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Re: Walton Case.4: NICAP June 76 evaluation - Klass

From: Gary <galevy@pipeline.com>
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Jerry Cohen wrote:

> >Date: Mon, 16 Dec 1996 17:59:21 -0500
> >From: Gary <galevy@pipeline.com>
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Walton Case.4: NICAP June 76 evaluation - Klass
> >References: <2.2.32.19961216220215.00b82a20@globalserve.net>

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> >You may find this of interest for another perspective on the Travis
> >Walton case please read Coral and Jim Lorenzens account in "Abducted -
> >Confrontations with Beings From Outer Space" 1977 Berkley Medallion
> >Books, Chapter IV The Walton Affair pp 80-113.

> JC: Thank you Gary. Someone else pointed that out to me. I'm going to get
> the book. However, NICAP had printed several things over the years calling
> into question the accuracy of some of the Lorenzens' books. I really
> respected NICAP. I'll take a look at what the Lorenzens said and whether
> or not this book was one of those mentioned by NICAP.

I understand you really respected NICAP but before you let the concept of respecting an authoritative organization shape your judgement you should familiarize yourself with the background of its founders, directors and their histories and ties to the intelligence community. Likewise do the same for the APRO. Here I'll add just a few comments to entice you to open mindedly look into this and evaluate it yourself without accepting NICAPs judgement of APRO a priori or vice versa.

>From the Lorenzen book - UFO's The Whole Story 1969, Signet. Page 7

"As a child in 1934!, (my ! for emphasis) Mrs. Lorenzen observed a UFO and a few years later mentioned the object to the family doctor. Being an open-minded and curious man, his own reading jaunts had taken him far afield from his profession; he had read many 'off-beat' books, among which were those of Charles Fort, the original UFO researcher, who held scientists in utter contempt and penned his intellectual barbs with rare humor. The doctor recommended that if Mrs. Lorenzen was interested in reading about other people who had seen strange things in the sky, she should imbibe Fort's works, which she did-at the age of twelve. She discovered that things similar to the erie white half-disk she had seen were described in astronomical journals, scientific papers, and ordinary newspapers which predated her own sighting by at least a hundred years. The books, Lo, Book of the Damned, and Wild Talents, were gold mines of information about UFOs and other inexplicable things."

I am not too surprised about the origin of the Lorenzen's interests. I am finding more frequent than not that many of the major UFO researchers have had significant personal experiences. I didn't find out about Mrs. Lorenzen's experience until I had started reading the third of their five books I have. Two and a half down and two and a half to go of the five I have. So far of the major past UFO researchers I am familiar with they "seem" to be the most genuine. I say seem because I need to know more. They seemed genuinely surprised and annoyed at the surveillance they were placed under by the US government. You can trace their transformation from thinking that they were above suspicion (their own govt employment) to their later enlightenment about the ways of intelligence when reading the Durant/Robertson report. I find it interesting that their organization died with them as opposed to NICAP which continued on under the guidance of CIA's psyops.

I would like to learn more about APRO historically. They, the Lorenzens, did not censor the UFO material they collected to the degree that Keyhoe/NICAP did to make the information publicly and/or politically salable.

Keyhoe/NICAP was either run as a counterintelligence operation or so infiltrated that it functioned as one nonetheless. So many aspects of Keyhoe and his operation of NICAP didn't make sense and are logically explicable by using this explanation without invoking any conspiracies or histrionics. However don't take this to mean that NICAP and its individual researchers didn't produce anything of validity or merit. A good counterintelligence operation often does, as a by-product of fulfilling its primary but hidden objectives, produce such material, in fact doing this often enhances the effectiveness of the counterintelligence operation.

Don't take this to mean that I think APRO was all above board, I don't have enough information to formulate an opinion on that. Kevin Randle while in his twenties was a an APRO field investigator of the Patty Price case mentioned in the Lorenzen's "Abducted - Confrontations With Beings From Outer Space, chapter 2 pages 9-24. Berkley Publishing 1977. Was Kevin working for the Air Force Intelligence service at that time? The book doesn't say. I am aware that Kevin participates in the dialogue on UFO UpDdates and I would find interesting any commentary he would have on APRO, his investigations, background which brought him into UFO research, etc.

Gary Alevy

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