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# NATO & Command Sergeant Major Robert O. Dean

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Subject: NATO & Command Sergeant Major Robert O. Dean

There has been a lot of controversy regarding the person and background of alleged Command Sergeant Major Robert O. Dean and his claims that

- a. He was stationed as CSM at NATO's SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters of Allied Powers in Europe) HQ in Rocquencourt/France
- b. His alleged "Cosmic Top Secret" Clearance
- c. His insight into "The Assessment", an alleged NATO UFO study.

Two of his claims were confirmed officially by NATO as the skeptic German UFO organisation GEP (Gesellschaft zur Erforschung des UFO-Phänomens - UFO Research Society) had to admit after a careful study, originally intended to discredit Dean and his claims after Dean spoke on the Dusseldorf International UFO Congress in October 1992.

GEP wrote to NATO and asked questions regarding Dean. Here are the replies to GEP chairman H.W. Peiniger:

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Dear Mr. Peiniger,

Regarding your letter of 12 April 1992 in which you asked for further information about Robert Dean, I will try to answer your questions as far as my investigation in this matter allows:

1. According to the US military representative in the Military Committee of NATO, a "Robert O. Dean" retired in the rank of a Sergeant Major in November 1976.
2. A NATO co-worker with the above-mentioned rank can have access to classified documents if he has the necessary clearance.

3. I am not able to give you further information on the person because of the American "privacy law".

4. Yes, this classification (**Cosmic Top-Secret**, MH) existed as the time in question.

(...)

With best wishes

W. D. Alquen  
German PIO  
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RE: Your letter of 12.04.1993 to the NATO Office of Information & Press

Dear Mr. Peiniger,

NATO Office of Information and Press sent me the above mentioned letter and asked me to reply. Unfortunately I cannot answer all your questions. The following information might help you a little bit.

The Supreme Headquarters of Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE) were until 1967 near Paris in Rocquencourt. (...)

The access to classified material does not depend on the rank but from clearance and authorization, given in the case of the necessity to have access to fulfill a special mission. "Cosmic Top Secret" is one of the possible classifications.

Sincerely yours

Rainer Otte  
Lt. Col."

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I hope these letters clarify some points of controversy regarding CSM Robert O. Dean. Yes, the man is genuine -- he was what he claims he was. He did have a 'Cosmic Top-Secret' clearance.

Has he indeed seen the "Assessment" on UFO activities? Maybe. At least NATO's comment gives us no reason to question his personal integrity.

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