

News Release

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Claims of the Paranormal

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TOP SECRET UFO DOCUMENTS LABELED "FORGERY" BY SKEPTICS

STF: Note that Kurtz is a professor of Philosophy and that Klass is a writer. Neither is a scientist. I am a nuclear physicist who has worked for such companies as GE, GM, TRW, Westinghouse.

STF BUFFALO, N.Y. -- Recent widely publicized "Top Secret" documents which claimed to reveal that the U.S. government secretly recovered a crashed flying saucer and four alien bodies near Roswell, N.M., 40 years ago, are "clumsy counterfeits" according to spokesmen for the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP). STF: No evidence for counterfeiting!

STF "The evidence clearly shows that these are hoax documents," according to Prof. Paul Kurtz, CSICOP's Chairman. The documents were widely publicized in the U.S. and international news media, including the New York Times and on ABC-TV's popular "Night Line" program. "This represents one of the most deliberate acts of deception ever perpetrated against the news media and the public," continued Kurtz. STF: This News Release is the act of deception NOT the documents

STF CSICOP is releasing here the results of a study of the documents conducted by Philip J. Klass, Chairman of its special "UFO Subcommittee" and author of the book UFOs: The Public Deceived. Included in the report is the finding of Jo Ann Williamson, Chief of the Military Reference Branch of the Military Archives in Washington D.C. The hoax documents claim that shortly after a crashed saucer and four alien bodies were recovered by the U.S. government in July, 1947, President Harry S. Truman created a top secret group called "Majestic-12" (MJ-12), consisting of a dozen of the nation's top scientists, to study the craft and the aliens. STF: 7 of the 12 are Military/Intelligence people NOT scientists!

STF Further, that President Dwight D. Eisenhower (and all of his successors, including President Reagan) managed to keep the crashed saucer and alien bodies secret--despite the inability to keep Watergate and Irangate scandals under cover. STF: No connection whatsoever. Every general and other old timer contacted has agreed that secrets CAN be kept. There are many "Black" programs.

STF The MJ-12 documents were released to the news media in late May by William L. Moore and two associate UFO-researchers: Stanton T. Friedman and Jamie Shandera. They seemed to confirm earlier claims by Moore of a secret government recovery of a crashed saucer, made in 1980 in a now out-of-print book which he coauthored with Charles Berlitz. (Berlitz earlier authored a book claiming that aircraft and ships disappear mysteriously in the "Bermuda Triangle.") STF: Why is Bermuda Triangle more important than that STF is a nuclear physicist who worked on many highly classified advanced programs for 15 yrs?

STF According to Moore, photos of the MJ-12 documents were found on an undeveloped roll of 35 mm. film received by Shandera in December, 1984, from an unknown source. Moore claims that he, Shandera and Friedman spent more than two years in trying to authenticate the MJ-12 documents before recently deciding to make them public. (British UFOlogist Timothy Good made similar claims at about the same time, based on the same documents which he said he obtained from an anonymous source.) STF: Klass' former employer Aviation Week and Space

STF Technology frequently published leaked documents.. many with disinformation. Apparently he can't believe that inside sources would leak to anybody else but him and Av. Week.