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DR HYNEK HITS THE JACKPOT

On August 22, 1984, an interesting announcement came from Dr J. Allen Hynek's Center For UFO Studies (CUFOS), to the effect that it was planned to establish an International UFO Research Facility in Phoenix, Arizona.

Subsequently, in February of this year, we read the excellent interview with Dr Hynek in Volume 7, No. 5 of the magazine OMNI — in many respects, we think, quite the best statement that we have ever seen made on our "elusive subject".

Dr Hynek, it seems, has hit the jackpot at last. His many years of effort, and his prudence and foresight, are rewarded, and he well deserves this great success. He has found a wealthy benefactor (anonymous) who will bear all the costs of the new venture, and we take this opportunity to send him our warmest congratulations.

In his introductory announcement at the Phoenix Press Club on August 22, the astronomer discussed his plans, and mentioned that his CUFOS computers will continue to play a vital role in the work, having already logged a staggering total of 80,000 UFO sightings from 150 countries. "When the solution to the UFO puzzle comes", he repeated, "I think it will prove not to be just a stage in the march of science, but a mighty and unexpected quantum jump". He also made it clear once more that he finds the straight, "E.T. Hypothesis" ridiculous, as many of us do, but that he does not rule out such weird possibilities as "teleprojections" or even "projected thought-forms".

We certainly agree that any such advance will have to be vastly "unexpected". For Dr Hynek admitted, more frankly and more squarely than we think we have ever seen it stated, what the essential problem is:—

"The real question is whether or not the UFO phenomenon can be explained by the present scientific paradigm. I've come to believe that the answer is no."

Some of us share that conclusion. If it is the correct conclusion, we may continue to ask ourselves how the establishment of new scientific facilities and the provision of funds can advance the cause? If, as seems so probable, the UFO Phenomenon is the exemplification of "somebody else's Science", then why should it ever become comprehensible to us? Needless to say, of course, the new venture has our warmest and most unqualified support!

THE SORIA ABDUCTION: PART II

Antonio Ribera

(Translation from Spanish)

THE CRAFT

As soon as Julio had reached the top of the rise, he at once caught sight of the machine. It was concealed behind two hillocks, in the bottom of a dry watercourse. He had been expecting to see something, and he had been thinking that it might be a flying saucer — but not of such a size as this! At first he could only see the left half of the machine (the rest being hidden by one of the hillocks) — but that was quite enough! His reaction was one of utter amazement. He just stood there in the middle of the path, gazing open-mouthed and too weak to move. As he remarked later to José Antonio Campaña: *"It was a bit like Karl Marx beholding God. I, who had been a sceptic till then, now found myself at seventy metres from an extraterrestrial craft."*

When in due course the investigators reconstructed the incident in all its details, they were able to confirm that the spot chosen for locating the machine was perfect. It was, as indicated, in the bottom of a small valley, partly on a field of wheat and partly on another field that was fallow. Although the main highway passed at a distance of only 400 metres, the craft was totally secure from unwanted eyes. The immense contraption was hovering at a height of four metres above the ground, with its centre over the left-hand field, though its right side was covering a distance of some ten metres or so of the other field. That gigantic mass, weighing hundreds of tons and floating there silent and motionless, made a fantastic impression upon Julio for, as he calculated, its height would have been equal to that of at least a three-storey or a four-storey building. From the top of its cupola down to the lower edge of its fuselage he reckoned it to measure anywhere from 15 to 20 metres. He estimated the diameter of the disc at around 60 or 70 metres.

In shape, the craft had the form of an inverted soup plate. It appeared to be entirely metallic, of a matt silvery colour. The 'wings' or carrying areas of the disc accounted for more than two-thirds of the diameter. Julio gazed in wonder at the beautiful sight. Where the cupola joined the great disc he observed what seemed to be a ring about one-and-a-half metres wide which was emitting flashes of light of different colours, always in an unbroken sequence of blue, green, red, and yellow. The ring gave the impression that it was rotating from right to left (counter-clockwise) but this was a false optical effect like the effect of luminous signs. Up above, almost at the top of the cupola, he

observed a series of dark vertical rectangles, which eventually proved to be the windows of the control cabin.

The two men, meanwhile, had been forging ahead, heedless of the fact that Julio had paused to view the craft, and he now had to run forward to catch up with them. Together the three of them now arrived beneath the disc and approached its geometrical centre. As Julio gazed upwards and around him in total perplexity he beheld nothing but one vast metallic umbrella. The under-surface of the disc was completely smooth, seemingly fashioned in one piece, without rivets or bolts of any kind.

He now became aware of a powerful odour of pine or ozone, possibly the result of an ionized field. Aboard the craft later he detected precisely the same smell. And *at this point the gun and the knife that he was carrying were suddenly drawn upwards, seemingly indicative of an extremely powerful magnetic field.*



Full Face.