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> > Carl Sagan's death ends a career which, while otherwise superior in  
> > its achievements, was sullied by his persistence in his latter years in  
> > debunking and ridiculing the abundant evidence for extraterrestrial life  
> > and its visitation to Earth.

> > It is not credible to suppose that Dr. Sagan did not know better. It  
> > is a pity that he allowed himself to be used by the UFO Cover-Up.

> > At least now he knows better.

> > [...snip...]

> > I would think that an ex-priest would have something kinder to say. I'm just  
> > completing a book about Project Blue Book and plan to include these words:

> > To Carl Sagan: Who prevented the destruction of the Project Blue Book files  
> > at great personal cost. Thanks, Dr. Sagan.

> > 1934 - 1996

> > KRandle

> > Bravo Kevin!

[snip]

> Kindest Regards,

> Clarke Hathaway  
> SouthWestern Artist and UFO 'buff'.

I think as Ed Stewart made clear, there is not necessarily a cause and

effect in connection with Sagan's attempt to keep the Blue Book files from being destroyed, and the Air Force transferring the files to Maxwell AFB. However, that he made the effort, did not find favor with some. Menzel wrote to Condon that he recommended that the files be closed for 5 years and then made available.

In reading some of the letters that Thronton Page received in protest of the AAAS presentation it is obvious that some scientists and others like Phil Klass had rather strong feelings about whether it should occur and what the program should be. Page responded that Science would not crumble if the ufo question were considered by the AAAS. He refused to engage in any long arguments with anyone, and just let them know he and Sagan were going to do this(period). Sagan's correspondence on the matter might be interesting although I suspect he let Page carry the ball on most of the arrangements.

A number of scientists wrote to Condon about the ufo problem while the Colorado project was active. Some of Condon's correspondence indicates that these scientists did so at their professional peril. Although there is no indication, he actually took action against anyone, with the exception of James McDonald and Sagan's admission to the Cosmos Club and possibly one other, but just a few words in casual conversation is sometimes enough to cause doubt about someone's professional reputation.

(Condon and Menzel were both more forgiving of Hynek.)

Jan Aldrich

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