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Subject: Article re UFO Hoax, Sept. 1, 1987 (STF mentioned by name)

Dear Mr. Cowen:

Hopefully you will return my phone call before you receive this letter/enclosures.
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My condolences to you for having been taken in by Philip J. Klass' hoax about the Majestic 12 documents. His "silly claim" that he has "hard evidence" to support the hoax label is easily refuted as you will note from the enclosures. I bet that Phil is laughing his head off at how gullible some writers are who are eager to believe that there is nothing to the notion of alien visitations. You apparently swallowed his hook, line and sinker. .. despite the fact that a brief call to me, or Moore or Shandera or a number of others would have easily shredded the hoax notion.

Let me look at some specifics. .. by the number placed on a copy of your article.

1. The briefing document (which includes the Truman Forrester MEMORANDUM as attachment A) has NOT been "declassified" officially nor had the Cutler-Twining-Memo (CTM).
2. There is still no evidence whatsoever that the documents are hoaxes and a great deal of confirmatory evidence that they are genuine.
3. The claims made are not "silly" and are based upon far more extensive investigation than has been conducted by Klass. For example, Moore and I spent a great deal of effort and money finding more than 90 people connected with the Roswell Incident, along with documents, articles etc. Klass has talked to NOT ONE of those witnesses despite an Official Air Force Press Release stating (prior to the coverup) that a saucer had crashed and been recovered).
4. As the instigator of the Roswell Incident investigation, I wish to point out that there is no connection between Scully's story and the Roswell Incident as is clearly shown in Wm. Moore's 1985 MUFON paper enclosed. As noted in my enclosed comments, I first heard the three main stories that led to the investigation in the mid-seventies and shared them with Bill. Berlitz did write the book. Moore and I did 99% of the research and continued long after the book was published.. and published 6 more papers. Of course, none of this is noted in the CSICOP so called "News Release" .. hoax release would be a better title.
5. As noted the investigation was conducted and continued by myself (do not note my professional qualifications in the enclosed CV) and Mr. Moore.
6. The first release of the complete Briefing document was made by Mr. Bailey in the London Observer using copies of the briefing obtained from Tim Good in England and included in his just released book Above Top Secret. The Observer article was picked up all over North America which forced our hand.
7. Klass has not provided any "Hard Evidence" that the documents are hoax. The National Archives certainly have not seen such evidence nor has anyone else... only persistent propaganda as noted on the enclosures.
8. I handled the CTM last Saturday. It is a carbon NOT an original. Because it is on onionskin a few impressions especially of periods can be felt.. not surprisingly.
9. There is no evidence of forgery and every indication it was typed, on a typewriter used