot in your mouth. The Truman signatures on the alleged White House/ MJ-12 memo of September 24, 1947 and the letter to Bush of October 1, 1947 ARE NOT "identical", nor are they "suspiciously similar" as you have claimed. Bruce Maccabee and I exchanged notes over this very same question about two years ago. Let's look at the evidence:

You claim that both signatures are identical. Try superimposing them one over the other against a strong light. You will find that while the "Harry" is very similar indeed, the "Truman" is somewhat longer. I enclose copies of some measurements done during the discussions with Maccabee. Although they speak for themselves, please note the following:

(A) On the Truman-Forrestal memo ("TF"), the cross line on the "T" is 488mm long. On the Truman-Bush letter ("TB"), it is only 471mm.

(B) The "n" on Truman measures 240mm on the TF memo and 235mm on the TB.

(C) The upstroke on the "y" in Harry is thin and broken (or scratchy, considering that it was most likely a fountain pen that was used) on the TB letter, but heavy and full on the TF. In addition, the upstroke on TF extends as a thin line just slightly above the cross line on the "T" in TB, where in TF it blends into the cross line as a heavy blob.

(D) On the TB letter, the length of "ruman" from the top of the "r" to the top of the "n" is 286mm. On TF, it is 297mm.

(E) Measuring diagonally across the signatures from the top of the left arm of the "H" to the end of the "n" line, we find that the diagonal length of the signature on TB is 774mm, where on TF the length is 795mm.

(F) The most dissimilar portions of the two signatures are the letters "man", especially the positioning of the "n". This can be easily seen by superimposition against a strong light. Remember, Phil, I am working from a print of the original negative on the one hand (TF) and a first generation copy on the other (TB). In your case, your copy of TF must be at least third

PJK Comments
Assuming measurements
are accurate
3.6%
2%
3.8%
2.7%

generation. I do not know about your copy of TB but expect the circumstances are similar.

(G) There are other differences as well which you can see on the attached. As a control, for the purposes of determining scale, note that on BOTH items, "The White House" measures 412mm and "Washington" measures 275mm. Also, as a test for right-left distortion, note in TF that the word "this" on the right of line 1 and again on the left of line 8 both measure 9mm.

Moving on to your allegation that the "small scratch mark near the left upper part of the right-hand vertical stroke of the letter 'H'" is "accidental" and therefore "suspicious", please note similar marks at the same point on 3 other known-to-be-authentic Truman signatures dated December 23, 1946 (again Truman-Bush), September 26, 1949 (Truman-Patterson) and August 15, 1947 (again Truman-Patterson, but just signed "Harry").

It should also be pointed out that "Multiple photo-copying operations" generally make lines less rather than more distinct, especially in the case of lines which are thin and broken as is the upstroke line on the "y" in "Harry" in TF. See examples attached.

None of this, of course, suggests that the TF memo is authentic. The only point being made here is that your pronouncement of these two signatures as "identical" is seriously in error.

Just as an aside, had I set out to counterfeit a signature using a xerox, I would have cut a Harry from one signature and a Truman from another, or even tried piecing bits of several signatures together.

Two other things before I close. First, I expect you to circulate this letter to the same list that received your "Smoking Gun" letter of September 20th and to send me a letter certifying that you have done so; and second, your invitation for us to join with you is somewhat ill conceived. Methinks, rather tis you who should be offering to join us. After having stumbled as many times as you have with respect to claims you've made about these documents, it's high time you start looking at them from another point of view.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill", with a horizontal line underneath.

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This is in reply to your letter of Sept. 23, in response to my "Smoking Gun" White Paper of Sept. 20. I'm delighted that you do not challenge the well-established principle that "suspiciously alike" signatures are a mark of forgery. You only question whether the MJ-12 Truman-Forrestal (TF) signature is "suspiciously alike" the one in the authentic Truman-Bush (TB) letter of Oct. 1.

Thank you for revealing that you and Bruce Maccabee were aware "about two years ago" of the "similarity" between the TB and TF signatures. That would have been about the time that Stanton Friedman was writing his article for the Sept./Oct. 1987, issue of IUR in which--you will recall--Friedman stated that "the signature [on the TF memo] matches that on an October 1947 letter from Truman to Bush" (TB). (Emphasis added.)

Most of your arguments against the "Identity" of the TB and TF signatures rest on tiny difference--about 2%-3%--in the length of certain features, such as the "top" of the "T" and the "tail" of the final "n". (You forgot your decimal points, i.e. 48.8 mm., not 488 mm.)

Such "stretching" and distortion occurs because of distortion in the relatively inexpensive optics used in many photo-copying machines.

You unwittingly supplied a demonstration of such stretching distortion when you produced and sent me the series of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th generation copies of the authentic Oct. 1 TB letter to try to prove that each succeeding generation becomes fainter (unless a counterfeiter is smart enough to increase the contrast setting on the machine.)

If you will hold up to the light a copy of your 2nd and 5th generation copies of this Oct. 1 letter, you can see that the Truman signatures DO NOT MATCH PERFECTLY because of the slight optical distortion in each of your several photo-copying operations. (If you align "The White House," then the "October 1, 1947" date does not match up.) Note that the distortion is such that each succeeding copy is "stretched" slightly from the original--as found in the MJ-12 TF memo signature.

Several photo-copying iterations would be required to make a counterfeit TF memo using the Oct. 1 authentic signature. First the counterfeiter would need to "white-out" portions of the "Sincerely yours," using typewriter correction fluid. In the process of doing this, what you call the tiny extension of the "up-stroke" from the "y" to the "T" would disappear, as you pointed out in your letter.

William L. Moore:

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Sept. 30, 1989

When the signature was pasted down on the bogus TF memo and photo-copied, the edges of the paper with the signature would create thin lines. This would require use of more "white-out" and the making of still another photo-copy.

Additional opportunities for slight optical distortion would come when the bogus document was being photographed onto 35 mm. film, then later making enlargements and photo-copies of the enlargement. Thus it is hardly surprising that there should be a very small amount of stretching-distortion in the MJ-12 TF signature relative to the original TB of Oct. 1.

Examination of "The White House/Washington" at the top of the (MJ-12) TF memo reveals that it is considerably heavier and darker than the logo atop the authentic TB letter of Oct. 1, 1947. One possible explanation for this curious artifact is that the TF memo is counterfeit, produced via several photo-copying actions with "contrast" control set for maximum to enhance the Truman signature. I invite you to offer an alternative explanation.

You misunderstood my characterization of a "skid-mark" at the upper left of the right-hand vertical stroke of the letter "H". Granted that very much smaller "skid-marks" can be found on some other Truman signatures, but they do not closely resemble the mark found on TF and TB, and, more important those signatures that have a very tiny "skid-mark" are not strikingly similar as are TB and TF.

I challenge you to find and make public another AUTHENTIC Truman signature which matches that on the Truman-Bush letter of Oct. 1, 1947 as closely as does the signature found on the MJ-12 memo. If you can do so, I will promptly issue a public "mea culpa" statement.

On p. 16 of your printed MUFON/Las Vegas talk, in reference to the authenticity of the MJ-12 Truman-Forestal memo, you said "analysts have come up with mixed results. Though not yet disproved, this document presents the weakest case of the three [MJ-12 documents]." (Emphasis added.) QUESTION: What is the basis for this "weakest" assessment?

In response to your "demand" that I mail out copies of your letter and its numerous enclosures, at my expense, to those to whom I sent a copy of my Sept. 20 White Paper, I shall be delighted to do so when I receive from you a good-quality first-generation 8 x 10 print of the MJ-12 Truman-Forrestal memo made from the original 35 mm. film.

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IT'S TIME FOR FRIEDMAN TO SPEAK OUT AND END HIS OWN COVERUP

It now has been more than three months since Stanton Friedman's long-time associate and collaborator, William L. Moore, in his talk to the 1989 MUFON Conference in Las Vegas, claimed that he [Moore] had served as a:

Covert government agent to report on the activities of leading UFOlogists, and

Conduit for "pumping... much disinformation" into the UFO Movement.

In this same Las Vegas speech, Moore said that "in February, 1981" he "was handed" a copy of the famous "Acquarius" document (dated 17 Nov. 1980) which was stamped "TOP SECRET". The document, which soon began to circulate in the UFO Movement, was the first to mention MJ-12. (Although the document states that it was "prepared by MJ12," its contents contradict claims in the MJ-12 documents made public in 1987 by Moore, Friedman and Jaime Shandera.)

On March 1, 1983, more than two years after Moore says he received the "TOP SECRET" Acquarius document, he was interviewed by FBI agents. According to official FBI files, Moore "declared that he has never had in his possession any classified documents from any government agency."

On July 23, 1989, I sent an open letter to Stanton Friedman which quoted verbatim from Moore's Las Vegas speech, and which posed two important questions:

(1) Approximately when did William Moore inform you that he (allegedly) was serving as a "government mole" against APRO, Paul Bennewitz, Lee Graham and other UFOlogists?

(2) Do you believe that Moore intentionally lied to the FBI, or that as of Mar. 1, 1983, Moore knew the Aquarius document was a counterfeit?

It would have taken Friedman no longer than a couple minutes to reply to these two simple questions. When five weeks had passed without a reply from Friedman, I sent him a duplicate copy on Sept. 1, in case he had mislaid the original. Now more than two months have elapsed and Friedman still has not replied.

WHY IS FRIEDMAN SO RELUCTANT TO SPEAK OUT CANDIDLY AND EXPLAIN HIS OWN RELATIONSHIP TO MOORE'S (CLAIMED) DISINFORMATION/"MOLE" ACTIVITIES? WAS FRIEDMAN A "KNOWING PARTNER" OR AN "UNWITTING DUPE"?

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02: Recall I predicted Moore et al
would discredit themselves with MJ
12, and thus their Roswell work.

UFO Researcher's 'Confessional' Disinformation Ploy Revealed

Dropping a confessional "bomb shell" likely to rock the UFO field, UFO researcher William L. Moore recently revealed his part in a calculated disinformation campaign against another researcher and ultimately against the entire ufological community.

Though many have long harbored suspicions about Moore's close relationship with alleged "members of the intelligence community,"—some even accusing him of being a federal agent—it wasn't until his two-hour talk before an audience assembled at the July convention of Mutual UFO Network that the extent of his apparent involvement in government/military counterintelligence activities had been so pointedly disclosed.

The veracity of Moore's disclosures are in doubt, however. Says Barry Greenwood, co-author of *Clear Intent* and editor of the ufological newsletter *Just Cause*, "This has been going on for too long. The bottom line is that the UFO community has been had."

In substance, Moore's story appears to lay bare a malevolent campaign of disinformation and character assassination aimed directly at ufologists. According to his own statements at the convention, Moore's alleged high-level government connection, code named "the Falcon," in 1980 made a request through acting liaison Richard Doty, then of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), that Moore supply the government with information on the activities of Paul Bennewitz.

At the time, Bennewitz, founder of Thunder Scientific Corporation, dealt professionally with military technology and carried on some private research into abductions, mutilations and UFO phenomena. In



William Moore

attempting to intercept electromagnetic emissions which he believed were affecting an abductee, Bennewitz did intercept some unidentified signals "that set off the whole (governmental) process," Moore said. "He was not only intercepting these signals, but he was very vociferous about interpreting them as being directly connected with UFOs. He was telling a lot of people at Kirtland (Air Force Base) and Sandia Laboratories, and somehow that got fed back through the system. I have to assume a 'red flag' went up saying 'what is this man doing intercepting these signals—and what if he tells the wrong people?'" (Any larger "UFO connection" has not been fully confirmed.)

Moore agreed to relay details about Bennewitz and others to officers of the AFOSI, but soon found that "supplying information" was only part of the bargain. "(Bennewitz) was the subject of considerable interest on the part of not one, but several government agen-

cies, and (I discovered) that they were actively trying to defuse him by pumping as much disinformation through him as he could possibly absorb," Moore told the MUFON crowd assembled in Las Vegas. "Being a very small part of that process gave me, I thought, something of an advantage. It became my intention to play that advantage for all the information I could get out of it."

Expressing no remorse, Moore described how the government's concerted efforts to "systematically confuse, discourage and discredit" Bennewitz by furnishing him a large body of disinformation ultimately led to the researcher's serious mental and physical deterioration. "The entire story of a secret treaty between the U.S. government and the aliens, of exchanges of technology between us and the aliens, of battles between aliens and American armed forces, and of aliens allegedly having implanted human beings . . . came about as a result of this process," Moore claims. "I know, because I was in a position to observe much of this process as it unfolded and I was providing regular reports on its effectiveness to some of the very people who were 'doing it' to Paul."

He refuses to take any of the responsibility for "doing it" to Paul or anyone else—despite his self-alleged role in a counterintelligence operation that apparently poured massive confabulations into the UFO database. "My role in the affair was largely that of a freelancer providing information on Paul's [then] current thinking and activities," Moore hedged. "I had nothing whatsoever to do with the counterintelligence and disinformation, although I either knew or was aware of a number of people involved in that end of things."

A large segment of the UFO com-

munity refuses to accept Moore's persistent lack of accountability. "In his speech he criticizes others for spreading disinformation, but for the last ten years, Bill himself has been one of the biggest sources of disinformation in all ufology," comments Greenwood. "His money motivation is blatantly obvious."

George Eberhart, librarian-archivist and secretary for the Center for UFO Studies, states that organization's position as follows: "CUFOS has been working behind the scenes to verify the MJ-12 documents and to investigate the Roswell (UFO) incident. Don Schmitt, our director of special investigations, has met with Bill Moore twice in Los Angeles to talk to him and try to verify his information. Obviously, given his revelations at the MUFON Conference in Las Vegas, Moore was not completely open and straightforward. We are clearly disappointed in his judgement that led him to act in concert with agents of disinformation. Until Moore completely opens his records to the scrutiny of his colleagues, we cannot consider him trustworthy."

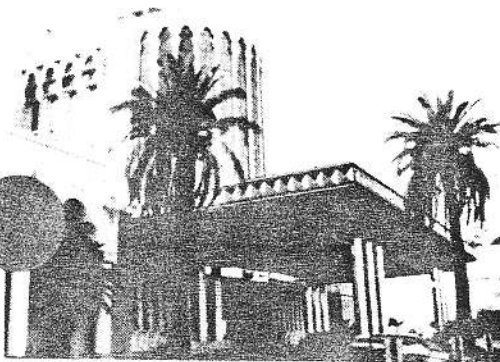
There's been relatively little reaction to Moore's disclosures amongst MUFON membership, according to the group's executive director, Walt Andrus. "I can't speak for the rest of MUFON's members," Andrus said, "but it looked as if, number one, Bill was looking for sympathy to recoup his lost credibility, and two, his speech was supposedly an apology for being taken in by [AF Office of Special Investigations] and



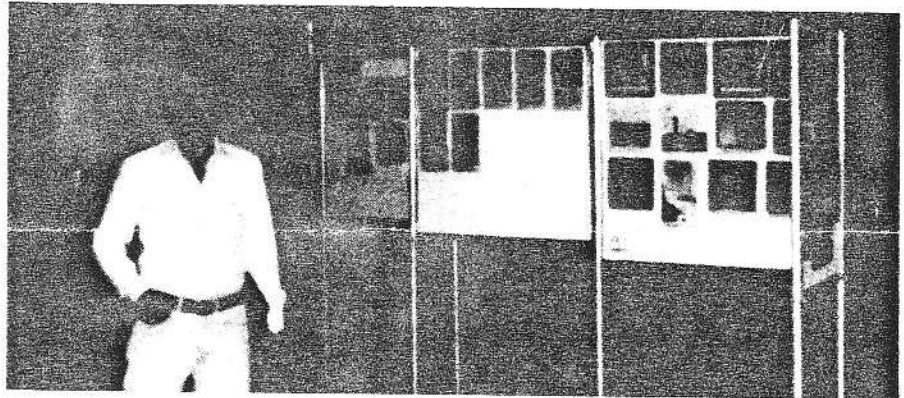
MAVERICK—Bill English, who appeared at the "alternative" conference, along with Don Ecker and Bill Cooper.



TABLED—A few of MUFON's UFO specialists seated in the conference room foyer between sessions. From left: Dr. John Brandenburg, Dr. Don Johnson, Don Berliner of the Fund for UFO Research and Jacques Vallee.



COVER-UP!—The 1989 MUFON Conference, held at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas on June 29, 30 and July 1, presented a range of UFO speakers and attracted hundreds of participants. Even more popular than some of the formal MUFON meetings, Vegas local John Lear's "alternative" series really stuck it to the government and really roused the rabble.



being used for their disinformation procedures."

The counterintelligence operatives allegedly behind the disinformation campaign were interested in other UFO researchers besides Bennewitz, Moore says, and those names will be revealed at a later time. In attempting to defend his actions, Moore recently told UFO, "I was just a stooge. If they hadn't found me they would have found somebody else..." If, as they say, there isn't any reason to gather (UFO) data, then what

were they doing this for?

"I thought: all right, all I'm being asked to do is to supply information which virtually anybody can give them . . . so I'll play the game. And in that process, I'm going to try find out who the players are and what's behind it all," he said. "I don't buy it," countered Greenwood, who's reviewed much official documentation related to this case.

At press time, neither Paul Bennewitz nor appropriate Air Force officials were available for comment.

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Dear Mr. Klass:

Thank you for your letter of September 30th. The very fact that you had to write it and offer "possible explanations" for the differences which do definitely exist between the two signatures in question, confirms that you never had a "smoking gun" after all. You only hoped you did. Perhaps if your aging eyesight wasn't so poor (or was it the cloud of cigarette smoke that blurred your vision), you would have seen those differences first off and thus could have avoided the embarrassment you must now be suffering. At least you have admitted that THERE ARE VISIBLE DIFFERENCES! The only question now is how to explain them.

Your hypothesis that the differences between the two signatures is due to "stretching distortion" caused by various lenses involved in the alleged counterfeiting process is just that-- a hypothesis. Nothing more. The problem here, as I'm sure you will admit, is two-fold:

-First: There is no way to prove it conclusively without knowing which machines/ cameras were used, how much distortion (if any) would be produced by them, and in which direction. Some copiers, for example, actually produce slight REDUCTIONS in each successive copy. (I once saw a document reduced to the size of a postage stamp by this very same process of successive copying.) Isn't it odd, however, that the photocopier you allege was used managed to stretch Truman's signature, but NOT the words "The White House" or the two examples of the word "this" which appear on either side of document center?

-Second: The method of utilizing "several photo-copying iterations" to produce the alleged counterfeit is something YOU cooked up. Once again, we are presented with the Klassical "would have, should have, could have" pronouncements, as if no other explanation is possible. Yet you offer absolutely NO PROOF of this-- all we have is your conjecture. Some "smoking gun"!

The fact remains, the signatures ARE NOT identical, nor are they suspiciously alike. You may offer whatever CONJECTURES you like to try to explain why they ought to be identical, but the only way to prove it is to produce the original photocopier you allege

was used, along with the camera that took the photos. For all you know, the lens distortion of the camera itself may have made the two signatures APPEAR to be more alike than they originally were.

As for the "alternative explanation" you ask for with respect to the alleged differences in the contrast of the "White House" logo-- did it ever occur to you that different press runs, even when the same dies or typeset are used, often produce impressions of differing intensities? Ask any printer if you don't believe it. Even U.S. currency often displays this same characteristic.

Sorry, Phil. I'll agree to the smoke (which surrounds you most of the time anyway), but you just ain't got the gun! What a shame to have displayed your flawed logic to the world once again. The fact that CSICOP continues to have faith in you speaks volumes.

I'll be happy to send you a a good-quality, first generation print of the TF memo-- just as soon as you inform me that you have the photocopying machine in hand which you allege produced the "counterfeit". Until then, I think I'm going to be much too busy to manage it.

A handwritten signature, possibly reading 'B', is located in the lower right quadrant of the page. It is written in a cursive, fluid style with a single continuous stroke.

"He who does not bellow the truth when he knows the truth makes himself the accomplice of liars and forgers".....Charles Peguy.

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This is in reply to your Oct. 6 letter which harshly ridicules my claim that the signature on the "MJ-12 Truman memo" is a photocopy forgery of authentic Truman signature on his letter of Oct. 1, 1947 to Dr. Vannevar Bush.

By the time you receive this letter you should have heard from your long-time "crashed-saucer" collaborator and associate, Stanton Friedman, informing you that my claim has been confirmed by a respected document examiner. Because he does not wish to become publicly involved, I shall refer to him as "PT". But you know his name and telephone number because he is the document examiner with whom you, Shandera and Friedman earlier worked in connection with the MJ-12 documents.

You will recall that he earlier informed you that the MJ-12 Truman memo was a counterfeit because it was typed using a Smith-Corona machine that was introduced around 1963--MORE THAN 15 YEARS AFTER THE TRUMAN MEMO, DATED SEPT. 24, 1947, ALLEGEDLY WAS TYPED.

YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES OPTED TO WITHHOLD THIS VITAL FINDING FROM THE PUBLIC (and your fellow UFOlogists).

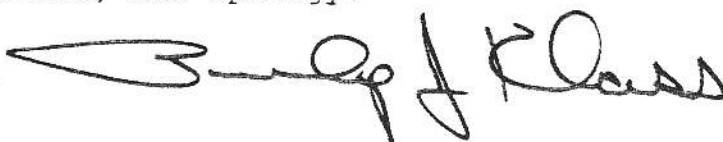
I learned of PT's activities in investigating the MJ-12 documents from another respected document specialist in Washington and called him. He expressed considerable interest in obtaining a copy of the authentic Truman-Bush Oct. 1, 1947 signature, which I promptly sent via overnight mail.

Today PT called me to report that his analysis indicated that the MJ-12 Truman signature was a photocopy forgery of the Oct. 1, 1947 signature. Further, that when he showed enlarged copies of the two signatures at a West Coast meeting of other document examiners, none challenged his conclusions.

Further, PT told me that because of his close relations with Friedman, he had already called and informed Stanton of the results of his (PT's) analysis. I presume that Friedman has by now briefed you and that if you want further verification you will call PT.

I invite your comments, and apology.

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"The truth is only arrived at by the painstaking process of
eliminating the untrue."

Sherlock Holmes

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Thank you for demonstrating the usual "skeptical" approach of
deciding what the truth must be before examining any evidence, and
then stopping to crow the moment you discover something that seems
to support your preconceived notions. Naturally it would never
occur to you that you might have missed something. Equally, it
would never occur to you to tell all of the story when only half
of it says what you want to hear. Thus, here's my side of the
story you tell in your letter of October 12th. Of course, you
will suppress this the moment you read it so as to make certain
that at least some of your victims never get to read it. Why
you are such an asshole, Phil, I probably will never know-- but I
remain confident that eventually your scales will balance.

(1) First of all, allow me to thank you for placing on the record
the fact that the respected document examiner in question (PT)
does not wish to become publicly involved. We were wondering how
to get around that, since if we had said it, you would have
never believed it. Now you have said it.

I would also like to thank you for placing on the record that
you have discovered, by your own means, our on-going consultations
with professional document analysts. It's always good to have
you confirm that we have been doing our homework. That way, when
the whole story is told, there won't be any question about the
basics, or about the fact that we have been talking to top people
in the field.

(2) Secondly, I acknowledge that PT did indeed make his findings
known to us some time ago and we have not yet published them. I
also acknowledge that your rendition of his professional opinion
is essentially accurate. THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY, Phil, is
two-fold:

(A) PT is only one of the document examiners we have
consulted on this matter. There are, in fact, three

others who have been involved. It was our feeling that a proper investigation required several opinions in order to make the findings as credible as possible. In the case of the issues involved in the Truman document, the four opinions involved are mixed. That is why I said in Las Vegas on July 1st that the document, "though not yet disproved, ...presents the weakest case of the three." Curiously, there is evidence on the other side of the coin as well. It's really quite a confusing matter once you take the trouble to examine ALL the evidence. But of course, since you've already decided what constitutes the bottom line, you wouldn't be the least bit interested in the complete report, would you? No matter-- I'm sure there are many others who will be. We expect to have it published by year's end.

(B) While PT did confirm your position on the document, his opinion to us also included the statement that "although the document itself may be a fabrication, the information in it could very well be real. This sort of thing," he said, "is not uncommon in such a situation."

(3) We did not "opt to withhold" these admittedly vital findings from anyone. The only reason they have not yet been released is that they are not yet complete. Our plan had been to publish concurrently with Stan's FUFOR report at year's end. In spite of your partial scoop, we will adhere to that schedule. I expect our public, both yours and mine, can wait that long for good data. Indeed, if we thought you could bring yourself to participate in an impartial report that will contain considerable positive as well as some negative data, we would consider asking you to participate.

The above are my comments, as requested. The apology, however, should be from you-- for jumping the gun, as usual, for personal gain; and, (also as usual) for misleading your public by telling only that part of the story which supports your pre-conceived position.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William L. White". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'W' and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Thank you for confirming, in your letter of Oct. 16, that document examiner "PT" had made known to you "some time ago" that the MJ-12 Truman memo of Sept. 24, 1947, is a counterfeit because it was typed on a Smith-Corona typewriter that was not introduced until 1962. (On June 27, 1987, at the MUFON conference, your associate Jaime Shandera claimed "we have several other [Truman] documents with the precise same typeface," but he declined to supply me with photocopies.)

Interested to learn that you are working with "three other" professional document examiners because of your "feeling that a proper investigation required several opinions" and that you expect to publish a "complete report...by year's end." Recalling your many earlier promises to provide additional MJ-12 information, I hope that this time you will keep your word.

In your earlier response of Sept. 23, you admitted that for at least two years you have been aware of the "similarity" of the MJ-12 Truman signature and the one on the authentic Truman letter of Oct. 1, 1947, to Dr. Vannevar Bush. Yet when you supposedly were cooperating with document examiner PT in his analysis of the MJ-12 papers, you intentionally failed to inform him of this similarity of the two Truman signatures.

QUESTION #1: Why did you withhold this vital information from document examiner PT?

QUESTION #2: Have you also withheld this information, including a photocopy of the authentic Oct. 1 Truman signature, from the other three document examiners you say are analyzing the authenticity of the MJ-12 papers?

In your published 1989 MUFON/Las Vegas speech, in reference to the "Top Secret Aquarius Document," date-stamped "17 Nov. 1980," the first document circulated among UFOlogists to mention MJ-12, you said "it was handed to me in February, 1981." But when the FBI interviewed you on Mar. 1, 1983, you told them that you had "never had in [your] possession any classified documents from any government agency," according to your FBI file, published in the Nov. 1, 1988, issue of your own newsletter.

QUESTION #3: Did you intentionally lie to the FBI or did you know on Mar. 1, 1983, that this "Aquarius" document--the first to mention MJ-12--was a counterfeit?

