



MSI PATCH SHEET

MJ-12 FBI matters
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'MJ-12' : THE FBI LINK

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Ever since their emergence in the UFO community in 1987 the so-called 'MJ-12' or 'Majestic 12' documents have been the subject of intense debate regarding their authenticity or otherwise. They first gained prominence in 'Above Top Secret' written by Timothy Good and have been the subject of numerous reports authored by an array of researchers ever since. (Ref.1) The documents allege that in early July 1947 an extraterrestrial vehicle crashed approximately 75 miles northwest of Roswell Army Air Base in New Mexico and that the bodies of the crew of the object were also discovered and that a high-level committee (the Majestic 12) was created in response to this startling event. Are these documents authentic? Have classified U.S. Government papers been 'leaked' to the public? These were questions that numerous UFO researchers asked themselves. They were questions also asked by the United States' Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On September 15 1988 a Special Agent with the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) contacted the office of the FBI in Dallas and supplied FBI agents with copies of the MJ-12 papers. There was concern on the part of the FBI that they were possibly in possession of a genuine U.S. Government document which had not been properly declassified. The Dallas office noted that there had been at least two radio shows broadcast on MJ-12 in September and October 1988 and that this had generated some publicity. On October 25 1988 Dallas FBI sent a 'Secret' Airtel, titled 'POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION REGARDING OPERATION MAJESTIC-12', to the Director of the FBI requesting guidance as to whether or not they should launch an investigation into what appeared to be a serious security leak. (Ref.2)

On November 30 1988 an arranged meeting took place between agents of the FBI and AFOSI in Washington. During this discussion OSI informed the FBI that they were aware of the existence of the papers, were aware that they had been distributed to various parts of the country but were satisfied that the documents were completely bogus. This information was duly passed on to the FBI in Dallas via communication again classified 'Secret' and the Dallas office was advised that it should close its file on MJ-12.

This would appear to lay the matter to rest. However, there are a number of aspects of the above events which remain murky. I have been told by the Chief of the Information Release Division at AFOSI, Bolling Air Force Base that they have no records concerning Majestic 12 other than the documents themselves. I have also been told that the OSI agents who discussed the MJ-12 documents with the FBI made no notes regarding their 'chat' because the MJ-12 papers were not the property of the U.S. Air Force. If OSI is not in possession of any documentation regarding MJ-12 and has not carried out an investigation regarding their authenticity or otherwise how have they been

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able to determine that the documents are not genuine and how have they been able to determine that they are not the property of the U.S. Air Force ? Furthermore, if OSI have carried out no investigation how have they been able to determine that the documents have been distributed to various parts of the USA? (Ref.3)

It would appear that some sort of study of the papers simply must have taken place to allow OSI to inform the FBI so confidently that the papers were bogus. Despite this, it does appear that the MJ-12 papers are indeed fakes and a number of legitimate reasons have surfaced which appear to confirm this. The main question that seems to be unanswered is why were these documents created in the first place ? I have gone to great lengths to answer this and having had contact with 3 people who appear to have 'inside' knowledge regarding the documents origin it would appear that its purpose was threefold. Firstly, to discredit research into the Roswell event, secondly, to confuse the issue surrounding the REAL Majestic-12 which a number of researchers were investigating and thirdly to diffuse the interest that a number of people were taking in the Paul Bennewitz case. Whilst a genuine UFO link to the Bennewitz case is possible it has been suggested to me that, at least in part, Bennewitz had uncovered and intercepted a number of highly-classified, low frequency electromagnetic emissions which he believed to be connected with UFO's. (Ref.4)

Suffice it to say, if the purposes of the MJ-12 documents are as described in the above paragraph then they have surely worked. However, things appear to be turning. The evidence for the Roswell event being the genuine crash and recovery of an alien craft appears to be mounting and new revelations and at least one more book are scheduled. Furthermore it should be emphasised that regardless of the bogus MJ-12 papers a committee such as MJ-12 would surely have been established following the Roswell crash. If, as it appears, the Majestic 12 papers are part of a sophisticated plan to deceive the public it would be ironic if it should be brought down by the FBI who are now releasing copies of the MJ-12 papers with 'BOGUS' written through them with a thick black marker pen. (Ref.5)

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REF.1 - See also 'The Final Report on Operation Majestic 12' by Stanton T. Friedman, 'The MJ-12 Documents: An Analytical Report' by William L. Moore and Jaime Shandera and 'Alien Liaison' by Timothy Good.

REF.2 - An 'AIRTEL' is an intra-communication with highest priority of those sent through the mail. Originally conceived as a teletype sent via airmail, it may be in teletype phraseology.

REF.3 - Information concerning AFOSI knowledge of the MJ-12 documents was related to me by Frank H. Batten, Chief, Information Release Division at Bolling Air Force Base.

REF.4 - From information obtained between January and May 1993 from sources who have convinced this writer of their authenticity.

REF. 5 - All information concerning the FBI and MJ-12 as related above is available via FOIA.