

by the fact that Tab A, ostensibly the final results of the panel, is virtually identical to the "sanitized version" released to the public in the mid-1960s. The single exception is that the AD/SI (CIA) is specifically mentioned. In these results, there is absolutely no mention of a "debunking policy" being recommended by the CIA, though the word "debunking" is used in the body of the report in referring to the aims of the proposed public education program.

To point up the oddity of this "Tab A", we refer back a few years to the experience of the late Dr. James E. McDonald. In the summer of 1966, Dr. McDonald came upon a copy of the Robertson Report in Blue Book Headquarters, where he was studying the UFO problem first-hand. The Report had been routinely declassified under the "twelve-year rule" by Project Officer Hector Quintanilla, but up to that time no researcher was aware of the fact. Dr. McDonald made extensive notes from the copy and was the first to discover that the CIA was directly responsible for the debunking policy of the Air Force from 1953, and that recommendation of this approach by CIA personnel was specifically mentioned in the conclusions. He requested a Xerox copy of the report, but before it could be provided him, the CIA intervened and reclassified the report "Secret". Dr. McDonald nevertheless shared his notes freely with other researchers