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

20 APR 1988

Dear Mr. Graham:

This is in response to your recent letter to Vice President Bush regarding your request for documents under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

In the course of a single week, the President and the Vice President receive many thousands of communications. As they and their immediate staffs cannot possibly respond to each one, many are necessarily referred for answer to the cognizant Executive agency. An official designated as the White House liaison officer gives correspondence such as yours the same careful consideration the President and Vice President would, were they able to do so themselves. This is my responsibility in the Air Force and the reason I am answering.

A review of Department of Defense (DoD) files failed to reflect any DoD records identifiable with the information you requested. We do have on file similar documents which were provided to the Air Force by you in conjunction with independent FOIA requests made to the Air Force.

Records for the period of time in question are maintained by the National Archives. Therefore, we have referred your request directly to that organization for response to you.

I trust this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. L. NANETH
Colonel, USAF

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

REFERRAL

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To: Department of Defense
Attn: White House Liaison Office
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Pentagon

Date: March 9, 1988

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ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ Vice President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☒ Direct reply.
☒ Furnish information copy.
- ☐ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

No interim sent.

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: Vice President Bush
From: Lee M. Graham
Date: February 20, 1988
Subject: "MAJESTIC-12" Committee

By direction of the Vice President

Vicky Potter
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Freedom of Information Act Request
(5 U.S.C. 552)
GEORGE BUSH
Vice President of
The United States of America
S-212 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510-00010

Dear Vice President Bush:

Sir, please note this document (see enclosure A); clearly marked "TOP SECRET/MAJIC EYES ONLY".

The DoD directive 5200.1-R 6-102 b. states- "Any person who discovers classified information out of proper control shall take custody of such information and safeguard it in an appropriate manner, and shall notify immediately an appropriate security authority."

Sir, I did turn the copy of this document (see enclosure A) that I received in the United States mail to my security office manager yet I find the document still in wide circulation. I, therefore, find it difficult to believe that this document is still classified "TOP SECRET."

I find it as difficult to believe that this document (see enclosure A) which purports the crash of a Flying Disc (along with 4 "Extra-terrestrial Biological Entities") and bears the signature of President Harry S. Truman on it; if it were a hoax; why every agency of the United States government that I have written to would ignore my many requests to declare it so.

It is now rumored that you are the current head of the present "MAJESTIC-12" Committee. If this is true; you can send me a complete "OFFICIALLY" unclassified copy of this document (see enclosure A).

I, therefore, (under the Freedom of Information Act request 5 U.S.C. 552) respectfully request-

1. A complete "OFFICIALLY" unclassified copy of the
"MAJESTIC-12" (see enclosure A) document.

Thank you for your time Sir.

Sincerely,

Lee M. Graham

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SUBJECT: OPERATION MAJESTIC-12 PRELIMINARY BRIEFING FOR
PRESIDENT-ELECT EISENHOWER.

DOCUMENT PREPARED 18 NOVEMBER, 1952.

BRIEFING OFFICER: ADM. ROSCOE 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 is a TOP SECRET Research and Development/Intelligence operation responsible directly and only to the President of the United States. Operations of the project are carried 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 Forrestal. (See Attachment "A".) Members of the Majestic-12 Group were designated as follows:

Adm. Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter
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
Dr. 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 B. 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.

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 07 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 balloon.

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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 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 "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.

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 "F".) It is assumed that the propulsion unit was completely destroyed by the explosion which caused the crash.

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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, 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 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 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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ENUMERATION OF ATTACHMENTS:

- *ATTACHMENT "A".....Special Classified Executive
Order #092447. (TS/EO)
- *ATTACHMENT "B".....Operation Majestic-12 Status
Report #1, Part A. 30 NOV '47.
(TS-MAJIC/EO)
- *ATTACHMENT "C".....Operation Majestic-12 Status
Report #1, Part B. 30 NOV '47.
(TS-MAJIC/EO)
- *ATTACHMENT "D".....Operation Majestic-12 Preliminary
Analytical Report. 19 SEP '47.
(TS-MAJIC/EO)
- *ATTACHMENT "E".....Operation Majestic-12 Blue Team
Report #5. 30 JUN '52.
(TS-MAJIC/EO)
- *ATTACHMENT "F".....Operation Majestic-12 Status
Report #2. 31 JAN '48.
(TS-MAJIC/EO)
- *ATTACHMENT "G".....Operation Majestic-12 Contingency
Plan MJ-1949-04P/78: 31 JAN '49.
(TS-MAJIC/EO)
- *ATTACHMENT "H".....Operation Majestic-12, Maps and
Photographs Folio (Extractions).
(TS-MAJIC/EO)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 24, 1947.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Dear Secretary Forrestal:

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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Harry Truman

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