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

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>I totally agree that Dr. Allen Hynek should not be forgotten. He
>did make a huge impact on giving credibility to Ufology, with
>CUFOS being his legacy. But what I can't stop wondering about is
>why did he not try and present these totally unexplainable cases
>to his fellow scientists while he was a consultant to the Air
>Force. Where would we be now if prior to the Colorado
>Investigation (Condon Report) he had presented all the data from
>the unexplained cases to the scientific community in the
>appropriate setting.

Quite simply, prior to Hynek leaving his position as civilian consultant to Project Blue Book, Hynek was a "company man." He incurred the wrath of Dr. James McDonald because of his timid stance with numerous Air Force explanations, which people like McDonald knew to be hogwash. Hynek was receiving about \$5,000.00 per year from the Air Force, which was no small change in the 60's. Even years later after Hynek "switched sides" he was timid and went out of his way to not make waves. As an example, during the Hudson Valley sightings events, prior to his death, Hynek would not entertain allowing Phil Imbrogno or Pratt to release some of the more bizarre information they were collecting during their long investigation. A lot of people think Hynek was a great investigator, and he may have been a fine astronomer, but I think he did a disservice to overall UFO research. I know a lot of people will take umbrage at this, but if pushed I will give some damning examples.

>Perhaps while we are remembering scientists, we should remember
>Dr. John McDonald. If he were the Air Force's consultant on
>UFOs, imagine where we would be now.

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Hello Bill. Actually that is Dr. James McDonald. Now there was a truly great man, and was viciously attacked for his open scientific courage.

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