

VALIDATING THE NEW MAJESTIC DOCUMENTS

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ABSTRACT

A number of different sources have provided document copies of varying provenance and quality. The documents appear to have been classified as part of a former top secret program by the code name of Majestic, with the code caveats MAJIC or MJ-12. The genuineness and authenticity of these hundreds of classified pages and thousands of other less classified pages from these sources is continually being assessed. Recent results of ink, paper, watermark, type, and typewriter dating show that many of them are almost certainly not modern forgeries, done with sophisticated computer equipment. The evidence for authenticity, based on numerous examples of scarcely known facts, is sometimes offset by an occasional unconfirmed anachronism whose explanation is unclear. Similarities of chirography and wording with authentic documents, together with an occasional inconsistent fact, pose some problems for the questioned document examiner. The only other viable explanation of psychological warfare against our enemies in the "early" years seems to be awkward and unconvincing. Given the certain reality of UFO crash retrievals from numerous witnesses and the near certainty that some documentation would have been created, the least unlikely conclusion is that the documents are essentially genuine in the story that they tell. The cover-up has been more sophisticated and in place much longer than most have speculated, and several pieces of new evidence point to an early cover-up strategy effectively at work shortly after the crash of 1941.

INTRODUCTION

It is widely understood that in 1984 Jaime Shandera received some undeveloped film in his mail. This consisted of two sets of eight exposures on one roll of 35-mm film. (Moore, 1990) These eight frames constituted the now-famous "Eisenhower Briefing Document," (EBD) ostensibly a briefing present to President-elect Eisenhower on 18 November 1952. The authenticity of these pages has been debated because of the lack of provenance, the appearance of other copies, the identification of possible anachronisms in the document, and the startling confirmation of UFO crash retrievals and their alien occupants. The classification was TOP SECRET/MAJIC and the program was called Majestic. This presentation and paper deals with documents that include the classification of MAJIC, Majestic, or MJ-12, including some documents received just last April 2000.

One of the early researchers of the authenticity of this document was Stanton Friedman, whom I had known since 1969 as a careful UFO investigator (Friedman, 1990). When I retired in 1993 from research and development management at McDonnell Douglas, Stan initiated contact with me, knowing that I might have more time for UFO research. At about the same time, Walt Andrus asked if I would be willing to serve as the Director for Research for the MUFON UFO Network, Inc. One of the first things that Stan did was to ask if I would be willing to look into the authenticity of the Special Operations Manual received in the mail by Don Berliner (now Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research). In the process of replicating this manual, I began to compare and contrast the content with that of the EBD, and with the cooperation of Mr. Berliner, obtained the highest quality copies possible from the negatives, thereby aiding in the replication and authentication (Wood, 1998).

TIMOTHY S. COOPER

Stan receives many inquiries, and he had had correspondence with Timothy S. Cooper of Big Bear Lake, who had reported receiving documents in his mailbox and from other sources having to do with the covert U.S. UFO program. This was reported in detail in his Chapter on "The New MJ-12 Documents in his (then) new book (Friedman, 1996). Stan asked me if I would be willing to drive to Big Bear Lake to meet Tim since I was closer than he was in Canada. Tim gave me his address, and in September 1996 I drove there and met Tim. This turned out to be the first of many meetings with him, because he was still receiving unusual UFO materials in his mailbox.

About this time I had been sharing some aspects of these document authentication processes with my son Ryan, whose computer skills and creative marketing skills transcended mine. We therefore became partners, with the initial objective of writing a book together that might reveal the history of the United States as reflected by the data in questioned UFO documents. However, the document drops to Tim Cooper provided so much more data base and so many interesting authenticity challenges that we set the book idea temporarily aside and began to concentrate on validating the documents and dealing with the concerns expressed about their validity. Ryan and I began to become systematically familiar with questioned document procedures and retained selected courtroom capable professionals to deal with these concerns. In addition, we visited the U.S. Government Printing Office (USGPO), interviewed current and retired style manual experts and obtained basic information relevant to printing techniques available to our Government.

We made an early decision to share these documents (with Tim Cooper's permission) with others to begin the authentication process, and also to share them with the public in order to bring forward confirming reports if they were indeed genuine and authentic. Generally, we have limited our focus to those documents that are classified Majestic, MAJIC, or MJ-12 or other documents or projects that seem to intimately relate to these.

The topics that follow are aimed at the issues of authenticity:

- What documents are we talking about?
- What are the authentication issues and results?

What do the latest documents say?
 What are the remaining problems to be solved?
 What role might psychological warfare have played and plays now?
 Why are they most likely authentic and genuine?

SCOPE OF THE DOCUMENTS

Thousands of pages of relevant documents have been leaked over the past nineteen years from five primary independent sources linking to ten secondary sources that directly or indirectly relate to MAJIC, Majestic, or MJ-12. Many documents have come from one source, Tim Cooper. Table 1 summarizes some of the main document receipts.

Table 1. A large number of sources have provided Majestic documents

Document Identification	Primary Source	Secondary Source	Date Received
Aquarius fax and briefing	William Moore	Richard Doty and USPS	Mar 1981-83
Eisenhower Briefing Document	Jaime Shandera	USPS, postmark Albuquerque	Dec 1984
Cutler-Twining Memo	William Moore	National Archives	Jul 1985
Air Accident Report	Tim Cooper	American Legionnaire	est. 1992
Marilyn Monroe Document	Tim Cooper	CIA archivist	est. 1992
Hillenkoetter 47, First Annual Report, IPU Field Order, and several memos incl JFK to CIA	Tim Cooper	Cantwheel via USPS	Various
Special Operations Manual	Don Berliner	USPS, La Crosse, WI, Quillan Pharmacy meter	7 Mar 1994
Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit Report Jul 47, and "First Annual Report"		Thomas Cantwheel personal	16 Jul 1995
Einstein/Oppenheimer Jun 47, Twining Sep 47 Report	Tim Cooper	Salina via USPS	Jun 1996
12 Apr 49 Hillenkoetter memo	Tim Cooper	FOIA from CIA archives	June 1994, discovered 1999
Bowen Manuscript	Tim Cooper	FOIA, Ft. Meade Army Intel.	6 Jun 99
The "burned" memo, dozens of photographs, WP Library note	Tim Cooper	S-1 by USPS, McLean VA,	24 Jun 99
Various archival documents: Blue Book internal drafts, five missing pages from Bowen m/s, CIA copy of BBSR #14, Soviet Military Power, Trinity Photo	Tim Cooper	S-2 in person	16 Sep 99, and 10 Oct 99
Roosevelt and Bush memos	Tim Cooper	USPS	24 April 2000

Tim states he does not know why he was selected to receive these documents, although he speculates that Cantwheel, one of the sources, may have personally known a close relative. The efforts of Wood & Wood through www.majesticdocuments.com are very likely responsible for his continuing to receive them.

It is beyond the scope of this paper to try to detail the contents of all of these papers, but a simple summary is in order for the most significant ones and those that will be discussed later for validation issues.

- **The Aquarius Briefing** is an 11-page document that refers to 16 volumes that purport to summarize the classified information about UFOs and IAC (Identified Alien Crafts). It contains the first public reference to Extraterrestrial Biological Entities (EBEs). Some who have studied these documents regard them as a hoax (Moore, 1990). We have not yet evaluated them for authenticity.
- **The Eisenhower Briefing Document** has been widely circulated since about 1987, and has been vetted for authenticity by Stan Friedman, but minor questions about the seven-page document and the attendant copy of a 1947 Truman Majestic kickoff letter still remain. It describes the later formation of the classified intelligence operation called Majestic-12 and the recovery of wreckage in early July 1947, mentioning the “lack of wiring” and a contingency plan should it be necessary to make a public announcement. We recently received another copy from a new and known source that shows different formatting and is on early paper.
- **Cutler-Twining memo** was found in the National Archives by Bill Moore between two file folders and is on original paper with a Fox watermark along with original red pencil marks (Moore, 1990). It is significant in that it refers to NSC/MJ-12 Special Studies Project.
- **The Air Accident Report** is a three page report describing the apparent design of the recovered craft and alludes to the involvement of Oppenheimer, Von Karman and Paperclip scientists (former Nazis).
- **The Marilyn Monroe document** is a one-page memo from the CIA dated 3 August 1962 showing James Angleton’s signature opposite “54-12 MJ-12.” It references MOON DUST, Area 51, and a secret air base for “studying things from outer space.”
- **The Hillenkoetter memo** was mailed by Tim Cooper to Timothy Good (Good, 1996) who elected to use it in his book, “Beyond Top Secret,” and so it was publicly available in 1996. This memo, dated 19 Sep 47, confirms three crash retrievals at different locations in early July 1947, and the acronym for the title of the memo is MAJIC (Military Assessment of the Joint Intelligence Committee).
- **The “First Annual Report”** is called that because those words are on the first page. Actually, it is a draft of 18 pages, possibly from four different dates, multiple typewriters, but obviously various drafts of a report that was titled, in part, “Investigate the Capture of Unidentified Planform Space Vehicles...” The content includes a concise summary of our views about a variety of technical, social and political issues, followed by three “annexes” that provide data on the history and perspective of the program. One page is a rough draft for Annex C, heavily censored, and notes that “The untimely death of Secretary Forrestal was deemed necessary and regrettable.” The overall document appears to consist of drafts of documents generated at several different times.
- **These miscellaneous memos were from Cantwheel** by mail in two or three different deliveries. Three of these relate to the order to send a team to White Sands in early July and three others relate to reports

during the summer. The two JFK memos are significant because they show his open involvement in UFO matters, and one of them alludes to Angleton (CIA counterintelligence) just two days before the assassination.

- **The Special Operations Manual** is a 32-page instruction manual, jacket size, for special troops to use as procedures for recovering crashed saucers in the field, how to identify the parts, where to ship them, what to do with the bodies, and how to ensure complete secrecy in the process. It provides sketches of UFOs identified to date.
- **The Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit report of 16 July 47** is significant for several reasons: it identifies the coordinates of the crash site; it provides detail and names on the secure recovery process; and it reveals the first mention of animal parts found inside a UFO.
- **The Einstein memo of Jun 47** is a 6-page copy of an apparent first generation carbon that is consistent with having been typed by Einstein's secretary directly from his dictation. Its significance lies in the fact that it pre-dates the July crashes, provides a tremendous example of Einstein's thinking in dimensions of space travel, law and the United Nations besides mentioning EBEs.
- **Twining's report of September 47**, often called the "White Hot" report, is an 18-page thorough discussion of what we had concluded during the summer about the "recovered lenticular aerodynes" and an assessment of technical, scientific, political, and security aspects of the recovery.
- **12 Apr 49 Hillenkoetter memo** is one that was sent to Tim Cooper in response to an FOIA request, included in hundred of pages. It is significant because it has a file distribution showing "CIA Top Secret, MJ-12," and was apparently missed in the FOIA declassification process.
- **The Bowen Manuscript** is a 337-page draft document prepared by Vernon Bowen, an advertising executive in New York City, without knowledge of classified material. It was completed in March 1960 and was apparently submitted shortly thereafter to the Air Force Project Blue Book, who stamped some of the pages, "TOP SECRET/MAJIC" in red ink. This is also original paper, original ink.
- **The "burned" memo** is a nine-page document on original paper that appears to have been charred in a fire, forwarded by someone who allegedly rescued them from the fire, estimated to have been written in between 1970 and 1973. They were ordered destroyed by a classified Special Compartmented Executive Order by Nixon according to the cover note. The security stamp is in red ink. They contain quite a few codewords, and if genuine, portray plans to ensure secrecy even if UFO knowledge becomes widespread.
- **The WP Library** stands for Wright Patterson Air Force Base Library, and there is a notation written in ink that says in neat printing, with caps and lower case as shown below:

"Classified TOP SECRET/MAJIC FTD/WP Library

Required DoD Clearance

Filed under AFR 55-11

AFR 200-2

See Project MOON DUST

Project PAPERCLIP

V.B. file"

This is merely a file notation on an otherwise unclassified paper on space nuclear power.

- **The various photos and documents turned over by "S-2"** (unknown source 2) consist of hundreds of pages of "Tentative Secret Forward to MAJCOM" and some sensitive materials used in Project Blue Book. Some of them are the original photographs that people had turned in to be evaluated. Some photos are of wreckage, apparently U.S. aircraft, and some were taken from photos of a TV screen. Some appear to be original documents from the correct era, included the original notes for assessing the authenticity of hundreds of photos turned in to the Air Force for determination. Three crash retrievals are explicitly removed from the files in the same handwriting as that of marginalia on the IPU.
- **The Trinity Site photograph** appeared in one of the deliveries of S-2, and shows, prior to the perimeter fence around the Trinity burst, markings that are located at the coordinates specified in two of the documents: the IPU and the First Annual Report.
- **The recently-surfaced Roosevelt and Bush memos** are significant because they relate to pre-1947 awareness of UFOs, using the term "non-terrestrial" and reveal an aggressive plan to come to grips with the UFO technology after we had won the war. Although they are copies, the format and font are being checked for consistency, and both have signatures that appear to be genuine.

The number of pages received from the sources is enormous. We estimate about 3770 pages, of which over 200 are classified top secret higher. There are many photographs of personnel, allegedly members of MJ-12 from the markings thereon, and files that appear to be original Blue Book draft material, including negatives and prints discussed in Blue Book releases. There are also many printed, publicly released manuals that are unsurprising but scarce "The Soviet Army" (U.S. Army, 1984) and counterintelligence training course material. The website www.majesticdocuments.com (Wood, 2000) permits one to see and purchase the hard copies of many of the documents, together with sources, references, witnesses, other personnel involved, official UFO investigations and authenticity rationale details.

AUTHENTICATION AND VALIDATION

The newcomer to UFOLOGY often thinks that that it is extremely unlikely that we have actually been visited by ETs and that their vehicles have crashed and we have retrieved them. They inadvertently establish a standard of "proof" that is exceptionally high, recalling Carl Sagan's widely-quoted remark that "Extraordinary claims demand extraordinary proof; where is the evidence?" Anyone familiar with the thousands of high quality reports and very believable crash retrieval testimony knows there is fair degree of agreement that alien craft crashed in New Mexico and maybe other places too, that they have been seen at close range, that they leave marks on the ground, and they appear to have occupants. If this is true, it is inconceivable that we, the United States, would not have initiated a project to find out everything we can, and do so in great secrecy. It is a virtual certainty that such a project would have had some written records over the years. It is also widely believed that documents "leak" and that "people cannot keep secrets." If this is so, we would be expecting to have some documents surface, and we have some. The only question is whether they are genuine or whether they are fake.

Most would agree that if there were a classified project, it would have had excellent security then and now, so doesn't that suggest that the documents are likely to be fake? Not at all. Questioned document examiners try to avoid making *a priori* assumptions before they do their work. It has been established that the U.S. has been involved in psychological warfare for many years. Even the documents we are examining allude to this. It is certainly reasonable to consider that under certain circumstances that PSYWAR could have been used on our foreign enemies over the years, somehow using UFOs as part of the process. We will later show that such scenarios are not credible.

If it is known that UFOs have crashed and been retrieved, and if it is also known that people fake documents sometimes, it thus turns out to be equally likely that any randomly selected document is just as likely to be real as to be fake. Thus, one can add up all the points that argue for genuineness, and all of the points that suggest fakery, and see how the balance comes out. One possible anachronism suggesting fakery does not counteract five or ten features suggesting authenticity.

Since many of the documents have been around for several years, those people suggesting fakery have had a lot of opportunity to ask questions. Because nobody wants to be caught claiming that they have the "proof" only to be shown later that it was a fake, document researchers like to be careful and consider all challenges or concerns. We therefore use of the techniques of questioned document examination.

Before continuing, it is worth a sidebar to comment that we believe that the public evaluation of these documents is not against the law, since we did not steal them, bribe someone to, or coerce anyone. Furthermore, the GAO, the FBI, and the Air Force have all taken public positions that questioned documents involving Majestic, MAJIC, or MJ-12 are all fake (even though, of course, they are in error.) However, if the documents are genuine, it is conceded that someone violated a security oath at some time to keep them personally and then to share them with the recipients listed in Table 1. This is an obvious reason for not wishing to be identified publicly, since they could be prosecuted. Such prosecutions would be unlikely since the government would be admitting the existence of crashed ET hardware and bodies.

We go through an orderly process of document evaluation, looking for clues that would suggest fakery: anachronisms in paper, ink, typewriters, format, stamp impressions, or content. For the most part, we do not possess original documents, with the exception of the "burned memo," the "Bowen Manuscript," the Cutler-Twining memo (which is not in our possession) and a new version of the EBD.

EARLY CONCERN ABOUT AUTHENTICITY OF SOM 1-01

The EBD has been challenged on a number of counts, most of which have been, we think, satisfactorily answered. Similarly, the Special Operations Manual 1-01 has been challenged by a coalition of well-known UFO investigators (Aldrich et al, 1999). However, these concerns have not been fully treated publicly, and so we will deal with them now. There were a very large number of objections raised, and many were interlinked and redundant, so I have identified five that seemed to generate concern in others and really warrant a good answer. In all cases, if you are familiar with the basic

document, which is available at the conference or from www.majesticdocuments.com it will be easier to understand the subtleties of the arguments. These are the concerns and our response to each one. “Where is the document control?” The initial response by security-knowledgeable researchers was that such a document would require some sort of document control page. After photographing the originals, such a page was found already included, giving dates, change pages, authorization and initials of personnel. Now the focus has moved to nit picking for tiny mistakes in the page. This concern is no longer an issue.

- “Satellites were not flown until 1957!” The document suggests that the security personnel turn off persons interested in possible crashes by telling them that “downed satellites” is an acceptable alternative for a deceptive statement to keep “unauthorized or undesirable personnel away from the area.” Since this document was dated 1954 and the first satellite was not launched until 1957, why would anyone be impressed? The two-part answer is: (1) Knowledge of plans to make satellites was widespread in the early fifties, as evidenced by this list of references, all of which were published before the Manual: *The Flying Saucer Conspiracy*, Donald E. Keyhoe, 1953; *The Mars Project*, Wernher von Braun, University of Illinois Press, 1953; “Astronomy from the Space Station,” Whipple, Fred L., *Sky and Telescope*, April 1953, p. 151; “Testing of Relativity Theory with an Artificial Satellite,” J. Astronomical Society of the Pacific, February 1954; “Second Moon?,” *Time Magazine*, March 15, 1954, p. 83 and *Colliers'* references on manned space flight by von Braun, pre-1954. Furthermore, according to the change control page, the page mentioning downed satellites was changed as late as 1956. The second part of the answer is that downed satellites was only one of a list of five suggested deceptive statements, which included, meteors, weather balloons, military aircraft, and contamination from toxic spills and therefore implies that credibility was not critical in keeping nosy people away.
- “Area 51 did not exist in 1954, so since the document alludes to ‘Area 51, S-4’ it must be fake.” The intelligence community has carefully provided the impression that it was not until 1956 that the Nevada land was secured for classified work. One of my friends sent me a copy of a *Las Vegas Review Journal* dated January 5, 1951, which says, “Indian Springs Project Key to Defense Plans,” and adds that it is not nuclear, and has a budget of \$300 million (1951 dollars), and that is was causing a desert building boom “cloaked in security” (*Las Vegas Review Journal*, 1951). That number was stated elsewhere in the article to be but one-fifth of the total cost planned. A local proprietor kept detailed notes on the security and traffic activity. The “51” is for 1951; S4 is for Site 4. And nothing about it is declassified yet, even that part of the Colonel Weaver letter was redacted and one couldn’t read the part describing the history of Area 51. • “Dish radars can not measure shape and size, and so the shape and size descriptions must be false.” In the first place, the document never said they used only ground-based radar; only the triangular shape description mentioned that radar was used. It could have been airborne radar. In any case, a careful analysis of multiple returns from a dish radar by an experienced radar analyst will permit the accurate calculation from range information alone if the object is changing its attitude.
- “RESTRICTED and TOP SECRET caveats were incompatible at that time.” This issue gets into the subtleties of the classification management system for the military. Incidentally, it should be noted that the intelligence agencies and the State Department have different procedures that are less well known. It

is perfectly possible that the CIA or the State Department was the publisher of this document. Notwithstanding, there are examples of the use of restricted in a generic sense of limiting distribution. Furthermore, the Cutler-Twining memo of July 14, 1954 has a typed classification of "TOP SECRET RESTRICTED SECURITY INFORMATION" on two lines. One of the difficulties with providing more examples is that very few Top Secret documents have been declassified from that era even today.

- "The type font on the headers is Helvetica, a font that did not exist in 1954." The main text has been identified as Monotype Modern, a font in wide use at that time. The headers for the subsections of the document were done with a san-serif style font that does resemble Helvetica. However, we have just received from the USGPO a book of fonts (USGPO, 1959), and the font of the Manual is identical to Franklin Gothic, often used in Government publications. Robert McArtor, 35-year veteran of the USGPO and writer and editor of several style manuals initially said he thought it looked like "the old 822 type."
- "It would be very easy to fake flaws in the type, such as the 'raised z.'" When I was talking to an archival specialist at the USGPO, in showing him the text of the manual, he noted that the "z" in "unauthorized" was slightly raised on page 8. He went on to say that, to him, this was an indication that it had been prepared on a hot lead monotype press because, typically, infrequently used letters like the "z" would recycle imperfectly. I counted the number of z's and found there were about a dozen, of which five were raised. Accordingly, Ryan Wood spent some time in the Stanford Government library, and found an official document with a similar raised z. The comparison is shown in Figure 1. The allegation that this could have been done with modern QuarkExpress-like software does not work for a host of reasons: custom spacing algorithms, type variability and resulting lack of type similarity available in 1993. Furthermore, if the chance remark had not been made, nobody would have known to look for a raised z.

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Figure 1. The little-known appearance of a raised "z" in SOM 1-01 on the left is in good comparison with a genuine one on the right, strongly suggesting authenticity.

In addition, the original document has been traced back to the city where the photographs were mailed, and was judged by a questioned document examiner to be of the 1954 era from the appearance of the paper and other indicators. Unfortunately, we have been unsuccessful at getting a piece of this original for analysis of paper and ink age.

Moreover, there is even a witness to the document. While working in an Admiral's office was asked to clean out classified file space and recalled shredding SOM1-01 along with the EBD and its attachments. He was interviewed by Wood & Wood and answered our questions credibly and spontaneously.

Based on the intense examination of the best prints available, and what I regard as a totally satisfactory disposal of the above initially legitimate concerns, this document was clearly created in 1954. However, I reserve the right to later argue that everything in it is true. We have merely established that it is a 1954-era document. Could it have been produced to fool the Soviets for some reason? We will postpone this answer.

CONCERNS EXPRESSED ABOUT THE SOURCES

Referring to Table 1, there are five primary sources and about ten secondary sources. Since Moore, Shandera, and Berliner are no longer actively involved in these document issues, only Tim Cooper is an active target for criticism. It should be borne in mind that if Ryan and I had not gone to see Tim, his materials would probably still be in his residence, since nobody else was willing to look deeper, including Stan Friedman, Tim Good, Dick Haines, Kevin Randle and Don Berliner. However, Stan did take the effort to talk me into meeting Tim Cooper.

Tim Cooper has signed affidavits, posted on our website, to the effect that he did get these materials from his mailbox and that he is not a hoax or forger, and has never fabricated any documents. He took a lie detector test that showed deception in some of his answers, which surprised us, but we have concluded it was because of his continuing desire to protect the identity of two sources that he refuses to identify. A recent article in *Science* magazine notes that the probability of truthful answers being declared deceptive is seven times more likely than deceptive answers being called truthful. My partner and I have spent many hours with Tim Cooper, and have found him consistently truthful over the years, with a great tendency to protect confidences, a quality that has merit. Much has been made of a similarity of raised letters in the typewriting used by him to write a letter to Tim Good and the type in the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit (IPU) report. My own questioned document examiner, James Black (Black, 1999), concluded that the typewriter used was a Royal type bar typewriter in both cases, but that one could not say much more than each could be any one of tens of thousands of typewriters, and that fast typists typically do not hit the capitalization bar uniformly. Furthermore, we are in physical possession of several of the original mailing envelopes from the sources, and have linked the McLean, VA postmark to CIA headquarters according to the postoffice. There is just no question that Tim has been getting these packages in the mail from sources who are happy to see the data spread further. We feel it is important to apply our document authentication expertise before releasing everything to everyone, and so we have temporarily withheld some documents about which there are questions we cannot yet answer.

FURTHER HIGHLIGHTS ABOUT GENUINENESS

After we publicized more of the documents, offering them for sale to defray costs, a number of concerns were posed about their authenticity, ranging from logical valid questioned document issues to ad hominem attacks. It is worthwhile to summarize from the 60 or so individual questions posed by a half dozen people the ones that we think should be clarified. We will treat these in chronological sequence of the documents, beginning with some general criticisms.

- **General**

Concern 1: Evidence exists that the documents are fraudulent. (Randle, 1997) Response: No such evidence exists. The ability to discriminate the real from the fake is the correct way to view the issue.

Concern 2. The presence of numerous grammatical, punctuation and spelling errors strongly suggests fakery. This extrapolates to “the more errors, the more genuine it is.” Response: Most of the pages we are seeing are unsigned, unfinished draft material. Technical people are not well known for their writing ability. It is incredible that a faker would permit so many errors. It is reasonable that one of the reasons we have them is that they were drafts, less well controlled by security than the final copies. Errors need to be placed in the context of the author, the typist, the organizational structure, level of peer review and security; all these factors are virtually unique for each document.

- **Einstein/Oppenheimer letter.**

Concern 3: The consistent misspelling of “celestial” as “celestrial” and a few other typos. Response: The document is entirely consistent with Einstein having dictated it in English with a German accent, and having had it typed simultaneously without proofreading. As evidenced by the filling of the letters, we are clearly looking at copy of a carbon copy. Furthermore, unique Einstein-like words are in use, such as res nullius, supra-national and astroplanes. Forensic linguistics is underway and will very likely show that Einstein unquestionably wrote this document, notwithstanding early reactions that he “would not have written” such a piece.

- **Eisenhower Briefing Document.**

Concern 4: Our documents are based on the Eisenhower Briefing Document, as the “mother” of the “daughter” documents they have spawned. The entire case for authenticity rests on the EBD. If the EBD is not authentic, then neither are the others. (Deuley, May 1999) Response: There is no claim that the EBD is the generating document. It may turn out that some statements in the EBD are not true. There is no claim that this relates to the authenticity of the others, nearly all of which predate the EBD date of 18 November 1952. Each document needs to be examined on its own merits first. The authenticity of the EBD has been researched at length, (Friedman, 1989) and the newly released documents have been our focus.

Concern 5: The argument that some of the information in the EBD might be true and some false is bad logic. Either the EBD is all true or it is all false. (Deuley, May 99) Response: It is well known that counterintelligence techniques blend true and false information, and to find part true, part false would be expected if it were a counterintelligence document. Every document needs to be carefully evaluated on its own merits first and then for consistency with other documents, both questioned and genuine from FOIA or the open literature. One needs to remember, “true or false in whose eyes?” The author writing it may have limited access to classified data, or been given bad intelligence inadvertently and it is only the passage of time and the revision of classified history that will reveal the truth.

- **SOM 1-01**

Concern 6. “The only way SOM-01-1 and other alleged “documentary proof” of MJ-12 could conceivably be authenticated would be by locating a documentary paper trail of certifiably original documents in government archives, or in private papers of important people. Even then, allegedly authentic documents would need to be subjected to forensic examination to determine such things as the

age of the paper. In addition, document experts would need to examine them for internal accuracy and style. Given the track record of fake documents and shoddy scholarship, rigorous peer review is essential." (Joint Statement by Aldrich, Berliner, Deuley, Hall, Rodeghier, 1999) Response: There is much merit in having original documents and an established provenance. However, we do not have that. If one were to adopt a policy of ignoring all but original documents, one would automatically reject all copies of genuine documents. Since the use of copiers is the most likely way that classified documents would be leaked, that is the equivalent of rejecting all documents that would show significant Government involvement in covert and classified UFO work.

Concern 7. The warning notice ends in with the word "law" on one line, a widow, to be avoided in a professional document. (Deuley, June 99). Response: Remarkably, the USGPO Style Manual makes no statement about widow words, but about "widow lines at the top of pages to be avoided." A typesetter on a hot lead press would not be asked to redo the line under the style manual guidance in force at the time. Manuals of the era contain numerous widow words like this.

Concern 8. The marking TO 12D1-3-11-1 should be traceable to some department or branch. . (Deuley, June 99). Response, according to the nomenclature system then in use for Air Force Technical Orders, these designations are consistent with the assignment of numbers of the era. The final "1" is consistent with the first revision of the document, that has the number of 1-01. It merely means that it is the first revision of the first document in the series. Additionally, Mark Hall, recently retired from USA, spent much of his time repairing typewriters, secure communications and was assigned to the GCS. His opinion it is a valid TO.

Concern 9: A great deal of work went into construction, implying work by faker. Seal included to add visual impact. (Randle, 1997) Response: The high quality of the manual is also consistent with production by the USGPO or CIA print shop equivalent. The War Department Seal was used on most manuals of that vintage. Examples abound.

First Annual Report

Concern 10: A fatal flaw has been found in that the alleged disappearance of the New Zealand One-Fourth Regiment has been shown to be both incorrect and first published in the 60s. This ensures the whole document is fraudulent. (Greenwood, 1999) Response: This will take a while to determine the correct evaluation. One reaction is that if the story surfaced in 1960s, might it have been lying around classified military sources earlier? The simplistic answer is that the author may have thought it was a true story, just being one of several. More basically, though, the presence of one flaw in a questioned document evaluation must be viewed in the context of perhaps dozens of other detailed checkable facts known to very few. We plan to show that this regiment disappearance story has been around long before the 60s.

Concern 11: Retro-virus was a word invented in the 70s. Thus, the 1952 report using it must be fake. The modern usage of retrovirus has no hyphen. Response: We have located a 1935 reference that uses the concept as a "retrograde" evolution of the virus. Alternative explanations exist, for example there are 35 other examples of hyphenation in the document, the author could be "hyphen-happy." However, fundamentally it is simply the correct usage to describe a backward "retro" virus as part of an ultravirus categorization as they were called at the dawn of virology in 1948-49. Finally, a witness has come forward to state that in the early 60's he read in a vault at Ft. Detrick all about biological weapons

including a retro-virus, it stood out in his mind due to its excessively deadly nature. It is very likely that this precise word usage with the hyphen will be found in the literature, thereby reaffirming authenticity. Because it is likely that the cutting edge work on viruses was going on a military research based, a check of the classified literature at Fort Detrick, for example, might yield a good example use of the word. We believe that "retro-virus" is consistent with collegial usage of the time.

The 12 April 49 Hillenkoetter FOIA memo

Concern 12: The existence of the FOIA Hillenkoetter letter stamped 12 Apr 1949 with the file distribution showing CIA Top Secret and MJ-12 could have been faked by sending a document "into the system" and have it come out again as FOIA. (Dealey, May 99) Response: The FOIA offices in Government agencies are trying to respond to the legislation that forces them to release material to the public. Generally, they view it as a huge waste of time, although the FOIA personnel try to do their best. A faker conceivably could insert or modify a memo and get it into the FOIA system. However, the ability of counterintelligence personnel to penetrate the FOIA system should be assumed, and would be even easier.

NEW DOCUMENTS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE

The document deliveries by S-1 and S-2 shown in Table 1 are so extensive that they have not been placed on our Website. Furthermore, the vast majority of them are not classified, although they clearly were a part of the original Blue Book files of the Air Force. They contain preliminary versions of subsequently published releases, as well as some apparently original photographs of UFOs although all of the photos were deemed to be identified (not unidentified) and we agree with those evaluations. In addition, the Bowen manuscript is a treasure for several reasons. The most recent arrivals of May 2000 include a memo from FDR and one from Vannevar Bush, both alluding to events prior to 1947. Let us look at some of the recent document highlights.

New copy of the EBD without page markings

The author was contacted by someone who had earlier mentioned to Stan Friedman the fact that a relative of a friend of his had an old copy of the EBD in his possession, and had had it for many years. I requested that he send me a copy, assuring him that I would share the result of the analysis with him. I received it in the mail in April 2000, and I immediately noticed two things about it: (1) it was on old, soft paper, not fresh new copy machine type paper; and (2) there were no page numbers in the upper right. The other copies of the EBD always had 001 through 008 in the upper right corners. This paper has been sent to Speckin Laboratories (website www.4n6.com) for evaluation, and the preliminary report is only that it has no watermark. Further testing is underway. Furthermore, each page on one side is slightly ragged, as if it had been part of a briefing brochure done on 11x17 inch paper, and then folded and stapled in the center, and subsequently torn in half carefully.

In addition, we have performed a detailed interview with a witness who claims to have handled the EBD when he was working in an Admiral's office in a vault, and while perusing the classified material when he had no other assignment, saw a copy of the Truman to Forrestal memo of 24 September 1947

with the White House letterhead feeling embossed, not a copy. The complete results of this interview will be made public when the witness gives us permission, and we have performed an authenticity assessment and completed the transcription with accuracy.

It would therefore appear that it is just a question of time before the "oldness" of the EBD is fully established from a combination of testimony and forensic testing.

The FDR memo on non-terrestrial science and technology

This memo has been included as Figure 2, retyped for ease of reading. Attention has been paid to maintaining the original format, spacing and positioning. This retyped version is in 12 point Times New Roman and appears somewhat similar to the original. It does not appear to have been done with a typewriter since the letters have proportional spacing. Both the title and the content clearly allude to extraterrestrial life, the former using the word "non-terrestrial" and the latter talks about "coming to grips with the reality that our planet is not the only one harboring intelligent life the universe." Remarkably, the last four words are exactly the title of Sagan's book co-authored with the Soviet scientist Shklovsky. Clearly the situation was that we had recovered at least one craft by then, probably the Cape Girardeau crash of 1941, and came to realize the wealth of technology that lay there for the pickings. Apparently the "Special Committee on Non-terrestrial Science and Technology" had been working some time in order to define a clear action. Dr. Bush had presumably presented a proposal from the Committee for an aggressive separate program to apply "non-terrestrial know how" to the war effort, but FDR thought that it would threaten the atomic bomb program. Thus, he carefully avoids saying, "no" but says that we will "take every advantage of such wonders that have come to us" after we have won the war. Very gracious letter. The classification "double top secret" was a legitimate one. We are currently (May 2000) requesting copies of similar correspondence from the Roosevelt Library for format and typography comparison. The signature, although not a strong discriminant, is consistent with other authentic signatures.

The Bush letter to Truman

As an apparent follow up by FDR to Bush, he wrote another letter in April 1944 requesting recommendations on four specific points. This letter is Bush's answer. It is presumed that the Majestic-12 classification was added at a later date. This also shows an "OK" and a Harry Truman signature. The original can be found on our Website www.majesticdocuments.com. This letter has a copy of the known authentic "original" stamp, and was probably produced by a typewriter because of the uniformity of letter spacing. We expect to show, of course, that this format was commonly used by OSRD typewriters of the era. Bush restates the FDR questions for Truman's benefit, mentions the assistance of distinguished committees, alludes to the "many meetings since the events of this summer," transmits the full reports as appendices, and proposes a "single mechanism for implementing the recommendations of the several committees." Could this be one hugely classified program called "Majestic Twelve" at the end of the summer? The date of the letter, 5 July, was, of course, coincident with the recoveries going on in New Mexico at that very time. Harry Truman's "OK" may have been prophetic.

DOUBLE TOP SECRET

February 22, 1944

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 24, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NON-TERRESTRIAL SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY

I agree with the OSRD proposal of the recommendation put forward by Dr. Bush and Professor Einstein that a separate program be initiated at the earliest possible time. I also agree that application of non-terrestrial know how in atomic energy must be used in perfecting super weapons of war to affect the complete defeat of Germany and Japan. In view of the cost already incurred in the atomic bomb program, it would, at this time, be difficult to approve without further support of the Treasury Department and the military. I therefore have decided to forego such a enterprise. From the point of view of the informed members of the United States, our principle object is not to engage in exploratory research of this kind but to win the war as soon as possible.

Various points have been raised about the difficulties such an endeavor would pose to the already hardened research for advanced weapons programs and support groups in our war effort and I agree that now is not the time. It is my personal judgement that, when the war is won, and peace is once again restored, there will come a time when surplus funds may be available to pursue a program devoted to understanding non-terrestrial science and its technology which is still greatly undiscovered. I have had private discussions with Dr. Bush on this subject and the advice of several eminent scientist who believe the United States should take every advantage of such wonders that have come to us. I have heard the arguments of General Marshall and other members of the military that the United States must assume its destiny in this matter for the sake of the Nation's security in the post-war world and I have given assurances that such will be the case.

I appreciate the effort and time spent in producing valuable insights into the proposal to find ways of advancing our technology and national progress and in coming to grips with the reality that our planet is not the only one harboring intelligent life in the universe. I also commend the committee for the organization and planning that is evident in Dr. Bush's proposal and the delicate way in which it was presented. I trust the committee will appreciate the situation on which this office must render its decision.

Franklin D Roosevelt

DOUBLE TOP SECRET

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Figure 2. The one-page letter from FDR, postpones a "non-terrestrial" science and technology program. The original is a bit hard to read.

The Bowen Manuscript, "An Encyclopedia of Flying Saucers"

Vernon Bowen was an advertising executive who decided to write a book about UFOs. Based on the dates noted, and his last entry date of March 1960, it looks as if he worked on this manuscript for the better part of ten years. Apparently, prior to publication (and he knew many important people from his fraternity days), he submitted it to the Government for review and approval. It found its way into Project Blue Book, and was read by several people there, based on different notations on the pages. There are 337 pages, all old paper, with two different watermarks. The Air Force appears to have stamped every page it received either "CONFIDENTIAL" or "TOP SECRET/MAJIC." The top-secret pages appeared exclusively on the pages towards the end of the book on the subject of how the Air Force dealt and was dealing with the problem of UFOs. The book itself is a marvelously complete history of the subject to that time, complete with references of an historical nature, Fortean phenomena, a wide selection of clippings and articles about UFOs, carefully described and usually quoted verbatim. It includes a section on the photographs to date, although no photos were planned to be reproduced in the book. We have identified an anomaly on the typewriter used for most of the pages, and have located the typewriter, which still exists in the Bowen family. None of the manuscript contains new, classified material. However, the annotations made by the persons who reviewed the document are telling. It is unlikely that Mr. Bowen ever saw any of these comments. There are about a dozen handwritten comments, in several different hands and with different writing implements, as follows:

Page 188.

"Good comparisons. Photos were analyzed at NPIC (for National Photographic Intelligence Center) and show similar characteristics of those seen in N.M. (for New Mexico). Photos in White Hot folder are not available as they are TS (for TOP SECRET) Restricted Data. AS-2 (for Assistant Chief of Staff Number 2, Intelligence) requires letter of authority before removing. Much have Majther (for Majestic poorly written?) review before visiting blue room (for the "famous Blue Room") facility.

Suggest you call Nate (for Nate Twining) for appointment to W.P. (for Wright-Patterson). Would also recommend prior approval from Van (for Vandenberg) before you make official inquiries. Wish I could be of more help to you in your follow-up investigation.

Ben"

"P.S. I will be at A.D.C. (for Air Defense Command) for a while. Why don't you visit and will show you around?"

Page 190. "New Mexico 1947 cases"

Page 193. "1950 Texas/Mexican Border?"

Page 221. "Blue Book Files." "Written in 1954. Maybe should never be used. If so, should be brought up to date."

Page 224. "Twining's 9-23-47 secret report to COS USAAF"

Page 227. "Project Moon Dust"

Page 272. There is a deletion of a comment opposite "No hardware has ever fallen from the skies or picked up on the ground."

Page 285. "I hope DM keeps his big mouth shut."

Page 288. "Highly dubious source of information" (referring to Dorothy Kilgallen). "What is DM doing?" (another handwriting, same as page 285)

Page 292. "This was written in 1954. Today, it reads like ancient history."

Some brief comments on these marginalia follow.

- The comments by Ben on page 288 are the most revealing, in effect confirming the early use of NPIC for analyzing UFO photos, confirming New Mexico events, confirming the existence of a "White Hot" folder, just as in Twining's 1947 report, confirming the Blue Room, confirming Top Secret Restricted Data classification, and confirming Twining and Vandenberg involvement.
- The 1950 Texas/Mexican border is consistent with the EBD words "Texas-Mexican boder (sic)" on page 005 of that document.
- The date of 9/23/47 secret report is consistent with the release date of the Twining report, with a security page dated September 24, with the 24 written by hand.
- This is ironclad evidence that Project Moon Dust also relates to UFO recoveries.
- The references to DM are obviously to Donald Menzel, who has been identified by Friedman as the perfect choice for a member of the MJ-12 Group.

We have obtained forensic analysis of the paper, the watermarks, the ink, the pencil marks, the red ink stamps, the blue ink stamp "original," and an analysis of the handwriting. Not one of the ink tests of these forensic items indicates the use of any items later than 1966. The pencil marks have been shown to be pre 1982. Therefore, in simple language, these are all from the era. Therefore, whoever put on the stamp, "TOP SECRET/MAJIC" did it before then. This absolutely confirms the existence of the use of this caveat long ago. We think that the "Ben" in the first quote is Ben Chidlaw's handwriting but at present, we are unable to confirm this. His family has "lawyered up." Evidence is in the archives.

The nuclear power file note

One of the many thick unclassified deliveries consisted of 78 pages, part of a book with the chapter title Nuclear Space Power Systems. See the earlier WP Library Note. The ink on this appears to be ballpoint ink, available in 1961. The copy paper also appears quite old. This is significant since it is yet another confirmation of the existence of a Majestic file category.

The "Burned Memo"

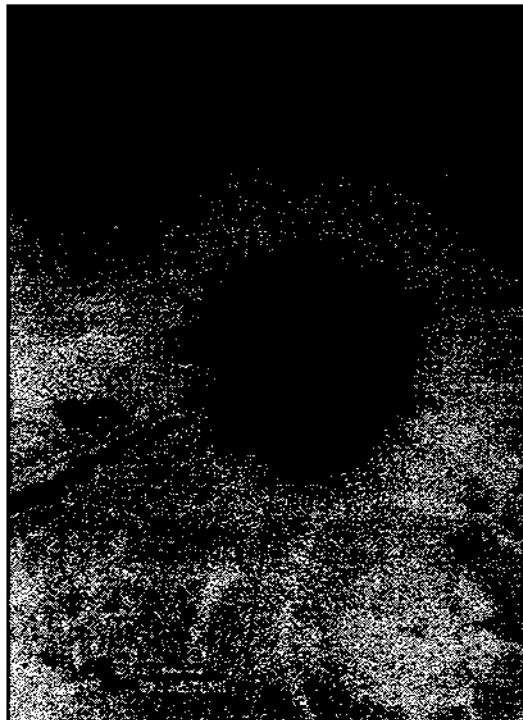
This memorandum came with a cover letter that indicated that the writer himself (herself?) was the one who rescued this document from the fire after Nixon had allegedly ordered destruction of the paper trail to the program. The forensic analysis of this document, which is a one-page memo with eight "tabs" has likewise determined that everything is old, including the "TOP SECRET/MJ-12" security stamps. The content discusses the actions related to a series of top secret code words, which are as follows: MAJESTIC, JEHOVAH, EVIRO, PARASITE, PARHELION, BLUE BOOK, ENVIRONMENT, 54/12, SPIKE, HOUSE CLEANING, MK-ULTRA, ARTICHOKE and DOMESTIC. The complete text of all these documents has been scanned and is available at our Website majesticdocuments.com. These have been shown to several persons who have had top secret clearances for a long time. Some of the code words were recognized (e.g., BLUE BOOK, MK-ULTRA) and some were not recognized, whereas some were recognized and intentionally not discussed to adhere to their

current security restrictions. The content of these nine pages deals with the importance of the covert nature of the program, and what actions should be taken if UFO/ET knowledge becomes more widespread.

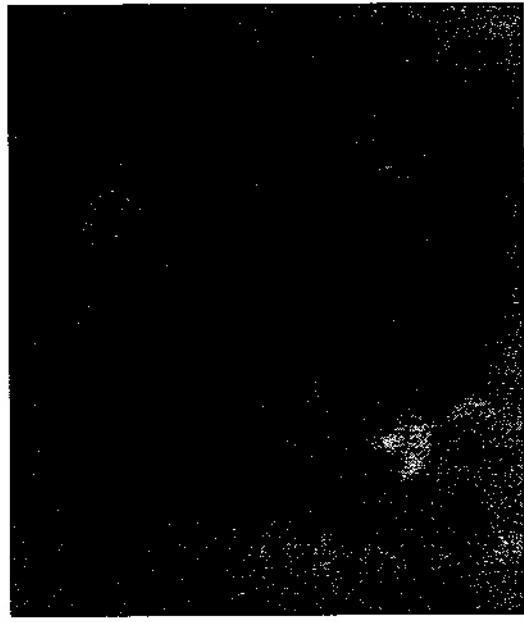
Crash Site Photograph

The discovery of a single of the Trinity Burst among the S-2 photo deliveries was interesting, because we had already gone to the maps and determined that the coordinates provided in both the IPU and the First Annual Report of Latitude 33-40-31 and Longitude 106-28-29 were close to the Trinity Burst. Ryan went to the archives and located a September 1948 Photo showing the site after a perimeter fence had been constructed. At the precise location of the coordinates, both photos show a disturbance, surrounded by a circular ring (perhaps a perimeter road?) that could be the crash site. This location is within the current boundary of the White Sands Missile Range and has yet to be visited by someone with a UFO interest.

Both historical aerial photography and a leaked photograph have confirmed the crash site at latitude 33-40-31, longitude 106-28-29. A clear crash site and perimeter ring can be seen precisely at these coordinates as evidenced by the below photograph dated September 1948.



July 1947 – Leaked Trinity Site Photo



September 1948 – Trinity Site – Whittier College, CA Photographic Archives

REMAINING AUTHENTICATION ISSUES

The more number of pages that one has, the more targets there are for the skeptics to pick away at. Nevertheless, there are genuine concerns about authenticity that we cannot answer completely at this time. This section of the presentation is to tell you quite candidly what things still bother us somewhat that we cannot explain.

The Harry Truman signature of September 24, 1947

The document in question is the letter from Truman to Forrestal, authorizing the creation of a program called Majestic Twelve. Our copy is from a photographic print provided graciously by Jaime Shandera, and differs from other copies by virtue of fewer extraneous marks and one or more generations fresher. Stan Friedman, following normal questioned document procedures, tried to locate similar document of that period and was successful in finding in the National Archives, in a Bush file, a letter from Truman to Bush with an apparently identical signature. Both signatures are reproduced as scanned images in Figures 3 and 4.



Figure 3. The Truman signature, taken from a First generation copy, shows no broken lines

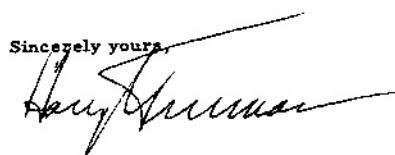


Figure 4. This signature from the Bush memo, shows some broken lines on the original

These scans were made by enlarging the words "White House" until they were identical size, and then comparing the signatures. They fall on top of each other. It was widely assumed that this meant that one was a photocopy of the other. However, Truman had a penchant for using a pantograph device of a master pen and five slave pens to save time. Figure 5 shows him signing court papers in 1929 with this device. One archivist told me that this device was in fact taken to Washington, but the evidence is murky on this point. It is clear that there might be very slight difference between signatures effected by the pantograph. Such exist as reflected by a comparison of Figures 3 and 4, with the Bush signatures showing breaks in the ink tracing. It has been noted that the dates are about a week apart, but the questioned memo had the date added later because the letters do not line up exactly either horizontally or vertically. If another signature can be found that is close to these two, then it will be clear evidence of the authenticity of the Truman to Forrestal memo. We are hunting for such a signature in likely archives.

Figure 5. The photo shows that Truman did like to use a pantograph with a master and five slave pens.

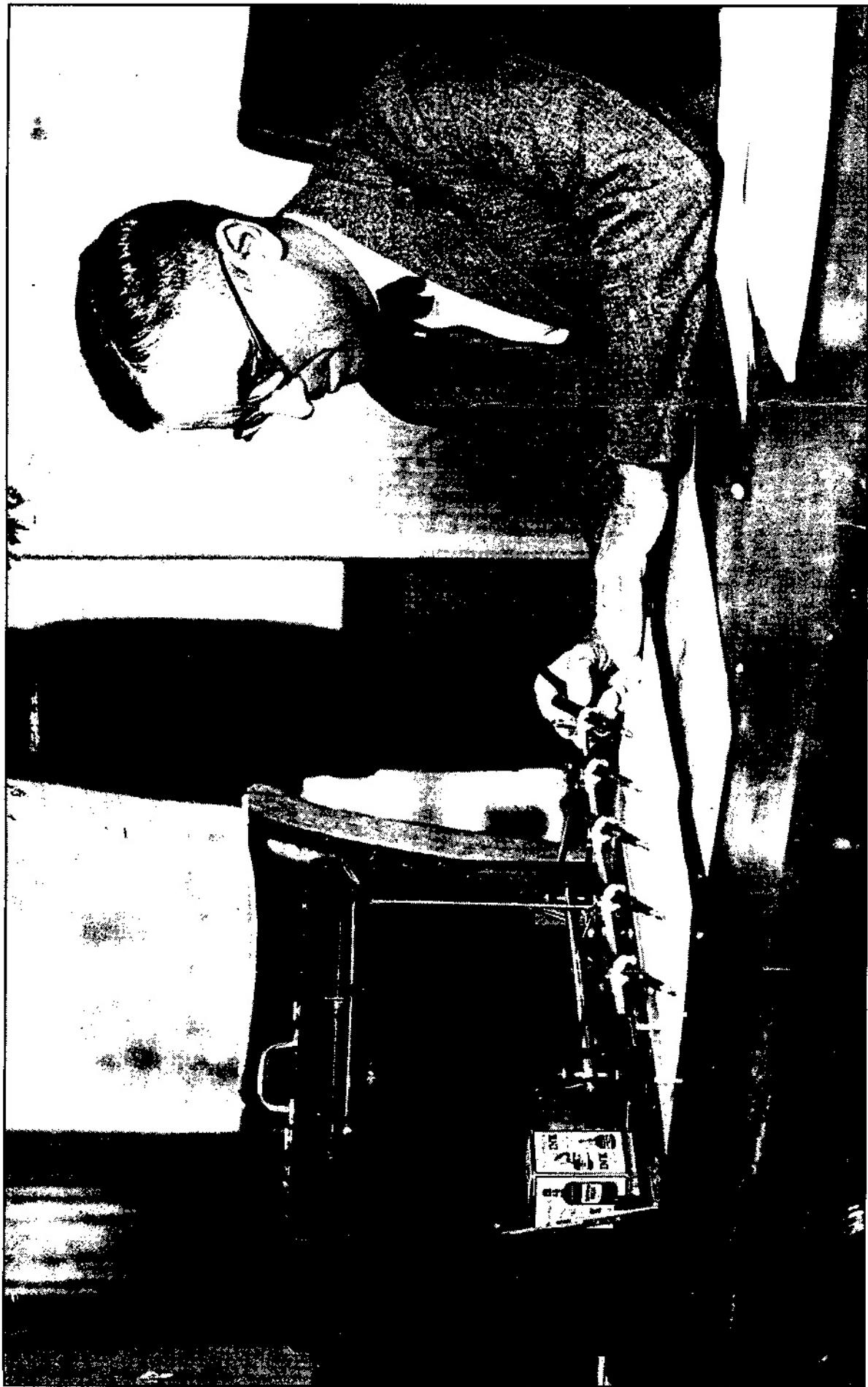


Figure 5. This shows that Truman did like to use a pantograph with a master and five slave pens.

Other chirography questions

Taken as a class, the near-rigorous similarity of some of the signatures and chirography to others known to be genuine is troublesome. One example might be the "I am keeping for further study" with "Harry Truman" on both the security page of the White Hot Twining report as well as on a page reproduced in the book, "Wedemeyer Reports." We have identified five possible explanations for such problems.

1. Harry had a stamp made that read just like that, with "I am keeping for further study" and his signature.
2. Harry used a pantograph device as has been suggested that he many have done on both the Truman to Bush and Truman to Forrestal memos.
3. A recent faker has used a copy machine on the authentic documents to produce fake ones.
4. PSYWAR students were practicing making fake copies for training.
5. Wedemeyer retained the original of his authorization to go to China and intentionally used it on the UFO authorization to confuse authenticity.

Tailor-made rubber stamps were common in that era for this rank of person. For example, the classical Wedemeyer signature is definitely done with a stamp, as there are several examples of exactly the same signature in the National Archives. In addition, we have found Twining's signature identical as if done by stamp, as well as Holliday's stamp prepared as signing for Twining as on the Air Accident Report cover page. However, this does not explain all of the identical chirography because in one case two different signatures are in identical geometric relationships.

The use of the pantograph has already been discussed in connection with the Truman to Bush and Truman to Forrestal near-identical signatures. There is, however, no evidence yet that Truman used this device in the White House after he was president. Generally, the National Archive Libraries are quite sensitive to issues relating to the genuineness of the Presidential signatures and not very forthcoming about the extensiveness of various devices and techniques to save the President time. It is well known that Nixon had only 17 different signatures while he was president, using a replicating device to do the majority of signatures. Similarly, JFK let his secretaries use his equipment for autograph purposes. Since it cannot be proven how the questioned Majestic document signatures resemble the genuine ones, this remains an issue worth studying. However, the least useful reaction is the one that has been most commonly used: "Since some signatures are clearly copies, the whole document is fake and maybe all the rest." The issue is who created them, when did they create them, and for what purpose were these signatures created? The answers to these questions is where the skeptics should be heading.

CURRENTLY UNRESOLVED ANACHRONISMS

- **Dating consistency.** It has been noted that the First Annual Report has a title page that shows names and titles consistent with what the panel members were doing in 1948, but also refers for inclusion in a CIA report Number SI 28-55. Using conventional nomenclature, this would normally imply a 1955 report. The rest of the document does not seem to have any information much beyond the middle of 1952. Therefore, it is unclear when the different parts of this report were published and in what kind of a final document. One "fragment" page dealing in part with Forrestal's demise appears to have not been included in the final product.

- **The “retro-virus”.** Although we claim that if the documents were genuine, the term “retro-virus” was genuine. However, currently we are unable to find it cited in the unclassified open literature of the era. We suspect that (unlikely) access to Dugway or Ft. Detrick files would solve this issue.
- **Twining’s and Spaatz’s visit dates.** The IPU says Twining flew on July 10 but the logbook says July 11 and so does the *Alamogordo News*. Which one is right? Were they sophisticated enough to intentionally fake the visit date as a cover for something as stunningly important as crashed alien visitors? Also the reference to an “east Texas” radar station seems too far away. This may be an error in input. Bear in mind that we are looking at drafts, which are expected to contain errors by definition. Could this be a draft of a class exercise for psywar training? The enormity of checkable detail seems to say no.
- **Similar chirography** for Truman with other known documents. Some documents, both published or posted on the website, show precisely similar words, such as “Keeping for further study.” We cannot explain why these characteristics are so similar. Some of these come from the Wedemeyer book (Wedemeyer, 1958), and some from the Marshall archives (Friedman, personal communication.) Resolving these issues is part of the excitement of questioned document evaluation.

IF THEY ARE “OLD” WHY THEY ARE NOT PSYWAR

“If you give a man the correct information for seven years, he may believe the incorrect information on the first day of the eighth year when it is necessary, from your point of view, that he should do so. Your first job is to build credibility and the authenticity of your propaganda, and persuade the enemy to trust you although you are his enemy.” *Psychological Warfare Casebook, Operations Research*, John Hopkins University, 1958.

Do the Majestic documents show any evidence of a history of building credibility, let alone a long one, with potential targets of deception, such as the Soviet Union or China? The goal of this section is to answer these questions and determine the extent to which there is any real and hard evidence that covert psychological warfare techniques were used in conjunction with the Majestic documents.

It is generally conceded that only a foreign or domestic intelligence agency has the resources, intelligence and sophistication to deliver an alleged psychological warfare deception using the comprehensive, often-sophisticated, intertwined Majestic documents. Such an undertaking, if true, would have started at least as early as 1980 (the Aquarius leak period) and used six different sources of planted documents in archives as well as mailboxes. They would have had numerous trained psywar experts thoughtfully creating a clever deception targeted at a foreign power for the past 19 years. Does that sound credible?

It is certainly not beyond modern intelligence service capabilities to have fabricated some of these documents, and it is not beyond thinking they would mount such an effort for marginal or even illogical reasons. Even that a psywar team would intentionally or carelessly include some anachronistic “ringers” is believable. However, there is a severe disconnect between the scope, purpose, target, risk and duration of the alleged psywar operation.

Suppose the documents are genuine and represent the intent of the authors at the time they were written even with their misspellings, and currently unresolved anachronisms. It is important not to think that anachronisms, such as the misspelling of "celestial," or "several B-36's on arctic patrol" instead of the currently provable "one" on arctic patrol, are evidence of psychological warfare. They are not. How do we test for the use of psychological warfare and propaganda? Ask yourself these questions.

Criteria for Determining Psychological Warfare in Documents

- Is there high value and low risk of attracting foreign intelligence organizations to the targeted topic?
- What is the extent of the risk involved with such a deception? Is it worth the tradeoffs?
- Has there been a history of credible relationship between the target of deception and the authors of the deception?
- Is the reaction of the target predictable; will they swallow the bait and move in the desired direction for some length of time?
- Is there a specific purpose, goal, objective or intent of the deception; can it be clearly stated?
- Does the phrase, sentence or document establish believability in the eye of the target of deception?
- Is there any direct evidence that the documents were ever launched at the target?
- Are there a credible number of unique language words to draw suspicion about authorship?

The following remarks deal with the answers to these questions.

Suppose that any one of the explicit and controversial sentences, let alone entire documents, of the MJ-12 documents is genuine in the sense that it was produced by a real psywar organization. A logical conclusion of "disinformation & psywar" theory is that one of the most highly protected super secrets of our time was intentionally revealed (whether to a wider public, or to foreign intelligence - it does not matter). Is it reasonable to imagine concocting a very closely similar, but intentionally quite different, project as a smokescreen or firebreak against a deeper secret? For example, is the current Majestic document discussion of ET, crashed discs, and technology a smokescreen for live ETs and fully functional lines of communication and technology transfer? The initial disclosure would be very risky; moreover, it would draw attention to the general nature of the UFO & ET matter, irrespective of clouding a few details, and would certainly prompt more intensive and sophisticated intelligence targeting by foreign intelligence assets. In short, if it is a psywar operation, revealing the MJ-12 documents is inept because it will and has attracted much new attention.

It is not even remotely credible that a crack psywar disinformation team, whether operating out of the bowels of the NSA or the underground Groom Lake mine would decide to be really clever in order to hide some super secret or divert the enemy's attention. They would have to take an existing highly secure project (MJ-12), use its actual name, subject matter, along with identifying scores of living personnel, then change minor details and reveal this alleged deception to a target, and potentially the public. As one fellow researcher said to me it's "like doing the dance of the seven veils with wet Kleenex."

We know that some documents are original paper with watermarks in the proper period. Thus, if there were a psywar operation, it would have been created and launched on its target during the cold war

of the 1950's. The question is who? Naturally, the only believable target is the Soviet Union; they had nuclear capability and so did we. The alleged deception foisted on them via the documents could be, "Don't mess with the United States - we have extraterrestrials and their technology and amazing advanced weaponry." Is creating an elaborate series of mutually reinforcing documents over nearly two decades necessary to accomplish this objective? Major overkill.

There is some brief explicit discussion of psychological warfare, from the "Annual Report" of Majestic page 3, IV-Discussion, A. Nature of the Investigation, point 5:

"MAJESTIC SS&P are currently focused on Psy-op development for Cold War CI activities." So what does this mean? We know that the National Security Council (NSC) authorized an interdisciplinary Special Studies group consisting of Army, Navy, Air Force and CIA with their May 5, 1948 directiveⁱ. We also know that Truman made the decision to establish the Psychological Strategy Board (PSB) on 4 April 1951. This further relates to UFOs when you consider who was on the PSB.

- (a) Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Kenneth Royall
- (b) Secretary of War, the Honorable Robert Patterson
- (c) Assistant Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Gordon Gray
- (d) Chief of Staff & General of the Army, Dwight D. Eisenhower
- (e) Lt. General Albert C. Wedemeyer, USA
- (f) Brigadier General Robert McClure, USA
- (g) Lt. General J. Lawton Collins, USA
- (h) Major General Charles Bolte, USA
- (i) Undersecretary of War, the Honorable William Draper
- (j) Major General Stephen Chamberlin, USA (G-2)

Many of these people are deeply involved with MAJESTIC-12 according to our other documents. Note the similarity of panel personnel between the November 1952 Eisenhower Briefing Document and the Majestic Annual Report; the team distribution has the same interagency structure. Is this coincidence, standard procedure or is it the same MAJESTIC committee just six years later? What is the mission of "Cold War CI activities" as it relates to UFOs? Who is the target and what are the objectives?

The second explicit mention of psychological warfare is from the "Annual Report" on Majestic, page 10, Annex B, point 10:

"MAJCOM-1 with the assistance of the Panel persuades the President to establish a Psychological Strategy Board on 4 April 1951."ⁱⁱ This is an obscure fact that the strategy board was authorized on 4 April 1951. To discover this would take intense digging nowadays and would be known to only a few insiders in 1951. This is powerful evidence in favor of Majestic document authenticity. However, following this disinformation theory, why attract attention that you established a whole board with staff, plans and very likely operational capabilities to mislead the enemy. Now consider this, because the sentence does not deliberately misdirect, as it should have if this was a psywar document by saying "MAJCOM-1 was unable to persuade the President to establish any sort of Psychological Strategy Board" then right here is a tremendous missed opportunity to spring a powerful misdirection on the enemy.

How do these documents serve a valid, officially authorized Cold War purpose, assuming they were US-produced, such as to conceal experimental aircraft development (as if anyone would doubt that we are proceeding in this direction anyway), and desensitize air defenses to the meaning of sudden unexplained radar returns? If so, how does that square with the Robertson Panel's report? Such documents would introduce both belief and doubt that the US might have some overwhelming super-technology. This would stimulate greater espionage to acquire it, clearly undesirable.

From one former White House Staffer

"My gut says they're real; contain the usual inconsistencies, mistakes and anomalies that derive from government work every day (even at the highest levels, especially where there is no effort to make things 'credible' for outside view, since they were never intended for outside view); and correspond to a set of phenomena that have been too consistently reported for too long by too many sane people." What otherwise do we do with apparently authentic letters like that from Sarbacher? Tools of the same disinformation campaign? Or if from the Soviets (who else?), is it to promote distrust and cynicism toward our 'government conspiracy' and foster social unrest? If so, they spent a lot of time and money and incredibly detailed research to little effect, since the vast majority of Americans have no knowledge of these documents and the few who do are in conflict over them.

What Does a Real Psychological Operations Officer Say About The Majestic Documents?

Dr. Michael Aquino (Colonel, U.S. Army – Ret.), who spent his entire 24-year career both creating and managing enemy deception in psychological operations and propaganda, had this to say after studying SOM 1-01 and the Majestic documents:

*I don't see the MJ-12 documents as comprising an effective psyop campaign of any sort.
What would be the purpose?*

If MJ-12 existed and the docs were supposed to be believable, they would just draw more attention to the Majestic program that the government wanted under wraps. If the docs' occasional format errors were supposed to be deliberate, what would be the point of creating & disseminating such docs? All they would do would be to attract presumably unwanted amateur interest in MJ-12, which again the government would presumably not want.

PSYOP, despite the 'ooga-booga' mythology around it, is not a very complicated process. A target audience is thinking about a subject one way, and you want to get them to think about it another way. So an audience analysis is performed to find out how to talk to them, how to gain credibility with them, and how to appeal to their needs and interests. Then phrase your objective accordingly and communicate it. If you do all this correctly, their minds change and they think/act the way you want them to. That's it.

If MJ-12 were in fact a real, top-secret government operation, which the government intended to keep secret, then anything using its name or orbiting around its business (such as the MJ-12 docs or SOMI-01 manual) would not be remotely appropriate for any advertisement or publicity whatever.

The only situation in which I could see PSYOP resources playing a part would be one in which the cat were out of the bag about MJ-12's existence, and the government then acted to trivialize or minimize it. When I saw Dark Skies on television, it occurred to me that this could be one way of turning the entire topic into a 'science fiction cartoon', in much the same way that the movie Philadelphia Experiment and its even zanier sequel did for that topic."

Dr. Aquino further added in a conversation that he would be very surprised if there was not a blue ribbon panel such as the membership of MJ-12 to investigate UFOs. After all there are high-ranking panels on all sorts of threats to national security, such as domestic biological weapons and terrorism.

Why PSYWAR Theory Is Not Credible

Fundamentally the basic discriminates for determining the chance of official government psywar and propaganda fail.

- Are the risks low and the tradeoffs worthwhile? No. If the documents are to be believed, they would engender extraordinary espionage against an extraordinary target. The documents are rich in provocative detail. If they are not to be believed, how could they be worth the intensive investment allegedly made to fake them?
- Is there an established relationship between the purported target(s) and the psywar fakers? Scarcely, unless we think someone in the U.S. wanted to dangle "alien spacecraft" stories in front of Cold War adversaries, possibly to mask other secrets (or to convince the Soviets that the U.S. was incapacitated with hallucinogens and not worth the trouble of overtaking?). What would be the purpose of releasing these documents in the 1990s to deal with Cold War problems that fell with the Berlin Wall?
- Is target reaction predictable and dependable? No, except perhaps guffaws of laughter. If the Majestic documents are not truthful, the debunkers' own arguments that they are ludicrous presumably would not escape the amusement of officers of Soviet State security and military intelligence.
- Is there a purpose that can be clearly stated? No, the content is too varied and a multitude of objectives seem to be present — as would be the case with genuine documents written by different authors over a course of years. Most documents were publicly released well after the height of the Cold War and could have had no reasonable effect on the outcome.
- Does the internal quality of the documents establish believability *in the eyes of the deception target?* Not likely. The same critique of alleged "errors" that debunkers have raised would also have dissuaded intelligence adversaries looking at such inherently incredible material.

Allegations that the Majestic documents are dismissed with the spooky label of “psywar” do not withstand scrutiny. One may speculate, as does Dr. Aquino and as discussed in the recently published book *Mind Shift*, that there may be a systematic desensitization of the world public to the idea of extraterrestrial contact through a variety of media outlets — with movies such as “Independence Day,” TV programs, print articles, advertisements, and the proliferation of little alien figures in toy stores and popular culture. Psywar and propaganda may well be at play in the public’s mind. Yet, there is no sensible evidence to support the assertion that the Majestic documents are mere fakes and derive from psywar operations targeting Cold War adversaries.

CONCLUSIONS

WHY THESE DOCUMENTS ARE GENUINE AND AUTHENTIC

The word, “validation” in our title implies that the documents were done at the time stated and written by those responsible, and that the content is essentially correct. There are some subtleties here. The ink dating we have done essentially says that several very significant documents are of the period they purport to be. This does not necessarily mean that they are all true, because there could have been a specific plan to include false information, and sometime false information sneaks in from ignorance, even among the elite. However, as we have tried to argue, we think that the psywar explanation is a real stretch, and that Occam’s razor says that we should take the simplest course of explanation: crashes happened, they were recorded, and we are getting covert copies of those records. This is not a surprising scenario.

There are very strong points of authentication imbedded in almost each document, and we’ll highlight them now, again in chronological sequence.

The Einstein memo matches the style of Einstein’s writing from other sources, and his involvement in the ET recovery program is a consistent feature of both the documentation we have as well as those from open sources.

The 4 July telegram is totally consistent what later happened.

The Air Accident report shows correct signatures, format, and content for the time, and the reference number checks. The paper style and “Buy War Bonds” logos also check.

The Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit report contains the coordinates of the crash site, and photographs show evidence of an unusual region possibly roped off at the location identified. Paperclip personnel known to be involved are identified, and the identity of Charles B. Rea assisting in an autopsy.

The Hillenkoetter 1947 memo includes a word in Hillenkoetter’s own hand that supports authenticity.

The Twining “White Hot” report alludes to the “artifacts from the...discovery in 1941” and “even the recovery case of 1941.” This is consistent with Stringfield’s Cape Girardeau case and other reports on that alleged crash. Furthermore, its content is consistent with the technical knowledge of the era.

The First Annual Report is a 19-page gold mine of checkable detail, the vast majority of which is consistent with what one would expect for a genuine document. The consistency with other anomalous events such as the Mantell crash and the December 1945 five TBM Avenger bomber disappearances is noteworthy. Large numbers of specific events check.

The Eisenhower Briefing Document, although it only discusses one of the several crashes, appears to be genuine and includes consistent references to other documents cross-referenced in other questioned documents. Personnel lists in all these documents are the very appropriate people for their time.

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