

while he did go to Korea, he only served there for 11 months, came back to the US in 1951 to serve as head of the Brooklyn Navy Yard and then in late 1952 was made head of the Third Naval District headquartered in New York which was a position he served until 1953. So he was not in Korea in other words or at a far location. He was stationed in New York and certainly would have made visits to the Pentagon, to Washington, etc. without any problem.

With regard to the language, at the suggestion of lawyer Robert Bletchman, I obtained copies of more than 20 different notes, memos, etc. written by Hillenkoetter, during one of my visits to the Truman Library. Bob provided these and the briefing to Dr. Roger W. Wescott a world class linguistics expert. His letter and background information are given in Appendix E. The key statement is:

"In my opinion, there is no compelling reason to regard any of these communications as fraudulent or to believe that any of them were written by anyone other than Hillenkoetter himself. This statement holds for the controversial presidential briefing memorandum of November 18, 1952, as well as for the letters, both official and personal."

Some people are upset that Wescott didn't make a more positive statement that his work proves that Hillenkoetter wrote the briefing. Obviously, no such statement could be made. Somebody working for the CIA, for example, could have read Hillenkoetter's papers and simulated his style. I should stress that I located Mrs. Hillenkoetter in the hope of gaining access to his papers. She stressed that he intentionally did not keep his papers, precisely because he didn't want somebody going through his files! The CIA refused to provide copies of memos, briefings, etc. by Hillenkoetter. Some files from the Third Naval District are at the National Archives branch in Bayonne, NJ. Unfortunately, these papers are not well filed.

Communications Complications

There's been a great deal of confusion within the small but vocal ufological community with regard to the Operation Majestic 12 documents. A major reason for this has been the confused and non-conventional and often incomplete method by which the information has been released. I think most people can understand that Moore, Shandera and I could not immediately release the information on the briefing and Truman-Forrestal documents. Obviously we couldn't be sure that they were legitimate, especially with the name of Menzel on the MJ-12 list and with no backup information. The Cutler-Twining memo, when discovered in July of 1985 was, of course, very interesting, but obviously it doesn't say that MJ-12 has anything to do with flying saucers, the Roswell incident, or any related matters.

The first actual major article about the MJ-12 appeared in the