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Dear Mr. Rodeghier:

Thanks very much for your letter and check of May 11, 1988, received yesterday.

Anyone accustomed to newspaper reports of matters with which he is familiar recognizes the likelihood that such reports will at least partially misrepresent those matters. I've been represented, it seems to me, as affirming the authenticity of the Hillenkoetter MJ-12 presidential briefing memo of November 18, 1952. All I did, in fact, was deny the conclusive nature of arguments I had read asserting its fraudulence.

The best of these arguments, I think, came from Philip J. Klass of Washington, DC, with whom I've had a number of lively and informative contacts. Yet none of his arguments seem to be to be irrefutable; and some don't even seem strong.

To begin with, his duplicated 3-page Chronology of William L. Moore's Peculiar Style of Writing a Date is itself dated Sept. 30, 1098 [sic] I cite this, not to ridicule a slip that any of us might make, but only to show how easy it is to date a letter in a way that is (to use a favorite word of Mr. Klass') "curious."

In his 4-page circular of September 20, 1987, Klass presents what he calls "hard evidence that the 'Hillenkoetter MJ-12 briefing document of November 18, 1952' is a counterfeit." Here he echoes a press release from the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP), dated August 20, 1987, describing the above and related documents as "clumsy counterfeits."

"Hard evidence" is a doubly problematic. What seems to one observer to constitute evidence pointing to a conclusion does not seem so to another. The evidence for continental drift, for example which now seems "hard" to American geologists, seemed "soft" to them a generation ago.

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The hard evidence cited by Klass all has to do with Hillen-koetter's style of dating letters and memoranda, which fluctuated both in its ordering of days and months and in its use or non-use of a preposed zero in one-digit dates (e.g., May 1, 1950; 1 May 1950; 01 May, 1950). The last of these styles, says Klass, "did not come into use until more than two decades later" than the 1950's. If it is like most other matters of style and usage, I would, say, it came in gradually and sporadically rather than the preposed zero entered military usage in NATO long before it did so in the United States proper.

The alternation of May 1 and 1 May is referred to by Klass as "mixed military-civil format," and described quite flatly by him as "erroneous." The strongest word I would use for it is "inconsistent." But it would not surprise me at all to find a man who wore as many different "hats" as Hillenkoetter did fluctuating in his usage. (I myself, without significant military experience, alternate between the day-plus-month and the month-plus-day style in dating my letters. And I have learned, in using one of our university computers, to prepose certain 5-digit numbers with a zero-even though the computer then prints it out without the preposed zero!)

As regards "clumsy counterfeits," my feeling is that, other things being equal, clumsiness is evidence of authenticity rather than of forgery. The only forgeries that require careful detective work to expose are skillful forgeries.

In his Special Report entitled "The MJ-12 Crashed-Saucer Documents" (published in The Skeptical Inquirer, Winter 1987-88, pp. 137-146), Klass describes the circumstances of the documents as "odd," the use of unnecessary commas and preposed zeros by both documents as "anomalies." Taken at face value, these terms are unexceptionable: the Roswell incident is a prime anomaly, and everything relating to it is likely to be, in some sense, both odd and curious. But Klass seems to imply that what is curious must constitute fraud. Here again, I am inclined to invert his logic will be to make his fraud appear normal and thereby avoid arousing suspicion.

Throughout the Report, Klass uses expressions such as "it would have been more logical" (p. 140), "one might logically have expected" (p. 142), or "one would think" (p. 144) as though it were clear who "one" is and how his logic operates. While I infer that "one" is intended to represent any reasonable person, I am not sure that "one" is anyone but Klass. By this I do not mean that Klass is unreasonable but only that the people he is describing may not have been as consistent as he would like them to have been. Here I include President Truman, of whom Klass writes (p. 141) that the memo ostensibly addressed by him to Secretary of Defense Forrestal is 'un-Truman-like.'

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It may be that the final issue here is that of the burden of proof. I've taken the position that it rests rather with those who reject the MJ-12 documents than with those who accept them. In a sense, Klass appears to agree with me on this issue, since his cited writings constitute a king of onus disprobandi. (I'm willing to grant him his burden; but I don't concede the disproof.)

If I were to accept the burden of proof, I would--ideally--want my corpus to be voluminous and stylistically personalized, as in the case of two novels, one known to be by a specified author, the other alleged to be. In that case, I would make a computer-assisted survey of recurrent phraseology, expecting it to yield a statistically significant comparison whose validity would have a very high degree of probability. The Hillenkoetter missives, however, are very different, being, for the most part, brief, bland, and bureaucratic in style. This means that further scrutiny of the details which escaped my notice before would turn out to be an disconfirmation of their authenticity.

Finally, a word about skepticism, which is CSICOP's badge of honor. As I see it, we all tend to be skeptical about what we disbelieve but credulous about what we believe. Our credulities and skepticisms are simply focused in different directions. Putting it another way, we might say that all skepticism is counterfaith. Most of those who pride themselves on their skepticism are proclaiming their faith in an accepted view, such as consensual science or common sense, and their opposition to its antithesis, however this is conceived of.

I hope this letter answers at least some of your questions.

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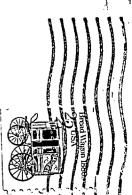
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Dear Mr. Bletchman:

Thanks for your letter and enclosures of August 31, 1987, and apologies for my having misunderstood your earlier request.

Stylistic comparison of letters with one another, as in my letter of August 22 to you, is of course easier than comparison of letters with non-epistolary documents, such as the briefing memorandum of November 18, 1952, to President-Elect Eisenhower. The only obvious peculiarity of the memo is its repeated misspelling of liaison as liason. Since this word does not occur in the letters, no comparison or contrast can be made on the basis of it. Overall, I'm inclined to agree with Richard Bissell that there is no obvious reason to regard the memo as fraudulent. As, far as content is concerned, I find more incongruity among the letters themselves than between them and the memo.

Assuming that Dr. Menzel is still alive, has anyone troubled to ask him whether he was in fact a member of the "Majestic 12" group and whether Admiral Hillenkoetter did actually charge the group with responsibility for investigating the two incidents at Roswell and El Indio?

Finally, a personal note: I have long been skeptical of the view that UFO's are extraterrestrial spacecraft comparable to (though more sophisticated than) our moon-rockets. This, however, does not mean that I regard them as frauds or illusions. Has MUFON reached any consensus on what might be called the ontology of these phenomena?

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21 May 1988

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Dear Professor Wescott,

I just received the letter you sent Mr Mark Rodeghier of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies dated May 15th,1988. What you said to Mr Rodeghier has placed me into a state of confusion. In another letter to Bob Bletchman dated April 7th, 1988 you stated that there was no "compelling reason to regard any of these communictions (Hillenkoetter) as fraudulent." (see attached letter). This is essentially what you said in your letter to Mr Rodeghier. But, in another letter to Bob Bletchman dated April 3rd, 1988 you stated that "I tend to follow an equivalent of the legal principle "innocent till proven guilty." My analog is "authentic till proven fraudulent."

The way I interpret this is that if you are saying that there is "no compelling reason to regard the 18 November 1952 document as fraudulent," then is your analog "authentic till proven fraudulent," implying that you regard the 18 November 1952 document as authentic until proven otherwise?

I would greatly appreciate any clarification on this matter you could provide.

Yours truly

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ps; please excuse my terrible typing!



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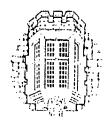
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Mr. Collins: Thanks for your letter of 21 May. Due no contradiction in what I wrote to

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Mr. Bletchman. But perhaps The 2nd H above is clearer. I hope 20. - R.W. The author has made a commendable effort in assembling sources that must be difficult to obtain in Malaysia and in preparing tables, maps, and charts that show frequency distributions by region, over time, and by type of activity. Jamaludin's theory is that the UFO waves form patterns that point to the existence, in our solar system, of a rotating, pulsating, electromagnetic source that UFOs use as a flight beacon or corridor. The source pulsates more frequently during UFO wave periods, allowing more UFOs to hitch a ride. Not only that, but this hypothetical mini-pulsar (overlooked by astronomers) is somehow connected to earthquake activity and — hold your breath — the last week of Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. Jamaludin's thesis allows him to predict UFO waves for 1989 in either Japan, Southeast Asia, New Zealand, or the South Pole.

Randle, Kevin D. *The October Scenario*. Lake Bluff, Ill.: Quality Books, 1988. \$9.95. [reviewed from galleys].

Written by a former Air Force Intelligence officer and APRO investigator, *The October Scenario* postulates that the only UFO sightings actually involving extraterrestrial spacecraft were those that took place in October 1973. All others before and since — with the possible exceptions of the 1957 wave and the Hill case in 1961 — were IFOs and hoaxes. The chances of alien visitation are so slim (and the distances so great) that if it occurs at all, according to Randle, it will be only for a brief time that will allow the aliens to collect human genetic material quickly and get back to home base before old age sets in. Some 1973 abduction cases are quoted to support the theory, but little else from except the Hills, Travis Walton, and Villas-Boas. Randle very definitely needs to read Bullard's report.

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Rubtsov, Vladimir V., and A.D. Ursul. [The Problem of Extraterrestrial Civilizations: Philosophical and Methodological Aspects], 2d ed. Ul. Chernishevskogo, 88, kv.66, Kharkov 310023, USSR. 1987. 334p.

If you read Russian and are interested in SETI, you may want to try to obtain a copy of this book from Dr. Rubtsov by exchanging UFO books or journals with him while glasnost is still on. There is an English summary, but it is cryptic and I thus cannot speak for the book's quality or even its arrangement. Rubtsov is currently writing a book on The UFO Problem and Modern Science, which may be published in Russia in the next year or so.

Stang, Ivan. High Weirdness by Mail. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1988. 333p. \$9.95.

Those of you who take pleasure in sending off for things ufological will want to glance at this mail-order guide by the founder of the darkly satirical Church of the SubGenius. Addresses and brief (sometimes erroneous) descriptions are given for such varied groups as Shavertron, the Stelle Group (spelled incorrectly), Health Research, Saucer Technology, Unarius, and

the Sourcebook Project. Stang was nice enough to mention one of my books, but neglected to credit me as author. CUFOS is listed, but with the old Lima, Ohio, address and the odd statement that *IUR* runs weird ads (this book was published before last issue's advertised disclaimer). At least you can write to the addresses listed for accurate information (as long as the post office will forward the mail).

"The UFO Detective," Yankee, June 1988, pp. 86-91, 102-106.

An interesting portrait of Raymond Fowler presents little-known tidbits of his life: his 1947 daylight-disc sighting, his work in the Air Force with the National Security Council, and his homemade, backyard planetarium.

Wilson, Clifford. *The Alien Agenda*. New York: Signet, 1988. 241p. \$3.95.

This is a reprint of Wilson's 1974 book *UFOs* and *Their Mission Impossible* in which he argues that UFOs are demonic manifestations. A new chapter illustrates what might happen when a fundamentalist investigates an abduction case.

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Sanchez; the ages 7-12 trophies were won by Justin Noles and Tara Petree; ages 13-18 by Kalon Hood and Melissa Noles, and David See HAGERMAN, Page 6

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# Linguistics expert vouches for paper

By STEVE STEIN ARREST

A top-secret government document which details the events of a flery UFO crash near Corona in 1947 is apparently authentic, according to one of the foremost experts on linguistics in America.

Dr. Roger Wescott, director of the linguistics department at Drew University in Madison, N.J., confirmed to the Daily Record in a telephone interview that he recently examined a controver sial Nov. 18, 1952, document which briefs then-President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower about the UFO crash that occurred about 75 miles northwest of Roswell.

The document also discusses MJ-12, a group of scientists and military men allegedly recruited by President Harry S Truman a few months after the crash at Corona to study what has come to be known as the "Roswell Incident" and UFOs in general.

We scott has enviable academic credentials. He is a graduate of Princeton, a 1948 Rhodes scholar and the founder and director of the African Language Program at Michigan State University.

He has published 400 articles and 40 books on linguistics. He recently used a branch of linguistics known as "stylistics" to analyze the briefing document which ufologists contend was written by Adm. Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, the first director of the CIA and perhaps an original member of MJ-12.

Stylistics deals with the design or syntax of written language. Wescott was reluctant to discuss his study with the Daily

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Record, but said he would stand by comments about the document and his academic method made by Robert Bletchman, an attorney in Manchester, Conn., who originally asked him to study the document.

Contacted at his home by the Daily Record, Bletchman said he was surprised to hear that Wescott was hesitant to make public

comments about the document.

Bletchman, a longtime ufologist, discussed the sequence of events that led to Wescott's analysis of the document.

He said that in 1984, Jaime Shandera, a Hollywood television producer and usologist, received a roll of 35mm film in a plain envelope that allegedly contained several frames of the text of the

Shandera, Canadian nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman and William Moore, co-author of "The Roswell Incident," which was released in 1980, worked for more than two years to prove the authenticity of the document, Bletchman said.

In June 1987, reports concerning the document surfaced in the Daily Record, the New York Times and on ABC-TV's "Night

Line" program.

Bletchman said he began to seek out a linguistics expert after. he saw Moore, an acquaintance, debate the validity of the document on Night Line with UFO-basher Philip J. Klass.

Bletchman, who was introduced to stylistics through legal

research, was eventually referred to Wescott.

Klass, a frequent contributor to the "Skeptical Inquirer," which challenges claims related to UFO sightings, has stated publicly that Shandera, Moore and Friedman have no substantive documentation to prove their claim.

"It's not so," Moore told the Daily Record in an interview.

He said Wescott's credentials cannot be disputed.

Wescott compared the 1952 document to thousands of samples of Hillenkoetter's writing style from the National Archives and other sources. Moore said.

On April 7, Wescott wrote Bletchman a letter indicating his

conclusions on the authenticity of the document.

His letter in part said, "There is no compelling reason to regard any of these communications as fradulent or to believe that any of them were written by any one other than Hillenkoetter himself.

This statement holds for the controversial presidential briefing memo of Nov. 18, 1952," Wescott concluded.

A copy of that document, which was secured by the Daily Record, provides an unusual account of the crash and wreckage first discovered by Corona rancher W.W. Brazel.

Military officials have always maintained that Brazel found the

wreckage of a military weather balloon.

However, the 1952 document refutes the theory.

Part of Hillenkoetter's briefing to Eisenhower states, "Aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from the crast at some point before it exploded.

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."

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A special investigation commission formed by President Zine el-Abidine ben Ali of Tunisia said in a preliminary report Saturday night a commando group "armed with silenced submachine guns and pistols. made up of seven members, including a woman, attacked the residence of Abu Jihad at 1:30 a.m."

It said the killers fired "several bursts at the Palestinian leader, his two bodyguards ... and a Tunisian gardener" and al-Wazir responded "using his personal revolver before being hit in different parts of his body."

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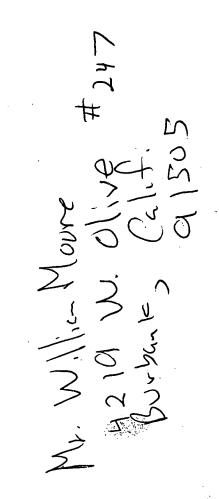
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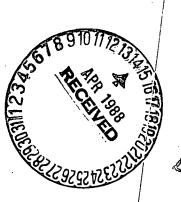
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