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Adobe Portable Document Format Version of high-resolution images of fine text pages only from Federal Bureau of Investigation file on Philip J. Klass

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This file contains the releasable portions of the FBI files on Philip Julian Klass provided to CUFON by Washington, DC area researcher Michael Ravnitzky. Some pages were not released and some material in the released pages has also been redacted. The decision to withhold material on the grounds of the b1 exemption (classified national security information) has been appealed.

Philip Julian Klass born on November 8, 1919 at Des Moines, Iowa and died August 9, 2005 Merritt Island, Florida at the age of 86. Klass had a Bachelor degree in electrical engineering from Iowa State University (1941) and worked as an aviation electronics engineer for General Electric. He joined Aviation Week, (later Aviation Week & Space Technology [AW&ST]) in 1952 and served as a senior editor of AW&ST for thirty-four years. Klass was a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and was also a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Aviation/Space Writers Association, the National Press Club, the National Aviation Club, and a fellow (founding member) of The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP). Among the several books he wrote are *UFOs -- Identified* (1968), *The Real Roswell Crashed-saucer Coverup* (1997), and *UFO Abductions: A Dangerous Game* (1989), and *Bringing UFOs Down to Earth* (1997).

The FBI file makes reference to (and contains part of) some material mailed in 1976 to "The Bell Labs, Murray Hill, New Jersey," bearing the return address "Philip J. Klass, Box 6030, Dallas, Texas 75222." As noted by the FBI, the many pages of fine printed material are a rambling mish-mash. One of several speculative possibilities is this material was created and sent in Phil's name in an attempt to discredit him. No conclusion or statement from Mr. Klass regarding this material is contained in the FBI file. The whole content of the FBI file as released is available in a separate PDF file: <a href="http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Klass\_FBI.pdf">http://www.cufon.org/cufon/Klass\_FBI.pdf</a>.

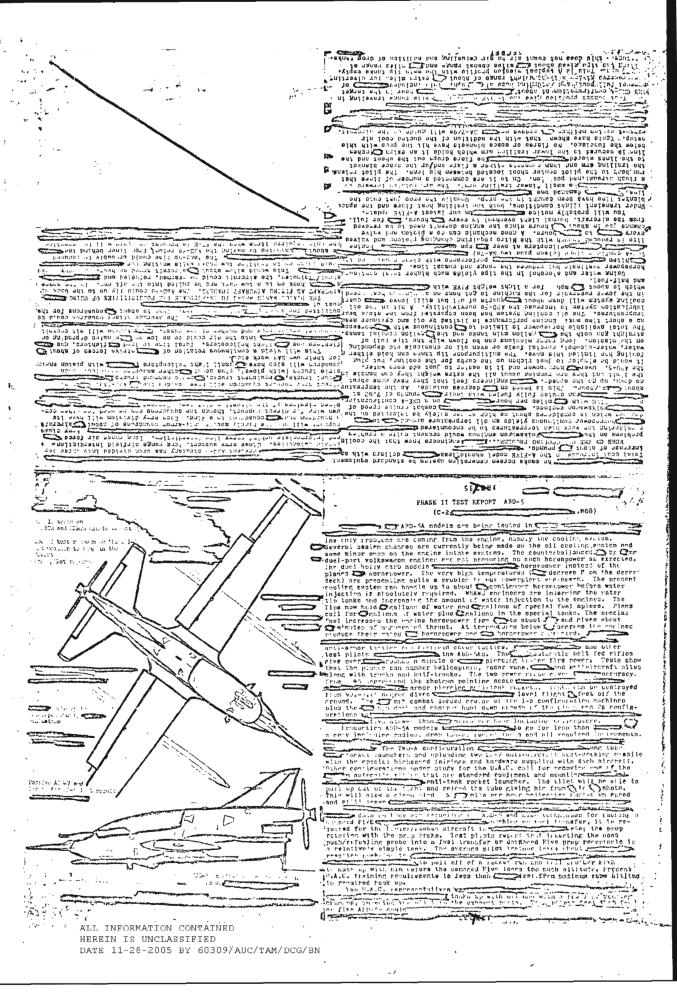
"Uncle Phil" as he was known among his fans and detractors never failed to engender controversy and polarize strong feelings which ranged from high praise to downright hate. Mr. Klass was the leading skeptic of the extraterrestrial origins of UFOs, but one who frequently engaged in distasteful *ad hominem* (personal) attacks.

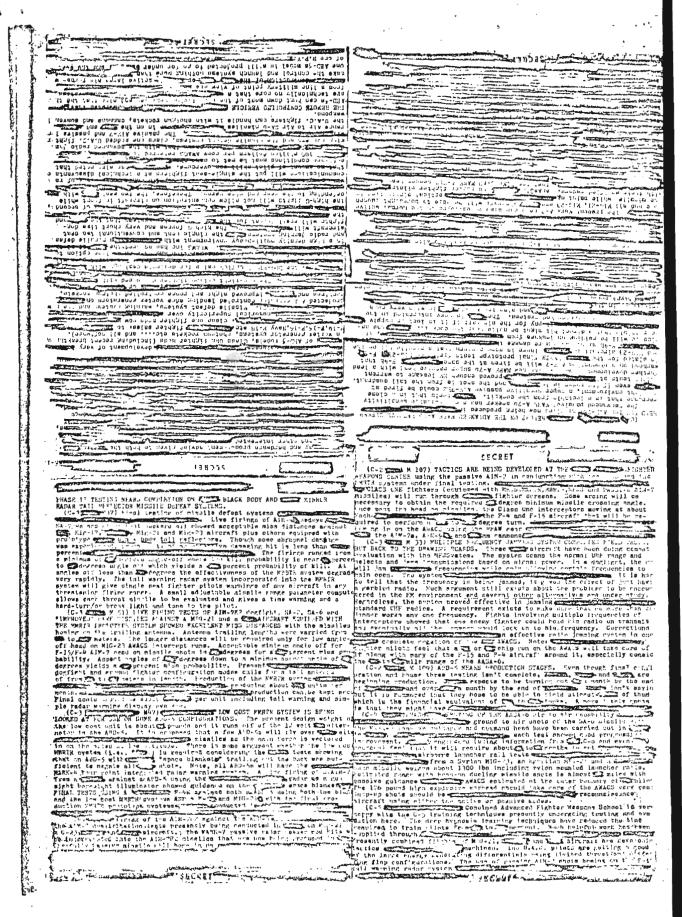
Below are a few links to web sites about Phil Klass. These are but a few of many. Just put "Phil Klass." or "Philip Klass" in any web search engine and you will be rewarded with many hits.

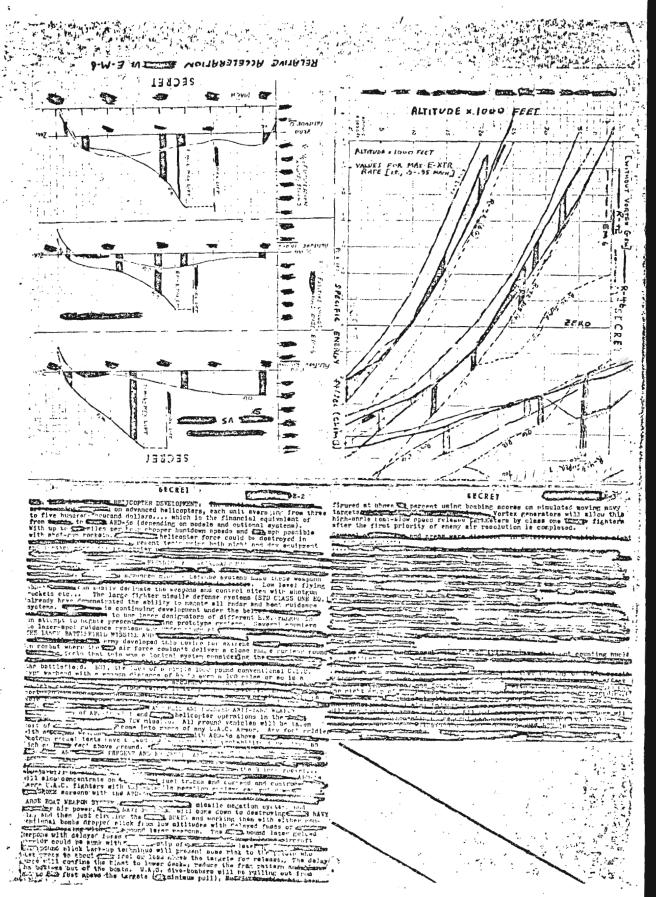
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Also suggest a search for "Klass" in the Archive of the UFO Updates list here: <a href="http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/">http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/</a>

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