

It is interesting that the Klass press release makes no mention whatsoever of the detailed investigation conducted well before this document was either received in December of 1984, or released. This effort by Stanton T. Friedman and William L. Moore clearly established on the basis of interviews with nearly 100 different people coupled with extensive travel, documentation, etc., that indeed a UFO had crashed outside of Roswell, New Mexico in July of 1947; that an announcement to this effect was made by the government; that a cover-up was instigated within 24 hours of that announcement; that alien bodies were found; that material was sent to Wright Field for analysis; and that civilians were debriefed with strong persuasions to change their stories as appropriate. Mr. Klass makes no mention of the fact that five people have been found who described strange symbols seen on portions of the crashed saucer. Strange symbols are mentioned in the document. Mr. Klass makes no mention of the fact that the twelve people named as being members of Majestic 12 all had very high-level security clearances and close interlocking of past activities.

Of special importance in this regard is the inclusion of Dr. Donald Menzel. Menzel was a famous astrophysicist at Harvard University and, beginning in 1953, wrote three strongly anti-UFO books. It would have seemed totally illogical for Dr. Menzel to have been named a member of the MJ-12 team. However, detailed research by Friedman clearly established that Menzel had the right levels of security clearances, close association with various intelligence agencies, especially NSA and the CIA, and a close association with Dr. Vannevar Bush, Dr. Lloyd Berkner and Dr. Detlev Bronk, all of whom are named as having been members of Majestic 12. Dr. Menzel was known for his discretion with regard to classified matters, was an expert on cryptanalysis, had learned Japanese and would have been an appropriate person to have looked at the symbols. Furthermore, a close friend in his later years, a psychiatrist, has indicated that Menzel certainly would have called to work on such a project. He doesn't think Menzel was because the friend felt that there would have been no reason for keeping security past the first few months. That notion is equally absurd. Clearly if there were two crash-retrievals in three years, there may have been more later. Clearly there was no way to learn all the technological secrets of a very advanced vehicle and strange beings in just a few years. Clearly there were national security implications with regard to the possibility of duplicating the technology or of the Soviets possibly duplicating the technology, of learning that the investigations by the aliens was not necessarily to the benefit of mankind. There was also a great concern, expressed in the memo, with public panic as a result of any disclosures that might be made.

In summary, NONE of the many questions raised thus far concerning the alleged Eisenhower briefing papers and accompanying documents has been of sufficient weight to label them either counterfeits or hoaxes. At least one former U.S. senator (and presidential candidate), Barry Goldwater of Arizona, has gone on record as saying that when he attempted to find out the truth about UFOs, he was "denied this request" and that the matter "is still classified above Top Secret." (Copy of letter attached.) The senator went on to say that he had heard that a plan was underway "to release