

ignores two key points: (1) It limits itself to caveats in use at the time only by the National Security Council (MJ-12, as a "black" project, may have had some special caveat of its own); and (2) It addresses itself to the alleged non-use of the caveat "Top Secret Restricted Information". The word "Information", however is not a part of the caveat on the Cutler-Twining memo.

Some confusion has also been generated by the fact that "Restricted" had been a separate classification in itself until it was phased out in 1953. "Restricted" (as opposed to "Top Secret Restricted") documents fell in between Unclassified and Confidential on the security scale, and should have no bearing on the matter of the Cutler-Twining memo at all. Unfortunately, however, some individuals (apparently Mr. Klass included) have mistakenly confused the two terms, thus fueling what should not be a controversy in the first place.

One other point to be considered here is the distinct possibility that the word "Restricted" is meant to apply to the distribution of the memo (i.e. not through the usual channels) rather than to the classification of the actual data contained therein.

As far as Moore, Friedman and Shandera are concerned, the evidence presented on caveats to date remains insufficient to resolve the matter.

-Preliminary examination of the typeface on the Cutler-Twining memo indicates it was typed with a manual Remington-Rand typewriter of proper vintage. Such machines were commonly used by government offices of the time. An examination of various other declassified Cutler memoranda from the same era shows a variety of type styles. In such a situation, pronouncements about typefaces which are based upon comparison of the Cutler-Twining memo to only a few of the many thousands of documents generated by such offices is neither scientific nor acceptable.

-The absence of an "Eagle" watermark on the onionskin paper is also not unusual. Government offices at that time used a number of different types of onionskin, some of which bore no watermark at all. Indeed, Jo Ann Williamson of the National Archives staff in Washington, DC, has stated that the Archives has "only a fraction of the documents from the 1953-54 time period", and that she "know(s) very well that they cannot make the statement that all government documents from that time bear the Eagle watermark, or that Mr. Cutler's office prepared correspondence only on Prestige Onionskin when Mr. Cutler was away."

Mr. Klass chooses to interpret further comments by the National Archives and both the Truman and Eisenhower presidential libraries to the effect that they were unable to find any identifiable record concerning either "Majestic 12" or "MJ-12" as meaning that no such files exist. Mr. Ed Reese of the Military Reference Branch of the National Archives, however, has stated to Moore that "We only have records here that have been retired to us by various government agencies. No doubt there are a large number of files and records pertaining to the so-called 'black projects' and other highly-classified programs that we have never heard of because they are still in custody of whatever office or agency is responsible for them. This could well be the case with your Majestic 12 group."

Equally, Mr. James Layerzopf of the Eisenhower Library has indicated that "we've found numerous indications of selected material