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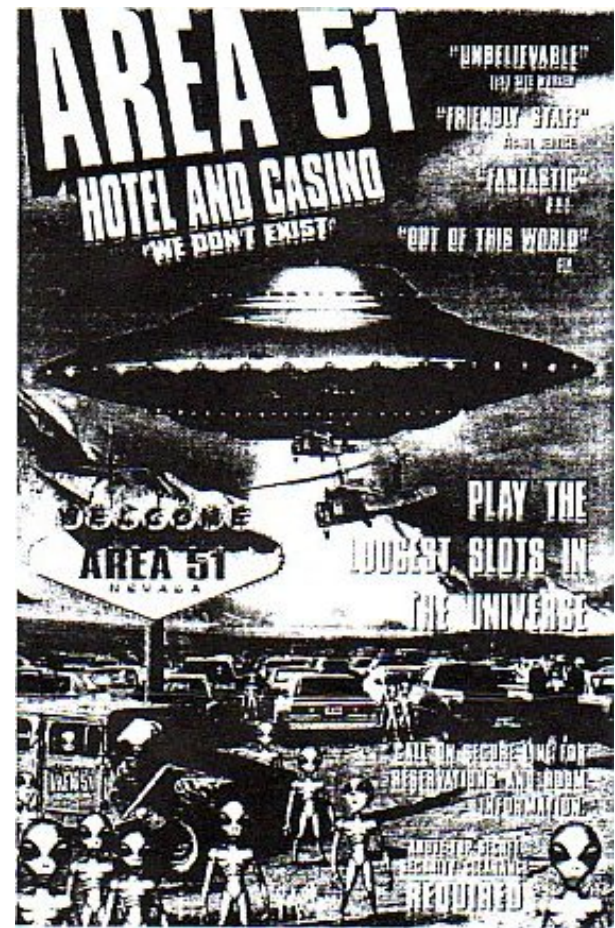
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NEWS BRIEFIES

- **T**he latest documentary from Canadian film maker Paul Kimball is finally out, though not yet available in the USA. It is called "Best Evidence", and has segments on what Paul considers the ten best UFO cases of all times. Mercifully, the Roswell Incident is not one of them. Stanton Friedman, Brad Sparks, and (ugh!) Dick Hall are among the commentators therein.

The #1 case, according to this film, is "RB47", from 1957. Others include England's Rendlesham Forest (1980); McMinnville, Oregon, 1950 (= the two famous Trent photos); and Shag Harbor, Canada, from 1967. Interestingly, all ten events appear to be from 1980 or earlier.

The film has received high praise, mainly because it is more objective than previous UFO documentaries. Paul Kimball is to be praised as an up and coming force in ufology...

- A Net item called "The Most Bizarre UFO Encounter" caught our eye, as it comes somehow from famed historian Jerry Clark, via Aileen Garoutte. This story is, indeed, a bizarre encounter.

Back in 1977, a Georgia man named Tom Dawson was alone outdoors one morning when a "strange circular object" suddenly flashed out of the sky and came down in front of him, hovering two feet above the ground. A hatch opened and five humanoid beings - three men and two women - stepped out.

Just a run-of-the-mill flying saucer event so far, right? But the weird parts were: One man and one woman were completely nude. (The others were dressed alike in "beautiful" clothing.)

Also, strangest of all, a human voice from inside the craft was screaming over and over, "I am Jimmy Hoffa!" You will recall that labor leader Jimmy Hoffa disappeared mysteriously years ago. His body was never found, but he is presumed to have been "rubbed out" by the Mob.

So what is he doing aboard a flying saucer? Is this some kind of joke??

Anyhow, after giving Dawson some sort of frightening physical examination, the humanoid creatures went back into their craft and quickly flew away. Dawson was treated for hysteria at a local hospital, but apparently he was otherwise unharmed. He still swears this story is true!...

- There's lots of recent news about Scotland's legendary Loch Ness Monster. On May 30th a monster enthusiast named Gordon Holmes captured two and a half minutes of video film of a fast-moving object a considerable distance from the camera. The film is impressive, but the big question is: How long is the unknown object moving on the surface of the water? We have seen an estimate of 4 to 6 feet, and another of 45 feet. Quite a difference! This film is now being analyzed.

About a month earlier, a scientific outfit lowered 15 shoebox-sized metallic submarines, called VideoRays, into the Loch in hopes of getting deep-water photos of Nessie. This is sophisticated equipment, never used there before. We have no follow-up on this, so apparently they found nothing. The odds against success were huge, according to the story...

- David Perkins, a fine gentleman whom we know only slightly, has been kind enough to send us a (free) copy of a new book called "Secrets of the Mysterious Valley", written by Christopher O'Brien. A long-winded introduction is by Perkins, and the subject matter of the book is the infamous San Luis Valley of Colorado - a remote region long known to be a "hot spot" for various types of anomalous phenomena. There have been 0 so many animal mutilations, mostly of cattle, but starting with the well-known case of Snippy the Horse in 1967. There are also UFOs, mysterious helicopters, strange creatures of many kinds, and generally speaking a panorama of weirdness that strains our belief!

Yet these investigators are objective, in the sense that they have no rigid, pre-set belief system to help them deal with the oddities they investigate. They have just about eliminated (1) ETs and (2) U.S. government activities as explanations. We heartily praise them for this, but unfortunately this leaves them with a mess of tentative theories that are sometimes stranger than the phenomena they are attempting to explain.

This soft-cover book is 440 pages long. No index, unfortunately. We don't claim to have read all of it, but we did skim. Available for \$19.95 from Adventures Unlimited Press of Kempton, Illinois...

ROSWELL, ETC

Dr./Major Revin Randle, Ph.D., a persistent Roswell proponent, continues to re-hash the details of this long-ago UFO case on the Net. Here he gives the testimony of Bessie Brazel. She was 14 years old when the infamous debris fell on her father's New Mexico ranch, in early July, 1947. Many years later she gave sworn testimony, part of which follows:

"The debris looked like pieces of a large balloon which had burst. The pieces were small, the largest I remember measuring about the same as the diameter of a basketball. Most of it was a kind of double-sided material, foil-like on one side and rubber-like on the other. Both sides were grayish silver in color, the foil more silvery than the rubber.

"Sticks, like kite sticks, were three inches wide and had flower-like designs on it. The 'flowers' were faint, a variety of pastel colors, and reminded me of Japanese paintings in which the flowers are not all connected."

This flower design is exactly what Prof. Charles Moore, at that time in charge of the Mogul Balloon project, still remembers: No weird hieroglyphics, no alien bodies, dead or alive; etc.

Of course Randle goes on to quote other witnesses whose recollections about various Roswell details differ from those of Mack Brazel's daughter Bessie.

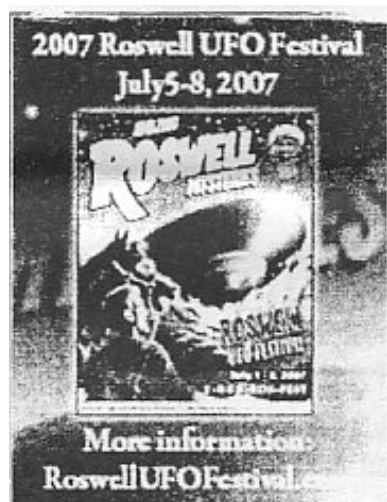
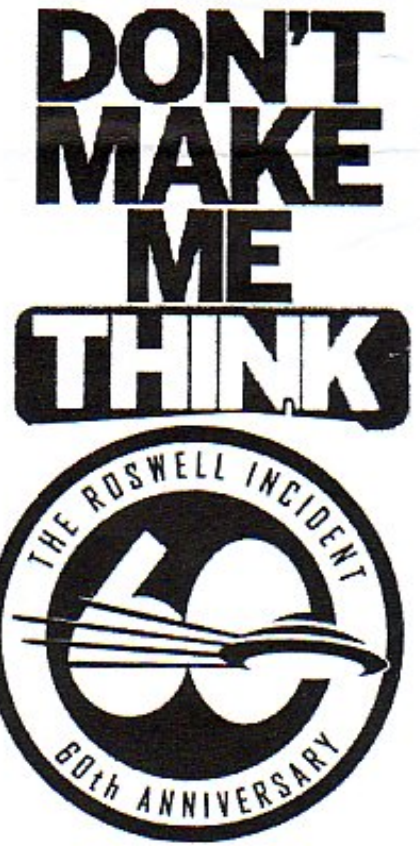
For more precise information on this whole subject, read Karl Pflock's 2001 book "Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe". Avoid the new French language version of Karl's book, as the cover design is something that even Kevin Randle would not approve of.

(See the Letters section of this issue for some very interesting details about this)....

As we have mentioned before, there will eventually be a UFO-oriented theme park in the City of Roswell, costing hundreds of millions of dollars, and dwarfing the present International UFO Museum. It will contain (get this!) an indoor roller coaster that will take passengers on a simulated alien abduction. "No one will be harmed, and everybody will be returned hopefully in the same shape as before", says the promoter.

The proposed park initially will cover 60 to 80 acres with room to expand to 150. It will feature other rides and attractions including an exhibit hall with info on the scientific exploration of the Universe.

It's really a very lucky thing for Roswell that the town has this saucer thing going for it. If you look at the map, you will see that Roswell is in an unusually isolated location - not on a highway to anywhere else of importance. We have driven there three times, through beautiful countryside. We have never flown all the way there, though this is apparently possible, on a small regional airline...



Incredibly, Ufological severe skeptic Kal K. Korff (KKK), now living in the Czech Republic, claims to be coming out with a nine volume series of anti-Roswell books: One of them (cover is pictured above) is called "DumbSchmitt The Roswell UFO Research Scandals of Kevin Randle". This title refers to researcher Don Schmitt, who used to work with Major Randle as a co-author. (They later had a falling out.)

This one book (out of the nine) is supposedly written by a young lady named Ms. Martina Tycova, described here as "a Czech Supermodel, Author and Media Personality", who is also a former Agent in the Israeli-founded Special Secret Services". This organization is also known as "SD", and in our last issue we published a photo of ~q{ in his "SD" uniform. We can only assume there is some romantic link between KF~ and Ms. Tycova, though we could be wrong about this. We do know that KKK states in at least one Net posting that "she is not even a UFO researcher".

The other eight volumes are apparently written by Korff himself, but isn't this overkill, even for the menace of Roswell?? It's all part of KKK's "500 book deal", previously mentioned in "Smear".

Korff obviously has it in for Randle, whom we believe to be an unusually honest researcher, even though we disagree with his conclusions. Korff's other target is Royce Myers, author of "UFO Watchdog" on the Net, which includes the well-known "UFO Hall of Shame". Korff has recently threatened dire legal action against both Randle and Myers.

FLASH! We have just learned that Korff has been promoted from Captain to Colonel in the mysterious "S3" group. Says Vince Ditchkusl "It's easy to be promoted in an organization that doesn't exist, when you're the only member".

We apologize for focusing on the Roswell case so often, but in spite of Korff's Super-Hero efforts, it will just never die! There's a new pro-Roswell book just out by noted researchers Tom Carey and Don Schmitt, called "Witness to Roswell". Here we find the well-known government cover-up, dead aliens (plus one live alien!), and even death threats made against helpless civilian eye-witnesses. Egads!...

Meanwhile, the Church of the Subgenius has accused the City of Roswell of deliberately holding its annual festival on a date that conflicts with their own convention.

Whereas the Raelians are serious in their strange beliefs, the SubGenius people are basically tongue-in-cheek, anti-Establishment, and openly promoting, Sex, Drugs, and Rock. The annual propaganda states that the SubGenius cult was begun in 1953 by someone named J.R. "Bob" Dobbs. However, your editor has followed this cult respectfully for many years, and we can all but assure you that Dobbs does not exist, and never did. It is all part of the humor.

The SubCeneii really should not complain, because Roswell is a very long way from Sherman, New York, where they will be frolicking. Say they: "Roswell is celebrating the 60th anniversary of a crashed weather balloon. We're preparing for the real thing." By the "real thing", they refer to a fleet of flying saucers that will arrive to destroy the worldwide Conspiracy against the Church. All ordained SubGenius ministers (= anyone who pays thirty bucks to join) will be rescued by escape vessels piloted by the Alien Sex Goddesses, also known as the Xists. The expected arrival date of the alien invasion is July 5th, 2007.

However, not to worry. Each year since 1998 the "alien invasion" has failed to materialize, but the cult goes right on as if nothing has gone wrong, and indeed nothing has gone wrong, as their membership is growing.

Most of the public (just like the dreaded Feds!) has no sense of humor when it comes to sensitive topics. No doubt the best way to "defeat" the SubCenius cult and its Sex Goddesses is to ignore them!

The real, live leader of the cult appears to be someone named Rev. Ivan Stang. His headquarters is presently in conservative Cleveland, Ohio. He is not to be confused with Rick Hilberg!...

TIDBITS OF TRASH

- Here's an obscure fact of some interest: According to a recent Net posting, the first of the 1950s UFO contactees was not George Adamski but a now-forgotten man named Samuel Eaton Thompson.

In March of 1950 - more than two years before Adamski's first interplanetary exploit - Thompson was walking along a forest trail near Mineral, Washington, when two Venusians landed in their flying saucer and invited him on board for a chat. They

had long blond hair and perfect features (of course!), but the most interesting thing about them is that they were both stark naked. It is not stated what sex they were, if any.

There was the usual talk about the other inhabited planets in our solar system and the beautiful philosophy of the Space People. Kenneth Arnold, the renowned 1947 private pilot who saw "nine gleaming objects", was sent by Fate Magazine to interview Thompson, but he decided against writing the story, as it was "just too unbelievable". We honestly believe it was the nudity aspect that spoiled Thompson's "15 minutes of fame"! He was apparently never heard of again....

- On May 26th we had a very pleasant meeting in Key West with researcher Dennis Crenshaw and his wife. Dennis, who lives in northern Florida, was on vacation in the Keys for the first time in about 25 years.

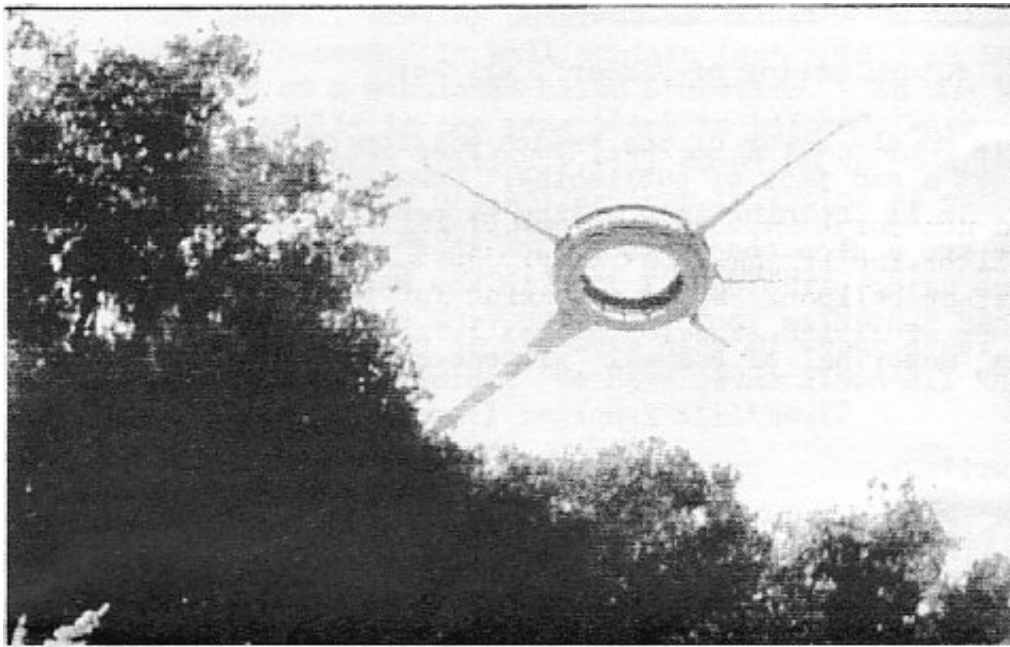
For quite a few years Dennis was editor of a wonderfully-named zine called "The Hollow Earth Insider". He admits that there are not likely to be living creatures inside the bowels (?) of the Earth, but he agrees with your editor that there might be weird beings of some sort living in caves near the surface.

Together with a man named Pete Navarro, Dennis Crenshaw has written a unique book called "Secrets of Dellschau: The Sonora (California) Aero Club and the Airships of the 1800s". We are familiar with this complex scenario, which relates to the still-unexplained airship "flap" of 1896-1897. Currently the book is under "serious consideration" by Anomalist Books, and hopefully will be out sometime next year.

Anomalist Books is also the publisher of the new book about the famous Betty & Barney Hill abduction case, described in our last issue. The company consists of Dennis Stacy and Patrick Huyghe, two long-time Fortean whom we know quite well. This may be the only publishing house in the country specializing in the off-beat topics we all love so well....

- In our last issue we mentioned how the Raelian cult was attempting to move their headquarters from Canada to France. Now we read that they are apparently choosing Las Vegas, Nevada instead. Hopefully their liberal sexual mores will be more welcome there.

Keep in mind their (dubious) link to UFO research: The Raelians are athiests who, however, believe that the human race was artificially created by aliens thousands of years ago. They also believe in "Free Love". Wheee!...



The strangely-shaped craft pictured here has been seen in various parts of the country lately, and has received much attention on the Internet. It is said to be almost completely silent and moves smoothly, always at fairly low altitudes. When it goes out of sight it does so very quickly indeed.

Apparently this is either a computer-generated hoax or a U.S.-made energy systems monitoring device (i.e., a drone of some sort) - as it is often seen near power lines.

Says Vince Ditchkus: "Billy Meier would be jealous. Modeling and computer technology have evolved to the point where someone can simulate

a 'huge craft' and make it look semi-real. Meanwhile, Meier is probably still gluing pie plates together and painting them silver!....

- This year's convention in a small West Virginia town, honoring the 55th anniversary of the famed Flatwoods Monster case, promises to present "proof" regarding the Monster, plus Roswell, plus other UFO cases. "That's a promise, not just promotional talk," says the promoter. "Bullshit" say we!

Among the Faithful speakers at the convention will be, inevitably, former Nuclear Physicist Stanton Friedman.

We remember the Flatwoods Monster incident from way back, when the late, great Gray Barker investigated it for his UFO magazine. Since then the case has become much more complicated, with details involving aerial warfare between alien craft and U.S. military planes. Egads! (Our thanks to Denis Corey for this item.)...

- "The Tampa Bay Skeptics Report", from Tampa, Florida, is an offshoot of the "Skeptical Inquirer" - the organ of a well-known national skeptical group called CSICOP (now shortened to CSI). The editor is a medical doctor named Gary Posner, a friend and co-worker of the late Phil Klass,

The Summer 2007 issue contains an article by your "Smear" editor, explaining how our views differ from the harsh, extremist skepticism of CSI. For a copy, write to Posner % CFI-Florida, 5201 W. Kennedy Blvd., #124, Tampa, Fl. 33609.

In this issue there is also a front-page article by Posner himself which is even more interesting than ours. It is called "UFOs and Bovine Excrement" - also known as Cow Shit. Whee!...

In regard to CSICOP, now reorganized with the new abbreviation CSI, there is an excellent Net article by Guy Lyon Playfair (no doubt a pseudonym) called "Has CSICOP Lost the 30 Years' War?" It is much better than our recent article for Posner's zine, and we quote part of it here:

"...What exactly is new? CSICOP spent thirty years examining questionable claims of all kinds, or at least claiming to examine them, as described below. One can hardly imagine how the range of its targets could have been wider, in keeping with the grandeur of its vision. 'We viewed ourselves as the defenders of the Enlightenment', Paul Kurtz recalls with typical hubris, adding that the 'paranormal' has been deflated in field after field. In short, Western civilization has been saved from collapse thanks to the crusade spearheaded by Chairman Kurtz and his fearless colleagues from the Ministry of Truth out there in Amherst, New York.

"CSICOP's greatest achievement was to persuade much of the scientific community, the media and the general public that it was a genuine scientific organization devoted to a search for scientific truth. In reality of course it was nothing of the kind. It was, and its successor no doubt still is, a vigilante-lobby group promoting the cause of fundamentalist secular humanism. This involves attacking religion in any form. The March/April 2007 "Skeptical Inquirer" is a special issue devoted to science and religion. Yet CSICOP/CSI itself is a religious organization in at least one sense of the word 'religion' as defined in the dictionary: 'A cause, a principle or an activity pursued with zeal or conscientious devotion.'

"There is no harm in being a lobby group, and in a free society one has the right to be agnostic, atheist, religious or plain (if harmlessly) crazy. What one does not have the right to do is deceive the public, which CSICOP did throughout its 30-year life, when, rather than carefully plucking the weeds from the paranormal garden, it tried to combine-harvester the whole thing, luckily getting stuck before it could do any lasting damage..."

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- Anthropologist CHRIS ROTH, future editor of "Smear", writes:

"I am amused by the artwork on the cover of the French edition of Karl Pflock's Roswell book. Here we run up against a sad fact of publishing: Sensationalism sells. No one wants to market a book whose thesis is 'nothing interesting happened at Roswell! Read all about it!' The droopy tentacles are a nice touch, too. Now that this

image is circulating, it won't be long before some aging pathological liar in New Mexico suddenly 'remembers' that the aliens he saw in 1947 had tentacles too! Remember, the original Roswell aliens were like human midgits; but the 'memories' of Roswell 'witnesses' morphed as the ufolore in the wider culture changed."

- Researcher DAVID CLEWELL writes:

"...The cover of Pflock's book (French edition) is ripped off from the cover art of an issue of one of the sci-fi pulps of the 1950s ('Fantastic Stories' or maybe 'Startling Stories'?). For years that particular cover hung on my wall, in and amongst all my saucer books and related riff-raff. I just went upstairs to root through my boxes of paper goods, to verify this once and for all, but I never made it past my bag of Buck Nelson's Venusian dog hair, proffered at one of his 'Spacecraft Conventions' from decades ago.... "

- Skeptical researcher MARTIN KOTTMEYER writes as follows:



June 1952
Startling Stories 26, #2; pp. 10-80.
Jack Williamson,
"Dragon's Island"

"The cover on the French translation of Pflock's Roswell book was originally drawn for the American pulp 'Startling Stories' in 1952 by an artist named Pierguy. It was drawn for a Jade Williamson story called 'Dragon's Island'. The creatures being carried away were not aliens, but creatures constructed of algae as a type of quickly mass-produced slave labor force. The craft in the background was supposed to represent a craft grown by mad scientists of Earth, thus neither alien nor Mogul related. I take it as obvious that the art was chosen because it looked somehow relevant. The gal was a looker, and it was conveniently cheap and available..."

Compare this photo with the one on Page 3 of our last issue. Incidentally, the proper English language title for the book is probably "The Last Inquiry", rather than "The Ultimate Encounter" as we said last time. - Editor.

- "RAY X" (also known as "BOXHOLDER") writes, via his Internet blog:

"I was reading the latest issue of 'Saucer Smear' when I noticed a familiar image. Supreme Commander Jim Moseley reproduced the cover of a new tome, Karl Pflock's Roswell book translated into French. Moseley commented how the aliens don't resemble the entities reportedly found near Roswell after their flying saucer - or 'disc' - crashed.

"Thanks to Google and various combinations of key words, I just found the original image online...It's from the June 1952 edition of the SF pulp magazine, 'Startling Stories'.

"Hey, it's a classic image, but isn't it a bit deceptive using it for Pflock's skeptical look at the Roswell Incident? Like Jim Moseley mentions, that ain't a crashed Mogul balloon in the background'

"It makes one wonder If they're playing around with the cover of the French edition like that, how accurate is the translation??"

Some bilingual nerd should oheck out the whole text to see if the translation is accurate. Any volunteers? -

Editor.

- Famed ufological historian JERRY CLARK writes:

"Thanks, I guess, for sharing with me that silly piece on alleged ufological panic. I guess it shows why UFO blogs - with the rare exception such as Kevin Randle's, based on (gasp) actual investigation and research - are not such a good idea. You have to write something even when there's nothing to write about, so you just make up shit. If ufology's in a state of panic - at least any more so than usual - I haven't noticed it. But then, I'm not a blogger.

"Anybody with half a functioning brain understands by now, in any event, that ufology isn't going further without the active involvement of scientists with expertise, funding, and other resources. Ultimately, UFOs are a scientific question; and science, not the part-time amateur, solves the big scientific questions. Meanwhile, in an age of high crimes, corruption, malfeasance, and the Bush/Cheney regime, other issues strike me as a whole lot more urgent..."

- We are delighted to receive the following communique, because people with negative opinions about "Smear" seldom bother to contact us. New York City publicist MIKE LUCKMAN writes as follows (via the Net):

"Moseley: You are one of the biggest fools I have ever met in the UFO field (or for that matter anywhere else). Knowing your twisted personality, you will probably revel in the fact that I even bothered to send you an e-mail after all this time, and see it as an excuse to write some more drivel about me.

"Be that as it may, the purpose of this little note is to set you straight about my book 'ALIEN ROCK! The Rock 'n' Roll Extraterrestrial Connection', published by Simon and Schuster. I assure you that I've sold many more books than you could ever do in your pitiful lifetime. But more importantly, 'ALIEN ROCK' has been praised by the New York Times Book Review and enjoyed by such celebrities as Prince William, Bono, Steven Spielberg and many, many other influential people around the world. 'ALIEN ROCK' will soon be a major motion picture. That is guaranteed to drive you to drink!

"You are truly a jerk who is an embarrassment to the whole UFO field. Many years ago you chose to take the low road. You think you are funny, but you are pitiful. What a wasted life."

We have never seen "ALIEN ROCK", but we did make a light-hearted comment about it once. Some people have no sense of humor at all! - Editor.

- CONNIE MENGER writes, in behalf of her husband HOWARD MENGER, a very famous UFO contactee of yesteryear:

"Just a note to thank you for the years of amusing and informative news through the continuing 'Saucer Smear' source.

"We remember well your dear friend (and ours) Gray Barker. After all, he took the risk of publishing our book 'From Outer Space to You' - at a time when there was so much controversy and ridicule. So now before we get too old to remember, we want to thank you and Gray Barker for a job well done.

"Howard and I are in reasonably good health. Howard's memory is not what it used to be - but he has a great sense of humor. He can look at re-runs on TV and thinks it the first time he saw it. Now is the time for quiet reflection and love of family.

"Thank you again, Jim, for your years of service, with a great sense of cynical, but polite, humor."

This is, without a doubt, one of the very nicest letters we have ever received. What more can we say? - Editor.

- Flying saucer historian BARRY GREENWOOD writes as follows:

"Dear Still Supreme Commander:

"Thank you for publishing the 'oldest UFO photograph' on Page 6 of the May 25th issue of 'Smear'. It gives me the chance to set this thing straight, as it has been pretty twisted up until now...

"Many years ago I came across the Mount Washington, New Hampshire, stereo card that you reproduced in cropped form. It was good 3-D and I think it cost about \$8 at the time. But I didn't buy it. Why did I blow such an opportunity to have this card many years before it became a Ufological topic? Because it was clear that when you see the image in context, i.e. in 3-D, it showed a nearby mound of wind-drifted snow with a stick or some such dark object sticking out of the mound. This mound stands out sharply against the background of real clouds in the distance. Only when you see the flatness of a single, non-stereo image does it give the impression of being a cloud billowing upward with a cigar-shaped UFO flying in front of it.

"Mount Washington is famous for displays of wind-blasted snow banks being swirled into remarkable shapes. The world's record for fastest wind gust, 234 mph, was recorded on Mount Washington.

"A few years back a copy of this stereo card turned up on eBay as a UFO! It sold for several hundred dollars and has made the rounds of the UFO grapevine ever since. The seller was pretty smart in calling it a UFO image, because it made him a bundle for something about which there is almost zero information..."



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