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Interrogation of Major Garland Briggs, conducted by Colonel Raymond Riley and Second Lieutenant Kirby Jessup.

Col. Riley: Apologies for the circumstances and tenor of this meeting, Major Briggs, but we felt we needed to take certain precautions.

Maj. Briggs: I can't pretend we haven't crossed a line here or there in the past, Colonel, but we've certainly never kidnapped one of our own and tied him to a chair before. At least not that anyone told me about.

Col. Riley: You're right, but we've also never had reason to worry about one of our own in the past. You went missing 4 days ago, and have been back for another 2. In that time, you have been ordered repeatedly to report the nature of your disappearance and what you learned. We have reason to believe you went to the White Lodge, and we're afraid you might be keeping what you learned to yourself.

Maj. Briggs: Interesting theory, Colonel. Even if you are correct, it doesn't excuse the commission of a felony. Especially not against an old friend like myself.

Col. Riley: Unfortunately, based on what we know of this White Lodge, we're not so sure you are that same old friend we've known for so long. It most assuredly isn't like you to hold back information vital to Project Blue Book's ongoing mission.

Maj. Briggs: That I am the same Garland Briggs you've come to know all these years I can promise you. I haven't changed. Unfortunately, the more I learn of the forces we study, the more I'm realizing that Project Blue Book and its aims have. We started this project to discover hidden mysteries and uncover the wonders of our universe. Now we spend almost all of our efforts seeking a dangerous, unknown force that brings nothing but destruction to our realm. An astute man might begin to wonder if it isn't information we are seeking, but power.

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Col. Riley: And only a naive man would fail to realize that information and power are one the same. The informed man uses the intel at his disposal to obtain power, and the powerful uses his influence to control information. But what you are forgetting in all of this is that we seek these things for the betterment of the Armed Forces and to protect the nation, not for our own, personal benefit.

Maj. Briggs: Your words suggest a righteous cause, but the ties binding my wrists suggest the very opposite.

Col. Riley: Don't get me wrong, Garland. We do not take these actions lightly, but we see little other choice in light of your lack of cooperation. For all we know, you could be entirely comprised. As could we. So with those stakes at mind, I very much hope you opt for the easy way. Tell us everything you know now, and give us the chance to verify what we can. What happens after that depends on the situation at hand, but at least we will work through this together.

Maj. Briggs: And if I refuse to cooperate?

2nd Lt. Jessup: Then that's where I step in, sir.

Maj. Briggs: Your face looks familiar, yet the uniform you wear seems to have changed. Do we know each other, young man?

2nd Lt. Jessup: It has been a long time, but we've met. You accompanied my troop on a backpacking trip through White Tail Mountain.

Maj. Briggs: That's right, I knew you as a boy scout. Kirby, was it?

2nd Lt. Jessup: Yes sir. 2nd Lieutenant Kirby Jessup.

Maj. Briggs: Remarkable organization, isn't it? Helping to mold boys into young men of character. You might reconsider your affiliation with Project Blue Book if you'd like that to remain the case.

2nd Lt. Jessup: I became involved with Project Blue Book a few years back, and let me tell you, the things I've seen... I was on the ground for the Carcosa incident.

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Maj. Briggs: I hear that was touch and go for a little while.
 2nd Lt. Jessup: It got a little hinky, not gonna lie. But it's things like that make me realize Project Blue Book is a necessary evil. With what's at stake here, I have no qualms with the methods at hand.

Maj. Briggs: Then it's little wonder the Colonel felt you a suitable match for the program. Are you combing through the psych profiles of young officers, Raymond, seeking those who will obey without question or concern for the emotional cost?

Col. Riley: Lieutenant Kirby serves a valuable new role within the program, Garland. With questions as to your reliability and how much longer we can count on your expertise, he provides us all of the local knowledge on Twin Peaks that you have been able to provide in the past, with none of the moral high-horse or hesitance to do what must be done in the pursuit of our goals.

Maj. Briggs: So to you he is nothing but the local muscle. To me he seems like a man of virtue being led down a path of deceit.

Col. Riley: You really have changed, Major. I don't know if your time in the White Lodge changed you, or if you've simply gone soft. But ours is important work, and it must be seen through.

Maj. Briggs: The forces you seek to unleash are uncontrollable, Raymond. They are not guns you can point and shoot, or troops you can command on the battlefield. They are wild, foreign things that serve no goal but their own, and are as like to destroy you as your enemies. In time, perhaps, both.

Col. Riley: Fear of danger cannot be allowed to impede progress. If there is truly a source of power as strong as you are suggesting, then we must take the risk of finding it, if we can. Have you forgotten the state of the world? We are in the midst of a Cold War, mutually assured destruction hovering over our heads at every moment.

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Col. Riley (Cont'd): The Middle East is an ever-present powderkeg waiting to blow, and conditions in the Pacific Theater continue to worsen under Soviet influence. We need every tool at our disposal, every weapon in our arsenal. We have no choice.

Maj. Briggs: There are ways other than the barrel of a gun to prevent war and bloodshed.

Col. Riley: You're too right, Major. Including being the nation in control of the tool that finally renders the gun obsolete. One more time, Garland. What happened when you disappeared? Did you go to the White Lodge?

Maj. Briggs: Lieutenant Jessup, do as you will.

2nd Lt. Jessup: I'm just following orders, sir. I'd suggest you do the same.

Maj. Briggs: Fret not. It is not the soldier I hold responsible for the sins he commits on the battlefield, but rather the king who orders them done in his name.

Col. Riley: We don't serve a king, we serve the people. Lieutenant, keep at him. If he hasn't provided you what we need within the hour, debrief me on your progress.

2nd Lt. Jessup: Yes, sir.

Maj. Briggs: You seem comfortable with violence, young man. An unenviable trait.

2nd Lt. Jessup: Perhaps I'm not as virtuous as you thought. Are you ready to tell me what you know?

Maj. Briggs: Not yet. But let's see where the afternoon takes us.

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