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Re: Carl Sagan

From: egs@netcom.com (Edward G. Stewart)
Date: Fri, 20 Dec 1996 16:05:06 -0800 (PST)
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> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Carl Sagan dies at 62
> Date: Fri, 20 Dec 96 11:44:33 -0600
> From: Pat Parrinello <pparri@republic.net>
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> He left us with a ship of the imagination. With this ship we
> explore the possibilities of a certain future.
>
> He was a Johnny Appleseed spreading the seeds of thoughts
> through out the world and the fruits of those orchards are
> sweet to the endeavors of hope for Man Eternal in the Universe.
>
> I see him in the Heavens passing by to take an occasional apple
> from one of his trees and taste the nectar of God.
>
> Goodby, Carl... and hello, Carl... I know you are out there now
> where the truth is at last found..
>
> ~Pat~

Not a well known fact regarding Carl Sagan's role and the UFO phenomena.

After the Condon Report and the Air Force announcement that they were discontinuing BLUE BOOK, rumors ran rampant that the Air Force was going to destroy the BLUE BOOK files. Dr. Edward Condon tried to use his influence to do just that. Carl Sagan on hearing of this circulated a petition and letter with the assistance of Thornton Page to the scientific community to prevent the destruction of the BLUE BOOK files. He gathered a lot of support from his colleagues and placed pressure on the Air Force not to destroy the files, but to make them available for future access and study to the public.

For whatever reason, the Air Force then stated that they would not be destroying the files and that they would be kept for future public access. Condon was livid and campaigned very hard to prevent the entry of the "renegade" Carl Sagan from membership into the prestigious Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C., thus paying a personal price for his opposition to Condon.

As it may, ufologists have Carl Sagan to thank for the preservation of the BLUE BOOK files.

Also, it was due to Carl Sagan and Thornton Page that the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) held its symposium on UFOs against a lot of political pressure not to address the subject. The symposium gave Hynek and McDonald a forum to present their viewpoints and cases.

Ed Stewart

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Ed Stewart - egs@netcom.com - | So Man, who here seems principal alone,  
"There is                    | Perhaps acts second to some sphere unknown.  
Something Going On!" ,>'?'<, | Touches some wheel, or verges to some goal,  
-Salvador Freixedo- ( 0 0 ) | 'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.  
-----oo00-( )-00oo----- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man -----
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