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".... AHN is performing a good service to UFOlogy by devoting itself to an aspect of offbeat investigation seldom tackled with any great enthusiasm in other journals. But in choosing 'a-r' as its field of study, AHN suffers from the lack of sufficient space with which to deal properly with so vast a field.

"Also to be criticized are the readers for not contributing to a dialogue in-depth on 'a-r' and its multifarious aspects. Since a growing number of UFO researchers have entered into similar phases of study, one would think there would be a greater effort to pool resources, and make some definitive attempt to get to the bottom of this thing once and for all.

"You are to be commended for stirring up such a dialogue in your travels around the country, and I regret that such mundane things as earning a living prevent me from doing the same, as in past years. I feel time is short. It is urgent that a massive study be instituted immediately to solve the mystery of UFOs and other offbeat mysteries. The frightening proliferation of 'men-in-black' cases in recent years clearly indicates that the UFO problem is entering a new phase, and it is essential that we find out what this activity means. The very future of mankind may be at stake."

EUGENE STEINBERG  
(Worthington, Minnesota)

".... Since the Alternate Reality Theory is the only hypothesis which covers all aspects of related and unrelated UFO phenomena, it seems to me that more attention should be given to it by others in the field. Most of the alternative 'explanations' are categorized and tend to fit only certain individual cases, while the AR Theory is broad enough to encompass all situations. With this in mind, why is it relatively unknown or untouched by most organized investigation groups? I don't say that the theory should be given top priority but only made aware of. Maybe in this way the ball will begin to roll...."

PAUL BRACZYK  
(Webster, Massachusetts)

".... In reading the latest issue of the Alternate Horizons Newsletter, I found myself slightly confused in some parts and in definite agreement in others. I suppose that my confusion found its basis in the mystery of the Alternate Reality itself. You were, I feel, understating the entire theory when you said in the first issue: 'I don't know what I'm talking about.' Indeed the Alternate Reality hypothesis is so all-encompassing of the many mysteries which we find that we must face in everyday life: the Abominable Snowman, the Loch Ness Monster, the Sasquatch, and of course the UFOlogical enigma and its many facets. There is no way to define the AR, nor is there any method at the present time, through which we might prove the existence of the Alternate Reality...We can only at the present time make suppositions and hope that we are on the proper track, as I feel that we are. Fortean phenomena are something which might be looked into, for they most probably are related in some way or another...the Alternate Reality provides this missing link...."

EUGENE R. GRYNIEWICZ  
(Donaldson, Indiana)

".... The idea of unseen, unsuspected worlds around us and people of non-human origin in our midst is becoming more realized day by day.

Although I feel that the 'saucers' are from space, that still does not imply that they are 'just' visitors from other planets. We still don't know what space really is...."

DENNIS STAMEY  
(Asheville, North Carolina)

".... I think that one possible approach to the MIB and threatening phone call problem would be to first eliminate the psychological possibilities. Your article, THE SKYWATCH VOICE, in the latest issue of AHN is a good illustration of this. From what I had previously read, I had got a strong impression that the mysterious phone calls may be purely subjective. The victims always seemed to be alone when they took place and we had to take their word for it that their reports were objectively true. Now you report a case where part of the call was actually recorded on tape. I had thought it possible, after reading Barker's THEY KNEW TOO MUCH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS and Bender's FLYING SAUCERS AND THE THREE MEN that the troubles in Australia and New Zealand may have been caused by suggestions contained in letters from Bender to his correspondents in those countries, but where such incidents can be physically recorded, a psychological explanation becomes inadequate.

"To ufologists, the main puzzle is perhaps not the apparently irrational and ridiculous behavior of the MIB and suchlike bogeymen, but the inability to imagine what men such as Bender and other victims could possibly know and communicate about the real nature of UFOs which would for any reason be undesirable or dangerous to be generally known or believed. Indeed, it has been suggested that, compared with most ufologists today, Bender really knew very little about the subject and its possible implications. Perhaps a better title for Barker's book would be - THEY DIDN'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS.

"It is perhaps interesting to note that I have never had any trouble with MIB and never received a phone call from anyone who refused to identify himself. It seems that if I accept the theories of most of the writers on this topic, the reason for this lack of attention is not my lack of suggestibility, but the fact that I have in interviews with the press and local radio and in answers to enquiries from interested people, always managed to give an impression of scepticism and pointed to possible 'normal' physical and psychological explanations for the phenomena under discussion. This puts me in a bit of a dilemma. If I give the impression that I really believe in the MIB and all that, I would probably, --- according to the theories of most writers on the subject --- receive plenty of information, but be 'silenced' before I could use it effectively. On the other hand, if I continue to seem too sceptical to most ufologists, I will eventually be accused of working for the 'ORGANIZATION.' Either way, it seems one just cannot win! ...."

JOHN HARNEY  
(Bromborough, Wirral, Cheshire, England)

".... 'What the heck is an "alternate reality?" ' That was probably my first reaction to AHN and the "AR concept" in general. I felt that it suffered from a lack of definite terminology. I also felt that this was merely the old '4-D' concept in new dress. Admittedly, many of the things contained in that first issue of AHN seemed to make a lot of sense, but I was skeptical.

"As various other issues of AHN have come my way, I have, perhaps, mellowed to the AR theory. This is not to say that I am completely 'converted.' I cannot yet totally dispense with the 'interplanetary spaceship' concept as at least a partial answer to the UFO mystery. I cannot yet dismiss Shaver's views on physical caverns and physical beings inhabiting them. It seems quite likely to me that there is someone 'down there' somewhere, whether he be a dero or merely a UFO occupant (is there a difference?!) utilizing a cavern as a base.

"As I understand AR, there is presumably a 'connecting link' between all mysteries which we tentatively classify as 'Fortean', psychic, UFO, etc. This seems quite likely, based on examples which have been given by the Editor, as well as research done by John Keel and others. This, to me, brings us back to Fort's concept of 'underlying oneness.' It is, to my muddled mind, logical and orderly.

"It seems to me that AHN is doing a good job of bridging that great, yawning chasm which separates the 'unorthodox' from the 'orthodox.' It may not be psychedelic, but it's one of the best 'mind-expanders' I've found!"

LUCIUS FARISH  
(Plumerville, Arkansas)

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A L T E R N O T E S - We suggest you look into INFO, the International Fortean Organization and its publication, The INFO Journal. Write INFO at P. O. Box 367, Arlington, Virginia, USA, 22210 ..... AHN Editor Allen H. Greenfield has written a book manuscript under the tentative title NATURE OF REALITY An Inquiry and a Testament. Publication plans have yet to be announced ..... The UFO Sighter, Volume 7, Number 2 is scheduled to contain an article by Greenfield on AR, "Tenets of the Alternate Reality Theory". In the same issue, a photo-feature on UFO contactee John F. Reeves.....We wish to call your attention to THE ODIC FORCE, Letters On Od and Magnetism by Karl Von Reichenbach, translated and introduced by F. D. O'Byrne, foreword by Leslie Shepard, University Books, 1968, Library of Congress Card Number 68-18752. In somewhat the same vein, see "Orgone Energy and Space Ships" by Jerome Eden in the October, 1968 edition of Saucer Scoop, 6464 34th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33710..... In the same issue of Saucer Scoop is a notable article by Mrs. Jennifer Stevens of E.P.I.C., "UFO's - Mystery On The Mohawk!!!". Included in this article is an account of strange telephone experiences similar to those encountered personally by your editor of late. (See "The Skywatch Voice" in AHN, Volume 2, Number 5.) Since our earlier encounter, as of this writing an additional related incident has taken place. This time, the home phone of the editor rang at approximately 2 AM on October 10, 1968. Upon answering, the editor was confronted with a lengthy period of weird noises. He was again able to tape a portion of this. No voice appeared during this call, despite challenges by the editor for identification.....John A. Keel's article "Mysterious Voices From Space" in the November, 1968 issue of Saga includes material of this general type..... AHG

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(1) "Then and Now: A Comparison" is an over-all title for an article series.

(2) All unsigned material, except these letters and extracts from readers, are by the editor. Photos in Volume Two, Number Four are also by the editor.

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