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IS THERE A SILENCE GROUP? For many years investigators have claimed that there is a group of individuals who stop the truth about UFOs from reaching the public. They are said to be responsible for the apparent Press censorship of genuine UFO sightings, and also for visiting individuals who claim to have "discovered" what UFOs are, and to have silenced them very effectively! Other investigators have their doubts, and deplore the infiltration of this cloak-and-dagger atmosphere into serious research. But perhaps recent political events have changed their minds.

On May 1st, 1960, Francis Powers took off in a Lockheed U-2 aircraft on a flight of espionage over Russia. Later, Mr. Khrushchev announced that the plane had been shot down but gave no details. The State Department in reply talked about an unarmed weather study plane operating out of Adana, Turkey, reporting oxygen trouble. It was possible, said the statement, that the plane continued on its automatic pilot for a considerable distance and accidentally violated Soviet air space.

Mr. Khrushchev then announced that the pilot of the U-2 was "alive and kicking" and had admitted that he was spying. The version put out by the Americans was a complete lie, and the men that put it out counted on the pilot being dead, he added. The State Department's next statement, contradicting their first, was authorised by President Eisenhower. In effect it admitted that the plane was spying, and that similar flights had taken place over the last four years. "I doubt that President Eisenhower knew about or approved this flight" said Mr. Harold Stassen, former disarmament adviser to the President. Mr. Khrushchev also made similar statements. In fact it had been admitted that no specific order for the flight had been given by President Eisenhower; however, he accepted full responsibility for the flight -- to do otherwise would be to admit that he was not in full control of his country.

Fear for the forth-coming Summit conference was justifiably expressed, for Mr. Khrushchev thoroughly exploited the U-2 flight, and refused to continue the Summit talks unless President Eisenhower apologised for the flight, promised it would never happen again, and PUNISHED THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FLIGHT! President Eisenhower found the ultimatum unacceptable. The Summit failed!

Mr. Allen Dulles gave evidence at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee inquiry into the Summit failure. He is Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and many believe he was responsible for the flight of the U-2. Mr. Khrushchev has repeatedly stated that those responsible for the flight should be punished

and still infers that President Eisenhower knew nothing about the flight. Is it possible that the spectacle made out of the U-2 and the deliberate act of Mr. Khrushchev to upset the Summit were designed to stir world outcry to oust Mr. Dulles from his post and deprive the CIA of its powers? This theory was made even more plausible when a few days later I read that the Soviet Government newspaper, "Izvestia" had accused Mr. Dulles of plotting with the Fascists during the war. It claimed to have documentary evidence, and said Dulles's hands are stained with the blood from the handshakes of Hitler's and Himmler's envoys. This helps us to understand the role Dulles is playing today, continued the newspaper. During the war he was an accomplice of Himmler and in the post-war years he is continuing Himmler's cause of anti-Soviet provocation. Was this attack meant to make him even more unpopular, or was it purely coincidental?

Perhaps at this point we could ponder over a few questions which perhaps time will answer:

- (1) Is the CIA the silence Group?
- (2) Does it investigate UFOs, and does it dictate what the Press can print about them?
- (3) Does Khrushchev believe that there cannot be world peace until the CIA is disposed of?
- (4) Will the Summit failure cause the CIA to "fold-up"?
- (5) Will we then hear more about UFOs?

FURTHER CONFIRMATION:- After this editorial was written the following evidence came to hand. The Summit inquiry revealed that the CIA had operational responsibility for the overflights! Dulles as director is one of those directly responsible! The London Evening Standard (June 8th 1960) reported an interview with Mr. Cyrus Eaton, a powerful North American Industrialist who has been trying to build a bridge of peace between East and West. Asked why he thought the Summit talks had broken down he replied:

"In my opinion, there was a great influence brought to bear on President Eisenhower after his meeting at Camp David with Mr. Khrushchev. I think at that time there was an honest desire to reach an understanding."

"BUT THEN PRESSURE WAS BROUGHT. THERE WAS THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION. THE PENTAGON. THE C.I.A. - THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. ALL PEOPLE WHO HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN KEEPING TENSION BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE WEST."

CIA INFORMATION:- The first Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was Vice-Admiral Hillenkoetter who became Director on May 1st, 1947, (about the time UFOs became NEWS). Mr. Allen Dulles was his deputy from 1951 to 1953, when he became Director.

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AIR FORCE TREAT UFOs AS SERIOUS BUSINESS

The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, (NICAP) in America, recently revealed the existence of new Air Force regulations regarding unidentified flying objects. The new regulations were issued on December 24th 1959, by Major General E.O'Keefe acting inspector general. They brought up to date all previous ones. He is reported as saying:-"Unidentified flying objects - sometimes treated lightly by the Press and referred to as 'flying saucers'- must be rapidly and accurately identified as serious USAF business."

"Air Force concern with these sightings is threefold. First of all, is the object a threat to the defence of the United States? Secondly, does it contribute to technical or scientific knowledge?"

Vice-Admiral R.H. Hillenkoetter (ret.), a NICAP board member and former director of the CIA, said in a statement that a photocopy of the inspector general's warning had been sent to the Senate Space Committee. He is also reported to have commented that "behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force Officers are soberly concerned about UFOs."

The new regulations, issued to the operations and training commands in a pamphlet "Operations and Training" were under the heading "UFOs SERIOUS BUSINESS". Pentagon aides said the new regulations, covering seven printed pages, made no substantive change in policy. The latest A.F. statement issued a few months ago said "no physical or material evidence, not even a minute fragment of a so-called flying saucer, had ever been found."

However, NICAP accused the Air Force of deception in publicly describing unidentified flying objects as delusions and hoaxes while sending private admonitions to its commands. NICAP is campaigning for the truth to be revealed at open hearings, and have received support from many politicians.

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LUFORO's FIRST CAXTON HALL MEETING

On Saturday 21st May, LUFORO held it's first public meeting at the Caxton Hall in London. The meeting was very well attended, and we were very fortunate to have as our speaker Mr. G.F.N.Knewstub of the British Flying Saucer Bureau. A scientist, Mr. Knewstub was able to give a very thorough survey of research, and the research being done at Bristol. His hints and comments will be very useful to us, when we really get going on research. A more detailed report of his talk will appear in a future issue of the Bulletin.

MANCHESTER CONVENTION

It is regretted that owing to lack of support and co-operation, and the state of apathy among UFO researchers, the Convention due to be held on May 28th and 29th has had to be postponed until a later date. Details will be printed in the Bulletin just as soon as information becomes available.

MORE PAPUAN SIGHTINGS

There are reports of more sightings in the Papuan area, where it was reported that four human-like figures were seen on an unidentified object in the sky. The sightings took place in 1959, and full details of them can be found in Flying Saucer Review, that excellent bi-monthly Journal of Space. Annual subscription in U.K. and Eire is £1.2.0. and can be ordered from 1, Doughty Street, London, W.C.1. (Back issues of Flying Saucer Review can also be ordered, and detailed accounts of a large number of Papuan sightings can be found in the latest issues.)

MORE COMMENTS REGARDING AN INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION

We have published the letters and comments of a number of researchers in recent bulletins regarding the proposed Federation. We continue here with a quote from the Editorial of Saucer Forum for August 1959.

"In the current issue of 'Saucers' Max B. Miller reviews the present position of UFOlogy. He is backed up, in the magazine, by an article from the late M.K. Jessup, and, in both cases, the conclusions drawn are not very optimistic. I am in agreement with both writers when they say we can only progress by working together, and with facts not rumours.

"Cooperation is the keynote of success. There are hundreds of UFO groups throughout the world today, but these are independant bodies not affiliated to any one international organisation. Many are doing excellent work, but, I feel that much work is being duplicated, and too many appear to be flying off at a tangent. What we need is a common policy. Many groups freely exchange information but this could be carried much further for the benefit of all.

"I suggest that a start be made by each country putting its own house in order. This could be achieved by a series of conferences starting with county or state conferences and building up to a national conference.

"As I said in the last issue, everyone thinks theirs is the right approach; in a world wide organisation there would be sufficient researchers to thoroughly investigate every approach.

"I would like to see the kind of relationship established, similar to that which exist in Amateur Radio, with its enthusiasm and friendly cooperation."

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Dear Mr. Stenman,

We are pleased to see that your group is now active and making headway with the huge task that you have undertaken.

My group feels that your scheme for an "International" federation is most admirable, but would prefer to be associated at this stage with a purely "British" federation. Not from any false sense of nationalistic pride, of course, but purely on the grounds that no truly representative nationalist group exists, either in this country or any other.

It does seem that Britain could again "show the others how it's done" by forming a workable representative British Council of all UFO researchers, - co-opting under one banner representatives of all other existing groups (without having them lose their own local identity, or privately held views and policies). It is time we had such an organisation in this country; the resultant possibilities of such a British Council would be greater than any of us could envisage at this time.

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