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Subject: Additional comments re documents released by William L. Moore in April 30, 1987 FOCUS, Special Focus on MJ-12.

The members of the MJ-12 Group were truly outstanding Americans all of whom had made major contributions during World War 2. I have a mountain of data that links the various people all of whom have since died.

The one surprising name on the list was that of Harvard Astronomer Donald H. Menzel. I had picked up on all the others in the course of reviewing many files at the National Archives, the Library of Congress and the Truman, Eisenhower, and Kennedy Libraries. DHM had written three anti-UFO books and made numerous negative comments about the reality of UFOs. How could he possibly have been a member of a topnotchgroup(knowing full well in July of 1947(after the crash and retrieval near Roswell NM of an Identified Alien Craft)of the alien origin of some UFOs?? I was stimulated to follow-up on him by a brief letter in Bush's files from the attorney who had defended DHM in a USAF loyalty hearing in 1950. There was nothing about this hearing or Menzel's clearing of any communist leanings in the NY Times which piqued my curiosity. I eventually gained access to Menzel's files at the American Philosophical Society Library in Philadelphia (only contains his very extensive UFO correspondence), the Menzel files at his Alma Mater (University of Denver) and most important after getting permission from two professors and his wife Florence, the all important Menzel files at Harvard.

There was a great deal of evidence strongly suggesting that Menzel may indeed have been part of MJ-12. In a 1960 letter to President elect John F. Kennedy, DHM stated that he had had a longer continuous association with the highly classified National Security Agency and its Navy predecessor agency than any other person (recent documents prove that the NSA has but refuses to release even to a Federal court Judge any of the more than 150 UFO documents it admits having). DHM also noted that he had done classified work for more than 30 Defense Industry contractors, that he had a TOP SECRET ULTRA security clearance which made it all the harder for him to understand the USAF fussing about a SECRET clearance. His staunchest defender at the extended security hearings was Van Bush whom he had known since 1934!! DHM served the Navy on code breaking work during WW2, taught course on cryptography, had written a classifed book on radiowave propagation, and had also written many science fiction stories as well as articles for a number of major newspapers. He was very heavily engineering oriented besides being an astronomer. Post war he served as the first commanding officer of a Navy Reserve cryptography unit. He was very well acquainted with Lloyd Berkner and Detlev Bronk. Hunsaker was at nearby MIT.

At Harvard most of his associates knew little about his government work. His wartime secretary stressed to me as did some others that he was very discreet. He made very frequent trips to Washington DC, and also a myriad to New Mexico where the crashed saucer had been retrieved. Menzel was aware of the wartime breaking of the German Enigma code and of various disinformation schemes to fool the Germans and Japanese and had even learned Japanese to help in deciphering. He would have been an obvious choice to help decipher the strange symbols found on some of the Roswell wreckage and to help disinform the public about this very important subject. His UFO books certainly show a great deal of nonscientific reasoning out of keeping with his scientific work. His first UFO book was even translated into Russian and helped keep a whole generation of US and Soviet scientists from studying the UFO phenomenon. He may very well have achived one of the greatest feats of disinformation ever accomplished.

I have clear proof from the files of both Bush (library of Congress) and Forrestal (at the Forrestal Library at Princeton University where I reviewed them) thatthey had indeed met with President Truman on September 24, 1947 and they had a long close and mutually admiring relation-