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Re: Dr. J. Allen Hynek (1910-1986)

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>But I am glad he [Hynek] is not around to see some of today's
>ufology. I fear he would be sad at some of the mercenary
>exploitation that goes on. Allen was far above all that.

>Jenny Randles

Jenny,

I suppose "mercenary" would be the buying and selling of canaries?

And you're right -- Allen was above all that. So much so that he sold the rights to what became "Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind" -- one of the highest grossing movies of all time -- for a miserable pittance and a song. (\$10,000 if memory serves.) Too bad. CUFOS could have used the extra money. Now more than ever. Are you aware that they're in severe financial difficulties and may not survive the millennium?

So was he above it -- or did he simply lack the good sense to hire an agent or business manager? And if he was really above it, then why accept a cameo role in the movie?

Look, I liked Allen as a person, too, but let's not turn the man into some sort of beknighted UFO saint he wasn't. By some accounts, he came to like the microphone and camera a wee bit too much in his later years -- and his own UFO research suffered accordingly. He did much, just as he left much undone, an epitaph I'm sure most of us would be happy to share.

Let's leave it at that.

Dennis

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