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Dear Marcello:

I am long overdue in writing you. Several reasons at present include wanting to make you aware of the enclosed three items--Letter to KCET re Sagan--comments re pseudo science of antiufology-- comments re intellectual bankruptcy of antiufology. Also am including the Randi garbage re the Hill case...

My check for 10\$ is also enclosed to cover the cost of a subscription to the Zetetic. Please begin with the issue before the one dealing at length with reactions to Richard Greenwell's UFO encyclopedia piece. Hopefully the latter is now out.

You may if you wish publish the copyright pieces or my letter to KCET. Just let me know.

Regards to Ron Westrum. I am still planning on a list of the Better IR sightings for him.

Hastily and cordially,


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Dear Marcello:

Thanks much for your card of Feb. 22. I was gone for a couple of weeks for my debate with Klass and some lectures and came back to two big snow storms and the IRS wanting info... and a box full of mail.

Yes, I did get the ZS and read the responses to Greenwell with interest and in some cases considerable dismay... shouldn't there be a rule the professionals have to do their homework before sounding off from a professional-- as opposed to personal-- platform? I thought there was a word limit.. and there is Abell with silly drive page after page....

Your CSAR sounds very exciting. I have a suggestion for you stimulated by the fact that one of the best collections of observational data relating to ball lightning was obtained by Warren Rayle at NASA Lewis Research lab by surveying the lab people for those who had seen ball lightning and then sending a detailed info form for them to fill out. Can be done with computers and interplant mail at minimal cost with a good base of respectable people not publicly intimidated so that the laughter curtain problem would be greatly reduced. Could survey large installations --was also done at Oak Ridge National Laboratory-- for UFOs, Bigfoot, ball lightning, earthquake lights, fireballs, aurora borealis, reentry, clairvoyance, psychokinesis, ghosts, etc all at once with different forms sent back depending on which had been observed. I have always found it much easier when looking for a needle in a haystack-- say a literature search in abstract journals-- to look for several needles at the same time. Sort of related to what Ron Westrum is doing with the data from IR and D re UFO sightings. The more I think of it the better it would be.. and you could probably get funds to do it with because of the academic respectability.. I would like to advise, review, suggest, etc...

Have you considered running any articles demonstrating how much in error a professional was in his calculations about impossibility of a technological objective? Reading Abell's garbage re interstellar travel reminded me of the assinities of another astronomer Dr. Campbell who in 1941 with mathematical precision computed that the required initial launch weight of a chemical rocket able to get a man to the moon and back would be a million million tons-- 300 Million times the weight that was actually required to get three men there less than 30 years later but still using dumb old chemical rockets.... If one makes enough stupid assumptions one reaches wrong conclusions....

You ask for anything new re soviets and UFOs. I can't answer without knowing what old info you have. CUFOS is selling for \$5. a copy of a very important Soviet paper--50+ pages long. I have a translation of the basic Felix Zigel 165 page manuscript providing the sightings used as a basis for the study and a long interview with LM Gindilis the most important author. Also you should talk to Robert Gross at the Current Digest for Soviet Literature (something like that) at Ohio State in Columbus who has done several bibliographies on Soviet investigations of various paranormal areas. Also check Henry Gris and Bill Dick's book.

Re me and a book. Bill Moore and I are finally working on one with Harper and Row having an option. \$ are very tight except for the Berlitzs of the world. Haven't had the \$ to spend the time writing instead of seeking talks... note Klass ploy enclosed.. *JTF* STF

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'What we have here is a cosmic Watergate'

By ALLAN TURNER
Staff Writer

The United States in engaged in a massive cover-up of evidence proving flying saucers exist, nuclear physicist-lecturer Stanton T. Friedman contends.

"The public's been brainwashed," Friedman, in San Antonio for a debate concerning UFOs at Trinity University, told The Light.

"... What we have is a cosmic Watergate."

Friedman, 46, said he is the "only space scientist in the United States known to be devoting full time to UFOs."

"I am trying to replace the mythology, the phony UFO-ology that has sprung up with data, scientific information that most people don't know exists," Friedman said.

Friedman, who worked 14 years

as a nuclear physicist for such firms as General Electric, General Motors and Aerojet General, said the U.S. government is well aware of the existence of UFOs.

"Most important from the government's viewpoint," Friedman said, "is the military potential." But, he added, the government is also interested in the UFOs for their possible contributions to space program technology.

The Air Force Operation Bluebook was little more than a public relations effort, he insisted. "They had a few filing cabinets," he said. The government's real UFO investigations were conducted through the Air Defense Command. "They have radar and computers and all the sophisticated equipment in the world and their job is to track unidentified flying objects, be they Russian rockets or UFOs."

The U.S. government has had conclusive evidence of the existence of extra-terrestrial beings since the late 1940s when a spacecraft crashed near the Texas-New Mexico border, Friedman claims.

"I have traced the people who did the investigation all over the country — they were hand-picked military men," Friedman said. "And they initially thought the craft had been Russian." Later, Friedman said, the military recognized the alleged nature of the craft.

"That it was a crashed spaceship has been well documented," he said. "We believe they also picked up some bodies, but that isn't as well documented."

The government publicly said the craft was nothing more than a weather balloon, and, Friedman charged, contrived to announce the "crash" at the most inopportune

time for the press.

"The first stories many newspapers carried," Friedman said, "was the government's denial that it was anything other than a weather balloon."

The lecturer believes alien beings are keeping earth under surveillance. "We're of interest to anyone in the neighborhood," Friedman said. "They may be concerned about their own survival and security. Since World War II, it's been obvious that we would be successful in breaking gravitational bonds."

Friedman believes the government persists in denying the existence of UFOs, not only for military reasons, but to insure the worldwide political status quo.

"It's a political problem," he said. "If UFOs were publicly confirmed by two trustworthy people, say,

Walter Cronkite and the pope, the stock market would go down and memberships in churches and admissions to mental institutions would rise.

"Also, especially among younger people, there would be a hue and cry for an earth orientation. No government in the world is prepared for its people to think in terms of being earthlings. Nationalism is the problem. And that's too bad. I'm in favor of an earth orientation, myself, because if it doesn't come about, I fear we'll have a nuclear holocaust within the next couple of decades."

Friedman will meet his old nemesis, Philip Klass — who thinks Friedman's views are bunk — in a debate at Trinity's Laurie Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, at the door, will be \$1 for students, \$3 for the public.



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"The public is brainwashed."

UFO debaters clash

San Antonio Express 2/23/81

By ANITA ALEMAN
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Those wanting an answer to whether unidentified flying objects are craft operated by extraterrestrials didn't get one at Sunday night's debate at Trinity University on the UFO issue.

Pitting pro-UFO Stanton Friedman against anti-UFO Philip J. Klass did, however, produce some identifiable differences of opinion.

About 300 persons attended the debate in Laurie Auditorium.

Friedman, with 14 years' experience in development of nuclear and space systems, is the only space scientist in North America devoting his full time to UFO study.

He claims the reasons no big-time scientists or journalists are jumping on the pro-UFO bandwagon is partially out of fear of being laughed at, ego and a complete unwillingness to use modern technology to understand UFOs.

He argues UFO disprovers use selective data, innuendo and character assassination of witnesses to argue against them.

Klass, senior avionics editor for Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine, admitted there probably will never be a resolution to the question.

In the first session of the debate, however, he took a classic UFO sighting and, point-by-point, provided possible explanations for the "unexplainable."

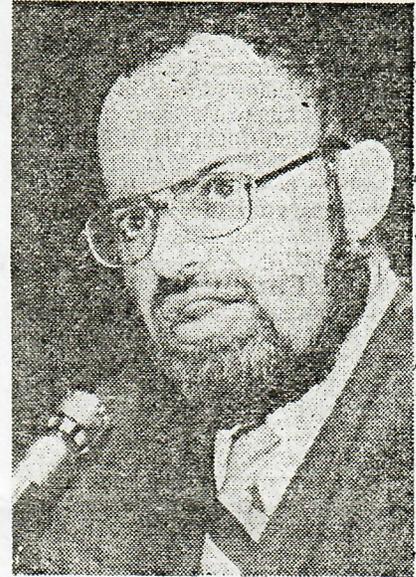
Klass particularly focused on the changing story of one of the key witnesses and offered that even highly trained people (such as the pilot involved) can have faulty memories when under extreme stress.

In a particularly challenging moment, Klass provided Friedman with a hypothetical star map and asked him to look at it for 30 seconds and then immediately try to draw it from memory.

This took place after Friedman had cited the case of Betty Hill, who supposedly was taken aboard a spaceship and shown a star map, then two years later under post-hypnotic suggestion, redrew it.

Friedman did not participate and later said the test was hardly scientific and would have proven nothing.

Klass showed numerous slides of government documents on UFOs



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... UFO questions remain

which repeatedly stated no evidence existed to prove such vehicles exist.

Friedman countered there are at least 135 documents on the subject which are being kept secret by the government due to their possible effect on national security.

He further argued the present absence of evidence does not prove there is no evidence and that a person would have to be completely naive to think the government would not keep such information hidden.

Klass firmly believes all UFO sightings can eventually be explained but it is the small percentage designated "unknown" that Friedman feels keeps the question open.

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Dear Stanton:

During our Feb. 22 debate at Trinity University in San Antonio, I was very much disappointed that you were unwilling to participate in my proposed experiment to assess the accuracy of a person's ability to very accurately recall the precise positions of each star in a Betty Hill-like star-map that I had constructed.

Unless it can be demonstrated that a person exposed to such a star-map can--several years later--recall the precise location of each star, then the Betty Hill star-map, and Marjorie Fish's reconstruction are completely meaningless!

Whereas it was more than two years after the alleged Hill incident before Betty tried to draw the star-map from memory, I offered you the opportunity to draw your recollection of my star-map immediately after you had the chance to view it for more than one minute. And unlike Betty Hill, you knew that you had reason to try to memorize my star-map as accurately as possible.

In refusing to participate in the experiment, you indicated that it would be of no value because Betty Hill allegedly drew her star-map under post-hypnotic suggestion and there was no hypnotist present at Trinity University that night. This suggests that you believe that post-hypnotic suggestion somehow improves the accuracy of one's recall.

If you truly believe this, then I propose that you undergo hypnosis at my expense and that the hypnotist give you the post-hypnotic suggestion that you draw the star-map that I placed before you at Trinity University.

When you have done so, send me a photo-copy, while retaining the original, and I will send you a photo-copy of the original, so that each of us can compare your recreation with the original.

I urge that you conduct this experiment so that we can get a scientific measure of the potential accuracy of Betty Hill's star-map.

I look forward to your response.

Cordially,



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Dear Phil:

Are you really forgetting that I was present at the debate in San Antonio and that I spent most of my years in industry concerned with experiments? Surely it is an insult to any thinking person to suggest that your little game in San Antonio was an experiment. A cheap ploy, a childish trick, a diversion from reality-- yes all of these. But an experiment? The whole purpose of Marjorie Fish's work-- thousands of woman hours of it at that-- was to see if the map drawn by Betty had meaning. The end result is that it not only has meaning but provides some new and very exciting information.

Let us look at some of the obvious flaws in your so called reasoning in this matter:

1. It was Betty Hill not me who saw the map. People's ability to recall things especially three dimensional things varies a great deal from person to person. That is why tests of spatial capability have been developed. How can you relate Betty--in 1961-- to me in 1981?
2. What Betty saw was 3' by 2' with a 3D appearance. How does one connect that to an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x11" drawing on a flat sheet of paper.
3. Betty had asked a specific question about the leader's origin. He provided the viewing map as an answer... in a relatively private dialog under very special circumstances. Your map ploy was presented in an entirely different emotional and physical context. Is there any similarity?
4. Betty's memory was closed off or locked into place within a half hour of when she observed the map. The time after that prior to the hypnotically induced recall is meaningless. She was directed to recall and to draw it if and only if she could recall it accurately. She did so.
5. You refer to recalling "the precise positions of each star in a Betty Hill-like star map". Surely you are aware that no-one has claimed that Betty recalled the precise position of each star in the map she saw. Surely you know that what she saw was not at all like what you made. Or is this silly lie another one of your little practical jokes like your 10 million dollar NASA UFO grant?
6. Suppose I had played your silly childish game and done a perfect job of drawing what you had shown me-- despite the lack of semblance between your map and Betty's? What then would you have immediately said "I was wrong. Betty did have her experience. Flying saucers are ET spacecraft. Here is your 10,000\$ check, Stan." Phil you have almost never been willing to admit that you have ever been wrong about anything even though I have pointed out numerous false and misleading statements you have made. Just what would you have said? Wouldn't you have pointed out the fallacies in the "experiment" that I have noted above?
7. Hypnosis properly applied has been found to be a very useful tool in dredging up material from the subconscious. Sometimes what is dredged up is in "absolute" error because it was improperly put into storage in the first place. Students for example often put an answer down on a test thinking it is correct when in fact it was improperly recorded in the first place. Police forces in many parts of the country are using hypnosis successfully to retrieve information from subconscious memories --license numbers--

faces, of rapists, miscellaneous trivia of all sorts. The whole purpose of Marjorie's very extensive efforts was to see if what Betty drew under the special circumstances of post hypnotic suggestion had meaning .

8. Let us not forget that I was at Trinity to engage in a debate with you knowing full well that you have consistently resorted to false and misleading statements, innuendo, character assassination, selective choice of data, and the other tricks of the propagandist. I also knew that because of the formal debate format there wouldn't be time to point out all the pro UFO facts and all the anti-UFO distortions that you would undoubtedly resort to. My focus was in catching the false statements, the false reasoning, the underlying false assumptions. I heard you at the Smithsonian and knew there would be subtle misinformation and substantial distortion as I have noted in my review of your book. These are hardly the conditions under which one participates in a pseudoscientific illogical experiment.

9. While I am at it let me point out a few more of your silly childish ploys:

A. Re Blue Book Special Report 14. If you had read the volume you would have immediately noted the difference between all sightings (3201), Unit sightings (2554) and object sightings (2199). Why did you try to make it sound as though I had somehow either misrepresented the data, manipulated it or lied about it or made it up? What I presented on the Snyder show was completely accurate.. despite your nasty white paper. What I presented at Trinity about BB SR 14 was completely correct despite your nasty attempt to discredit it.. or to knowingly and wilfully have me waste my time correcting your false statement instead of dealing with other positive information.

B. Re the quotation from Donald Quarles (3% Unknown) from "on the basis of this study" and your quotation concerning 9% and 3% . Surely you are aware that the numbers I quoted (19.7% of the 2199 object sightings and 21.5% of the All sightings) are completely correct- still. You also know that the 3% refers only to the 131 sightings examined hastily and with intent to "reduce the number of UNKNOWNNS to a minimum" and by people other than the professionals involved in BBSR 14. It in no way refers to that data in "this study". How can you continue to flat out lie about this Phil?

C. How can you admit in your Coyne ploy that you had 3 phone conversations with him and then later on speak disdainfully of armchair office investigations knowing full well Jennie Zeidman spent hours with him and the witnesses , that I spent a day with him, and that you were the armchair investigator not us? How could you bring along the Zeidman report but not mention it until after I did -- despite your spending 30 minutes on the Coyne case? How could you not mention the ground witnesses and total duration of the case as provided in the Zeidman report? How can you continue to talk about 400' from the ground knowing full well that the pilot could see the ground and that the ground elevation above sea level was well over 600' below that of the helicopter ? Perhaps you should ask a psychiatrist--try Ernest Taves--just why it is you cannot admit your persistent misrepresentation of the Coyne case? and of Blue Book Special Report 14 etc ad nauseum??

D. How did you dare to suggest that the CIA papers showed there had been no coverup? What about the 200 documents referenced in them but not provided? What about the simple fact that documents of a lower classification cannot reference documents of a higher classification? What about the Bolender memo clearly indicating Blue Book was not the primary USAF UFO investigative body especially for military cases? What about the 135 documents re UFOs found by the NSA which they have refused to release? What about the list of 57 documents originally put out by the CIA--including only 18 from the NSA--which could not be released? Are you really forgetting our brief conversation with John Marks (Sp?) in Boston before the Oteri show in which he delineated the stages he fought through to get 40,000 CIA documents re mind control though starting with only a few hundred? You have noted the great radar detection capabilities of systems operated by the military but then dared to suggest that they have not picked up any UNKNOWNNS (should I say uncorrelated targets?) knowing full well that even the Blue Book files are loaded with them and that you do not have a need to know or clearance to see such reports in the first place, Phil. There is much more of course but time is limited. There is certainly a need for good experiments about UFOs, but you haven't suggested any.

Hastily, *Stan* Stan