

Or that there is a mix of truth and fiction. A great deal of information is available which, with limited resources, can be investigated. To begin at the beginning, one needs to look at the background of how these documents were received, the events that led up to them, and then deal specifically with the research that has been performed.

Sources of MJ-12 Documents

The Briefing and Truman-Forrestal memo were received in the form of a roll of undeveloped 35 mm film, on which there were two sets of eight negatives each. The roll was received in the mail by Jaime Shandera at his Burbank home in a double wrapped plain brown envelope that arrived in early December, 1984, with no return address. Shandera had been working quite closely with William L. Moore and had many contacts with a group of so-called "insiders," some of whom were connected with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Many contacts had given the impression that these "insiders" were interested in having the facts about flying saucers released to the public, but in such a manner that would protect their identity and their status, although there were occasional indications that they were willing to go public without that protection.

The story really began approximately 10 years earlier. I had worked on a number of UFO magazine articles with the late Bobbi Ann Slate Gironde in Southern California. Bobbi was a writer. I am a nuclear physicist. We made a rather unusual team in the sense that if I couldn't explain complicated matters in such a way that she could understand them, obviously they couldn't be published. I could make sure that Bobbi stuck to the facts as we had them.

Bobbi had been talking to a forest ranger who had had an interesting UFO sighting and suggested that she really ought to talk to his mother. We then talked to his mother, Lydia Sleppy. She told the story not only of her sighting that occurred while she was living in New Mexico, but of the fact that back in the 1940s when she was working at a radio station in Albuquerque, she had a call from somebody at their affiliate station in Roswell, New Mexico, who described how a saucer had crashed, been recovered by the government, and was being taken to Wright Field (now Wright Patterson Air Force Base) in Ohio. He gave her a story to put out on the news wire which she proceeded to begin to type onto the teletype. Her transmission was interrupted. Apparently the teletype machine was being monitored. The interruption was roughly to the effect, "Stop, do not continue this transmission." Later, when she talked to the person who had called her, he clammed up entirely. I did the best I could following up on this rather intriguing story and did locate a couple of the people that Lydia Sleppy worked with. They had selective amnesia about the events for the most part, and then I ran into a stone wall. It was tucked away as one of those interesting stories that one hears, but about which little can be done.