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29 September 1987

Mr. Philip J. Klass
404 "N" St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Mr. Klass:

You have about convinced me that the material sent me by Mr. Graham is a forgery or, at the very least, deeply suspect. In my letter to him I said that "on the basis of the material you have sent me I personally have little doubt that it is authentic." This turns out to have been a most incautious statement, since I was unaware that the authenticity of the material had been seriously questioned. I am sorry if my statement has been interpreted to mean a great deal more than I intended.

Thank you for your communications.

Very sincerely yours,

Richard M. Bissell, jr.

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cc: Mr. Lee M. Graham
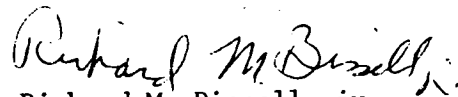
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30 July 1987

Mr. Lee M. Graham
526 West Maple
Monrovia, California 91016

Dear Mr. Graham:

I received the material you sent me under date of 29 June about the Majestic
12 operation.   I read it with very great interest but, despite my deep
involvement in overhead reconnaissance and, more generally, in technical
intelligence matters during the '50s, I have no previous knowledge of this
operation. I'm afraid, therefore, that I cannot make any informed comment on
the authenticity of the briefing document, which was under enclosure B4.   I
knew many, indeed most, of the members of Majestic 12 therein listed, but this
was an investigation of which I had no knowledge then and, until receipt of
your communication, have had no information since.

I'm sorry I can't be helpful. The document certainly <u>looks</u> authentic. On the
basis of the material you have sent me I personally have little doubt that it
is authentic.   As to your view that it has been deliberately released to
influence governmental decisions, this is a matter on which I cannot form a
judgment.

Very sincerely yours,

Richard M. Bissell, jr.

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