

the group is clearly made up of those most capable of doing such a study at the present time. If such a study has been made or is currently underway, this would be one place to look for it; Cooper again may be closer to the truth than his errors in some factual matters might suggest, even if the suggested sinister nature of the Jason's is unfounded. (In fairness to Cooper, it must be stated that since his paper was written, Cooper has said that the IDA related Jason Group and the Jason Society he is referring to are different organizations. This is possible, but the burden of proof for confirming this is now his.)

The basic thrust of this aspect of Cooper's paper is that the "wise men" and their secret organizations, in effect, control national and international events in accordance with a Grand Design. Whether or not this view of historical and political events is true, or whether or not there is even some grain of truth to it, is a matter of serious dispute. The amount of material available on this matter is surprisingly large and complex and is far beyond the scope of this paper. The quality of this material varies; some of it is obviously propagandistic in nature. To conduct a proper study of this matter would require a major effort by non-ideologically motivated people with expertise in history and political science. Before we speculate any further, a study of this type is recommended.

Betelgeuse

Cooper writes that in 1954, incidentally the same year as the founding of the Bilderberg Group, a group of aliens landed at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. (Other sources give 1964 as the date of the Holloman landing. However, if there was one landing, there might have been two or even more; we'll give Cooper the benefit of the doubt here.) They reportedly identified themselves as originating from a planet of the red star in the Constellation of Orion which we call Betelgeuse. They claimed that this planet is dying and that sometime in the future they will no longer be able to survive there. Another landing reportedly took place later at Edwards Air Force Base, California where President Eisenhower met with the aliens and agreed to an interstellar treaty. Even as UFO claims go, this one is incredible, although the rumors of these landings have circulated within the UFO research community for years. Cooper's version of this story contains little that is verifiable except for the existence of the star itself.