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Re: Intelligence Agencies and NICAP

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> [snip]

> >If the "take over" people wanted to, as you say, develop a
> >good investigative/observation operation, then the thing to
> >do was to pour money into a captive NICAP and keep their
> >outstanding investigative network going.

> Jan do you think that anybody is going to admit they were a mole in civilian
> UFO organization.

Of course, not if such a mole exist. Is Zechel's version of events correct? I was around about the time all this was happening certainly didn't look that way to me. In fact Zechel version is wrong about how certain events unfolded. No one was has gone to major players to find out what was going on. My main research objective is *not* the demise of NICAP. I ran across numerous letters from the major players that tell a far different story. I have asked a number of knowledgeable people who were around at the time about what happened.

There is evidence (not proof) for some type of destruction campaign with Staurt Nixon and the subcommittee system. Idabel Epperson complained to Dick Hall that Nixon was writing insulting letters to LANS members. She pointed to Nixon as wanting to destroy NICAP's subcommittee network. The Connecticut NICAP Affiliate dropped out of NICAP as I understand it because Nixon told George Earley with NICAP's tax-exemption the Affiliates and Subcommittees would have to submit copious records to the IRS. Hall later told me that such an IRS requirement was bogus and did not exist.

So if you want to nominate Stuart Nixon as the destruction agent of NICAP, I will go along. Now whether he was a plant or just incompetent is up for grabs. BTW NICAP did not just go into a complete decline. They did have a little recover in the early 1970s and attracted back many of the people who left when Keyhoe was ejected. There salad days were over, however.

> Look what happened to Bill Moore when he fessed up.

If Bill Moore said the sun was shining outside, I would go outside twice to check. What makes you think his "confession" is any more valid than anything else he said.

> I am sure you know that solid evidence in a intelligence game is extremely
> difficult to find if at all. We must all fly by the seat of our pants.

So we should always suspect intelligence meddling and never look for other causes for events??? And if we find other causes for events, we should not prusue them???

> If I
> get intelligence that there is a machine gun nest on the other side of the
> hill don't you think I am going to fly with that information rather than wait
> for the solid evidence to hit me in the chest.

> I am sure you remember the quote attributed to Hillenkoettner. Something to
> the effect that he had gone as far as he could. Well it was very obvious
> that congressional hearings were causing quite a stir. Keyhoe gets the boot,
> NICAP disintegrates, then that air force swamp gas debunker Hynek suddenly
> makes a conversion and pushes for scientific investigations into UFOs.

I think your assessment of Hynek is wrong. Early on he when to France to look at the 1954 wave and recorded a number of interviews with witnesses. He met with Aime Michel during this trip.

During the middle 1950s, he would meet with Civilian Saucer Intelligence (CSI (NY)). He was very worried about someone seeing him do this, however.

Isabel Davis told me when he came he would have his hat pull down over his eyes and his raincoat collar pulled up to his ear when he arrived at the door. Isabel called him "that timid little man." [If you ask Dr. Fred Beckman, a good friend of Hynek's, he will tell you that this was completely out of character for Hynek and he would never act in such a manner.]

In any case notes from these meetings indicates Hynek brought summaries of USAF cases which Ted Bloecher hurried hand copied while the others pressed Hynek for details of cases and investigations. He would also ask them for current CSI cases.

Ted wrote a lot of inquiries to the Air Force on specific cases about this time 1954-56. I suspect that the main source of Ted's inquiries was Hynek summaries given to CSI in these meetings.

Hynek had one meeting with NICAP personnel--but not at the office. It was at a private home. It was not very successful as an astronomy graduate student who had been taking LSD flipped out and started spouting gibberish. No very conducive to good impressions on Hynek's side.

McDonald agreed with your impression of Hynek for a while. They should have been natural allies, however, McDonald continued to bash Hynek. One exchange of letter has Hynek asking when this was going to end, and McDonald answering that not for a long while because Hynek unwillingness to go public years before. Interestingly enough, Hynek had in his files the original copy of a UFO sighting made by McDonald and a number of other scientists and submitted to the USAF in 1954. Hynek did not turn the argument around on McDonald.

> I think Hynek skillfully diverted the UFO community away from solving a
> political problem, ie a coverup, with political solutions.

Hynek was a scientist. You would expect a scientist to react to the problem using his tools not political activism.

> He knew full well
> that a coverup can't be solved with scientific solutions! Hell he was UFO PR
> man for the air force. As to evidence that Hynek was playing both sides of
> the fence I would refer you to some of Len Stringfields literature especialy
> the little run in Len had with Hynek. I talked to Len about that in person
> when he was alive. That little series of events is very enlightening from a
> intelligence perspective.
>

> Then we have MUFON and FUFOR come into existence with a man with a NSA
> background taking, formulative and critical positions in both organizations.

You are telling me that Dueley was around at the formation of
MUFON and Skylook. Are you sure?

> Of course if Thomas D. is a mole plugging security leaks and gathering
> intelligence he is not going to fess up. One thing for sure is that Thomas
> D. is in exactly the place a intelligence mole should be. I am not saying
> that he is a mole but he sure as hell is a prime suspect if there every was
> one just as Hynek was. I or anybody else in their right mind would not give
> sensitive information to MUFON, CUFOS or FUFOR.

> The UFO community in my mind looks very much like a compromised intelligence
> agency. Its confused, conflicted, tied up in knots with petty squabbles.
> Sure a lot of it is internally generated but it only takes one or two rather
> intelligent bad apples to spoil the whole barrel.

I don't agree. The ufo community keeps retreading these giant
conspiracy theories.

In correspondence between Keyhoe and Coral Lorenzen about 1954-5.
Coral agrued that Keyhoe was an unwitting intelligence pawn preparing
the public for the secret of UFOs which would soon be released.
She also commented about the young brash guy Leonard Stringfield.
He is was coming up with so much inforamtion, but can he be trusted.
He might be an intelligence agent. Coral was so sure that the
answer would come out that she would not allow renewals to APRO
for a whole year because we would know all about the UFO before
then and there would be no need for APRO.

I like her later assessment better: The official father figures
do not say anything about UFOs and ufologist conclude that "Daddy
won't tell instead of Daddy does know." And I would add "and
Daddy doesn't much care."

Best regards,

Jan Aldrich

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