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**Carlos Allende**

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**Residence: 80631 Greeley, Weld, CO**

**Born 31 May 1925**

**Died 5 Mar 1994**

- Carlos Miguel Allende was born Carl Allen, in Pennsylvania, 1925. Carl Allen is a name he may have reverted to later in life, although he is known to have had at least five different aliases. His father was Irish. His mother's nationality is listed as 'Gypsy'.
- Carlos Miguel Allende may also have been Felicito (Filo) Allende, the younger of two Puerto Rican brothers who settled (or re-settled) in Pennsylvania soon after the Second World War. The older brother, Pedro, subsequently sustained a head injury in an industrial accident. He never worked again, and by all accounts was a changed man. Pedro died in 1955 after a second accident – he fell in a bathtub at the Pennsylvania State Hospital for the Mentally Insane. He had been admitted to the hospital for his own protection (and that of his wife and family) after setting fire to his lounge curtains.
- Carlos was only formally educated up to the age of nine.
- Carlos was a voracious reader and autodidact. He was moody, restless. The life of odd jobs and farm work he was born into didn't suit him.
- Carlos was aged seventeen and six weeks in July 1942. He joined the US Marine Corps, only to be discharged in May 1943 for unspecified medical reasons. The official documentation lists discharge 'upon report of medical survey for disability' and nothing more.
- Whatever the nature of this 'disability', it didn't prevent Carlos from re-enlisting in the Merchant Marine two months later.
- After basic training in New York, Able Seaman Carlos Miguel Allende's first merchant posting was to the SS *Andrew Furuseth*. The *Furuseth* was a Liberty Ship. It ran in the wartime convoys across the Atlantic – mainly to North Africa. Carlos' first mission with the ship was to Casablanca in the August of '43. The records don't specify if he was permitted any shore leave, or if so, its duration. It is unlikely that Carlos drank at Rick's Bar. Rick's Bar was a fictional construct on a soundstage in the US. No record exists of Carlos having met Peter Lorre.
- At some point, (records suggest either on or around the 14<sup>th</sup> August or 28<sup>th</sup> October 1943, the SS *Andrew Furuseth* spent a few days in dock at the Naval Yard in Philadelphia, docked with many other naval and liberty ships, including the destroyer USS *Eldridge*.

- Unlike many other Merchant Seamen, Carlos survived the war. He sailed with the Merchant Marine until 1952. He worked on twenty-seven different ships in all. He left after a Union dispute.
- In the fifties Carlos worked sporadically as a well-driller in Texas and New Mexico. Whether the wells were for oil or water, history doesn't relate. He didn't ever stay in one place for long. In some ways it's the classic story of the American drifter. Same as millions of others.
- At the end of the fifties Carlos ended up in the Los Altos region of Mexico. He stayed in Mexico until the late seventies, only making brief trips north.
- After moving back to the states in '86, (the circumstances at this point are unclear) Carlos settled in Greeley, Colorado. Greeley's about 50 miles north of Denver. For anyone who gives a shit, it's where the Denver Broncos have their training camp.
- Carlos Allende died of heart failure in the early March of '94. He was 68 years old. His memorial service was held at Greeley's Stoddard Funeral Home.
- Carlos Allende failed to invent rock'n'roll. He never married Peggy Sue, or anyone. He wasn't one of the freedom riders. He was nowhere near Dallas in '63. He was not an action painter. If he voted, he voted Reagan. He never owned a Pontiac Firebird or ran a Crystal Meth lab in downtown Los Angeles. At no time was he a buck-toothed New York gigolo. It's a fair bet he never saw Sonic Youth live on stage. Those may be the facts of Carlos Miguel Allende's life. Except for this:
- In 1955, Dr M.K. Jessup, a respected University of Michigan academic with a PhD in astrophysics, published *The Case for the UFO*, one of the central themes of which was his abiding interest in the motive power of UFOs. To support the book, he undertook a short lecture tour.
- Later that year Dr Jessup received the first in a series of three letters, apparently from someone whose interest had been aroused by the mention of theoretical means of UFO propulsion in his book and his lectures. The letter was characterised by an unorthodox approach to spelling, grammar and particularly capitalization. They were signed 'Very sincerely, Carl M. Allen'.
- The letter, and subsequent replies to Dr Jessup's requests for further information, took issue with some theoretical aspects of UFO propulsion discussed in Dr Jessup's, book, but, more interestingly, purported to confirm some of Jessup's conjecture from the standpoint of someone who had witnessed experiments with similar forces over ten years earlier, while serving as a seaman in the US Merchant Marine.
- The letter writer claimed to have been present as a crew member on the *Furuseth* in the latter half of 1943 at the Philadelphia Naval Yard. There he claimed to have witnessed experiments in rendering US ships invisible through the creation of strong magnetic fields, and an unspecified application of Einstein's Unified Field

Theory, which posits a dependent relationship between Magnetism, Electromagnetism and Gravity.

- Able Seaman Carlos Miguel Allende claimed to have seen, along with others, the disappearance of the USS *Eldridge* as a result of the creation of an electromagnetic field. He also claimed in his letters that the *Eldridge* appeared almost instantaneously at the US Naval base in Norfolk, Virginia, over 400 nautical miles away, remaining there for several minutes before reappearing again in Philadelphia. He claimed that the *Eldridge* had become surrounded by a green glow, and that the outlines of the crew and the ship's superstructure had become indistinct before disappearing completely, leaving only the impression of the ship's hull and keel in the surface of the water.
- Able Seaman Carlos Miguel Allende claimed that after de-materialisation and re-materialisation, the *Eldridge* returned with some of its crew dead, some on fire, some melded with the hull, walls and metal railings of the ship, and many irretrievably insane. He also claimed that for the rest of their lives, many crew members became invisible in their daily lives at unpredictable moments, sometimes becoming trapped in a kind of limbo, from within which they were unable to communicate, for a month or longer.
- Able Seaman Carlos Miguel Allende claimed to have put his hand into the force field surrounding the *Eldridge*, feeling a resistance in the air, as if he's plunged his hand into a fast flowing stream, and hearing a high pitched whirring.
- Able Seaman Carlos Allende claimed that Albert Einstein, present at the Philadelphia Naval Dockyard for the experiment, had witnessed him place his arm into the force field. He claimed that the resulting interviews with Einstein led to a friendship in which the physicist, recognising Carlos' self education and thirst for knowledge, had discussed faster than light travel, and the application of Field Theory to invisibility at length over some days. Many years later, carlos still claimed to be one of only four people in America who truly understood Unified Field Theory.
- Able Seaman Carlos Miguel Allende claimed to remember the identities of several of his fellow crew members, but insisted to Dr Jessup that he wanted to be put under narco-hypnosis (that is to say, treated with sodium pentathol) in order to fully recall the events of 1943. Dr Jessup never took him up on his offer.
- Able Seaman Carlos Miguel Allende claimed that experiments stopped due both to both the horrific toll on participants and Einstein's realisation of the vast potential for destruction, deliberate and otherwise, contained in the application of electro-gravitational force.
- Dr Jessup was contacted by the US Naval Research Department several times over the following years, after a departmental colonel received a copy of his book in the post from an anonymous source. The book had been annotated in what Dr Jessup later recognised as Carlos Allende's handwriting. The level of classified knowledge and depth of physics contained in the annotations had worried some navy scientists.

- On April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1959, Dr M.K. Jessup, (who, incidentally, had told friends that he had been asked to consult on restarted invisibility experiments), was found barely alive in his car near his home on Florida, suffering from apparently self-inflicted carbon monoxide poisoning. He died en route to the nearest hospital.
- Carlos Miguel Allende gave his final interview to a Colorado newspaper in 1986. He called it his 'deathbed confession', although he recovered from his illness at the time to live another eight years. He called for the experiments he had witnessed to be repeated, convinced that behind them lay, as he said 'man's true gateway to the stars'. He also suggested that Einstein had personal reasons for collaborating with the US Navy – in that he was researching faster than light travel under the guise of the invisibility project. Carlos also somewhat blew his remaining credibility, stating his main motive in lobbying for the experiment's continuation was to develop a space going squadron of US laser craft that could be permanently stationed behind the moon. These craft could be used to destroy the major Russian cities in the event of communist aggression. Carlos then borrowed ten dollars from the reporter to pay postage on some letters. He never spoke publicly again.