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J. ALLEN HYNEK 1910-1986

We must report, with regret, the passing of Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Astronomer and former Air Force consultant to Project Blue Book. Dr. Hynek died of a malignant brain tumor at Scottsdale Memorial Hospital in Arizona on April 27th.

His credentials in the UFO field are well-known to long time UFOlogists. More than anyone else, he brought respectability to the subject of UFOs, especially during times when the full forces of government and the media were coming down hard on such research efforts.

Being the true scientist, Dr. Hynek kept his mind open and tried to gather evidence, with which he might come to some logical conclusions about UFOs. Unfortunately, the evidence always proved to be very elusive. Many scientists equated "elusive" with "non-existent" and thus turned away from the problem. But Dr. Hynek could not shrug off the tens of thousands of eyewitnesses with simplistic labels like "kook", "drunk", or "ignorant." He gave the witnesses due respect and acquired fascinating information in return, which eventually appeared in his books and articles. His recognition that through all the smoke and haze of misinformation, genuine nuggets of scientific knowledge could be obtained on UFOs, might be regarded as his greatest lesson to present and future students of unexplained aerial phenomena.

To CAUS, Dr. Hynek's eventual endorsement of our position on government duplicity to cover-up UFOs was a great boost. It told us we were doing the right thing in our pursuit of evidence and that this evidence was adequate to prove our point. Coming from the Air Force's own former debunker, this meant much to us. And we will continue to follow his desire for an answer to the UFO phenomenon.

Dr. Hynek came into this world on Halley's Comet in 1910 and we are grateful that he was able to claim the last empty seat on it in 1986 to take his ultimate trip into the cosmos.

UFO/MILITARY ENCOUNTER IN BRAZIL

As we go to press, a major UFO wave in Brazil seems to be on-going. So far, we have the following:

Ozires Silva, head of the state oil company, was preparing to land his Brazilian-made Xingu aircraft at an air force base 66 miles from Sao Paulo on May 19th. He suddenly saw three colored lights in

his flight path, appearing like darting ping pong balls. Silva sped off in pursuit, apparently having the three objects on radar as well as seeing them visually. While airborne, Silva radioed the Brazilian Defense Center, which sent three F-5E jet fighters after the lights.

The fighters pursued the UFOs for 30 minutes toward Sao Paulo until they ran low on fuel and broke off the chase. The pilots reported the speed of the UFOs as varying between 160 and 990 MPH and detectable on radar. One of the pilots reported that his fighter was surrounded by 13 colored lights, 10 other objects having joined the original three. Seven objects were on one side of the jet while six were on the other. The closest approach of the jets to the UFOs was four miles.

After the F-5Es broke off chase, three supersonic Mirage-3 fighters, armed with Sidewinder and Matra 530 missiles, continued the pursuit. They had detected the objects on their radars but never managed to get visual contact.

Air Force Minister Octavio Moreira Lima said on May 22, "It is not a question of believing or not. This requires technical information and we have neither replies nor technical explanations for what happened."

The President of Brazil, Jose Sarney, was reportedly told of the incident Monday night (19th) and was said to be "interested and curious" about the affair.

Additional sightings were reported May 21st when the Fortaleza air base received calls about a dark, cigar-shaped object in the sky. Also, on May 22, a freelance cameraman took film of a glowing, round object near Maringa, in the state of Parana.

The Brazilian Air Force has named a panel to investigate the reported sightings.

NOTES

-- We are also aware of a major sighting in Petaluma, California involving a huge, orange, X-shaped UFO seen by at least a dozen witnesses, including police. This occurred during the week of May 19th. Some reports have jet aircraft involved in the incident but we are unsure of this detail. If so, we will have a full report in our next issue.

-- Would anyone who has done useful research on the "Foo-Fighter" phenomenon of World War 2 please contact us? We would like to unearth some of the early intelligence reports on this but more adequate detail on individual sightings is needed. There is every indication that a study was done on "Foo-Fighters" by the Army/Air Force shortly after the war.

-- Subscribers with home computers might want to tap into the computer network run by Dale Goudie, 4109 Lake Washington Blvd., S. Seattle, Wash. 98118. It is a UFO data base which lists sightings government documents and other information useful to UFOlogists. The computer/modem number is 206-722-5738. To obtain information from Mr. Goudie, call 206-721-5035.

-- We have expanded our exchange network to include the following publications: UFOLOGIA (Brazil), COMPUTER UFO NEWSLETTER (Italy), AUSTRALIAN INTERN. UFO/FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH (Australia), SIXTH QUARK JOURNAL (New Jersey).