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Reply to :
Attn of : Military Reference Branch
Subject : Reference Report on MJ-12
To : The Record

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The National Archives has received many requests for documentation and information about "Project MJ-12". Many of the inquiries concern a memorandum from Robert Cutler to General Nathan Twining, dated July 14, 1954. This particular document poses problems for the following reasons:

1. The document was located in Record Group 341, entry 267. The series is filed by a Top Secret register number. This document does not bear such a number. *(Obviously slipped in during classification review)*
2. The document is filed in the folder 10-1846. There are no other documents in the folder regarding "NSC/MJ-12". *STF*
3. The Military Reference Branch (Edward Reese) has conducted a search in the records of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Headquarters US Air Force, and in other related files. No further information has been found on this subject. *(Obviously a "Black Program")*
4. Inquiries to the US Air Force, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the National Security Council failed to produce further information. *Ditto*

5. The Acting Director of the Freedom of Information Office of the National Security Council informed us that "Top Secret Restricted Information" is a marking which did not come into use at the National Security Council until the Nixon Administration. The Eisenhower Presidential Library also confirms that this particular marking was not used during the Eisenhower Administration. *(hasn't looked 100,000 pages!)*

6. The document in question does not bear an official government letterhead or watermark. The NARA conservation

(many don't - note p. 4)