

This is an excerpt from my article, "[Operation Bird Droppings](#)" which concerns the ongoing disinformation efforts of persons formerly affiliated with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations' efforts to mislead UFO researchers, Richard Doty and Robert Collins:

MJ-Hell: It Still Lives!

For those of you unaware of this unfortunate development, we now have new-and-improved MJ-12 "documents" to further muddy the waters. Although no involvement with them on the part of Moore, Doty and/or Collins has been proved thus far, both Doty and Collins endorse their authenticity. These bogus papers came out of the woodwork, just as the first batch did 25 years ago, with no verifiable origin—that is, having no provenance, something essential to historical research, not to mention separating fact from fiction. Despite the sometimes obvious, sometimes subtle flaws and fabrications found in the latest batch of MJ-12 papers, a few well-intentioned researchers—who should have learned their lesson the first time around—have taken the new "documents" to heart and have, of their own volition, disseminated them far and wide while vouching for, or at least implicitly endorsing, their integrity. There are several websites devoted to the supposed validity of this MJ-Crap 2.0, but I certainly won't advertize those fetid flytraps here.

I recommend instead the Fund for UFO Research's online heads-up about one of the "documents," the so-called SOM 1-01 field manual, supposedly written for military personnel engaged in the recovery of crashed UFOs:

<http://www.cufos.org/ros5.html>

The bio for one of the authors of this specially-issued bulletin, veteran UFO researcher Jan L. Aldrich, summarizes his expertise by saying that he "is familiar with protocols for establishing tactical bivouac areas with exclusion areas, operational security, and nuclear weapon accident/incident operations during field deployments. While at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was with the Directorate of Training Development, where he was tasked with analyzing and developing training manuals and materials."

In a recent email to me, Aldrich wrote,

Robert,

[Regarding] Robert M. Collins, who had experience in military intelligence, I have difficulty believing anyone with much military experience would endorse SOM 1-01. I understand that the USAF is not generally thought of as a field-operating organization. However, that said, they do have to go out and do crash rescue and recovery, they do have to do technical intelligence on captured enemy equipment and, further, they have to engage in normal operational security and counter-intelligence. Also, the writing of operational and technical manuals has very simple standards for organization, content and maintenance. Even a short exposure to the military, as an officer, should have been enough [for Collins] to see the faults and failings in SOM 1-01...

[The] style of writing and the simple act of updating of the manual, which is not done properly, should give clues that this item was a fake...even a nodding acquaintance with the military should have raised all types of red flags when reading through SOM 1-01...

Jan

In a follow-up email, in response to my request for some specifics relating to the flaws found in the supposedly-genuine 1954 field manual, Aldrich wrote:

I [found] about 50 problems with SOM 1-01 when I quit looking at the manual. If you go into the UFO Update [website] archives, I went into great detail about them. The emails are contained in the first few months of the archive.

Despite that exhaustive effort, Aldrich then generously devoted two full Word document pages to further critiquing the SOM 1-01 for me. For those of you interested in reading his comments, I have placed the full text at the end of this article. At the end of the critique, Aldrich wrote:

When I arrived in Europe [in 1984], I was not sufficiently trained in security and intelligence to do my job. I took every course that U.S. Army Europe had to offer, and dozens of correspondence courses, some of which amounted to over 120 sub-course booklets. One of the things I studied was the history of classified documents and directives from Truman on up to the [then] present day. As a subject-matter expert for Army meteorology, I had to analyze various training, operations, and maintenance manuals. Since the then-current system, at the time of my job, came into the Army inventory in 1947, I am very familiar with 1954 manuals, as the manual for hydrogen-generating equipment was originally written in 1954, and was still in use during my tenure.

[MJ-12 proponents such as] the Woods, Friedman, and Hamilton have an answer for my and others' objections. [However, while] they all know what they are talking about for manuals, security, and operations in the 1980s, it was different in 1954. They apparently have no idea what was going on then...

I was also in a critical nuclear weapons position for seven years, so I know about sensitive operations and security. Twice, I served as acting Intelligence Officer in a nuclear-capable artillery battalion. I also served for a time as an adjutant, both unusual positions for an enlisted man. Finally, I served on the Special Staff of the Commanding General of the Southern European Taskforce. So I have significant experience in a number of areas related to manuals, operations, and security. I have, at one time or another, had the additional duties of Top Secret Control Officer, Classified Document Custodian, Communication Security (COMSEC) Custodian, Cosmic TS Control Officer, Security Manager, Interviewing Officer for Special Background Investigations, Nuclear Release Authentication Training Officer, etc.

Well, as noted earlier, the man knows his field manuals. Fortunately, the person(s) who forged the SOM-01-I "manual" did not, which makes exposing it easier, at least for knowledgeable and credible military document examiners such as Aldrich.

I will also mention this fact, excerpted from the wikipedia.org webpage on MJ-12, which is at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Majestic_12#Arguments_against:

A document entitled 'SOM1-01:Extraterrestrial Entities and Technology, Recovery and Disposal' and found on www.majesticdocuments.com contains paragraphs with subheads set in the sans serif 'Helvetica' typeface. The document purports to be from 1954 yet the typeface in question was first designed in 1957 by the Swiss graphic designer, Max Miedinger. The capitalized sans serif letter 'R' (and others) found on many pages confirms that this typeface is not the much earlier Akzidenz Grotesk sans serif typeface. This evidence seems to strongly suggest that this document is a fabrication.

The bottom line: As was the case with the earlier batch of MJ-12 "documents" that surfaced 25 years ago, the newly-disseminated MJ-12-related SOM-01-I "field manual" is undoubtedly a forgery.

However, frustratingly, the great majority of folks who so confidently hold-forth on the supposed authenticity of the alleged field manual, and other MJ-12 papers, are not qualified to address these arcane technical issues, which is why Moore, Doty and Collins and their ilk have gotten away with so much over the years, at least in some quarters, when they dress up their disinformation as legitimate history.

While no evidence currently exists to link the bogus "field manual" to Doty or Collins, the fact that both of them promote its legitimacy so vigorously is sufficient cause for concern. Whether this "document" is eventually proven to be one of the Doty-created forgeries, mentioned to me by my confidential source, remains to be seen.