



Prosopopoeia as Protocol: The Hale Experiments and Object-Oriented Ventriloquy during the Cold War

The general problem of deriving information (intelligence, actionable data, orienting indices) from “objects” has long preoccupied scientists, philosophers, and members of the clandestine services. New documentation has recently come to light that bears on this important subject, and a full airing of these striking sources is urgently wanted. In brief, there are now reasons to believe that individuals apparently associated with the CIA may well have embarked, in the early 1960s, on a notably non-traditional program of interrogatory investigations into the secret life of brute matter. Were these experiments conducted in association with associates of the Order of the Third Bird? It seems likely. Further work is needed, but on the evening of 6 November 2014, members of the Editorial Committee of ESTAR (SER) will provide a preliminary research report.

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