

He will undoubtedly urge you to put a great deal of power in his hands. I simply urge caution." December 27, 1960.

To President John F. Kennedy:... "Dear Jack":... speaking of Hugh Dryden named Number 2 man at NASA "He has the support of Detlev Bronk, President of the National Academy of Sciences, but we are not impressed with the soundness of Bronk's judgment. The scientific community feels very strongly in this matter and I am passing this comment on to you for your information and in the interest of a strong space program." Feb. 3, 1961

From an item undated (probably early 1970s) entitled "REVIEW BY DONALD H. Menzel of the History of the Loyalty Hearings (1950)," Here are Menzel's comments. "April 13, 1950 marked the beginning of the unhappiest, most traumatic experience of my life. Although the war had been over for more than four years, I had continued as commanding officer of Communications Unit 1-1 of the U.S. Naval Reserve in Boston. I was a consultant with TOP SECRET ULTRA CLEARANCE to the National Security Agency, which had replaced the Naval Communications unit I had been associated with during the war."....

It should be stressed that Menzel knew Kennedy because Kennedy was a member of the Board of Overseers at Harvard and had chosen astronomy as his particular area of interest. As I later found out from Mrs. Menzel, Doctor Menzel was a great admirer of Jack Kennedy. He noted in one letter that Kennedy had done his own reports, unlike many of the visiting Board of Overseers who would ask Menzel to write the report for them. In any event, a whole new side of Donald Menzel emerged, much to my surprise. The facts that he had a longer, continuous association with the National Security Agency, and its predecessor navy group than anybody else, that he had a TOP SECRET, ULTRA Security Clearance, that he had done work for the CIA, that Menzel had even written a letter concerning what was happening during the Eisenhower Administration to the NSA, that he was a world class expert on cryptanalysis, were all surprises. As a matter of fact, Menzel had taught cryptanalysis before the War. He was a great lover of puzzles, it seems. He actually, post World War II, headed the Cambridge, Mass., Navy Communications Group Reserve Unit Number 1.

He served during the war as a Navy Commander in Washington even though at the beginning of the war he was already almost 40 years old. He worked with a group that was involved in many different areas of research. One of them was code-breaking. He had learned Japanese to help break the Japanese codes. He worked on some technical problems which were right up his alley. He was an expert on solar astronomy. In order to observe the sun one uses a chronograph device that blots out the main body of the sun by putting in place in effect a circular shield that allows one to see what is happening over at the edges of the sun beyond the boundary of the body of the sun itself. Menzel's expertise in this area came in handy in trying to determine how a pilot should deal with