

were definitely strange symbols on the wreckage at Roswell. He had an existing high level clearance, he was well known to some of the key people like Bush, whose testimony at the loyalty hearings clearly indicated he knew what Menzel was doing during the war even though it was unclassified testimony.

What had seemed an irrational, crazy bit of disinformation, namely the inclusion of Donald Menzel's name on a list of high level people with high level clearances, now didn't seem strange at all. I had not been able to prove that Menzel was a part of MJ-12. What I have been able to show beyond a reasonable doubt was that he very well could have been. He had the right clearances. He knew the right people. He had special skills that uncleared people did not know about. I checked a number of biographies of Menzel, listings in various "Who's Who" type of publications, even the eight-page testimonial article by Leo Goldberg (his student and then colleague) after Menzel's death in Sky and Telescope. While a number of sources mentioned his U.S. Navy work during the war, not one even hints at his postwar involvement at a high level with intelligence activities. This, alone, establishes his discretion.

There was quite a violent reaction in the ufological community to my suggestion that Menzel could have been part of MJ-12, mostly by people who don't understand how security works. For example his close friend, Dr. Ernest Taves, a psychiatrist who writes science fiction and co-authored Menzel's last UFO book, while admitting that Menzel would have been called in on such a project had there been one, felt that he, as a close friend, would have been told about it when they were working on that last book in the 70s and that there would have been no need of security past the first several months of the involvement!! Both of these are very naive and don't do credit to Dr. Menzel. In the first place, people who work on highly classified materials don't even tell details to their families. I say that having had a clearance myself for fourteen years, and having talked to many dozens of old timers, especially from World War II. They simply did not tell their families what they were doing. Obviously one reason for this, besides the notion that "loose lips sink ships," is that if the enemy thinks he can get secrets from the family, he will try to do so. It simply was not standard practice. Often families didn't even know where the man with the clearance was going when he left town, because he couldn't tell them.

One should recall that Nobel Prize winning scientists involved in the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory during World War II often travelled under aliases. Their mail went to a post office box in Santa Fe.

Taves' notion that there would be no need for security after several months is absolutely absurd. Clearly, the determination of the means of propulsion for the crashed saucer was a project that might require decades or centuries, not months. In 1947, it was certainly expected that the U.S. would have a monopoly on the A-bomb for several years. There was great concern about the Cold War, about the build up by Stalin of his military forces and the demobilization of the USA and the fact that the Soviets managed to