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The next thing to happen was that Bill Moore and Jaime Shandera were warned in the spring of 1987 that very soon the document would probably be coming out in Europe. Their informants were some insiders. Moore has since admitted that one of his major inside contacts is Richard Doty who used to work for the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. His name appears on a document out of Kirtland Air Force Base involving multiple witness simultaneous observations of a UFO landing and then later taking off from the nearby Manzano Nuclear Weapon Storage area in New Mexico.

Many people have thought that Doty must have provided the document in the first place. Moore and Shandera have claimed that nobody, including Doty, has admitted sending the document, although the postmark on the brown envelope was indeed Albuquerque, New Mexico. Doty did obviously know about the document, but so far as I know, has never admitted that he sent it. Frankly, I doubt that he did. In any event, Moore and Shandera were warned and within about a week indeed a real breakthrough occurred when the London (England) Observer on Page 1 of May 31, 1987 headlined "Close Encounters of an Alien Kind," with a sub-heading "And Now if You've Read Enough About the Election, Here's News from Another World." The article by Martin Bailey shows a tiny portion of the Operation Majestic 12 document. It also mentioned the Cutler-Twining Memo, which of course had been discovered in 1985. I had sent copies to Bruce Maccabee, Bill had given copies to a number of people including, so far as I know, Tim Good. Bailey contacted various archives and, in particular Jo Ann Williamson at the National Archives who made a flat statement that the CT memo was a very strange document. "It was found in the files of the US Air Force Director of Intelligence and is certainly genuine, but we have found no minutes of the MJ12 meeting which was scheduled for at least 2 days later. It is very surprising that there are no other papers on MJ12 and we have no idea what it was." And then they go on to quote Barry Greenwood as a UFO writer who raise an intriguing question that there could have been a very sophisticated fraud. "There are some things that look wrong with the White House Memo. For example it is unsigned. It is just possible that it was manufactured by someone waiting to prove the existence of MJ12 and then inserted into Air Force Intelligent records which had recently been opened up to the public. The hoaxer would then have ordered a copy from the National Archives which would carry the official declassification stamp. MJ-12 may well have existed, but more research is needed to authenticate the documents."

The article was picked up by the Reuters news service and appeared in numerous North American papers in the following few days. When I heard about it I called Jaime who went out and got copies of the papers. The Reuters account was somewhat less full than this one. Bill and Jaime had already been talking to their people about the need to release information and immediately swung into high gear. They published an unfortunately very much censored version of the document in the Fair Witness Project publication