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MEMORANDUM FOR VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: State Department Position on EPC Space Commercialization Memorandum: Revised Position

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Your request to Mr. Baker of March 30, 1987, and your previous requests to NASA for lunar samples to be used in rings for the 12 Apollo astronauts who walked on the Moon were presented to the Lunar and Planetary Sample Team which advises NASA on such matters. The Team recommended that your request (#1704) be denied on the basis that it is inconsistent with the NASA policy that reserves lunar material for research, public display, and educational purposes. Therefore, based on this recommendation, your request is denied.

Thank you for your interest in this Nation's space program, and I am sorry our response could not have been favorable.

Sincerely.

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> Mr. Bill Hongach Baseball - Hobby Card Report A Renata Galasso, Inc. Publication 6305 10th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11219

Dear Mr. Hongach:

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Washington, D.C.

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Your request to Mr. Baker of March 30, 1987, and your previous requests to NASA for lunar samples to be used in rings for the 12 Apollo astronauts who walked on the Moon were presented to the Lunar and Planetary Sample Team which advises NASA on such matters. The Team recommended that your request (#1704) be denied on the basis that it is inconsistent with the NASA policy that reserves lunar material for research, public display, and educational purposes. Therefore, based on this recommendation, your request is denied.

Thank you for your interest in this Nation's space program, and I am sorry our response C-57-11-04 A-86-10-04 could not have been favorable.

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Sincerely.

Original signed by: Richard H. Truly

Richard H. Truly Associate Administrator for Space Flight

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Dr. James C. Fletcher NASA Headquarters Code A Washington, D.C. 20546

Dear Dr. Fletcher,

President Nixon has received a letter from Bill Hongach, who edits a baseball card collectors' magazine based in Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Hongach has asked for President Nixon's support of his effort to have small amounts of moon rock given as mementos to the 12 Apollo astronauts who walked on the moon.

The former President is well aware of the large number of demands on your time, and was reluctant to raise this matter with you at all. But on second thought he asked me to get in touch and say that, to the extent that this use of the moon rock material is consistent with NASA's other plans for it, scientific and otherwise, he would like to add his voice in support of Mr. Hongach's initiative.

With best wishes and respect,

Sincerely,

John H. Taylor Assistant to President Nixon



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

September 2, 1986

Mr. Bill Hongach Renata Galasso Inc. 1170 75th Street Brooklyn, New York 11228

Dear Mr. Hongach:

Thank you for your recent letter to the Vice President regarding your suggestion to provide each of the astronauts a piece of lunar rock.

It was thoughtful of you to write to the Vice President, and he appreciates your having taken the time to bring your suggestion to his attention. I have been asked to share your letter with those officials at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration who are in the best position to assist you. I have asked that they correspond with you directly and that they provide a copy of their response to this office.

Please be assured that your fine suggestion will be carefully reviewed and given every consideration consistent with NASA policy.

with the Vice President's best wishes,

Sincerely, Jury Matta

E. Terry Mattke Lieutenant Colonel, USMC Military Assistant/Aide to the Vice President

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Dear Mr. President:

Today I called the White House hoping that I might speak to someone that might handle the situation that I am now writing to you about. I was told to write directly to you. I have written to you twice over the past six months and have not received a reply.

I am writing to you because you are the only person that con rectify an injustice. Over the past year I have been working with the 12 men that have walked on the moon on a project called Moonwalker in which we hope to raise a half million dollars for charity. In spending many hours with these 12 courageous Americans, the Columbus' of the 20th century, I have learnt that none of the 12 men have received a small moon rock as a momento and keepsake of their perilous journey. I have further learned that it was implied to these astronaults that they would receive a small lunar rock after the rocks were tested and examined.

NASA has a policy that no individual own a lunar sample, yet these same astronauuts, who risked their lives to bring these rocks back to earth, presented many rocks to foreign heads of state on their good will trips following their flights. What I have proposed is that each of the 12 astronauts be presented with a "Moonwalker Ring" which would be designed and made by Jostens the same maker of the Super Bowl and World Series rings which would have a small piece of lunar rock in it. I have been told that the 12 rings will need two ounces of rock and there is more than 200 pounds on deposit in Houston.

I firmly believe these 12 men symbolize America's spirit and achievements and that this recognition is long overdue. A key point is that all 12 are alive. Col. Jim Irwin has had three heart attacks. This year marks the 200th anniversary of our Constitution. What better occassion than to recall the triumphs of the United States than to honor its living heroes, the 12 moonwalkers. I have spoken to the Air Space Museum and they have told me that the Museum could be used to hold a testimonial dinner with the presentation of the moonrings by the President of the United States. Such a presentation would draw positive

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attention to the Space Program particularly in light of the Challenger disaster.

I have enclosed copies of letters of support from President's Carter and Nixon. I realize you are excessively busy, but these men who have sacrificed so much should not be ignored. I ask for your support for you have the power to direct NASA to appropriate two ounces of rock for this purpose. The leadership at NASA will not take the initiative for they fear it will open a Pandora's box. The spirit of the rules and regulations with regard to the lunar rocks should not deny these men what they have all told me they would truly cherish.

Coptain Engene Cernan has told me that only the President or an Act of Congress would get the rocks for the astronauts. I think there are more important matters to occupy Congress than passing a bill for two ounces of rock. In the same light, I could not see any Congressman or Senator voting against such a bill.

I hope, Mr. President, that you will agree that the glorious accomplishments of the past should be revered as much as the dreams and aspirations of the future are treasured.

I hope you will see fit to direct NASA to allocate the two ounces of moon rock for the 12 moonwalkers.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Bill Hongach

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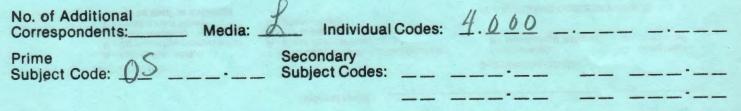
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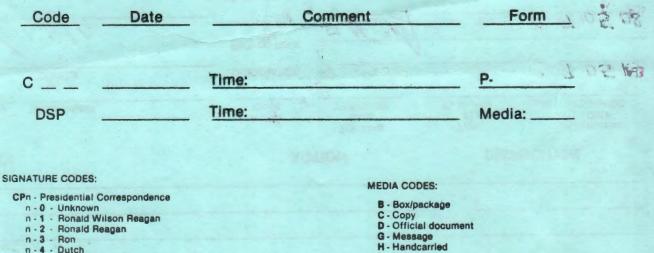
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National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Washington, D.C. 20546

Reply to Attn of: LP

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May 8, 1987

Mr. Don W. Vogel RD 2 Brandon, VT 05733

Dear Mr. Vogel:

This is in response to your March 31, letter to the President which the White House forwarded here for acknowledgement.

NASA is using the expected two year down-time in the space shuttle program, as an opportunity not only to reshape the agency to meet future challenges, but also to define what those challenges ought to be.

An effort is currently underway to define the goals and objectives and program thrusts to guide the future of this country's civilian space agency. These goals are: to advance scientific knowledge of the Earth, the solar system and the universe beyond, to expand human presence beyond the Earth into the solar system and to strengthen aeronautics research and develop technology toward promoting U.S. leadership in civil and military aviation.

The next step in this process will be to define specific objectives to achieve each of these goals. Then, we will identify the program thrusts required to achieve our goals and objectives.

This will be a through and creative process. It will not be accomplished overnight or in the next few weeks or even in the next few months. But we are confident that, in the end, our work will produce a vital and comprehensive blueprint to guide the U.S. to a position of long-term leadership among spacefaring nations through the end of the century and beyond.

Dr. Fletcher feels the nation needs such a blueprint and the public deserves and expects one. The Space Station clearly is a vital and necessary step in expanding the human presence beyond our planet and into the solar system. It will give us unlimited options, including a first human visit to the planet Mars, to be followed eventually by the establishment of a permanent base there, as well. Page 2

Today, NASA is looking beyond the Space station at what this nation's next major steps in space should be. We have begun a major planning effort to identify the required technology and required program thrusts for the next decade.

Astronaut Dr. Sally Ride has, for the past several months, been working on a report, at the request of Dr. Fletcher, to be called "Space `95," which will identify what we need to do to build the foundations of a revitalized U.S. space program to ensure our leadership in space.

Dr. Fletcher is well aware that if we do not make a commitment, and soon, our nation could very well lose it's leadership in space and he is working hard to convince the Administration, the Office of Management and Budget and the Congress that we need this commitment now.

Thank you again for writing and for sharing with us your frank and forthright thoughts. Your continued support of our efforts is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Gene Marianetti Chief, Special Events Branch Public Services Branch

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March 31, 1987

President Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir:

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On September 30, 1986, I wrote a letter to you on the subject of our space program. I did not receive a reply.

Copies of that letter were sent to Dr. James Fletcher, to the White House Science Advisor, to Senator Slade Gorton, to Rep. Bill Nelson. No reply or acknowledgment was received from any of them.

I wrote the letter at the behest of Louis Friedman, Executive Director of The Planetary Society, in his editorial in The Planetary Report (Sept-Oct 1986). I sent him a copy of the letter and I couldn't tell you if he received it or not.

This letter which caused so much excitement everywhere was urging that we get back on track with our space program. I am writing again after reading the article on page 23 of the March 30 issue of Aviation Week & Space Technology. The Soviet Union is moving rapidly to fill the gap that we have left by our failure to respond rapidly to the Challenger accident. We became all thumbs and began busting space shots at a great rate. By the time we have a newly-designed Space Shuttle ready to ge, the Soviet shuttle will be ready to fly, they will have a space fighter plane in a test phase and not long after, a heavy space station housing up to 100 cosmonauts.

Will our shuttle fly in '88 or is that just a bit of flap-doedle?

Sincerely, Lon W. Logal

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Ms. Sally Kelley Director of Agency Liaison Presidential Correspondence The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Kelley:

Enclosed is a draft response letter for Mr. Howard Baker's signature in response to Dr. Edward Boling's letter (referral #491741) regarding the University of Tennessee-Calspan's interest in becoming a Center for Commercial Development in Advanced Space Propulsion.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

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DRAFT Janelle A. Brown Commercialization Specialist Code ICM 453-8589

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Dr. Edward J. Boling President University of Tennessee Suite 800, Andy Holt Tower Knoxville, TN 37996-0180 Dear Dr. Boling: the source of May 20, 1987 expressing support for NASA's Centers for the Commercial Development of Space (CCDS) program. apologize for the delay in responding. + The CCDS program is one of NASA's efforts to promote the commercial development of space, and I appreciate your making me aware of your institution's interest in becoming a part of this program.

Your proposal has been received by NASA and will be thoroughly evaluated and considered. I am sure NASA appreciates your active and enthusiastic support for the CCDS program.

your interest in uniting. With warm regards, Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE





Office of the President Suite 800, Andy Holt Tower Knoxville 37996-0180 Telephone 615/974-2241

May 20, 1987

The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Howard:

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In 1985, the University of Tennessee joined with Calspan Corporation to initiate a joint venture which combines university and industry talent, expertise, and facilities to perform research in the aerospace and related sciences. The resulting University of Tennessee-Calspan Center for Aerospace Research (CAR) is a not-for-profit organization located at the UT Space Institute, adjacent to the U.S. Air Force Arnold Engineering Development Center, near Tullahoma. This venture has created a technical environment that can spawn and attract new technology-based industry while providing efficient, cost-effective technology development for our nation's aerospace programs.

On April 24, a proposal was submitted by CAR to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish a Center for Advanced Space Propulsion at the UT Space Institute. The proposal was in response to a solicitation from NASA for development of Centers for the Commercial Development of Space. The mission for the proposed center will be to strengthen the nation's competitiveness in space flight activities by focusing on space propulsion technologies considered essential for the next century. The center will perform cooperative research with both NASA and private industry to develop commercial products and services related to advanced space propulsion systems. The George C. Marshall Space Flight Center has agreed to serve as the sponsoring NASA agency to provide technical advice and resources to the center.

The proposed center has received strong support from seven major industrial organizations, including direct technical participation and financial contributions. Numerous other industrial organizations have expressed strong support and an intention of future participation in the center. Additionally, the center has a strong endorsement from the State of Tennessee and a delegation letter supporting the proposal is being prepared by our Congressional delegation. Establishment of the center in Tennessee will provide substantial benefits to the state and the nation. The center will attract new companies to the state, resulting in creation of new high-tech industries and high tech jobs. The center will be enhanced by the shared use of resources, talents, and unparalleled facilities and technical equipment from the Air Force, NASA, the University, and private industry, thus making it a strong, viable contributor to development of innovative ideas to assist U.S. corporations into space. The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr. May 20, 1987 Page 2

Some political observers have expressed concern that funding for the concept of NASA centers for commercial development of space may be in jeopardy for various reasons. While it is understandable that budgetary constraints demand close scrutiny of all funded programs, the space commercialization centers program is one that can potentially make substantial contributions to the American quest for international competitiveness. It is essential to the future of our nation that the United States maintain it's preeminent role in the exploration and commercial development of space. I encourage you to support continuation of the space commercialization program within NASA, and I would appreciate any support you could provide toward establishing the proposed Center for Advanced Space Propulsion in Tennessee.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to make you aware of the University's involvement in the space commercialization initiative. I welcome the opportunity to provide you further information or assistance on this or any other matter before you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Edward J. Boling President

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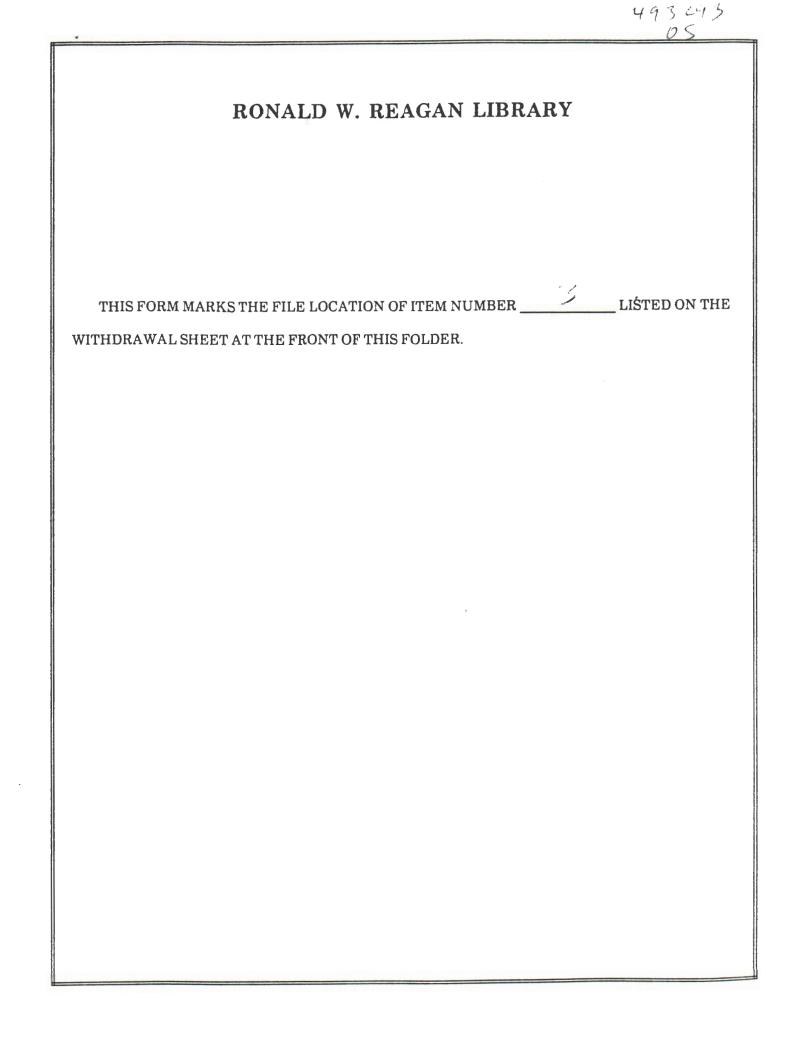
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THE ADMINISTRATOR

June 1, 1987

Honorable Howard Baker Chief of Staff The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Senator Baker:

I very much appreciated the time and attention you devoted today to the briefing on the implications of the Soviet space program. I am particularly pleased that you and Frank agreed that this same material should be presented to the President after his return from Europe. We will be ready at your convenience.

> Sincerely, Jun J James C. Fletcher

cc: Honorable Frank C. Carlucci

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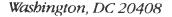
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Mr. Billy Cox Staff Writer Florida Today USA Today Cape Publications, Inc. P.O. Box 363000 Melbourne, FL 32936

Dear Mr. Cox:

This is in response to your letter dated June 30, 1987, to the President concerning the authenticity of documents concerning "MJ-12".

The National Archives and Records Administration makes Federal records and donated historical materials available for public research. We do not ordinarily verify nor authenticate every document or the information contained therein.

The National Archives has, however, received many requests concerning "MJ-12". I am enclosing a copy of a reference report we prepared on this subject for your information.

Sincerely,

Lundy Huskamp Filiss

TRUDY HUSKAMP PETERSON Assistant Archivist for the National Archives (202) 523-3130

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Date : July 22, 1987 Reply to Attn of : Military Reference Branch Subject : Reference Report on MJ-12

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The National Archives has received many requests for documentation and information about "Project MJ-12". Many of the inquiries concern a memorandum from Robert Cutler to General Nathan Twining, dated July 14, 1954. This particular document poses problems for the following reasons:

The document was located in Record Group 341, entry
 267. The series is filed by a Top Secret register number.
 This document does not bear such a number.

2. The document is filed in the folder T4-1846. There are no other documents in the folder regarding "NSC/MJ-12".

3. The Military Reference Branch (Edward Reese) has conducted a search in the records of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Headquarters US Air Force, and in other related files. No further information has been found on this subject.

4. Inquiries to the US Air Force, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the National Security Council failed to produce further information.

5. The Acting Director of the Freedom of Information Office of the National Security Council informed us that "Top Secret Restricted Information" is a marking which did not come into use at the National Security Council until the Nixon Administration. The Eisenhower Presidential Library also confirms that this particular marking was not used during the Eisenhower Administration.

6. The document in question does not bear an official government letterhead or watermark. The NARA conservation

specialist (Mary Ritzenthaler) examined the paper and determined it was a ribbon copy prepared on "dictation onionskin". The Eisenhower Library has examined its collection of the Cutler papers. All documents created by Mr. Cutler while he served on the NSC staff have an eagle watermark in the onionskin carbon paper. Most documents sent out by the NSC were prepared on White House letterhead paper. For the brief period when Mr. Cutler left the NSC, his carbon copies were prepared on "prestige onionskin".

7. The Judicial, Fiscal, and Social Branch searched the Official Meeting Minute Files of the National Security Council and found no record of a NSC meeting on July 16, 1954. A search of all NSC Meeting Minutes for July 1954 found no mention of MJ-12 nor Majestic.

8. The Judicial, Fiscal, and Social Branch (Mary Ronan) searched the indicies of the NSC records and found no listing for: MJ-12, Majestic, unidentified flying objects, UFO, flying saucers, or flying discs.

9. The Judicial, Fiscal, and Social Branch (Mary Ronan) found a memo in a folder titled "Special Meeting July 16, 1954" which indicated that NSC members would be called to a civil defense exercise on July 16, 1954.

10. The Eisenhower Library states, in a letter to NNMR, dated July 16, 1987:

"President Eisenhower's Appointment Books contain no entry for a special meeting on July 16, 1954 which might have included a briefing on MJ-12. Even when the President had 'off the record' meetings, the Appointment Books contain entries indicating the time of the meeting and the participants...

The Declassification Office of the National Security Council has informed us that it has no record of any declassification action having been taken on this memorandum or any other documents on this alleged project...

Robert Cutler, at the direction of President Eisenhower, was visiting overseas military installations on the day he supposedly

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issued this memorandum --- July 14, 1954. The Administration Series in Eisenhower's Papers as President contains Cutler's memorandum and report to the President upon his return from the trip. The memorandum is dated July 20, 1954 and refers to Cutler's visits to installations in Europe and North Africa between July 3 and 15. Also, within the NSC Staff Papers is a memorandum dated July 3, 1954, from Cutler to his two subordinates, James S. Lay and J. Patrick Coyne, explaining how they should handle NSC administrative matters during his absence; one would assume that if the memorandum to Twining were genuine, Lay or Coyne would have signed it."

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JO ANN WILLIAMSON Chief, Military Reference Branch Militarv Archives Division

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30 June 1987



Dear Mr. President:

Last weekend, foreign journalists representing China, Poland, Japan and the USSR -- not to mention the U.S. media -- gathered for a forum at American University to hear a group of UFO investigators charge the U.S. government with suppression of evidence regarding flying saucers. These reporters took notes and rolled the cameras as panel members, assembled by an organization called Fund for UFO Research, produced an allegedly classified document (attached) prepared by the Truman administration for president-elect Eisenhower on 18 November 1952.

On 24 September 1947, according to the document, Truman and 12 high-level disciples initiated Operation Majestic-12 (MJ-12) to study the remains of a crashed flying saucer and the corpses of its occupants, discovered near Roswell Army Air Base, N.M.

Is this document authentic? Copies of MJ-12 were distributed to the public last weekend and the foreign media gobbled it up. Thirty-five years after the "fact," it would appear that only the presidential office is capable of resolving this controversy once and for all. It would also seem that if this document is a hoax, someone is going to elaborate lengths to ridicule the American government.

Also consider this: Several so-called ufologists claim they have enough friends on the Hill to get congressional hearings going after the next elections. One event organizer reported that 45 members of Congress were concerned enough to send their aides to the symposium, and that at least one senator showed up for last Saturday night's session. No doubt the MJ-12 document is responsible for much of the interest. Ufologists are claiming any hearings conducted will certainly deal with a possible



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compromise of our national security, as alleged in AFSOI papers concerning aerial penetration by foreign objects of Kirtland AFB, N.M., in 1980.

Finally, during closing-session statements, one of the guest speakers, an author, told the audience that, in 1982, you attended the premiere of the movie "ET" with director Steven Spielberg. After the showing ended, according to the speaker, you quietly remarked to Spielberg, "You know, there aren't six people in this room who know how true this (movie) really is."

Did that really happen? Or are these UFO people lying?

As the final authority in government, you or your office could put a stop to this business by investigating the authenticity of MJ-12. If you determine the document is bogus, we will inform our readers that the country's most influential UFO group is irresponsibly disseminating false information -- not only for domestic consumption, but for the foreign press as well. If, on the other hand, this document is real, your confirmation would be the most courageous act of a president in at least 40 years.

Whatever the verdict on MJ-12, Mr. President, you have an extraordinary opportunity to resolve this matter for our 98-plus newspaper chain -- the largest in America. Thank you for your prompt consideration.

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DOCUMENT PREPARED 18 NOVEMBER, 1952.

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BRIEFING OFFICER: ADM. ROSCOB H. HILLENKOETTER (MJ-1)

NOTE: This document has been prepared as a preliminary briefing only. It should be regarded as introductory to a full operations briefing intended to follow.

OPERATION MAJESTIC-12 18 a TOP SECRET Research and Development/ Intelligence operation responsible directly and only to the President of the United States. Operations of the project are corrise out under control of the Majestic-12 (Majic-12) Group which was established by special classified executive order of President Truman on 24 September, 1947, upon recommendation by Dr. Vannevar Bush and Secretary James Porrestal. (See Attachment "A Rembers of the Majestid-12 Group were designated as follows \$ 2.7

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Adm. Roscos H. Eillenkostter Dr. Vannevar Busha Secy. James V. Forrestal* Gen. Jathan 7. Twining Gen. Hoyt 5. Vendenberg Dr. Detley Bronk Dr. Jerone Runsaker Mr. Bidney V. Souers Dr. Donald Mensel Sen: Robert H. Montague Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner

The death of Secretary Forrestal on 22 May, 1949, created a vacancy which remained unfilled until Ol August, 1950, upon which date Gen. Walter Ba Smith was designated as permanent replacement.

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On 24 June, 1947, a civilian pilot flying over the Cascade Mountains in the State of Washington observed nine flying 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. Sec. S.

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

On O7 July, 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage of this object for scientific study. During the course of this operation, aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft at some 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 time period which had elapsed before their discovery. A special scientific team took charge of removing these bodies for study. (See Attachment "C".) The wreckage of the craft was also removed to several different locations. (See Attachment "B".) 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 balloom.

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A covert analytical effort organized by Gen. Twining and Dr. Bush acting on the direct orders of the President, resulted in a preliminary concensus (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 "D".) A similar analysis of the four dead occupants was arranged by Dr. Bronk. It was the tentative conclusion of this group (30 November, 1947) that although 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 "ERES", be adopted as the standard term of reference for these creatures until such time as a more definitive designation can be agreed upon.

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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 get here. Mars was and remains a possibility, although some scientists, most notably Dr. Menzel, 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 similar recognizable electronic components. (See Attachment "P".) It is assumed that the propulsion unit was completely destroyed by the explosion which caused the crash.

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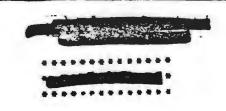
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A need for as much additional information as possible about these craft, their performance characteristics and their nurpose led to the undertaking known as U.S. Air Force Project SIGN in December, 1947. In order to preserve security, liason between SIGN and Majestic-12 was limited to two individuals within the Intelligence Division of Air Materiel Command whose role was 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 liason maintained through the Air Force officer who is head of the project.

On O6 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 boder after following a long trajectory through the atmosphere. By the time a search team arrived, what remained of the object had been almost totally incinerated. Such material as could be recovered was transported to the A.E.C. facility at Sandia, New Mexico, for study.

Implications for the National Security are of continuing importance in that the motives and ultimate 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 considerations and the ultimate need to avoid a public panic at all costs, that the Majestic-12 Group remains of the unanimous opinion that imposition of the strictest security precautions should continue without interruption into the new administration. At the same time, contingency plan MJ-1949-04P/78 (Top Secret - Eyes Only) should be held in continued readiness should the need to make a public announcement present itself. (See Attachment "G".)



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*ATTACHMENT "E".....Operation Majestic-12 Blue Team Report #5. 30 JUN '52. (TS-MAJIC/E0)

*ATTACHMENT "P".....Operation Majestic-12 Status Report #2. 31 JAN '48. (TS-MAJIC/BO)

*ATTACHMENT "G".....Operation Majestic-12 Contingency Plan MJ-1949-04P/78: 31 JAN '49. (TS-MAJIC/EO)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Dear Secretary Forrestal:

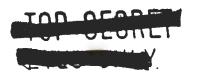
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As per our recent conversation on this matter, you are hereby authorized to proceed with all due speed and caution upon your undertaking. Hereafter this matter shall be referred to only as Operation Majestic Twelve.

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 discussions with yourself, Dr. Bush and the Director of Central Intelligence.

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The President has decided that the NJ-12 SSP briefing should take place <u>during</u> the already scheduled white House meeting of July 16, rather than fellowing it as previously intended. More procise arrangements will be explained to you upon arrival. Please alter your plans accordingly.

Your concurrence in the above change of arrangements is assumed.

ROBERT CUTLER Special Assistant to the President

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THE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1954.

- 8.50 The President will receive the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration and the Hembers of the Federal Farm Credit Board
- 9.00 Cabinet Meeting

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12.15 - The President will receive a group of Congressmen, who wish to pay their respects and pledge their continuing support of the President's program.

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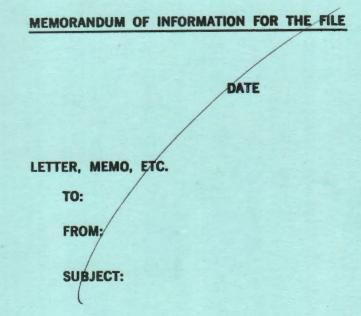
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