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were visible on the back side, showing that it was a typed "original" and not a carbon copy as it first seemed to be. STF: It is definitely a carbon copy)

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"Planted" in the Archives by an insider during classification review. The memo bore a security classification that read: "TOP SECRET... 3 months+ RESTRICTED SECURITY INFORMATION," but this terminology did not come into use until more than a decade later. Numerous other discrepancies in the Cutler/Twining memo are cited in a National Archives memorandum, dated July 22, 1987, signed by Ms. Williamson. (Copy is attached.) STF: None are serious, some are in error, none establish fraud or hoax.

Shandera told Klass on June 27 that a very extensive check had been run on the authenticity of the Cutler memo. He claimed "we found numerous other documents, Cutler memoranda, same letterhead, same typewriter, same type style."

But when Klass obtained photocopies of authentic Cutler memoranda and letters written during July 1954 from the Eisenhower Library, they did not bear out Shandera's claim. "Even casual comparison of the clean, high-quality typeface on these documents with the typeface on the Cutler/Twining memo provides further evidence of a counterfeit," Klass said. STF: We have 2 other Cutler/Twining memos from Twining files.. ignored in review and by Klass.

"It may be no more than coincidence," Klass noted, "that this Cutler/Twining memo was first discovered at the National Archives by Moore and Shandera." According to Moore, when he learned through Friedman in March, 1985, that large numbers of Top Secret USAF intelligence documents were being declassified, he asked that the National Archives notify him as soon as they became available. As a result, Moore and Shandera were, by their account, the first persons to gain access to the documents after they had been declassified. STF: Hardly coincidence that the search was made as part of an intensive expensive research investigation. If one doesn't seek, one doesn't find.

Another key document, found on the 35 mm. film roll and released by Moore, Shandera and Friedman, which appears to be a President Truman letter creating the MJ-12 group, also is a counterfeit, according to Klass. The Sept. 24, 1947, letter to Defense Secretary James Forrestal--which Moore and Shandera characterize as an Executive Order although it is not--is stamped "TOP SECRET EYES ONLY." STF: Despite Klass's use of "letter" this item is clearly labelled "memorandum." Type and period after date match Bush office item to Gen. Spaatz.

It authorizes Forrestal "to proceed with all due speed and caution... Hereafter this matter shall be referred to only as Operation Majestic Twelve" i.e. MJ-12. Shandera told Klass that he and Moore had carefully checked the Truman letter's authenticity. "We had the typing checked, to determine the kind of typewriter (used)...the way the document was done." STF: Not a letter!

Klass challenges Shandera's claim on the basis of other Truman letters written in the same 1947 time period to other Cabinet members, obtained from Benedict K. Zobrist, director of the Harry S. Truman Library, in Independence, Mo. Examination of the typeface and format of these authentic Truman letters indicates that the Sept. 24, 1947, letter to Forrestal is a counterfeit, according to Klass, created by superimposing a spurious message on a photocopy of an authentic Truman letter. STF: There is no evidence that this was done and again this is a memo NOT a letter!! Note the intentional hoax of saying "letter" 9 times!!!

For example, authentic Truman letters to Cabinet members begin: "My Dear Secretary -.....," and the full name and address of the intended recipient is typed in at the lower left corner of the page. But in the Sept. 24, 1947, letter, the counterfeiter forgot to type Forrestal's name, title and address in the lower left portion of the page and used "Dear Secretary Forrestal" instead of Truman's typical "My Dear Secretary....." STF: Klass apparently is

a mind reader. Recipient's addresses do NOT usually appear on memos--witness Cutler memos.