

The Final Report on Operation Majestic 12*
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Background

There is no question that IF the TOP SECRET/MAJIC EYES ONLY Briefing document for President Elect Eisenhower of 18 November, 1952, is genuine, it is one of the most important U.S. Government documents ever leaked to the public. The story told in the eight pages of the Briefing that are available is deceptively simple.

The wreckage of a flying saucer was recovered 75 miles northwest of Roswell, New Mexico, in July 1947. Four alien bodies were recovered, apparently having been ejected from the vehicle two miles east of the main wreckage site. The government took into its possession the wreckage and the bodies and established a group called Operation Majestic 12 or MJ-12 or Majic 12 to deal with the problem. The report notes that the characteristics of the human-like bodies were different from those of *homo sapiens*, that there were strange symbols on portions of the wreckage which had not yet been interpreted, that there had been an increase in UFO activity in 1952, that there had been another crashed saucer recovery in December, 1950, and that it was strongly recommended that Operation Majestic 12 still be kept accountable only to the president of the United States. Page 6 is a listing of Attachments A through H. Page 7 is a kind of subtitle page saying "Attachment A" and Attachment A, itself, is page 8. This is a brief memo from President Truman to Secretary of Defence James Forrestal dated September 24, 1947, and authorizing Forrestal to proceed with Operation Majestic 12. It is TOP SECRET/EYES ONLY. Attachments B through H were not included in the material that was received.

The question, of course, is whether or not the documents are genuine. The same applies to a third document known as the Cutler-Twining memo, dated July 14, 1954. All of these three documents are included in Appendix A. There are many complications involved with trying to assess the validity of these documents. The evaluation story is much more complex, in a sense, than the original crash retrieval story. That retrieval almost certainly occurred.

The purpose of this report is to review a substantial amount of research that I have done since becoming involved with the Operation Majestic 12 documents. In many ways the chase has been fascinating and frustrating as well. It is complicated by the simple fact that, if the documents are genuine, they deal with a very highly classified matter. Of particular interest is the fact that the MJ-12 document names the 12 original members of Operation Majestic 12 and also the 13th member who replaced Secretary of Defence Forrestal who died in 1949. The MJ-12 members are listed in Table 1. All were dead when the document was received. It is certainly possible that all three documents (the briefing, the TF memo and the CT memo) are totally fraudulent. It is also possible that all three are genuine or that only one, or two are genuine.

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