Majestic 12

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22 pages
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (65C-) (P)
SUBJECT: UNSUB(S);
POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION REGARDING OPERATION MAJESTIC-12; ESP-X
OO: DALLAS

This communication is classified "SECRET" in its entirety.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an envelope which contains a possible classified document.

On September 15, 1988, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS (OSI) Special Agent contacted the Dallas FBI with the enclosed document. received the document from

claims that an individual at the school, whom he refused to name, gave it to him, claiming he received it in the mail.

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Enclosure

Bureau (Enc. 1)

Dallas

Approved: BBe

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U.S. CPO: 1597 - 161-49
Dallas notes that within the last six weeks, there has been local publicity regarding "OPERATION MAJESTIC-12" with at least two appearances on a local radio talk show, discussing the MAJESTIC-12 OPERATION, the individuals involved, and the Government's attempt to keep it all secret. It is unknown if this is all part of a publicity campaign.

From OSI, advises that "OPERATION BLUE BOOK," mentioned in the document on page 4 did exist.

Dallas realizes that the purported document is over 35 years old, but does not know if it has been properly declassified.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to discern if the document is still classified. Dallas will hold any investigation in abeyance until further direction from FBIHQ.
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Dr. Vannevar Bush
Secy. James V. Forrestal
Gen. Nathan F. Twining
Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg
Dr. Detlev Bronk
Dr. Jerome Hunsaker
Mr. Sidney W. Souers
Mr. Gordon Gray
Mr. Donald Menzel
Gen. Robert M. Montague
Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner

The death of Secretary Forrestal on 22 May, 1949, created a vacancy which remained unfilled until 01 August, 1950, upon which date Gen. Walter H. Smith was designated as permanent replacement.
On 24 June, 1947, a civilian pilot flying over the Cascade Mountains in the State of Washington observed nine large disc-shaped aircraft traveling in formation at a high rate of speed. Although this was not the first known sighting of such objects, it was the first to gain widespread attention in the public media. Hundreds of reports of sightings of similar objects followed. Many of these came from highly credible military and civilian sources. These reports resulted in independent efforts by several different elements of the military to ascertain the nature and purpose of these objects in the interests of national defense. A number of witnesses were interviewed and there were several unsuccessful attempts to utilize aircraft in efforts to pursue reported discs in flight. Public reaction bordered on near hysteria at times.

In spite of these efforts, little of substance was learned about the objects until a local fisher reported that one had crashed in a remote region of New Mexico located approximately seventy-five miles northeast of Roswell Army Air Base (now Walker Field).

On 07 July, 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage of this object for scientific study. During the course of the operation, aerial reconnaissance discovered that four human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft at the point before it exploded. These had fallen to earth about two miles east of the wreckage site. All four were dead and badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements during the approximately one week the period which had elapsed before their discovery. A special scientific team took charge of removing these bodies from the area. (See Attachment 0.) The wreckage of the craft was also removed to several different locations. (See Attachment 1.) Civilian and military witnesses in the area were debriefed, and news reporters were given the effective cover story that the object had been a misguided weather research balloon.
A covert analytical effort organized by Gen. Tinney and Dr. Bush, acting on the direct orders of the President, resulted in a preliminary consensus (19 September, 1947) that the disc was most likely a short range reconnaissance craft. This conclusion was based for the most part on the craft's size and the apparent lack of any identifiable provisioning. (See Attachment "B"). A similar analysis of the four dead occupants was arranged by Dr. Bronk. It was a tentative conclusion of this group (30 November, 1947) that these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development has apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in Homo-sapiens. Dr. Bronk’s team has suggested the term “Extra-terrestrial Biological Entities” or "EBEs", be adopted as the standard term of reference for these creatures until such time as a more definitive designation can be agreed upon.

Since it is virtually certain that these craft do not originate in any country on earth, considerable speculation has centered around what their point of origin might be and how they got here. Mars has remained a possibility, although some scientists, most notably Dr. Bronk, consider it more likely that we are dealing with beings from another solar system entirely.

Numerous examples of what appear to be a form of writing were found in the wreckage. Efforts to decipher these have remained largely unsuccessful. (See Attachment "E"). Equally unsuccessful have been efforts to determine the method of propulsion, or the nature or method of transmission of the power source involved. Research along these lines has been complicated by the complete absence of identifiable wings, propellers, jets, or other conventional methods of propulsion and guidance, as well as a total lack of metallic wiring, vacuum tubes or similars recognizable electronic components. (See Attachment "F"). It is assumed that the propulsion unit was completely destroyed by the explosion which caused the crash.
A need for as much additional information as possible about these craft, their performance characteristics, and their purpose led to the undertaking known as U.S. Air Force Project SIGN in December, 1947. In order to preserve security, liaison between SIGN and Majestic-12 was limited to two individuals within the Intelligence Division of Air Material Command who roles me to pass along certain types of information through channels. SIGN evolved into Project GRUDGE in December, 1948. The operation is currently being conducted under the code-name BLUE BOOK, with liaison maintained throughout the Air Force office who is head of the project.

On 06 December, 1950, a second object, probably of similar origin, impacted the earth at high speed in the El Indio - Guerrero area of the Texas / Mexican border after following a long trajectory through the atmosphere. By the time the search team arrived, what remained of the object had been almost totally incinerated. Such materials as could be recovered was transported to the AEC facility at Sandia, New Mexico, for study.

Implications for the National Security are of continuing importance in that the motives and true intentions of these visitors remain completely unknown. In addition, a significant upsurge in the surveillance activity of these craft beginning in May and continuing through the autumn of this year has caused considerable concern that new developments may be imminent.

It is for these reasons, as well as the obvious international and technological consideration, and the ultimate need to hold public peace at all costs, that the Majestic-12 Group feels that the sole imposition of the strictest security precautions should continue without interruption into the new administration. At the same time, conference minutes MJ 1949-041/78 (Top Secret - Eyes Only) should be held in continued readiness should the need to make a public announcement present itself. (See Attachment "G").
TO FBI DALLAS (ESC-NEW) ROUTINE

UNSECURED POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION REGARDING OPERATION MAJESTIC-12 ESPIONAGE-XX 00: DALLAS.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" IN ITS ENTIRETY.


REFERENCED AIRTBL REQUESTED THAT FBIHQ DETERMINE IF THE DOCUMENT ENCLOSED BY REFERENCED AIRTBL WAS CLASSIFIED OR NOT.

THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, U.S. AIR FORCE, ADVISED ON NOVEMBER 30, 1988, THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS FABRICATED.

COPIES OF THAT DOCUMENT HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES. THE DOCUMENT IS COMPLETELY BOGUS.

DALLAS IS TO CLOSE CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION.

SEE NOTE PAGE THREE
NOTE:

THIS ADVISES DALLAS THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS BOGUS AND THE CASE
SHOULD BE CLOSED.
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: INTD: CI-2 SO...

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (65-0)

SUBJECT : MAJESTIC-12;
ESP-X

This communication is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" in its entirety.

Re Secure telcalls between SSA...
Salt Lake City, and SSA...
FBHQ, on 10/25/91, and 10/30/91.

Enclosed for FBHQ is the below mentioned 9-page document dated 11/18/52.

Request of the Bureau:

Pursuant to instructions relayed from DAD H.B. BRANDON III via referenced secure telcall on 10/30/91, INTD, Section CI-2 should attempt to determine any DOD interest in the enclosed document.

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Classified By: 2335
Declassify On: OARB

65-81170-2
At 12:10 p.m. on 10/18/91, an individual identifying himself as [redacted] telephonically contacted the Salt Lake City Division and spoke with the duty Agent. [redacted] identified himself as an employee of [redacted], telephone number [redacted], extension [redacted]. He advised [redacted] that while walking through the lobby of his place of employment on the morning of 10/18/91, he found the enclosed document lying on the lobby floor. [redacted] stated that he read the document and due to the nature of the contents thereof, decided to contact the FBI. During the early afternoon of 10/18/91, [redacted] delivered the enclosed document to the receptionist in the Salt Lake City Field Office.

Salt Lake City indices are negative on [redacted]. A review of public source records revealed the following information:

[Redacted]

Based upon the contents of the document and the manner in which it was recovered, Salt Lake City initially dismissed the document and its classification markings as a hoax. In an effort to determine possible DOD interest in the unusual document, via referenced secure telecall on 10/25/91, [redacted] was provided with a synopsis of the contents of the enclosed document, with a request for him to determine through his DOD contacts any DOD interest in "OPERATION MAJESTIC-12", U.S. AIR FORCE "PROJECT SIGN" or "PROJECT GRUDGE".
Based upon DOD representations made to SSA which, incredibly, tended to buttress a portion of the document, he discussed this matter with DAD BRANDON on 10/30/91. Based upon those DOD comments and DAD BRANDON’s instructions, Salt Lake City is submitting the enclosed document to FBIHQ in order for the latter to further determine any DOD interest in the enclosed document which discusses the three above-mentioned code name operations.

(Editorial comment: The fact that this airtel is dated on Halloween day is purely coincidental; it could have been worse, and dated on the first of April.)
Date: November 15, 1991

To: Commander
Office of Special Investigations
Department of the Air Force
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington, D.C.

From: Harry B. Brandon, III, Acting Assistant Director
Intelligence Division

Subject: POSSIBLE UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION RELATING TO "OPERATION MAJESTIC 12".

For your information, our Bureau recently recovered what may possibly be a classified document, dated November 18, 1952, relating to "OPERATION MAJESTIC 12." The document indicates that this project related to sightings/recovery of extra-terrestrial aircraft.

It is noted that although this document may represent some type of hoax, it is our responsibility to insure that all incidents involving the mishandling of classified data receive adequate investigative attention. Therefore, we request that your agency attempt to ascertain the originator and/or the current classification of the enclosed document. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

The Point of Contact for this matter is, Supervisory Special Agent [redacted], Intelligence Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters, STU III.

NOTE: Instant requests assistance from the OSI in this matter.

Endorsement

Delivered by Liaison
Assistant Special Agent
Office of Investigative Operations

Access Code 123

Classified By: [redacted]
Declassify on: [redacted]
BRIEFING DOCUMENT: OPERATION MAJESTIC 12

PREPARED FOR PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER: (EYES ONLY)

18 NOVEMBER, 1952

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WARNING! This is a TOP SECRET - EYES ONLY document containing compartmentalized information essential to the national security of the United States. EYES ONLY ACCESS to the material herein is strictly limited to those possessing Majestic-12 clearance level. No discussion in any form or the taking of written or mechanical transcribed notes is strictly forbidden.

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TO: SECRET / MAJIC
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RENUNERATION OF ATTACHMENTS:

• ATTACHMENT "A"........Special Classified Executive
  Order #09248
  (TS/EO)

• ATTACHMENT "B"........Operation Majestic-12 Status
  Report #1, Part A 30 NOV '47
  (TS-MAJIC/DO)

• ATTACHMENT "C"........Operation Majestic-12 Status
  Report #1, Part B. 30 NOV '47
  (TS-MAJIC/DO)

• ATTACHMENT "D"........Operation Majestic-12 Preliminary
  Analytical Report (TS-MAJIC/DO)
  SIEF '47

• ATTACHMENT "E"........Operation Majestic-12 Blue Team
  Report #2 30 JUN '52
  (TS-MAJIC/DO)

• ATTACHMENT "F"........Operation Majestic-12 Status
  Report #2 31 JAN '49
  (TS-MAJIC/DO)

• ATTACHMENT "G"........Operation Majestic-12 Contingency
  Plan JA 4442-G, 78; 31 JAN '49
  (TS-MAJIC/DO)

• ATTACHMENT "H"........Operation Majestic-12, Maps and
  Photographs Folio (Extractions)
  (TS-MAJIC/DO)
MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

September 26, 1947.

Dear Secretary Perroea:

As per our recent conversation on this matter, you are hereby authorized to proceed, with all due speed and caution, upon your undertaking. Hereafter this matter shall be referred to only as Operation Majestic Twelve.

It continues to be my feeling that any future considerations relative to the ultimate disposition of this matter should rest solely with the Office of the President following appropriate consultation with yourself, Mr. Bush and the Director of Central Intelligence.

BOGS

TOP SECRET
EYES ONLY
July 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR ON-DESK TYPING

SUBJECT: NSC/17-12 Special Studies Project

The President has decided that the NSC/17-12 briefing should take place during the already scheduled White House meeting of July 16, rather than following its previous intended. More precise arrangements will be explained to you upon arrival. Please alter your plans accordingly.

Your concurrence in the above change of arrangements is assumed.

ROBERT GUTLEB
Special Assistant to the President

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
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