

Whether one wants to assign benevolent or malevolent motivations to the flying saucer coverup, it is obvious that meetings of organizations such as the CFR, the Trilateral Commission, and the Bilderberg Group would provide excellent opportunities for consultation and decision making on the alien question by key political and military leaders. While Cooper's assertion that the Bilderbergers control "everything" is an extreme one, he may be closer to the truth, in a manner of speaking, than this point of view would suggest.

Skull & Bones - The Wise Men

Cooper writes of a group of well-known "wise men", some of whom were reportedly a part of Majority 12 (MJ-12), including Nelson Rockefeller, Allen Welsh Dulles, John Foster Dulles and J. Edgar Hoover. These men were supposedly members of a secret society of scholars that are called the Jason Society or the Jason Scholars which recruits its members from the Skull and Bones and the Scroll and Key societies of Yale and Harvard universities. Cooper goes on to explain how these men are recruited, referring to the experience of Robert Abercrombie Lovett as described in the book, *The Wise Men* (17). According to Cooper and others, the members of these societies exert an enormous influence on America's political and economic life.

The conspiracy-oriented Sutton book (22) and the more traditional Issacson book (17) both discuss the Skull and Bones and Scroll and Key societies. Both of these quasi-secret societies are undergraduate organizations at Yale that are separately incorporated with their own directors and governing boards; they are not officially associated with Yale. Thus, Cooper is apparently incorrect about Harvard University's connection with these societies. (23) A 1977 article in *Esquire* magazine (24) describes Skull and Bones and four other similar societies at Yale, concluding that perhaps their time of influence, even at Yale, is passing. However, based upon these and other sources, it is clear that members of these societies do make up a large and continuing proportion of the senior policy making leadership of the U.S. Government.

The "Jason Society" or "Jason Scholars" referred to by Cooper is most likely a group of university-level scientists who banded together in 1959 to work on national security matters under the aegis of the Institute for Defense Analysis (IDA), a Department