

the Operation Majestic 12 briefing document, but what was interesting was that when I asked for the calendar for that date I was given the pre-listing. When I actually visited the library, I discovered the post-listing which includes five meetings between Truman and others that weren't on the original sheet!! The two were done in different type styles, and different formats. Any conclusion based on one might have been invalidated by what was found on the other. It is important to recognize that Eisenhower was in town on July 16th, that Twining was in town in Washington on July 16th, the time to get from the Pentagon to the White House is very short, Eisenhower's docket included a meeting of his cabinet from 9:30 am to noon.

Ike was often known not to be there all the time for those cabinet meetings. As a matter of fact many people at such meetings were present only for the portions of the meeting that directly concerned them, especially with regard to highly classified matters. The Postmaster General, for example, might not have had a need to know for important defence or atomic energy information and would not be present at the meeting during those sessions. So they tried to take care of the all purpose information at the beginning and parts of the meeting we know were handled by Vice President Nixon. Secondly, Twining had a meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 11 am to 11:55 am and from 2 pm to 4:15 pm. We don't have a record of what went on at that meeting, we know who was supposed to be present, presumably, but it would have taken place in a vault at the Pentagon. Twining could have started the meeting, gone away, and come back. We simply do not know. What would be distressing here, of course is that, for example, if Twining was in Paris and Eisenhower was in Tokyo. Then clearly there would be something wrong here. We cannot prove that such a meeting took place. Contrary to what Klass has claimed, we cannot say that there was no such meeting because none is listed on Twining's calendar.

It should be stressed that Ike was famous for putting as little down on paper as possible, was very much concerned about security and often, I suppose based on his battlefield days during World War II, maintained as much information in his head and as little on paper as possible.

Here is a good example of Ike's failure to mention a meeting which we know took place. On the very date of the briefing, November 18, 1952, Ike had a long and busy schedule. He came in by plane from Georgia, landed to a tumultuous welcome at the airport in Washington, and there was a triumphant cavalcade through the city to the White House with cheering crowds lining the way. It was a sort of welcome to the conquering hero and the newly elected president, although he wasn't to take office until January 20, 1953. He met with Truman for a brief period of time, their picture was taken, certain matters were discussed with the representatives from Ike and Truman and then they motored over to the Pentagon for a 43-minute meeting with the various members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This is established by a comment in the New York Times, it shows up on Twining's calendar, and is mentioned in Army Chief of