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>Dr. Carl Gustav Jung, Pioneer of psychiatry, stated in 1954:

>"A purely psychological explanation is ruled out... the discs  
>show signs of intelligent guidance, by quasi-human pilots... the  
>authorities in possession of important information should not  
>hesitate to enlighten the public as soon and as completely as  
>possible" (Dr. Carl Jung on Unidentified Flying Objects,  
>'Flying Saucer Review', Vol.1, #2, 1955.)

This bogus quote was the focus of an international uproar in the summer of 1958, after the Lorenzens revived it in their A.P.R.O. Bulletin and it got picked by an Associated Press reporter. Jung was embarrassed, and the Lorenzens ended up making an unqualified apology to him, and AP retracted the story. The quotation above was taken out of context from some highly qualified remarks Jung made in a 1954 letter to a columnist for the Zurich weekly Die Weltwoche.

It is almost certain that Jung maintained a private conviction that UFOs are probably of extraterrestrial origin, but he was circumspect in what he was willing to say publicly. His most open statement is in the final chapter to his Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Skies (1959). It is, however, unfair and misleading to use words Jung specifically disavowed, and he specifically disavowed the words quoted above.

For a full discussion of Jung and the UFO phenomenon, see The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed., pp. 547-49.

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