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### **UFO RESEARCHERS RICHARD H. HALL AND DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK RECEIVE POSTHUMOUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIPS OF FRONTIER SCIENCE**

**ATLANTA, GA – September 20, 2010** Two world-renowned Ufology researchers, Richard H. Hall and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, has been posthumously awarded Senior Fellowships of Frontier Science by the Institute of Frontier Science, executive director Steven S. Bass, FFSc confirms.

In 1964, world-renowned UFO researcher and a former assistant director of NICAP, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Richard H. Hall researched, edited, and wrote “The UFO Evidence”. “The UFO Evidence” is a historical summary of UFO incidents from 1940 to 1960. He wrote the sequel to this seminal work in 2001, covering the years from 1960 to 1990.

Richard Hall befriended Steve Bass in early 2009, talking at length concerning his writings, including “Running Code: The Night the Alien Died”.

Hall passed away on July 17, 2009 from complications from colon cancer. His passing left a void in Ufology that will never be filled.

Dr. Josef Allen Hynek, born May 1, 1910 in Chicago, Illinois, was a professor of astronomy at Northwestern University. Dr. Hynek served as a consultant to the U. S. Air Force's Project Blue Book, as well as it's predecessors Project Sign and Project Grudge. Through these different incarnations, the Air Force was attempting to suppress public interest and anxiety over the UFO sighting wave that followed two infamous UFO incidents, the sighting of numerous flying “wings” that flew through the air like saucers skimming on a pond, by pilot Kenneth Arnold over the Cascade Mountains of Washington and the crash and recovery of an extraterrestrial craft near Roswell, New Mexico.

At the beginning of his tenure with the Air Force, Hynek was vocal in his belief that UFO's did not exist. As he progressed through numerous investigations over the years, Hynek began to have a change of heart. The first to blame a UFO sighting on “swamp gas” soon found that he could no longer ignore a small percentage of cases that he was unable to explain as weather-related, natural, or man-made.

In 1953, Hynek wrote, “Ridicule is not part of the scientific method, and people should not be taught that it is. The steady flow of reports, often made in concert by reliable observers, raises questions of scientific obligation and responsibility. Is there ... any residue that is worthy of scientific attention? Or, if there isn't, does not an obligation exist to say so to the public—not in words of open ridicule but seriously, to keep faith with the trust

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the public places in science and scientists?"

In 1973, Hynek founded the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) to pursue the UFO Phenomena from a credible, thorough, and scientific perspective. CUFOS would soon become the premier repository for archived UFO sighting research, eventually coming into possession of NICAP's research.

Hynek is credited with developing the UFO sighting report scale, which graded sightings on such criteria as movement, landing, physical evidence, and actual contact with occupants from said UFO. This is a scale still in use today. Hynek also appeared briefly at the end of the Steven Spielberg blockbuster, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind".

Dr. Hynek passed away from a brain tumor on April 27, 1986. Following his death, CUFOS was renamed in his honor, the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies.

Throughout his life, he left a benchmark others strive to reach, but fall short. He pursued strict scientific expectations, encouraging others to pursue their research despite negative outside influences. Without Dr. Hynek, Ufology would not be the same today. It is in honor of the lives and contributions of these two men that the Institute of Frontier Science is honored to extend to them Senior Fellowships.

**The Institute of Frontier Science** is an elite fellowship of highly experienced and knowledgeable specialists in the scientific field of Ufology, the study of the UFO Phenomena and extraterrestrial entities.

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