

Some Thoughts on the New Majestic Red Herring

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It has remained my intention to present factual, historically accurate information, in order to help ferret out the truth in a subject rife with lies and distortions.

Recently (note: at the time, generally, that I wrote this) the subject of the Aztec Flying Disc Incident has been gaining attention, but in the wrong way in my opinion. The latest so-called "Majestic Documents", supposedly leaked to an on-line radio host are the cause of this new buzz, which seems to be gaining ground.

This researcher has shunned insider information and "leaked" material, considering it to be a major stumbling block to getting us closer to the truth. I feel it is one of the most troublesome aspects pertaining to the current climate of UFO research. One can make any claim they so desire, by relying on and therefore expecting us to believe, insider information. Making statements such as: "my insider source says x, y or z, but I can't tell you anything about them" is a perfect way to spread disinformation. This works especially well if you, the listener or reader, have grown to like or care for the person providing you with the latest scoop.

Granted, we have come to understand that certain respected media outlets, or journalists we have come to respect and trust (the keyword here is respect), might have a need to keep certain sources secret. We may have a reason to believe them, based on their reputation, over time, for accuracy and truthfulness in their published works.

As for the new "leaked" documents, for me the tip-off resides in the accuracy of some of the information being leaked -namely, the information pertaining to the incident of March 25, 1948.

In William Steinman's book, for instance, we were told that General George Marshall declared an air defense emergency on that day, as a result of the disc landing on a mesa. It also said he cancelled the emergency later the same day. When I read this, I thought it odd that General Marshall would have been the one to do this. He wasn't in charge of Air Defense Command or the Air Force.

We know now that our air defense system, as it existed at that time, was put into a state of emergency on March 25th, for the northwestern United States and Alaska. It was not done so by General Marshall but instead it was General Spaatz who ordered the alert. We know that it was augmented on the 26th, via teleconference, to include Albuquerque, New Mexico and the Eastern Seaboard.

We also know it lasted until early April, when General Vandenberg took over.

I have spent much of my available time researching this aspect of the story. I found that the Army General Staff, the CIA and the Air Force all had a secret, and serious interest in "Flying Discs."

On March 25, 1948 the Chief of the General Staff's Intelligence Group, Colonel Riley Ennis, sent a letter of instruction to the Air Force, requesting that all information they acquired, pertaining to flying disc sightings, made by deemed reliable persons, should be sent on to the IG, through the Air Material Command at Wright Field. It also ordered that these sightings, by qualified individuals, would fall into the category of "Unconventional Aircraft."

On 8 September 1950, the Air Force Director of Intelligence, General C. P. Cabell sent a comprehensive update of these recommendations, of reporting of Unconventional Aircraft, to the CIA, leaving out the term "Flying Discs". We know from Colonel Ennis's letter that "Unconventional Aircraft" included "Flying Discs." On the 26th, the order was sent on to Chief, COAPS, within the CIA:

General Cabell has sent us the attached instructions for reporting upon unconventional aircraft, and has asked that CIA extend all possible cooperation to USAF in gathering such data as circumstances may make available.

The term unconventional aircraft was explained in the instructional letter:

An unconventional aircraft, within the meaning of this directive, is defined as any aircraft or airborne object which by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or unusual features, does not conform to any presently known aircraft type.

The letter's final instruction read, ***3. It is desired that no publicity be given this reporting or analysis activity. BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF: CP CABELL***

The letter was sent to:

Dir/Int, G-2, Army, Dir/Naval Int., Commandant (INT) US Coast Guard, Sp Asst for Research & Intel, State, Director FBI and Director of CIA.

When the CIA formed the Scientific Intelligence Committee (SIC), number four on their list, to be afforded Top Priority, was unconventional aircraft.

Just as Colonel Ennis stressed the importance of vetting the reporting individual or office, in the letter of instruction he authored on March 25, 1948. So current researchers should do their best to do likewise. We can see that the subject of flying disc sightings, by deemed to be reliable witnesses, was taken very seriously by the Army, as well as the CIA and Air Force. It is extremely important for researchers today, therefore, to be very careful when attempting to ascertain the truth, regarding information relating to this subject matter.

The supposedly leaked DIA document seems to have lifted quotes directly from Mr. Steinman's book, which had the incorrect information. If it was a legitimate, classified document, wouldn't you think the information in it would be accurate? Instead it is quoted from a book that didn't provide all the correct information, for whatever reason.

Since I am not a document expert, I can only base my reasons for doubting these new documents based on my knowledge of all the legitimate documents I have read to date, coupled with my basic knowledge of air defense history. Based on these two aspects of my background, I strongly feel these documents are fakes. The question is no longer only why they were created, but why certain researchers feel the need to push them on everyone as being authentic.

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Department of the Army

General Staff, United States Army

Intelligence Division

Washington 25, D.C.

CSGIC 452.1 25 March 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

No. 2

Office Memorandum, United States Government

Date: 26 September 1950

To: Chief, COAPS

From: Assistant Director, OCD

Subject: Unconventional Aircraft

No. 3

Department of the Air Force

Headquarters United States Air Force

Washington 25, D.C.

AFOIC-CC-1 8 September 1950

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft

To: Commanding Generals, Major Air Commands, ZI and Overseas

All United States Air Attaches