

The MJ-12 Saga Continues: Operation Bird Droppings—Update 1

By Robert Hastings

One day after "Operation Bird Droppings", my latest article on the MJ-12 hoax was posted online, I received the following email from Timothy Cooper, a leading figure in the ongoing MJ-12 controversy. (One may google his name, combining it with MJ-12 and/or SOM 1-01 for some background information.)

In any case, much to my surprise, the once-pro MJ-12 Cooper has now disavowed *all* of the MJ-12 material, including the many "documents" anonymously sent to him.

Here is Cooper's email to me. I have highlighted the key sentences:

----- Original Message -----

From: xxx@aol.com

To: hastings444@worldnet.att.net

Sent: Friday, April 03, 2009 10:24 PM

Subject: Re: My new article on MJ-12 and Serpo

Read your posting and as one who was foolishly taken in by the MJ-12 fantasy (which is what it is) I heartedly agree with your assessment. My father was trained by the OSI in 1949 and held a UFO Program clearance at ADC headquarters from 1957 to 1963 that allowed him to read and duplicate the most sensitive [sic] UFO-related material and never once believed there was a secret cabal group operating by that name. Since ADC was the primary consumer of all military UFO sighting reports while LeMay was Chief of Staff it is unconceivable that government intelligence or the military for that matter as my dad would put it would deliberately hide or mislead senior ADC intelligence officers of an alien threat from the sky and, at the same time, send their intercept pilots into harms way without being briefed of the possible dangers. **The MJ-12 documents, and I mean ALL of them (including SOM 1-01), are a hoax and those who promote them as reality know this[,] or should know this.** I showed him a copy and he said it was disinformation for the Soviets as the CIA and AF routinely did these kind of things all the time to get the Russians to spend enormous sums of money to investigate this and other "paper" jobs. As regards Serpo... pure science fiction but good science fiction.

As a unwitting dupe in this charade (I must confess I was willing to be led into believeing [sic] it by Friedman and the Woods), I have since distanced myself and have ceased association with Collins after the book EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE (which, I might add, was poorly edited and had my name as co-author air brushed out at my insistence) was released. My only inclusion in the book amounted to Collins taking a speculative piece I wrote for the

non-response) given that Cooper's highly-publicized involvement with, and advocacy for, the MJ-12 material over the years has further confused the issue relating to the supposed legitimacy of the group MJ-12, and has served to fuel the fires of controversy on this topic. If he has now repudiated his earlier position it is essential for him to publicize that fact far and wide. A single email to one researcher (me) is simply insufficient. I gave Cooper an opportunity to participate in a series of upcoming radio interviews, in which I will be discussing my new MJ-12 exposé, but he has apparently declined.

In any case, *someone* had to enter this important development in the public record, so I have. Further updates relating to my article will be issued as warranted.

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