



LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL
TOWN AND REGIONAL DISTRICTS AUTHORITY

03/09/82

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD XXCC-DoD-1958

SUBJECT: Turning Off the Research Program at Kilmatogh, Blackcross, Leitrim

1. On the 2nd of August, 1982, I personally discussed the reasons for terminating interest in the parapsychology investigations being completed by Mr. M. Cassin and his team at Kilmatogh. Mr. M. Cassin was not present at our meeting. The personnel present were: Dr. F. Jackson representing the Minister for Heritage and Culture, His Grace, Bishop R. McKay, Maestro Matthews of Black Cross Magic School, Mr. L. Fox, Attaché to the Minister of Defence, Garda Chief Sup. Intend. C. McConnell, and myself, County Manager. Standard confidentiality clause was signed by all present.
2. Since the research of Cassin and his team is controversial even with the Dept. of Defence, I felt that to insure the reputations of the interested parties was not unjustifiably tainted a more detailed explanation of our termination of the project was desirable and in the best interest of the government.
3. I explained that our interest in this area was being terminated not because of funding cuts, or lack of relevancy. Rather interest was being terminated because various aspects of the investigations presented an unacceptability high potential for public exposure of the government's interest and consequent controversy of the XUAL Community's growing anti-government rhetoric. The duration of this policy is unknown but was effective immediately without exception.
4. All present seemed to understand our situation and attitude. Mr. L. Fox, Attaché to the Minister of Defence, commented that the program represented the government's interests in not only controlling the otherworldly menace but in harnessing its power for our own purposes. The considered opinion is that all investigations in this area will be terminated because of its sensitivity. It therefore appears that our decision will result in a complete cessation of active research in this area at Kilmatogh hell gate.
5. Once the investigator's contacted the otherworldly powers, the demons seized control and relations with the Community broke down. It seems it was only through the actions of the Gardai fire squad that control was not totally lost. They burned it down and salted the earth. (I trust the irony of this is not lost on any of us.) Malcolm Cassin's vision was brilliant, but ultimately insupportable. The demons cannot be harnessed. Cannot be controlled.
6. It would be unfortunate if this research area is buried completely, as I predict there will be renewed interest in paranormal powers within the government at some future date and that the current decision that this project be terminated and all records concerning it expunged, will be regretted.
7. We will continue to monitor the area, censor media outlets, and prepare the usual measures should news of our involvement become public. I don't think it will. The hell gate itself will be filled back in and all trace of the XUAL Community on the site erased.

County Manager