

from a writer's viewpoint because of the advance royalties paid by publishers in eleven different countries. The critics panned the extraneous inaccurate material that was in the book (and there was plenty of that) and ignored the solid information.

When Bill was promoting the book, on radio and television, he was approached by an "insider" who called the station, arranged to meet with Bill, showed some credentials, and eventually established a kind of relationship indicating that he worked for the government, was interested in getting the information out, and would try to help in any way he could. We would have to be cautious about anything that was given. It was a fascinating contact with the "underworld" of Air Force Intelligence, apparently. In August of 1980, I had moved from Hayward, California, in the San Francisco area, to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, 3,500 miles by truck, east of Hayward. Earlier that year I had been called by a company that was talking about doing a fictional movie about UFOs. The director would be a man named Jaime Shandera. They also wanted somebody to help out with the script writing. Naturally I thought of Bill, who by that time had moved to Arizona. We did have several sessions, and did shoot a little film, but project funding fell apart. Bill, after his contacts with the 'insiders' and with me living so far away, finally decided he had to bring Jaime in on it.

We stayed in touch by telephone and by meeting at various conferences and meetings across the country. This is the background to the receipt of the roll of film.

When the Majestic-12 film showed up in December, 1984, I was notified. Bill printed the roll of film. The problem was of course, were the eight pages legitimate or not? The balance of this report deals with the evidence and counter arguments that have convinced me that they are indeed legitimate. There were particular concerns: (1) that it would be disinformation entirely (2) that it would contain a lot of truth mixed in with some phoney baloney material so that we would go off in the wrong direction. Meanwhile they would have kept their secrets much longer; (3) or it could be plain, straight, legitimate. The question was how to establish which was correct.

The most bothersome thing, when they read me the list of names for members of Operation Majestic 12, was the presence of Harvard astronomer Donald H. Menzel on the list. The other eleven names, surprisingly perhaps to those on the outside, we had already picked up on in our continuing research on the Roswell incident. By the time the film was received, we had contacted 92 people concerned with the incident. We had been checking on who was doing what in the government in early July 1947. If there had indeed been the recovery of a crashed flying saucer, one would have expected some kind of activity to reflect that since it would have been a singular event, indeed. We already had been looking at White House logs of visitors with Truman, newspaper articles around the time that would mention government officials, cross contacts between people who you would expect to be involved. We had re-looked at a September 23, 1947, letter from General Nathan Twining describing