

facility, but with no backup information. She put out a listing of their comments because she got so many requests for information and had apparently talked to the Eisenhower Library to get their views as well. Unfortunately, a number of the statements made in her review were misleading. For example, she mentions that there were no NSC meeting on July 16th, 1954. As anybody can see from reading the document it does not speak about an NSC meeting. The only thing we know about the meeting is that it was "an already scheduled meeting." That could have been a meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, could have been a meeting of the President's cabinet, or any one of a number of other groups. It could have been a meeting of various subcommittees of the NSC. We simply do not know. The Eisenhower Library originally contributed a statement to the effect that all carbons of Robert Cutler memos were done on a certain kind of onionskin paper. What they really meant was that that was true for the small number they had examined (since obviously they hadn't searched the 250,000 pages of NSC material which include tens of thousands of pages by Cutler). Their statement was based on a limited investigation and was later changed. They also had made it sound as if they had done a complete search of NSC materials, when of course they had not and do not have the personnel to do such a study. It was also claimed by the National Security Council to the National Archives that the security designation on the Cutler Twining memo of "Top Secret Restricted Security Information" was not used until the Nixon administration, which began in 1969. One must question this statement on several grounds. There were a number of 1953 documents that I looked at that were stamped "Restricted Security Information." There was one that had an additional "Secret" on it; another one had "Confidential Restricted Security Information." Normally, when there is "Confidential" and "Secret" prior to a subsequent designator such as "Restricted Data," which is used for nuclear information, there will also at some point be "Top Secret Restricted Security Information." In addition, in going through the files, I noted that there were occasional security markings that I would see only once. "Top Secret Control" I saw once. "Cosmic," as it turns out, is a NATO security marking. When I asked the Eisenhower Library for samples of it they said, "well, they're all classified," but here's some materials that date back to before Eisenhower became president when he was Chief of the Allied Forces in Europe. Their statement that no such security marking was used simply has no basis in fact. I can guarantee on the basis of conversations with an archivist that they didn't go through the 250,000 pages of NSC materials at the Eisenhower Library.

#### Format and Style Problems

Because the skeptics have been unable to come up with items of substance in their dealing with Operation Majestic 12 there has been a strong attack on various peculiar aspects of format and style. One of these that keeps getting repeated is that the date format is wrong. By date format, what is meant is that on the