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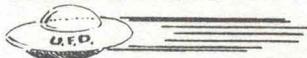
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THE DEATH OF UFOLOGY

By Robert S. Easley

Ufology
The study of flying saucers
Born 24 June 1947
Died the year 1969

A phenomenon that once
swept the country, and
world. Killed by public
Apathy!

The above could easily be placed on the tombstone that sits in front of the grave where Ufology has been laid to rest.

For Ufology is dead! Killed by Dr. Condon, Project Blue Book, and by many of the researchers who once studied it.

Dr. Condon killed Ufology with his report on the University of Colorado's two year study of UFOs, which he headed.

Despite many unidentified sightings listed in the Report, Condon still stated that there was no evidence for UFOs. In the first page of his Report, Condon writes: "Our general conclusion is that nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 20 years that has added to scientific knowledge. Careful consideration of the record as it is available to us leads us to conclude that further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby."

In the Report, cases number: 2, 6, 8, 12, 43, 46, 52, and 59 were only a few of the many listed as Unidentified. Condon himself stated that if UFOs turned out to be extraterrestrial in origin it would be "...the greatest single scientific discovery in the history of mankind."

Yet, the entire Report itself points negative to UFOs and that's how the Academy of Sciences, Air Force, Press, and general public took it. Exactly what Dr. Condon wanted!

Project Blue Book killed Ufology. In its long history Project Blue Book, known by other names in its early days, started the killing with its false explanations of sightings, false and deliberately altered statistics, and general mismanagement of the whole UFO program.

In 1948 the Air Technical Intelligence Center, in their Top Secret "Estimate of the Situation," stated that UFOs were indeed inter-planetary spaceships! This report (later declassified and destroyed) was shot down by the Air Force.

The Air Force had to keep their Death Machine - Project Blue Book - rolling towards its goal. After twenty-two years of merrily rolling

along, Ufology was killed. This allowed the Death Machine to finally roll to a stop.

On 17 December 1969 the Death Machine, after doing its job remarkably, ran out of gas. Project Blue Book was officially disbanded. According to Air Force Secretary Robert C. Seamans Jr., Project Blue Book "...no longer can be justified either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science."

Project Blue Book was killed right along with Ufology.

One time UFO researchers have helped put the knife in deeper by dropping out of the field. Some of them had a good reason to drop out while others didn't. The ones who didn't are the ones we are concerned with. I remember my high school football coach telling me right before a big game that "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." Somehow, that should apply to Ufology too.

Many times in the past 23 years the going has gotten tough. People have dropped out of Ufology in times like this, thus leaving more work for the dedicated few to handle.

1969 was the year Ufology died. But today, in 1970, we still see a handful of dedicated researchers trying to bring Ufology back to life, back to a point where it deserves the recognition of organized science. At the present moment the resurrection is running into snags. One time serious researchers are dropping out of the field like flies. The few remaining ones are afraid to stick their necks out and help the ghost of Ufology come back to life.

The general public doesn't give a damn about flying saucers anymore. They believe the false government reports and people like Drs. Condon and Menzel. Only a few are reporting their sightings.

But we, the last of the dedicated researchers, know that the government is lying to the public about UFOs. We know that there is overwhelming evidence to get Ufology to the respectable level it belongs. We know that the general public deserves to know the whole truth about UFOs. We have to set the record straight!

In short, the entire UFO Movement-what's left of it anyway- is facing total destruction because of public apathy, Ufological apathy, and the gross stupidity of the United States Government!

Are we going to let this happen?

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FEATURE NEXT ISSUE : "Pop" UFO song.....

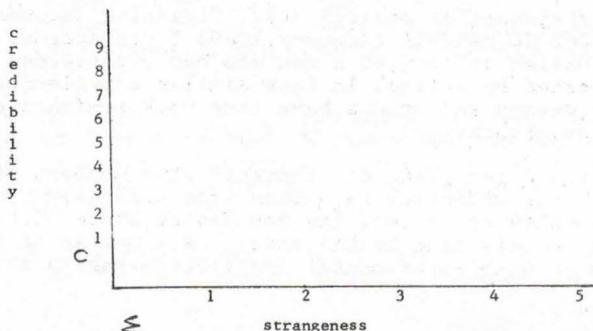
DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK AND THE Σ C RATING SCALE

At the 1969 Congress of Scientific Ufologists, Dr. J. Allen Hynek's Sigma C UFO sighting rating scale was accepted as the rating scale for all Congress members. Since that time, Dr. Hynek was decided the system needs revision. In his own words are those comments as communicated to me.

Edward M. Beibel

"Since we all recognize that a UFO report, no matter how good it appears to be, is of little value unless we know something about the witnesses or witness, quite some time ago I adopted the very simple method of plotting 'strangeness' of a UFO report against the credibility of the witnesses. It is apparent that those reports in the upper right hand area of such a diagram would have the greatest scientific potential. However, as time went on, I recognized that the diagram was being uselessly cluttered by UFO reports which were not UFO reports at all, but merely reports of meteors, balloons, etc. Clearly, there is little point to including obvious misperceptions in such a diagram. So, I now simply eliminate all those which I do not feel are UFO reports in the sense that they remain puzzling. This concerns only the strangeness designation. The manner of assessing the credibility of witnesses, of course, remains the same. As to strangeness, however, I now simply rate the case by the number of 'strange information bits' that it contains. That is, if the report concerns a light in the night sky about which you can say only that it moved in a strange manner, then it is of low strangeness. If, however, one has a report in which a brilliantly illuminated craft approaches to within 100 feet, there is some noise associated with it, it has constructional features about it that are discernable, and it affects cars or animals, then this has many separate strange information bits about it. The strangeness index now simply is a measure of separate strange items about the report which need explanation. A Strangeness 1, therefore, is still a good UFO report in the sense that it is unexplained, but there is not too much to explain about it. Strangeness 5, is certainly also unexplained, but there are many things about it which need explanation such as light, sound, motion, appearance, color, etc, etc, etc. In short, the Revised Σ C Diagram is a Diagram which included only reports which have been subjected to a severe filter, to take out definite or highly suspected cases or ordinary things."

HYNEK'S Σ C SCALE



CAPIC NOTES.....

By Edward Biebel

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As of this writing we have ten participating groups in the Filter Center project. We expect more in the next few weeks. We also expect the Filter Center idea to be officially endorsed and backed by the Congress of Scientific Ufologists, and to become an integral part of its program.

The area of coverage is sparse and we need quite a few more participants to even have somewhat limited coverage of the U.S. Everyone reading this is asked to please send in their name, address, telephone number with area code, and area they want to cover.

Right now we especially need coverage in the deep South, New England, West coast and northern plains states. At this time no major sightings have been reported or investigated, and no patterns have developed, but we will keep our ears glued to the telephone for reports and our eyes on the sighting map of the United States.

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Around And About the Saucer World

By Rick Hilberg

In the past few years it seems that UFO MAGAZINE has strayed from being a typical "saucerzine", that is, publishing sensational UFO reports and material of a highly spectacular nature to merely hold the attention of its readers. Rather, we have "gone conservative" and published only material which we thought was of genuine use to researchers. This has thus limited our readership to those "insiders" who actually take part in the nitty-gritty of UFO investigation. For this we are glad....who want's to publish worthless reports of lights in the sky, or rehash old worthless yarns! There are plenty of zines that do already....

Why this statement of policy? After finishing Jacques Vallee's recent PASSPORT TO MAGONIA (Regnery, 1969) I ran across an old letter from Robert Easley telling of a man who had experiences very typical of those reported by Vallee. In fact similar experiences with saucer pilots, elves, demons and others have gone back hundreds of years in tales of folklore and fantasy.

While Vallee cited cases of "contact" with members of the "Secret Commonwealth", the witnesses he quotes were generally upright citizens in their community or region. The man Easley wrote of, however, has been considered as hardly sane by his peers. As a matter of fact the man is currently in an Ohio state mental institution-hardly to be considered

reliable even by Ufological standards! However, and this is a big however, his tale is so typical of others throughout history-others considered perfectly sane. Who can say whether the man Easley mentioned to me in his letter from the winter of 1967 is not a victim of either the "others", or of an ignorant scientific/political system?

Who indeed can say? The following is Easley's letter to me:

Rick:

The following was given to me in a conference on Saturday morning, Oct. 7, 1967. The information was given in strict confidence so I can't give you his name but he seems like an ok guy. He was really shook up about it as he does not know what to do. Because of it he has been divorced once and his second wife has left him. The following is a summary of what he told me:

Several months ago _____ had this premonition to get up and write something. He was still half asleep as it was 2 or 3 in the morning. He was directed to write what is on the back of his check stub (see copy). He then put it in his billfold and went to bed. He forgot it completely until he saw it.

Right before he had the above premonition he had the following dream: He gets in his car and drives to a 5-span bridge. Below the bridge is a huge saucer hovering over the river. A spotlight is emanating from the object and bathing the river. As he is sitting in his car a sun-like object floats toward the car. Next thing he knows he is inside the saucer sitting at a desk attached to a wall. A guy is telling him to write something. Then he goes home where he wakes up and writes on the check stub.

While living in South Carolina a few years ago he has a premonition to take a 3-day trip. He packs and goes to a bridge, parks the car and sits there. Next thing he knows he is in a very strange place. The police drag the river because they think he committed suicide. The body isn't found. The next thing he remembers is that he is sitting in his car. So he goes home to find he's supposed to be dead.

The saucer which he sees in his dreams and premonitions was drawn for me by him. It is almost exactly like the Mc Minnville, Oregon case of 1950. I showed him that photo and he was shocked that I had a pic of the same object. The writing on his check stub was also written on the side of the craft.

He also told me that another of his premonitions told him that a boy drowned when he was five years old. A spirit entered the dead boy's body to take it over. The spirit is now him and he is from Venus. He did not know this till a year ago-when he was 25. He has a job to do here but he has no idea what it is.

Through telepathy he has been told that he has just 3 months to make up his mind whether to stay here or go back to Venus. He feels

