

known as Focus that Bill Moore edits and publishes. The timing was interesting, in that I was planning to go to California to stay with Bill Moore as part of helping with a National UFO conference in Burbank. Bill was doing the local sponsorship and I was to be a speaker. Bill sent me a copy of the documents as they appeared in Focus and it was only a few days later that I was in California responding to questions, talking to newspapers. Now that I finally had access to a full copy of the report, I was calling various archives including the Truman Library and the Eisenhower Library, trying to pin down dates and activities in particular and trying to counteract some of the false "information" that was being put out by the noisy negativists.

Part of the problem was that the Fair Witness Project Focus version had many heavy "censor's" lines through portions of the document especially the security markings, without any explanation as to why the markings were there, or if that was the way the document was received! There was no explanation about the receipt of the document. In addition, Focus carried what could have been a very useful addendum, namely a copy of a telex from the Air Force Office of Special Investigation to all of their more than 120 units around the world. The complete text of that is in Appendix E. Briefly what OSI told their people was that they had reason to expect that the local offices would soon be receiving a freedom of information request from me concerning UFOs and that if such a request was received "DO NOT repeat DO NOT respond as required by Air Force Regulation 12-30-. Instead respond as follows...:"

This was added on with no explanation whatsoever so that nothing was made clear to the readers at all as to what this meant, where this was coming from. According to Bill, the words that he used to describe the document and what he left in, of the briefing were following instructions from his contacts in New Mexico. My own feeling is that either these guys were trying to create confusion or they just simply don't understand how to communicate to the outside world. The fact of the matter is that the eight pages of the briefing document on film were clean. There were no heavy markings. Bill had taken one set of 8 1/2" x 11" prints and run the marker through the security markings because getting caught with a Top Secret document didn't seem like such a good idea. Ostensibly, that was one of the reasons that I wasn't earlier given a copy or sent a copy, because taking it or sending it over the U.S./Canada border could be dangerous. Obviously from my own viewpoint, I would be happy to have the government arrest me for carrying a "classified" document, thus verifying that the document was legitimate. I think, in a court case that would have been the important point. The government here is in a Catch-22 situation. If they do prosecute, then obviously they're admitting that it's a legitimate document and certainly they would have no case that I faked the document because there is no such evidence since I didn't do so. It should be noted that Tim Good's copy came from the U.S. and had censor lines different from those Moore put on his.

In any event, there followed articles that mentioned the document in the New York Times, June 16th, 1987, the Washington