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Since Dr. Menzel's return to civilian status in the latter part of 1945, my personal relations with him have included meetings and conversations on technical subjects. Based on my knowledge and judgment of his character and my war-time experience, I am as thoroughly convinced today of his complete loyalty, his entire trustworthiness and his discretion, care and conscientiousness in security matters as I was throughout the war.

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I am acquainted with many persons who have been associated with Dr. Menzel in one or more of his various activities in scholarship, in service, in administration and in his country's service. I am familiar with Dr. Menzel's reputation among these associates... his reputation among these associates is that of a loyal citizen of the United States, active and energetic in the service of the Government and its Armed Services, deeply interested in the national security, and discreet, careful, conscientious and trustworthy in all matters relating thereto."

Coming from Bush, the above is high praise indeed.

I also discovered that Menzel was a close associate of Dr. Lloyd Berkner, another member of MJ-12 and that he obviously was well acquainted with Dr. Bronk even though he didn't much approve of Bronk's views as of 1960 about space and other matters. He considered Dr. Robert Oppenheimer a close friend. I also found his travel expense book for 1947 and 1948 and noted that he made numerous trips to Colorado and then down to New Mexico. The ostensible reason for the trips was the establishment of an Air Force Observatory for solar research. He obviously could have been doing other things in New Mexico. This was on a government expense account, not a Harvard expense account.

I found out that Menzel had turned down a job offer from a company called ERA, Engineering Research Associates, established in the Minneapolis area, by his former associates in the Navy group in Washington,. He mentioned specifically his former boss Howard Engstrom, one of the founders of ERA. They offered him a job, which he turned down though for \$10,000 a year which was a lot for that time period, but did do consulting work with them and actually owned some stock in the company. Menzel also noted that he had done consulting work for Lockheed, for M. cDonnell Douglas and for Collins Radio. The classified text he had written about radio propagation had been declassified after the war and published. He served on a National Research Council committee on radio propagation. He was obviously far more than just an astronomer.