

to disclose painful experiences in order to secure release. Long was impressed, saw Alex as a seer and a healer.

Nolan Tanous -- April 15, 1997 -- phone interview

Theme Statements: Alex Tanous as the essential "good uncle" who used his psychic gifts to entertain and help the family. Nolan saw Alex socially for his (Nolan's) entire life. He remembers Alex as a kind and concerned uncle who did card tricks, found missing items, and generally entertained at family gatherings. He was revered by the young children in the Tanous family. Nolan admits that he was the skeptic, especially in his teen years, but he became more sympathetic and understanding of Alex when he (Nolan) became an adult.

E: When Nolan was 8 or 9 years old Alex took all of the children into a room, turned off the light, and proceeded to move the residual light (the "glow" that remains when a room is plunged into darkness) around the room. Very impressive, from Nolan's point of view.

Once Alex had an intestinal disorder and recovered at Nolan's family house. (Dates?)

At end of the decade of the 1970s Alex predicted 3 days of darkness (recorded in Beyond Coincidence).

Thomas Tanous -- April 17, 1997

Theme Statements: Alex as the older brother (by eleven years) who was for Tom a kind of surrogate father. They roomed together at Boston College, and

graduated together (1959). Tom as the septic until he picked up Alex at the airport in the late 1960s and saw in his suitcase a collection of articles testifying to Alex's powers and a nice set of checks/moneys for his performances. Tom believes that Alex had a complete range of psychic powers, from parlor tricks to psychic diagnosis of health problems, to clairvoyance, and more. Tom also regards these powers as extensions of Alex's Catholicism (no conflict with the Church). Alex as early head of the family, a position later ceded to (the first) Nolan Tanous.

E: Alex at Stonehill Seminary, 1954-57. History major at Boston College. MA at Boston College in philosophy, 1960. MA (Tom thinks in philosophy) at Fordham in 1963. PhD from school in Indiana. Then teacher in Maine and public development of psychic powers.

Alex: brief military service (a few months) at end of World War II. Alex discharged for health reasons.

Military service again for Alex in 1950, and this was the time that he did the PR work (and met Arthur Fine).

When David Tanous was to marry Esther (September 1956) Alex saw that David was going to die (which he did -- from cancer -- in September 1957).

Alex helped police find both the body of a murdered boy and his killer in Maine, mid 1970s.

Tom (and Esther) speculate that Alex may have been having an OBE at the moment of his death, with the unhappy result that his astral body may be "trapped" and cannot be released to the eternal light.

Tom describes possession of Joseph Tanous by Alex.

Scott Jones (2) -- August 1, 1997

Theme Statements: Jones surveyed and read from some correspondence that he had with Alex leading up to the remote viewing experiences in government intelligence. The main observations were on the machinations of the Federal Government (primarily military intelligence and the C.I.A.) and Alex's roles in the remote viewing project. Jones recalls Alex (and these memories are supported by the letters) as loyal and supportive.

Alex as encouraging Jones to embark on a program of applied psychic phenomena in the intelligence work he was starting for a research institute. Jones invited Alex (letter on August 4, 1978) to join this project (remote viewing) and Alex agreed in a return letter.

E: Incident where Alex "saw through" a representative from Army Intelligence who presented himself as a member of the CIA in trying to enlist *just* Alex and not Scott in an intelligence project.

M: A January 1981 letter from Alex on the Iranian hostage situation assessing the prospects for the hostages.

Jones used a type of consensus among the psychics on the project, while factoring in Alex's intensity. Jones discussing the problems of confirmation, and the need to correlate physical responses of psychics to accuracy in "seeing" phenomena.

Jones admits that he was worried over the aplomb with which intelligence operatives were willing to use government assets using only single-source inputs, including the psychic projections of Jones's group.

Jones had an agreement with Alex that the first to die would try to communicate with the other after "passing over." But Jones says that he has had no direct contact with Alex since he died, though others have reported messages to him (and these messages emphasize Alex's overriding concerns now with healing and medical research).

Alan Vaughan -- August 8, 1997

Theme Statements: Vaughan met Alex in 1971. He recalls with particular vividness the light experiments that Alex would conduct. These consisted of viewing the after images of objects that appear on a wall after the lights are turned out in a room. Alex claimed to be able to move the images through psychokinesis. But Vaughan believed that Alex was influencing what people saw by generating field of consciousness. The proof of this was that the people saw nothing when Alex (at Vaughan's suggestion) withdrew his influence.

Vaughan believes that Alex's powers were genuine.

It was commendable (according to Vaughan) that Alex was willing to be a subject in controlled experiments. Alex was so confident of his powers that he was "up for anything" in the way of testing.

Saw Alex as a luminous, compassionate and deeply religious person, both scientist (with a strong intellectual curiosity) and mystic. One of the kindest persons that Vaughan ever knew. A very harmonious and balanced person who was able to integrate his psychic orientations with his religious convictions. One way he reached this balance was in dealing with conflicts publicly on his radio show.

E: The prediction of three days of darkness (which was reported in the National Inquirer) was drawn up (Vaughan believes) from Alex's religious training.

Alex as one who demystified magic. Able to defuse the diabolic face of psychic powers by popularizing them and doing good things with his powers.

Alex sent Vaughan the manuscript copy of Beyond Coincidence, which for Vaughan was testimony to Alex's desire for accuracy in his work.

Rhea White -- August 8, 1997 (not taped)

Theme Statements: Knew Alex only in passing, as an acquaintance, when she worked as the librarian at the ASPR in the years 1965 to 1980. Said that she could always tell that Alex was in the building when she smelled good food cooking somewhere upstairs. Impressions of him as very nice, polite, self-

contained, organized in the good sense of being devoted to the business at hand (the research experiments).

E: Mentions the time that Alex let her into the ASPR building when she left her keys at home. This story seems to be an important gauge for her of Alex's thoughtfulness.

Describes Alex's kindness. Said that she has never met anyone who had a bad thing to say about Alex or his psychic powers.

Ingo Swann -- August 11, 1997 (not taped)

Theme Statements: Swann met Alex 4-5 times when they were both working as subjects at the ASPR. Said that he invited Alex to his house several times before he accepted. Then they talked, mainly gossip about other psychics. Felt that Alex did not much like him, but he (Swann) liked and admired Alex. Reported that Alex was generally aloof from other psychics.

The admirable thing about Alex was his willingness to continue with the research, to do the controlled experiments again and again. Alex loved to work on the research and was diligent about staying within the strict controls that Osis set for the work. Osis as a visionary, and only researcher that Alex worked with.

Swann shocked and saddened when Alex passed away. Alex, Swann said, really tried.

Swann presumed that Alex's psychic powers were authentic, though Swann resists the use of labels and even the term "psychic."

Michael Grosso -- August 11, 1997

Theme Statements: Met Alex at the ASPR. Impressed with his presence, his "penetrating eyes." Grosso regards the experiments that Osis conducted with Alex as quite serious and important. They were in part efforts to discriminate between ESP and a veridical OBE. The critical Osis/McCormick experiment indicated some presence in front of the viewing target. Yet (which Grosso finds puzzling) the experiment has never been replicated.

The possibility of strong dualism (Alex I and Alex II) suggests evidence for life after death (in the survival of the inner spirit self).

Osis as part of an older and venerable tradition in psychic research, in which one looks for the gifted few to use in experiments. Alex as one of the gifted, and so part of the best traditions of research into psychic phenomena.

Cannot be certain of the authenticity of Alex's powers beyond Osis's papers, which Grosso regards as important contributions.

Contrasts between the seriousness of Alex's efforts as testing to the New Age "channelers" who prefer to act as prophets, giving advice without any interest in testing their powers.

E: When Grosso first met Alex he (Grosso) was aware of Alex's ability to

predict death from a handshake. So Grosso (trying for caution) embraced Alex instead. Alex immediately said "I sense death," which to Grosso's relief was not his own but some woman that Alex described. It sounded like Grosso's own mother but Grosso reports in the interview that his mother still lives at an advanced age. (Grosso related a part of this story in the lead to his article, "Nine Reasons to Fear the Paranormal" -- attached here.)

Joyce Goodrich -- August 14, 1997 (not taped)

Theme Statements: Met Alex at the ASPR during the years when he was engaged in the Osis experiments and she was developing the LeShan methods of holistic/psychic healing. Only casual conversations. Remembers Alex as a very serious, caring person. Definitely gifted and a facilitator of research even though his psychic gifts were spontaneous. Goodrich believes that gifted psychics will join in controlled experiments if they find the right gifted researcher (who will not nullify their powers). Osis was just such a person for Alex.