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BIOGRAPHY HUGH C. McDONALD

One of the reasons Hugh C. McDonald is not better known to the world today is that on May 3, 1960, he did not fly a U2 over the Soviet Union. He was offered the job, and he refused. He was asked why. He replied, "The money is good, but the risk is too great."

His CIA colleagues were derisive. U2s had been flying over Russia on photo reconnaissance for four years, since the ever-suspicious Russians rej cted an "open skies" proposal of the United States. The Russians did not have the weapons to shoot them down. They did not even know of their existence.

McDonald held his views firm. "If that's what you believe, fine. Get someone else to do it."

The CIA decided that poor old Hugh, then forty-seven years old, was prematurely chicken.

And so on May 3rd, the United States cautiously issued a story that a U2 engaged in "meteorological duty" may have been

forced down inside the Soviet border due to mechanical failure. Two days later the Russians announced that it had been shot down twelve hundred miles inside the Soviet Union. And thus, the pilot, Francis Gary Powers, entered the history books instead of Hugh Chisholm McDonald.

Hugh McDonald was born in 1913, and his exploits as a policeman, private investigator, flier and intelligence agent are legendary in the closed and guarded world of the international espionage and counter-espionage service. He once deliberately crashed a small plane into the Black Sea behind the Iron Curtain as part of a mission successfully carried off.

These incidents, and many others, took place over a period of almost thirty years, while Hugh McDonald was a member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He was frequently granted leave to be of service to several Government agencies.

When he retired, he held the post of Division Chief in the fifth largest law enforcement agency in the United States. He holds patents on the Identi-Kit and the Identicator, criminal identification systems used by police all over the world.



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McDonald has taught at the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Southern California, the University of Oklahoma and the University of Louisville, Kentucky. He is a graduate of the sixty-seventh class of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy in Washington, D.C. His books, The Investigation of Sex Crimes, The Classification of Police Photographs and The Psychology of Police Interrogation, are standard texts in most Police Academies.

He is currently head of security for Hollywood Raceway, the world's largest racetrack.

A partial resume of his activities follows:

February 1967 - Retired as Chief of Detectives,

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, in direct control and
command of some six hundred detective sergeants.

1963 - Division Chief, Los Angeles County Sheriff's

Department, commanding the Civil Division. This Division consists

of approximately five hundred men and services the Superior Court

System of the County of Los Angeles, which is the largest System

in the world. This Division provides security for the Court System

and handles all orders emanating from the Court System.

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- 1958 Inspector, Los Angeles County Sheriff's
 Department, commanding a geographical area of Los Angeles
 County which included the beach area of Malibu, the mountain
 areas of Altadena, Montrose, Newhall and the Antelope Valley.
- 1956 Captain, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Assigned to the Patrol Division as a Captain in command of the Hollywood Station. This is the Station which has in its territory the famous Sunset Strip, and is a territory which presents sensitive and unusual problems.
- 1951 Lieutenant, Los Angeles County Sheriff's

 Department. Assigned to the Detective Bureau and handled all
 types of investigations; was for a period of time the Commander
 of that Section of the Bureau which handed all sex crimes.
- $\underline{1949}$ Sergeant, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Assigned Detective Bureau, general assignment.
- 1946 to 1954 Second in command of largest Military Intelligence School in the nation, Ft. McArthur, California. At present, Major, Military Intelligence in Retired Reserve.

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1942 to 1946 - U.S. Army. Entered as Private; attended O.C.S.; discharged 1946 as a Major, Military Intelligence.

Special Assignments:

- 1951 When the California Crime Commission declared that law enforcement had broken down in the City of Burbank, was assigned as Chief of Police of that city for a period of ninety days to restore law and order.
- 1953 When law enforcement broke down in the City of Azusa, was assigned to that city as Chief of Police for a period of ninety days to restore law and order.
 - 1954 Hughes Aircraft, Industrial Security.
- 1964 Although not a Republican, was selected by the Republican National Committee to head the security for Presidential candidate, Senator Barry Goldwater.
- 1964-65 Chairman of Communications Coordination Committee, California Peace Officers' Association.
- 1965-66 Chairman of Electronic Data Processing Advisory Committee, California Peace Officers' Association.

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