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INTRODUCTION

This information has been collected and compiled in an effort to determine the validity of recently obtained documents connecting OPERAT MAJESTIC TWELVE with reports of one or more crashed flying saucers ("UFOs"). This information is being supplied with commentary to place the documents in the appropriate context.

NOTE:

The key documents are arranged according to their *dates of origin*. They are *not* arranged in the order of "discovery" by investigators. The order of discovery will be given in this commentary. Supplementary information related to the individual main documents is included with the documents. Thus, for example, the 1947 FBI document, Exhibit A, is grouped with a letter from J. A. Marcel, Jesse Marcel's son, which was written in 1981. It is recommended that the documents be read as they are referred to in the commentary rather than that the commentary be read first and then the the documents.

EXHIBIT A

The importance of the "Roswell Incident" was first realized in 1978 when Jesse Marcel first told his story to Bill Moore and Stanton Friedman. In 1947 Marcell was a Major and the ranking intelligence officer at Roswell Army Base. (He retired as a Colonel. He died in 1986.) Moore and Friedman were very skeptical of his story until they found original press and government documents which discussed it. His report, supported by numerous other first hand and second hand witnesses, was recounted in the book *The Roswell Incident* published in 1980 and in subsequent articles by Bill Moore. The story is that the remains of some unusual object were found on the desert near Roswell, New Mexico on the land of a farmer named Brazel. The event made the national news briefly when the Public Information Officer at Roswell Army Air Force Base (the name at the time) published a press release that stated that remains of a flying saucer had been found. (Note: the first publicized sighting was that of Kenneth Arnold on June 24, 1947. There

had been some sightings before then, but they were not publicized. Subsequent to Arnold's sighting nearly a thousand other sightings were reported in the national news media during the summer of 1947.) On the evening of the same day as the Roswell press release a press conference was held in Texas at which Air Force General Ramey said that what was found on the farmer's ranch was merely a weather balloon and radar kite. He also said that a special flight which had been arranged to transport the material to Wright Field (Wright-Patterson Air Force Base) for analysis had been cancelled.

Marcel and other first hand witnesses (especially the children of the rancher, who were in their late teen's at the time) have strongly disputed this claim. It is now clear that the material was not from a weather balloon and radar kite.

EXHIBIT A, an FBI document, was released by the FBI, along with about 1600 pages of other ufo-related documents, in 1977 in response to a FOIPA request by myself. You will see that it refers to an object "purporting to be a flying disc" that was "recovered near Roswell." It says that the "disc and balloon" are "being transported to Wright Field by Special Plane for examination." The statement that there was a special plane to ship the material agrees with Marcel's testimony that at the very time that the press in Austin, Texas was being told that the remains were of a weather balloon, the real material was being loaded on a large plane for transport to Wright Field (later Wright-Patterson AFB).

Although the FBI memo indicates it was a "balloon" and "disc" it is to be noted that (a) this is what the Air Force was publicizing at the time and (b) such objects were commonplace in New Mexico and anyone, and certainly an intelligence officer of Marcel's stature, should have recognized it. Such a device would not have to be transported to Wright Field for "examination."

Marcel and the other first hand witnesses described the material as being lightweight like metal foil but it was not metal foil. There were also small lightweight bars, like "balsa wood," with odd script on them, apparently some sort of writing. The existence of this "writing" is important in the context of a document presented later in collection.

Following the FBI memo is a copy of the initial press release from Roswell before General Ramey "took over." Following that is a letter from Jesse Marcel's son to investigator Lee Graham. Marcel's statement speaks for itself.

EXHIBIT B

On Sept. 23, 1947 General Nathan Twining wrote a letter to General George Schulgen (the Assistant Chief of the Intelligence Requirements Branch, AC/AS-2) outlining the conclusion based on his analysis of the testimonial information Schulgen had collected and sent to him (interviews of witnesses and some cursory analysis of sightings). The conclusion was that "flying saucers are real," even though Twining told Schulgen in the letter that there was no hard evidence. *(Note: This letter is discussed in the attached article, EXHIBIT H, entitled "What the Admiral Knew.")* However, Twining, as the General in command of the Air Material Command, knew about the Roswell material that had been shipped to Wright Field from Roswell, so it appears that he decided not to reveal the existence of the hard evidence to Schulgen. It was not necessary, in any event, because Schulgen was sufficiently convinced by Twining's letter to instigate a specific collection effort for information related to flying saucers. (Schulgen had already, perhaps on his own, enlisted the help of the FBI as early as July, 1947.) *(Note: Apparently the intelligence collection effort was needed by Twining to supplement the information gained from the initial analysis of the material.)* Twining's letter ended with the statement that a document containing "Essential Elements of Information" would be sent to Schulgen.

Thus Twining convinced Schulgen to initiate such an intelligence collection effort without having to tell Schulgen of the "hard stuff" and thereby kept the knowledge of the "hard stuff" confined to a very small group of people.

EXHIBIT B is the initial version of the intelligence requirements collection document. It was released by the National Archives in 1985. It lists the "essential elements" of information to be collected by intelligence agents. Reading through it one sees that Schulgen was allowing for the possibility of a radical development in aircraft design and also for something beyond conventional aircraft, including atomic power aircraft. The request for information on "oval, disc or saucer" shaped aircraft made of lightweight materials including "composite or sandwich construction using various combinations of metals, metallic foils, plastics and perhaps *balsa wood*," (emphasis added) with "retractable domes," landing gear that consisted of a "tripod or skid" and which "would be characterized by lack of fuel systems and fuel storage space" are particularly provocative, since no known aircraft of the time had these characteristics. It is interesting to note the reference to balsa wood in the collection requirement document. It is interesting because Major Jesse Marcel described the "structural members" found in the Roswell wreckage as being strong and lightweight *like balsa wood*.

EXHIBIT C

This document is generally referred to as the "Smith Memorandum." Wilburt Smith was an engineer and scientist who worked for the Dept. of Transport in Canada. He took an interest in the flying saucer phenomenon. The second page of the memorandum is the important part. It says that, through a contact in the Canadian Embassy, he learned that the flying saucer matter was the most highly classified project in the USA, that flying saucers are real, that no one knows how they work but Dr. Vannevar Bush is heading a committee to study them, and that the matter was considered to be of tremendous significance. This must have seemed odd to Smith at the time since by 1950 the public position of the Air Force was that there was that saucer sightings were of little importance to the Air Force. Incidentally, Dr. Bush was the top U.S. government scientist at that time.

Smith subsequently headed a Canadian saucer effort that was split into two parts: Project Magnet which was a study of the earth's magnetic field and how it might be used for propulsion purposes, and Project Second Storey (sic) which was a sighting collection and analysis project. Project Second Storey essentially died in the late 1950's for a lack of hard data.

The main content of the Project Magnet study has been known to UFO researchers for years. The SECRET level records of Project Second Storey were finally released by the Canadian government 1985. EXHIBIT C was TOP SECRET until 1969 when it was downgraded to CONFIDENTIAL. Oddly enough, it was not contained in the Second Storey file. It was released (perhaps accidentally) to a Canadian researcher, Arthur Bray, in 1979.

Researcher Stanton Friedman, over a period of several years, managed to track down some of the people Smith contacted in 1950 and ultimately he located Dr. Robert Sarbacher, an American scientist. It appears that Sarbacher was the source of Smith's information. Sarbacher did not, of course, explicitly remember Smith, but he did remember being contacted by another scientist in the Canadian Embassy. Included with EXHIBIT C is Sarbacher's response to explicit questions by researcher William Steinman. The letter quite clearly indicates his knowledge of a secret project. Furthermore, he recalled a brief description of the occupants of the "craft." Also included with this EXHIBIT is a copy of notes I made while talking to Sarbacher in 1985. He died in the summer of 1986.

EXHIBIT D

On Dec. 8, 1950 the Army Counter Intelligence Corps confidentially advised the Richmond, VA FBI office that the Corps had been put on IMMEDIATE HIGH ALERT for any information concerning flying saucers.

This FBI document, which became available in 1977 as a result of the FOIPA request mentioned earlier, is interesting because, presumably, the CIC is not usually interested in flying saucers. The date coincides closely with some radar detections of unidentified objects flying over Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Of more importance, however, is that fact that the high alert was only two days after a disc crashed just south of the Texas border, according to the information in EXHIBIT E.

EXHIBIT E

This exhibit is a document released on May 29, 1987, by researcher Bill Moore who had obtained it several years earlier from an intelligence source. (It had been released a week earlier in England by writer Timothy Goode.) Moore had received the document in 1984 but had refrained from publicizing it until it could be checked out thoroughly. A cover letter by Bill Moore explains how the document was obtained.

The document is, ostensibly, a briefing for President-Elect Eisenhower. It portrays a governmental interest in the UFO phenomenon that is very different from the official public position that all sightings could be explained and that none had given evidence of being a threat to the United States. While reading this document one must keep in mind that, assuming it is true, then only the very top US scientists and officials were aware of "the truth" and that they had decided that knowledge of the existence of "hardware" must be kept secret, essentially at all costs. As the document points out, "different elements of the military" independently attempted to "ascertain the nature and purpose of these objects." However, these "different elements" were privy only to the witness testimonial reports. Only the members of Operation Majestic-12, the President and a few other people were aware of the hard evidence.

The MAJESTIC-12 document provides a very brief summary of the early history of the phenomenon and emphasizes the importance of the Roswell crash and also another on Dec. 6, 1950, only two days before the Immediate High Alert referred to in the FBI document, EXHIBIT D.

The MAJESTIC-12 document says that a "covert" analytical effort was organized by Gen. Twining and Dr. Vannevar Bush *on the direct orders of the President* (Truman). On 19 Sept 1947, the (few) people involved in this effort reported that they thought the crashed Roswell disc was a short range reconnaissance craft. Dr. Detlev Bronk concluded that the creatures were the result of biological evolutionary processes quite different from the processes which produced homo-sapiens. Bronk coined the

term "EBE" standing for Extraterrestrial Biological Entity.

The MAJESTIC-12 document says that Projects Sign, Grudge and Blue Book were set up to *provide additional information on the performance characteristics*. It is of importance in comparing this document with the conventional history of the subject to note the following statement:

"In order to preserve security, liason (sic) between SIGN and Majestic-12 was limited to two individuals within the Intelligence Division of the Air Material Command whose role it was to pass along certain types of information through channels."

This liaison was continued during Project Grudge and Project Blue Book. In other words, the publically known Air Force projects were "infiltrated" by two "moles" who passed information to MJ-12. The reason for this is clear. MJ-12 did not have the personnel to analyze hundreds or thousands of UFO reports to determine which ones were actual sightings and therefore worthy of careful analysis (to derive performance characteristics). Therefore the problem of "dividing" the sightings into the identified (or identifiable) and the unidentified was left to a "low level group" which was also handed the job of explaining as many sightings as possible and publicizing the explanations.

The desire for information by the high powered, covert MJ-12 group explains why the Air Force continued collecting UFO information through "normal" collection channels (called Project Grudge) after Project Sign concluded officially that there was no real evidence that saucers existed. (The people working on Project Sign were not given access to the hard evidence. They based their conclusions on testimony from civilian and military witnesses.) Project Grudge also published a report which indicated that UFO sightings could be explained. Yet, Grudge continued until early 1952 when it was superceded by a "souped up" project called Blue Book. In its later years Blue Book was criticized by UFO investigators and by scientists, including the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek (the Air Force consultant on astronomical sightings), and even by CIA officials (in the summer of 1952). They criticized Blue Book for doing no more than dividing sightings into two types, identified and unidentified, and for failing to "follow through" with a careful analysis of the unexplained sightings. Of course Hynek and the others were not aware that a covert project existed. Therefore they were not aware of the true reason for setting up and continuing Projects Sign, Grudge and Blue Book. These projects were set up to determine which sightings were unidentified so that the MAJESTIC-12 people could concentrate their time on analyzing those particular ones.

EXHIBIT F

This document was declassified as part of a continual 30 year declassification process at the National Archives. It was found in a file of formerly Top Secret documents from the Director of Air Force Intelligence. It is the only document which mentions MJ-12 and which also has an unquestionable origin, in the sense that it was in the National Archives.

The document mentions MJ-12 and also General Twining who was, by this time (1954) the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. A check of National Security Council records has shown that there was no NSC meeting on July 16, 1954. However, there was a Cabinet meeting, as the following document shows.

This document is odd in that it has no Top Secret control number. Also, the Eisenhower library has no record of it. Despite this fact, the Archives believes that the document is authentic. The document was in a collection of more than over a thousand pages of formerly Top Secret files that were released to the National Archives as part of a 30 year declassification process in the early spring of 1985. Bill Moore and Jaime Shandra found it during their complete search of the file.

EXHIBIT G.

The origin of this document is obscure, but it has been reported to have been supplied by an intelligence source. It is a retyped version of the original and some information has been intentionally altered to make it difficult to determine the exact intelligence source. Some of the information is known to be erroneous (there is no Bolton-Reinfeld Method; S/WINTEL should be S/WNINTEL; there was no Capt. Grace; NASA should be replaced with NSA). However, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) is real, as was the 7602 Air Intelligence Group (now absorbed into the Air Force Special Activities Center). HQ CR 44 is a Headquarters Collection Requirement for information related to incidents that occur near atomic weapon storage areas. Dr. Bennewitz is a resident of Albuquerque, N.M. who has movies which he claims show UFOs near Kirtland Air Force Base at Albuquerque, NM. His claims were investigated by the AFOSI at Kirtland and one of his films was analyzed.

The important part of this document is near the end where it reads "The official U.S. policy and results of Project Aquarius is (sics) still classified Top Secret with no dissemination outside official intelligence channels and with restricted access to MJ Twelve."

This document first became available in 1981 or 1982 (I do not know the exact date). In 1983 I confirmed the

existence of a Project Aquarius which published a report in 1976. I was not told the subject of Project Aquarius because it was too highly classified. (Note: This Project Aquarius is not to be confused with a present NSA project of the same name which has nothing to do with UFOs.)

It is important to note that this document was the first one obtained by UFO investigators to mention the term "MJ-12." This term had never been seen before. It was while tracking down the legitimacy of the information in this document that other information was obtained, most notably the OPERATION MAJESTIC-12 document EXHIBIT E.

I have personally talked to people who have told me of ongoing secret Air Force projects. Some of the information I have been told coincides closely with what has been presented here, and some goes beyond this information. Perhaps the main point is that the history of the known government involvement still makes sense if the U.S. Government really did obtain hard evidence of alien visitations as a result of the crash near Roswell in 1947. One can understand that the persons in control of the hard evidence would refuse to release it and would try to play down the significance sightings (to prevent people from accepting the reality of UFOs just based on the credibility of UFO witnesses) while initiating publically known collection efforts (Projects Sign, Grudge, Blue Book) to provide performance characteristics and other information. In this context one can understand why those projects did no more than categorize sightings as explained and unexplained. The assumption that the government had hard evidence also explains why for years apocryphal stories of crashed saucers, bodies, medical analyses, etc. have circulated as rumors. And finally this explains why so many sightings are made by *credible people*: it is because *"they" really are here and have been for years, and occasionally rational, intelligent, credible human beings see "them."*

If crashes have, in fact, occurred, then we know something about "them": "they" aren't infallible.

EXHIBIT H:

In an effort to check out the validity of the MAJESTIC TWELVE document some of the supposed members have been investigated. Enclosed is an article which discusses the activities of Admiral Hillenkoetter, listed as MJ-1 in the MAJESTIC TWELVE document. The article has numerous attachments to confirm the statements made in the article.

EXHIBIT I:

This is a recent article that is concerned with what we

should do if they are real. It was written several months before the release of the MAJESTIC TWELVE document.