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Dear Gray --

Your further info on the Allende case arrived today. Thanks very much for it.

I ran down Allende through a government source that insists on being kept confidential. I located him in Prescott, Arizona, at the Hotel Vendome. This man checks out all the way down the line as being the real Allende. His name is Carl M. Allen. He's NG.

I put him up in a room here at the Bellevue for two nights. He got upset at my direct questions and the fact that I wouldn't let him take over and lecture about himself on a Canadian Broadcasting interview. He ducked out on the broadcast. It cost him \$200 and me 500. I had to cancel the taping.

I got a number of interesting admissions out of him. 1. He saw the DE-173 become invisible only one time. 2. He saw a man become invisible only once -- on a transport the identity of which he can't remember. 3. The dope on teleportation is his interpretation of a news item he read in the Sunday edition of a paper he saw in Philly in February 1944. 4. Ditto on the barroom raid, though he doesn't know he read it in Camden, NJ paper. 5. He alone did the three sets of annotations in Jessup's book: he showed me how, by changing the position of his second finger relative to the pen barrel. It works, but it wouldn't deceive a Questioned Document expert.

He carries a plastic two gallon whiskey jug filled with milk. Doctor's orders. I sniffed it when I had the chance: it was laced with alcohol, probably vodka. I believe he carries the vodka in a shaving kit. Once he takes a belt out of that jug, he becomes more voluble than ever.

Q: "Why did you send those letters to Jessup?" A: "I wanted to warn against more of that kind of experimenting." Q: "Why did you send that annotated copy of Jessup's book to ONR?" A: "I wanted to encourage more research along those lines." The contradiction remains unresolved.

He is difficult to interview because, first, he is so busy dazzling the interviewer that he doesn't hear the question; second, when faced with a direct question, he changes the subject to something more dazzling before he gives an answer.

Another admission: Dr Franklin Reno had nothing to do with the Phila experiment. Reno was a man Allen met in a boarding house in Denver. He told Reno the Phila story and Reno told him a theory that would fit it. Reno was living with a Canadian professor of english lit. Allen said they both got busted for espionage and ended up with 8 years in the slammer.

Do you know anything of a Great Ark exploding and sinking the SS Malay? He kept trying to change the ~~story~~ subject to that tale, but I wanted to stick to the Philadelphia experiment. He left me a note saying the Malay story was going to save his life.

He insists on the invisibility story, but it becomes more and more like something he heard from someone else. The little authenticating details aren't there. And he doesn't like to be questioned closely on them.

I got a lead on an anti-gravity experiment that failed. From an ex-ONI man. He had no details on it, but said it actually happened. I'm chasing that one.

OVER, PLEASE

An interesting thing has come up. I had never thought about ether-vortex theory in connection with the Phila experiment. Probably because the emphasis was always on Einstein. Einstein physics and ether-vortex physics are not compatible. Reason: Einstein's universe contains no ether; vortex depends on it.

There is a magneto-optical effect that is explainable in vortex theory, but the only recorded effect is to shift the plane of polarization of light in a direction opposite to that of the current in the solenoid that produces the field. Works with both organic and most inorganic compounds. Nothing has turned up so far that would give a clue to invisibility -- but ether vortex has a good theoretical application in anti-gravity.

This is being written in haste. Half of my book is due at the publisher's on Monday and I have to take it to New York myself. The other half is due in two weeks. So you can imagine the flap I'm in.

I've not forgotten that I promised to send you the foolproof method for hitting a publisher, and I'll send it just as soon as I can take a break.

Remarkably, a lot of Allen's drivel seems to reflect ether vortex concepts -- which he mingles right in there with Einstein and quantum mechanics. He doesn't know his ass from a hole in the ground about physics, but he has learned how to drop enough of the right phrases to impress the unwary.

An ONR source said Allen's merchant seaman papers got lifted because of emotional instability. Possibly, but the line may have been laid on me just to discourage my putting any faith in him. On the other hand, having met Allen, it's a hard allegation to doubt.

By the way, when I was in Clarksburg, you told me you had seen a xerox of the reputed newspaper account of the "barroom raid"? Do you recall anything about it -- say, like the name of the tavern involved? I couldn't find any Navy Yard bar people that knew anything about it, but if I had the right name I might be able to dig deeper.

Well, best of luck

Jim
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