

In recent years, Jason scientists have continued to advise the government on an expanded list of issues, including offering predictions about the "greenhouse" effect. (28) Reportedly, the group is used to review proposed projects; their review can quickly kill one that is poorly conceived. Critics of the Jasons contend that they are often used by fast talking generals and admirals to win funding for pet programs, claiming that the six week summer sessions are often flawed due to the short study time available.

Cooper claims that "by secret Executive Memorandum, NSC 5411 in 1954, President Eisenhower had commissioned [a] study group to 'examine all the facts, evidence, lies, and deception and discover the truth of the alien question.'" According to Cooper, the group "was made up of 35 members of the Council on Foreign Relations' secret scholars known as 'The Jason Society' or 'The Jason Scholars.'" From all that we have learned, this last statement is untrue. First of all, the Jason's were not formed until several years later and the purported members listed by Cooper (see Appendix A) are clearly of the old guard Manhattan era (their birthdates range from 1887 to 1928), not the young turks of the Jason era. Secondly, a review of Cooper's list indicates that only half of the group belonged to the CFR. (Three members of the purported study group also belonged to the Trilateral Commission, two were interested in entomology, at least two were concerned about population control issues, one was a member of the Bilderberg Meeting steering committee, one had been a director of the CIA, one had been a member of the OSS, one was a member of the Club of Rome, three were members of the Aspen Institute, and at least half had been trained as lawyers.) While most were educated at upper class eastern universities, only a few were from an undergraduate class at Yale University, from which most, if not all of the Skull and Bones members are chosen. If Skull and Bones contributes greatly to the Jason membership roles, which is clearly not true based on this list, then this alien study group obviously did not originate as Cooper claims.

In spite of these flaws in Cooper's story, the study group list is very interesting in its makeup. The diversity, education, and background of the people included in the list would make up a group as qualified as any to study what Cooper calls "the alien question." This statement can also be made about the Jason Group itself. While many of the Jason members remain unidentified, from what is known