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KEYHOE RAPS AIR FORCE U.F.O. POLICIES *~~~~* AND CONSPIRACY

Dear APRO Member,

As the first publisher of a 'flying saucer' periodical, and a pioneer in UFO research, I have watched the progress of Major Donald Keyhoe in his search for the truth behind these aerial enigmas, usually with admiration and always with approval.

Two years ago, after a thorough perusal of the already swollen files from six years of collecting and research, I personally endorsed Major Keyhoe's methods and approach to what has been the greatest challenge ever to face any scientific research worker.

Since that day in 1953, Major Keyhoe and I have enjoyed a very interesting and fruitful association. His new book, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" brings flying saucer research enthusiasts up to date on many hitherto suppressed UFO incidents and reports and bares some startling theories which many research devotees have only dared entertain within the privacy of their own thoughts.

"The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" not only cites many new and interesting points and reports related to the UFO problem, but also proves beyond a doubt that the United States Air Force is hiding a great deal of information which, according to Constitutional law, is the rightful property of the American people.

Mr. Keyhoe has painstakingly listed the out of context quotes which the Air Force used to damage his claims regarding the interplanetary nature of the UFO, and brings out of hiding two concealed military publications which cast a lot of light on the Air Force method of investigation of UFO reports and divulged the long suspected fact that military personnel are coerced into silence about UFO sightings or experiences by threat of courts-martial.

Although important facts and theories based on facts are brought to light in the book, the most important phase of the whole book was, in my opinion, the point-by-point disclosure of the Conspiracy and

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and how it was conceived and nourished. With mounting frustration, the reader lives over again those days in 1954 when UFOdom was dealt a telling blow by the 'Silence Group' at the Pentagon who were using the free American Press to propagate their own claims and discredit the UFO believer. I would like to recall a statement that I made in a past issue in which I editorialized on the virtues of analytical reading. If the American Public had been thoroughly schooled in this noble practice, Keyhoe's 1954 publication would have forced the lifting of the iron curtain of UFO censorship.

The Air Force has, at present, one great factor in their favor, and that is time. In order to fully understand the situation, the novice must go back through the past 8 years and gradually bring himself up to date on UFO information, thus getting the full, straight story. The 'Silence Group' of the Air Force is fully aware of this and although we dislike facing the fact, it is obvious that if the UFO situation is to come to a head at this time, it may necessitate a startling incident or series of incidents which could not be easily alibied or hidden from the eyes of the public.

It is entirely possible, however, that if enough serious-minded American people read and absorb the shocking facts contained in "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy", and follow through with demands for the truth channeled through their legislative representatives, a slow but nevertheless inexorable disclosure of the truth will come.

Keyhoe points up the mystery involving the many midair accidents which have befallen both civilian and military aircraft, most of which, it is now evident, have been in some way connected with the UFO.

Mr. Keyhoe has done a magnificent job of documenting the closing chapters in the greatest story in the history of modern man. His logic in carrying the reader from one conclusion or theory to another, is clean-cut and decisive. The few words relating to the cultists and hoaxers are choice and in the best of taste.

I fully expect that as a result of Major Keyhoe's new book, there will be a loosening of censorship which will be the first step in the revelation of UFO facts. In all probability there is a tug of war in progress at this very moment between the Pentagon 'Silence Group' and those Air Force personnel who believe that the American people are big enough to accept the facts without hysteria. We can only hope that the 'Silence Group' is finally defeated.

IN SUMMING UP:

If all the superlatives known to the artisans of literary review were to be employed in favor of "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" I feel they would be insufficient for the portent of this book is beyond mere words. We may well find some day that it has had more profound effect on the lives of the people of the world than the reformation or the fall of the Roman Empire.

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We would like to take this opportunity to present a recent letter from Major Keyhoc which does a good job of speaking for itself:

QUOTE:

Dear Mrs. Lorenzen:

Thank you for your offer to review my book, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy". An advance copy has been sent to you. I hope that the evidence of censorship and other UFO information will assist you in your continued investigation of the flying saucer problem.

As publisher of the first flying saucer investigation magazine, you have built up a membership which includes many pilots, aeronautical engineers and other trained observers, as well as thousands of citizens seriously interested in learning the truth. Through APRO, you have an unexcelled opportunity to help end the censorship of flying saucer reports. I am sure that concentration on the facts, and avoiding the many wild rumors -- or labeling them as such -- will continue to increase the number of thoughtful Americans in your membership. Many of these will probably demand, through their Senators and Congressmen, that the Pentagon release all the hidden flying saucer information.

Please accept my thanks for the verified sightings and other UFO information which you sent me during the last two years.

Sincerely Yours,

(Signed) Donald E. Keyhoc
Major, U. S. Marine Corps (Ret.)

UNQUOTE

I feel that Major Keyhoc will agree with me that the appreciation voiced in his letter should be extended to each and every member of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization. Whereas I do dedicate many hours each week to reading reports and correspondence, answering mail and directing investigations plus the never-ending work involved with issuing a bulletin, none of these things could have been possible were it not for the members of this organization and their conscientious, patient cooperation.

Many times in the past three years various factors including a shortage of funds and more often poor health, have tempted me to give up the long battle for the truth, but each time some unexpected factor such as a letter of appreciation or a compliment on my work from one of you, has made me all the more determined to continue a little longer. Major Keyhoc's book, with the little bit we were able to contribute, has made the worry, hard work and ridicule seem very minute considerations in the overall picture.

"THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY" is an object lesson in what can be

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accomplished when in individual sticks to the facts and makes the facts speak for themselves as Major Keyhoe has done. APRO has been criticized many times in the past for giving the cold shoulder to reports of 'saucer contacts' and interplanetary journeys although nothing that could be construed as corroborating evidence had been offered by the people purportedly involved in these adventures. One after another, other so-called research periodicals have consistently refused to take a definite stand on the question of 'contacts' by the many claimants. This is, in my opinion, an attempt to encourage members (for their value in monetary support) who are inclined to support the hoaxers and cultists.

I feel that the true spirit of research cannot be advanced by one who approaches a problem with foregone conclusions as to its solution. For this reason I have deliberately discouraged prospective members who would like to propagate the 'contact cult', declare dogma and make a religious issue of the saucer-mystery.

My feelings on this matter are just this -- I will, as I have often done, dig into my own pocket before I will prostitute the name and ideals of this organization for the sake of a few members and a few dollars.

Thus can be seen the advantage of maintaining APRO as a non-profit organization, since our aim is research rather than public performance for profit. For this reason foreign members have never been charged extra mailing costs. Even though in some cases postage on bulletins and correspondence completely consume the subscription fee and then some. We feel that by continuing the non-profit policy, APRO will never place itself in a position where it can be bought--directly or indirectly.

The prime function of APRO is not to humor visionaries or human ostriches, or feed pap to the populace. Our policy will continue to be a patient ferreting of the truth wherever it may be found, whatever it may be, and to convey this truth to those who are ready to accept it.

This is the reaffirmed creed and policies of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization. The Bulletin will continue to be a mimeographed paper until such time as the number of members and, consequently, the bank account, warrants and justifies a better means of reproduction. This will also depend upon the financial status of Mr. Lorenzen and I.

In 1952, when APRO was conceived, we were able to shoulder the financial burden until membership returns showed no deficits. At the present time, however, because of heavy personal obligations, this is no longer possible, and instead of supplementing APRO income in order to make use of a new and better system of reproduction for the Bulletin, we must continue with the present system in order to keep up our supply of information at a minimum cost to members. It is now possible that in order to be of any great value in the long campaign

for truth ahead of us, we should have a reproduction system worthy of the contents of the APRO Bulletin. The opinions and suggestions of members regarding this question will be greatly appreciated and seriously considered. At any rate, there will be no increase in membership dues.

This new effort in behalf of our organization and the foal we have set, must have the consideration and cooperation of all members. On January 1, 1956, APRO will begin her 4th year of existence, which is a record in the annals of UFO research. APRO was the first organization to produce and publicize the existence of physical evidence of the reality of UFO, (the New Haven Incident, APRO Bulletin for September and November, 1953 and Page 233 of "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy") APRO is the oldest UFO research group now in existence and consistently reports the largest number of revealing and informative reports available. I feel, and am sure that our members will agree, that the Conspiracy disclosed by Major Keyhoe should not be taken as a signal to retire from the Battleground, but rather a challenge.

Last spring I mentioned our proposed new home near the San Andreas mountains in this area. Because of building restrictions, shortage of contractors and builders, etc., we have been forced to settle for something a little less than that which we had originally planned. On or about February 15 we expect to move into a new four-bedroom home with ample space for the APRO office and files. Plans are under way at present to provide for an enlarger and developer with which to supply to our members at a minimum cost, copies of any UFO pictures considered to be worthwhile. Until that time, we must ask the members to confine their contact with us to letters and phone calls. At present the Lorenzen family is crammed into a small apartment jammed with files, personal possessions, a telescope, Mr. Lorenzen's electronic test equipment and gear, not to mention several musical instruments (including a bass viol). Holloman Air Force Base (where Mr. Lorenzen is employed by a private contractor), is the reason for the cramped condition of a good many of the residents of Alamogordo, and the close proximity of White Sands Proving Ground does not exactly help to alleviate the atrocious housing situation.

Mr. Lorenzen and I would like to take this opportunity to wish for each and every one of the members the merriest of Christmases, and the most prosperous of all the New Years.

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