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With kind regards to the List, our host, EBK, and Scott Hale...

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>Date: Thu, 29 Aug 1996 00:35:49 -0700
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>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: PROJECT-1947 - Corso's Qualification Record

SCOTT STATED:

>UFO sightings have long been and will continue to be a question to be
>studied/noted by intelligence groups. Perhaps one notices what a
>confusing subject UFOs are when in intelligence?

That's an interesting point, and one that is born out well, when you look at some of the guys in the 50s and 60s that were actually involved in what I think of as "Pioneering UFOlogy," heh. For instance, Major Donald Keyhoe comes to mind immediately, and the intense interest and even infiltration of early UFO research groups by folks known to have a "covert" background.

Somebody help me out since I'm blank... What was the particular organization I'm talking about? Stan Friedman? Don Ecker? Rebecca Schatte? Jerome Clark? Jan Aldrich? Was it NICAP? Fawcett and Greenwood did some good research, but I'll be dadgum (Texas colloquialism, sorry) if my synapses will fire right now, heh...

>After all, I think we all probably agree that someone with a
>background in intelligence would be more likely to get interested in
>UFOs than an average person.

Indeed, one would have to recognize (although with some it would be grudgingly) that some pretty "intelligent" people work for "intelligence" outfits. And your assessment fits, I think, whether that interest might be in a "professional" capacity or not. (wink)

My point, if I just have to have one (heh), is that an intelligence background would not NECESSARILY be a bad thing to have, when approaching this subject. I personally think it might be refreshing to have those who are good enough investigators and thinkers go in and flush some of the sewage out of UFOlogy's pipes.

Through the years, I have observed some odd twists, with regard to involvement of "intelligence people" in UFOlogy. I've seen what I believe to be both "information" and "disinformation" come of it.

>I would also like to point out that the public at large doesn't
>think UFO research to be "fringe", at least according to the recent
>polls

I'm still with you, Scott, but I will respectfully reserve a spot on "hold" with the above. (grin) I still think we have a way to go to be accepted without at least a smirk on the part of a good percentage of the population.

>I'm not saying that there aren't people with creepy
>ulterior motives involved in UFO research.

Sage words, Scott. That group can be divided into several levels and motivations, but that would be another topic unto itself, heh.

>The problem comes in when we have people like Ed Komarek
>(I hate to use real life examples, but it's the only thing I
>can relate it to.) who scream debunker or disinformation
>agent if that person doesn't think the same way as them.

I won't call any names, as you have already effectively covered that issue (nudge, wink, saynomore), but I WHOLLY and COMPLETELY agree with the above-related scenario. It flatly flabbergasts me that such polarization exists amongst people who would call themselves researchers and/or investigators. (shrug)

It amazes me how many comments that Bill Ralls and I get about being "debunkers," in regard to our own research, simply because we refuse to buy into or support that which we either KNOW or vigorously percieve to be either wrong, misguided, uninformed, or [excuse my flair here, but let's call a spade a spade] BULLSHIT.

>This undying untrust of every person we associate with in
>regards to UFO research holds us back!

Here here. Bravo. Concurrence.

>Look at Jan Aldrich. Here is a researcher who has undertaken
>a study, which, will probably become one of the most important
>UFO studies ever made.

Without a doubt! [EVERYONE READING, hats off and a salute to Jan and his associates!]

>Instead of being praised for such excellent and level-headed
>research we questions about Jan's military past! This is
>something wrong with this picture...

I perceived such to be, when I read it, a badly-fired rocket, aimed at the wrong target. (wink) "Friendly" fire is sometimes the most hazardous, I guess...

>My Two Bits,
>Scott K. Hale

Mine, too. Heh.

Glenn Joyner
Dallas

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