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 sensitve [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

internet back in 1999 about James Jesus Angleton which he unilaterally edited into the book and was not a co-author in any real sense.

By the way[,] I have your book and found it precise and very informative. If my dad were still alive today he would have confirmed for you some of the incidents you cite but earlier incidents as early as 1963. He was always coy when the subject came up but his Special Citation upon his retirement reflected he knew what ADC was up against.

Thanks for the e-mail.

Tim Cooper

xxx@aol.net

----Original Message----

From: Robert Hastings hastings444@worldnet.att.net>

To: xxx@charter.net

Sent: Thu, 2 Apr 2009 5:33 pm

Subject: My new article on MJ-12 and Serpo

The attached article has just been posted at:

http://www.theufochronicles.com/2009/04/operation-bird-droppings.html

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After receiving this message, I responded to Cooper:

---- Original Message -----

From: Robert Hastings
To: xxx@aol.com

Sent: Friday, April 03, 2009 11:03 PM

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

Tim,

Thanks for the very informative email. To my knowledge, you have not *publicly* broken with Doty and Collins and the idea of MJ-12 as something real, or did I miss something?

If you have posted online or emailed information such as you just did to me, please send it my way. I would like to read it.

May I forward your email to Collins and others? I am going to be on the radio next week, on two different shows, debunking MJ-12. Care to join me?

Robert

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Despite a follow-up email to Cooper, in which I asked him whether he had received this message, he never responded. I consider this to be an unfortunate response (or

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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