

there have been to tell, especially in view of the mention, of increased activities in 1952 as noted in the text? For example, suppose there was a live alien with whom there had been communication. It seems likely that this incredible and far reaching interaction would have been considered extraordinarily compartmentalized with details only to follow when Ike actually became president, two months later.

Bill Moore and I met with an individual who helped prepare daily briefings for Ike while he was President. He noted that because some worried that Ike's war-time chauffeur, Kay Somersby, might have been a spy, Ike was not given access to everything until she had been checked out.

There is little question that there was a recovery of an alien vehicle outside Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. Our stories indicate that several alien bodies were discovered as described in the briefing document. The briefing document also talks about strange symbols. We had heard about those long before the document was received. The objection might be that the document was prepared with full awareness of what we did know and that therefore it cannot be taken as independent verification of those events. There's some truth to this argument; however, we can find details in the briefing document that were not known to any of us on the outside at the time. Many details turned up as a result of my investigation subsequent to receipt of the document. I have already alluded to the peculiar background of Donald Menzel, not known to anybody in the UFO field. And nobody has come forth since the publication of my article in the International UFO Reporter to say "Oh, that was all well known," except for C.D. Allen, who claims that Menzel's involvement with intelligence work was well known and gives a reference. When one reads the reference it is not mentioned at all, post World War II!! Yes, it was well known that he was active during the War. I'm talking about ongoing activity for at least 15 years after the end of the War.

There are a number of other such details in the document. First it pays to look at the dates. Take 18 November, 1952. As noted above there is no question that Ike was briefed on that date, at the Pentagon in the Vault where almost anybody with the right clearance could have been present. There were no newsmen present. It might be objected that somebody reading the New York Times would have picked up on that briefing which is certainly possible. It is also of interest that in late 1989 during a visit to the National Archives, in the files of the Office of the Secretary of Defence (OSD), which I had not previously reviewed, I discovered evidence that there were other briefings for the President-elect dated 18 November 1952. I have only obtained one of these. The other two are still classified and I have asked for their classification review. It is interesting to see the language used on the listing,

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