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### Re: that ol' Extra Terrestrial Hypothesis

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> >> big snip <

> >> I don't think McDonald ever had a personal sighting, yet he was  
> >> quite passionate about the subject. Wouldn't scientists with a  
> >> personal experience be even more vocal and passionate?

> >Well Dennis you are quite wrong about this statement, James  
> >McDonald did have a sighting or have you forgotten how Jacques  
> >Vallee documents how he double-crossed James McDonald by  
> >revealing information about McDonalds sighting which had been  
> >confidential.

> >Gary Alevy

> Dear Gary:

> When I use the words "I don't think" that means I'm not certain.  
> And if McDonald did have a sighting, it would only substantiate  
> my point, not mitigate it.

> But anyway, I'm happy to have this information. I don't recall it  
> off the top of head, so perhaps you could point me in the right  
> direction. Where is the incident of Vallee's double-cross you  
> mention? I'd like to look it up.  
> Thanks!

> Dennis

Hi Dennis,

In response to your request I have included the two relevant,  
complete day journal entries from Jacques Vallee's book FORBIDDEN  
SCIENCE.

And yes the reason that many scientists and others are passionate  
about this field is their personal experience. Vallee discusses  
his close range 1950s sighting earlier in the book. To the best  
of my knowledge this is the only citation I have seen regarding  
McDonald's sighting and I have never seen the details of his  
sighting published anywhere. Perhaps Jerome Clark who has now  
had access to McDonald's files could shed some light on this  
issue or publish the relevant material. Although Vallee had  
access to this he only used it as a means to attempt to embarrass  
McDonald with the journalist from Time magazine. Then again this  
is the same Vallee who all these years has keep the identity of  
"Pentacle" as secret for his own purposes.

The material in these passages is quite thought provoking isn't  
it

Gary Alevy

FORBIDDEN SCIENCE: Journals 1957-1969 by Jacques Vallee, 1992  
North Atlantic Books, the two relevant entries are quoted below  
in their entirety for the days listed:

Page 254-256

Chicago. Sunday 16 April 1967.

Kazantsev's secretary has sent me a copy of the Soviet magazine  
Smena with an article by Felix Zigel that quotes Challenge and  
reproduces two pictures from it.

Yesterday I went to Hynek's house. I had promised that I would  
help him reorganize his files, which overflow into shoeboxes and  
in a basket in a little room on the first floor. He complains  
that he doesn't find anything any more, and I can see why. The  
reports of various years are mixed together. Pictures and letters  
get lost.

Having established a method to reclassify this mess, I began the  
real work early in the afternoon. By evening I had returned many  
of the documents to the places where they belonged, in neat  
folders and envelopes. But I had stumbled on something I felt was  
important.

I found it among the relics of Project Henry. It was a simple  
letter dated 1954.

It came from a cloud physicist at the University of Chicago who  
was studying for a doctorate at the time. Together with three  
other physicists he had seen a bright unidentified object in the  
sky over Arizona. The letter gave precise details and  
calculations.

It was signed James McDonald.

When I showed him the letter Hynek was dumbfounded. He examined  
the text, as well as the response from the Air Force, which was  
attached to it.

"I don't remember ever seeing this," he said.

"Evidently it went to Captain Hardin," I pointed out. "He's the one who replied to it."

"If I had remembered this I might well have contacted McDonald. We would have met much earlier."

"You could have had an influence on the policy of the Air Force, if the two of you had joined forces at the time. We could rewrite history here: when the 1954 wave swept Europe you could have contacted Aime Michel....."

"The Condon Committee would never have happened," Hynek mused. But he shot the whole idea down: "I probably would have been labeled as a crackpot. Whipple wouldn't have asked me to work with him at the Smithsonian in 1957. Northwestern would never have hired me as the director of Dearborn .... You and I wouldn't be here talking."

This brought the discussion to the subject of McDonald's upcoming visit. I told Hynek he could not refuse to meet with him. He tried to get out of it:

"You could take care of it with Bill and Fred ... find out how he feels." He wanted to avoid another confrontation at all cost.

I tried to make him feel guilty: "You already forgot the meeting with the Canadians, and with our publisher. This time you've got to be there."

He finally agreed that we had to find out once and for all if he could work with McDonald. Mimi Hynek has a dinner party planned for Saturday, but it can be rescheduled.

We hear that McDonald is not having much success so far. An article he recently published in the National Enquirer has eroded whatever measure of respect he was beginning to gain among his peers.

On the Air Force side, Lieutenant Morley has just briefed Colonel Sleeper, who has responsibility for the Foreign Technology Division and reportedly would love to see them dump Project Blue Book altogether. In this kind of circuitous communication the facts are irrelevant. All the conclusions are already drawn.

My California friend has a job offer for me in San Diego. My first inclination is still to return to France. But Allen has vowed to keep me in this country no matter what happens.

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Chicago. Thursday 20 July 1967.

A week ago Hynek was interviewed by John Wilhelm, a journalist from Time magazine. Aggressive, inquisitive, precise, Wilhelm pushed him around, squeezing him into narrow corners. Hynek answered but the questions kept coming back about the handling of cases by Project Blue Book, about the false astronomical explanations, about statements made to Congress by the Air Force, about the Condon s When Wilhelm halted the interview to go get a sandwich Hynek me at the computation center:

It's not going well, Jacques. Not well at all. This guy wants to everything. He is looking for blood. He is going back all the way to Project Sign. He keeps asking about the possible role of the CIA. Obviously it's McDonald who is sending him here. You know Time magazine they need a juicy story. They need a simple answer and a scapegoat they can throw to the public. But here there is no simple answer. If they could put everything on my back, that would make a lot of people happy. trying to be patient but there are limits...."

I could tell in his voice that he was genuinely afraid. He has given himself over to this crowd with his many public appearances, his lectures. But the public and the UFO believers are clamoring for more. McDonald is giving them what they seek, dramatic accusations and simplistic conclusions. On one side is Hynek, an older man who is troubled, who constantly questions his own life in search of deeper truths. On the other side is a fiery champion who thinks he has all the answers: UFOs are

extraterrestrial, we're being watched, even invaded. Perhaps he is right. But the way he is handling the problem stinks.

"Give the McDonald sighting to this guy Wilhelm," I suddenly said. "It's the obvious solution. Why is Jim hiding his own sighting, pretending he has just discovered the problem, if he is so sure of the answers?"

At six o'clock I called Susan, Hynek's secretary. Allen was still in conference with Wilhelm, behind closed doors. It was only much later in the evening that I was able to reach him.

"I followed your advice. Wilhelm was visibly shocked when I confronted him with McDonald's own sighting."

With a very tired voice he added: "After a day like this, Jacques, I wish I had never heard of UFOs." I feel the same way.

The pressure and ridicule the scientific establishment places on anyone who dares raise this forbidden topic is incredible in its vicious character, in its unfairness. Following Hynek's letter to Science(9) a biologist wrote in to record a personal sighting. Hynek requested more details. He received the following answer:

I could simply ignore your letter and drop the whole story of my UFO observation. But that would be impolite and I don't want to be. Therefore I am answering you but I do so with regret.

I have been subjected to fearful trouble since my short letter in Science. In reality I am not at all a sensitive person. I have spent thirty years in Federal and State biological research and I think I have withstood all kinds of criticism. But I must admit I no longer want to receive repulsive remarks from my friends (are they still my friends?), from my associates, from crackpots and others. The recent letter by Stibitz (Science, 27 January 1967) irritates me and causes more confusion that I intend to stand. So, let us forget this whole story, please.

No wonder scientists do not find the evidence convincing; the very best cases, the reports from their own peers, don't reach them because people are too embarrassed to describe phenomena which contradict what they think science is.

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