

a copy of that consensus which apparently was attachment D. According to the flight logs of both General Twining and his pilot they flew from Wright Field to Bolling Air Force Base (D.C.) on September 18, 1947, and returned on September 19, 1947. Twining and Bush could easily have met in D.C. on that date. Twining's pilot who became his aide and served him until 1957, said he often saw Bush and Twining together. It is interesting that the Twining memo to General Shulgen in Appendix B is dated September 23, 1947. It was only Secret, not Top Secret, but it certainly would indicate that there was a consensus reached about the legitimacy of flying saucers and to get more information, etc. The next date is "30 November 1947" which was supposedly the date of a report on the four dead occupants by Doctor Bronk. I haven't found anything that establishes that this is or is not a meaningful date. As further mentioned on page five, "December 1947" was the beginning of the Air Force Project Sign, this is verified. The next date is "06 December, 1950" when supposedly a second object impacted near the Texas-Mexico border. We do have considerable indication that something happened on that date with regard to Unidentified Flying Objects. The FBI went on a red alert. There is mention in several books of great concern at the White House and even newspaper articles about radar supposedly picking up strange vehicles and going on alert and then the attack force turning out to be a flock of geese, or other supposedly OK phenomena. It was cancelled. Why the FBI went on alert with regard to such materials relating to UFOs isn't known but at least the date seems to be meaningful. The other dates given in the memo are the dates of attachments E: "30 June 1952"; Attachment F: "31 January 1948"; Attachment G: "31 January 1949." We have no way to verify these since we have no other MJ-12 documents to establish their validity.

Other documents:

Some idea of the difficulty of getting access to official files can be gleaned from an April, 1990 experience at the National Archives with regard to Record Group 341, the "mother lode" in which the Cutler Twining memo was discovered. The only listing is a "Preliminary Inventory of the Records of Headquarters United States Air Force" compiled in 1963. It is 56 pages long and lists a total of 512 entries. The total volume of the records is 9,787 cubic feet covering the period 1939-55. The size of the individual entries ranges from 1" to 1743 feet! Entry #63 has 19 feet of "Orders and Memoranda, with Background Correspondence Relating to personnel Actions 1948-54." Unfortunately, there are no finder's aids for any of the entries and most have not been classification reviewed. Entry 23, for example, includes 51 feet of Top Secret Incoming and Outgoing Messages.

I asked about the availability of a total of 24 entries. There is no listing of availability, so Mr. Reese had to check each entry for its location in the vault and then check there to see if there were labels on that entry's boxes indicating the box could be served to researchers. Fifteen of the Entries had no boxes available and 3 had only 1 box available. Of about 721 boxes in