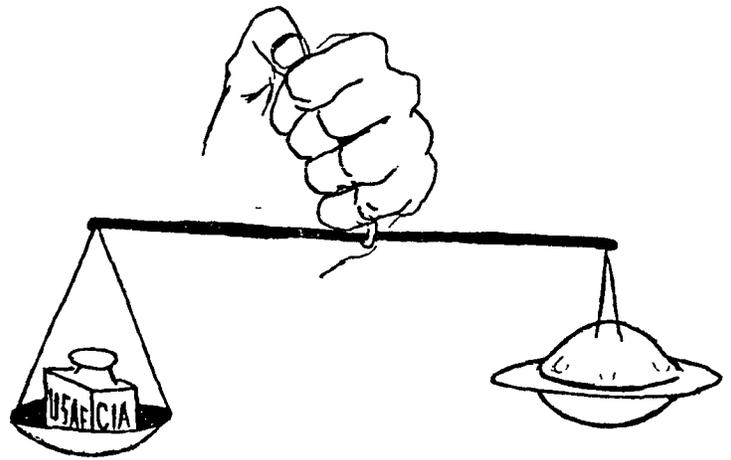


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CAUS Picking Up Where GSW and NICAP Left Off - Ground Saucer Watch, Inc., started the ball rolling last September with a precedent-setting suit against the CIA. GSW's action was the first in over ten years in which a civilian UFOlogical organization focused its efforts on the government cover-up. NICAP, under the guidance of Major Keyhoe and Dick Hall, lobbied extensively--and successfully--to end UFO secrecy during the mid-1960s. Unfortunately, NICAP did not have the one tool available which GSW is now using to hammer away at government suppression: the amended (1974) Freedom of Information Act.

While the FOIA is not quite the panacea many people pictured it as, it does offer the unique opportunity for citizens to obtain heretofore unavailable government documents. Moreover, provisions of the Act allow for redress in U.S. District Courts should the government deny access to particular documents. This is called in camera inspection, and it calls

for Federal judges to view the documents, hear opposing arguments and decide whether the government has a legal right to withhold requested material.

The normal course of action leading to the filing of a suit under the FOIA is as follows: (1) Initial request for information from an individual or organization to a government agency; (2) initial denial of access to the document or portions of documents claiming exemptions from the Act by the agency; (3) appeal by the requester to the agency's internal FOIA review board, asking that exemptions not be allowed; (4) final denial of access to the documents or portions thereof by the agency's review board; and (5) requestor files suit in U.S. District Court asking for the release of the documents (Complaint For Declaratory Injunctive Relief).

Suits under the FOIA can be expensive. Typically, legal fees and expenses for the plaintiff run in the neighborhood of \$5,000 to \$10,000. However, the FOIA provides for plaintiffs to have their legal expenses rebated by the defendant (government agency) should the plaintiff "substantially prevail." Recently, for example, Judith Campbell Exner, former mistress of President Kennedy, was awarded more than \$10,000 in compensation after she successfully sued the FBI in order to obtain the release of 86 documents pertaining to herself.

GSW's suit against the CIA is more or less a test case intended to establish a precedent by having the Court disallow FOIA exemptions involving documents pertaining to UFOs. I.e., by using the government's own findings and statements, GSW hopes to establish that government agencies

cannot lawfully classify or otherwise withhold documents pertaining to UFOs. In order for the government to prevail, they must establish that UFOs are a national security concern--which is contrary to every finding and statement government agencies have made in regard to UFOs. The CIA is in a peculiar dilemma, in that in order for them to uphold exemption (b) (3) (pertaining to revealing intelligence sources and methods) it will have to demonstrate it had the legal authority to investigate domestic UFO sightings.

The suit filed by GSW may not be decided for months--the CIA is already dragging its feet. Therefore, CAUS intends to open the war on UFO secrecy on other fronts by filing suits against the Air Force (which has gotten away with murder thus far) and other agencies. Of course, this can only happen if UFOlogists begin seeing the light and, in the words of Phil Klass, put their money where their mouth is. Contributions and/or loans to CAUS are needed before we can initiate legal actions against government agencies that are suppressing UFO evidence.

Now that Close Encounters is completing its run, the only way that 1978 can truly be the year of the UFO is for UFOlogists throughout the country to demonstrate they have the resolve and fortitude to finally seek an end to the government cover-up, rather than a perpetuation of the mystery. Too many great cases have already slid into the abyss of history, due, at least in part, to the unwillingness of UFOlogists to present a united effort to end unlawful and unnecessary government secrecy regarding UFOs.

James McDonald, Ed Ruppelt and many others went to their graves without knowing the answers. How many more revered UFOlogists must die before we decide to unite? How many weeks, months, years and decades must pass as UFO evidence stagnates in some agency's files without ever seeing the light of day? How long can we continue to bicker and debate, all the while playing right into the CIA's hands?

There is a new generation pumping renewed vigor and life into the UFO movement. But the fate of UFOlogy still rests in the hands of the older generation, those who founded and continue to control UFO organizations. What will happen to the founding fathers (and mothers)? Will they be remembered for helping perpetuate UFO myths or for contributing to the solution of the mystery? Only time will tell--that is, if we have any time left.

Nuts and Bolts Making a Comeback - Despite the steady drift toward (and off) "The Edge of Reality," physical evidence cases have been making a strong bid for the spotlight of late. Just as everyone was concluding crashed saucers were as much an anachronism as Venusian scoutcraft, suddenly Scully-like stories have reared their nasty heads. Apparently, motion picture companies such as Sunn Classics and a lot of loose dollars have encouraged a revival of "Wright Field" rumors.

A favorite among CAUS circles is the crashed saucer story told by Charles Herbert B____ and his uncle Sgt/Maj Edward B____ about the involve-

ment of Col. John B___ in cordoning off the impact area during a special recovery operation during the late 1940s. Since Charles and Ed were both loyal and dedicated employees of the National Security Agency (NSA), and all the B___s are straight-laced, closemouthed types, despite the improbable nature of the story this one seems to be true. And keep in mind that all the B___s are reluctant witnesses; the only way the story has ever surfaced is that Charles, former crypto-repairman at CRS-K, made the tragic mistake of telling his shift supervisor, the notorious Todd Zechel, about it.

Another nuts & bolts case destined for the headlines is the incredible incident related by a former Air Force Intelligence officer, Major P____. According to P____, early in 1957 a flight of four F-86Ds had been returning from a practice bombing mission off Ieshima Island to Okinawa. The planes were staggered at $\frac{1}{4}$ mile intervals. Suddenly, a large UFO dropped out of the 2,000-foot cloud-cover directly into the path of the lead F-86. A collision was unavoidable. The plane splintered into pieces upon impact; the largest fragment observed dropping into the sea by the other three pilots being one wing. Neither the pilot's body nor any of the wreckage were ever recovered. The UFO flew back into the clouds, escaping apparently undamaged.

Major P____'s involvement in the incident was to interview the three F-86 pilots who had witnessed the event and prepare a report for higher echelons. Included with this report were sketches of the incident as drawn by the witnesses. The report was submitted to General William

Hipps, Commanding General of the Far Eastern Air Force. Hipps has subsequently confirmed all the details of the incident as described by the Major, except he refrains from calling the unknown object "a UFO." He does say there was such an incident; he does say there was a mid-air collision involving an F-86; he confirms the collision did not involve two aircraft; but he will not go so far as to call the other participant a UFO. When asked to describe it, he shrugs, "Since we didn't recover the wreckage, I don't know what it was."

The Major, incidentally, recently appeared on the CBS-TV affiliate in Phoenix. Filmed in an interview with station newsman Ed Bradford, he related the details of the 1957 collision incident involving the seemingly invincible UFO.

So, while most of the great UFOlogical thinkers spend their time attempting to mesmerize old ladies and hucksters with faulty memories, and formulate "M & M" theories thereupon, well-documented cases involving nuts & bolts technology are ignored solely because they conflict with will-o'-the-wisp hypotheses. But one can hardly blame them; given their lack of ability to assemble facts, their only alternative is to invent a ghost-like phenomenon whose characteristics discourage scientific investigation and objective scrutiny. Thus, what began as a crusade for the truth in the late 1940s, has become some thirty years later only a sideshow of all-encompassing theories that appeal mostly to the worst instincts in men.

AIR FORCE and CIA Persuade NASA Not To Open UFO Project - The investigation is far from complete, but recently-obtained documents indicate both the Air Force and CIA conspired behind the White House's back to stop NASA from fulfilling a request from Dr. Frank Press to become "the focal point for UFOs." (It really didn't take much arm-twisting; NASA officials were opposed to the proposal from the start.)

Of particular interest is a letter from Col. Charles Senn, Air Force Office of Information, to USAF General (Ret.) Duward Crow, a NASA official in Washington, D.C.. In Response to Crow's request for the Air Force's form-letter reply to UFO inquiries, Senn remarked, "I sincerely hope you are successful in preventing a reopening of UFO investigations." The remark, in itself, might not seem all that significant, except it turns out Crow had a hand in rewriting NASA's initial response (September 6, 1977, letter from Dr. Frosch to Dr. Press) to the White House. What further roles Crow, Senn and other Air Force officials played in heading off the White House is yet to be determined.

In regard to the CIA's role in ~~shunting the~~ White House request, NASA indicated a November 8, 1977, report to Dr. Frosch by the Associate Administrator for Space Science, Noel Hinners, entitled "UFO Study Considerations," was prepared in coordination with the CIA. Referring to the beforementioned document, a NASA spokesman stated: "In regard to the question about NASA's relationship with the CIA, prior to transmitting the letter in question, NASA queried the CIA to ascertain whether or not there were any classified data sources pertinent to the recommendations in the letter. No such sources were identified."

What becomes quite obvious in all of this is that the Air Force and the CIA--the two agencies which would suffer the most embarrassment should an impartial UFO program be opened and be presented with such evidence as is available today--found it necessary to conspire against the White House in order for there not to be a "focal point on UFOs." In other words, by preventing the establishment of a project in which it would be required that the sponsoring agency provide answers or otherwise comment on UFO questions, government agencies can continue to suppress UFO evidence and, moreover, never be forced to disclose how much--or how little--they know about the subject.

In the words of Col. Frank McKenzie, originator of the now-famous Iranian message (September 20, 1976), "More information will be forwarded when it becomes available."

GSW Publishing NICAP Expose - For some months now, there has been an on-going investigation into the murky, often-mysterious events which led to NICAP's sudden plummet from the top in 1969-70. The worst kept secret, as it turned out, was Brad Sparks' discovery that a prominent NICAP board member is a former CIA covert operative. The mystery-man is none other than Col. (Ret.) Joseph Bryan, III, who confirmed his secret CIA affiliation for the first time in a recent interview.

Bryan was preceded at NICAP by two other CIA operatives, Bernard J.O. Carvalho and Nicolas de Rochefort. Both joined the group in 1956 and then departed abruptly when Donald Keyhoe took the reins in 1957.

There will, of course, be loud denials of many of the allegations in the article, which GSW is publishing in its April bulletin. But when all the facts are laid on the table, the conclusions made by the author will be supported. It is expected that even more damaging information regarding the NICAP changeover will surface in the near future.

CAUS Seeks Support - Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, a non-profit citizens' action group, is presently being incorporated in New York. CAUS intends to involve the general public, as well as UFOlogists and UFO buffs, in an all-out effort to end the government suppression of tremendously important UFO evidence. The organization will not profess any particular UFO ideology, but will instead concentrate its efforts on cases involving military and civilian government employees which have been surrounded by secrecy.

The criteria for cases selected for action by CAUS will be the merits of the incident based on significance, reliability, and provability. A yet-to-be-established Board of Directors will vote on policy decisions and selection of cases.

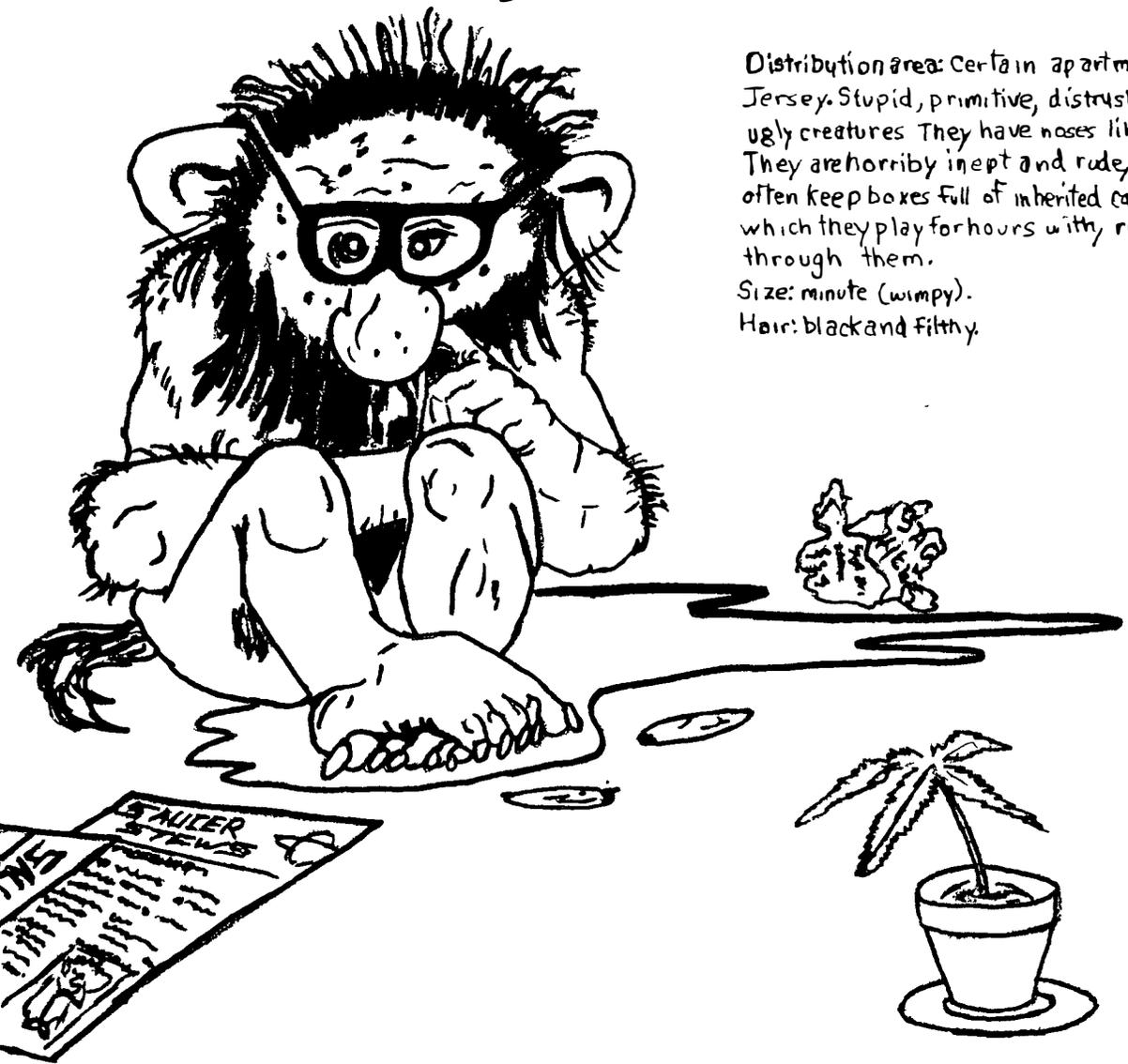
In the near future, letters of invitation will be sent to UFOlogists and other interested persons asking them to join CAUS and to serve in various capacities. At that time, a charter and a structural chart will be published.

But in the meantime, we seek your support, guidance and friendship. Please join us and help obtain the evidence needed to find a solution to the UFO mystery.

(from The Encyclopedia of Gnomes,
Abrams, New York. 1976)

Moseleys

Distribution area: Certain apartment complexes in New Jersey. Stupid, primitive, distrustful and unbelievably ugly creatures. They have noses like cucumbers, and a tail. They are horribly inept and rude, and they stink. They often keep boxes full of inherited cash and fraudulent contracts which they play for hours with, running their fingers through them.
Size: minute (wimpy).
Hair: black and filthy.



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Peter Gersten deserves special thanks and praise for his hard work in almost single-handedly putting the suit against the CIA together for GSW (and collective humanity). I predict Gersten's contributions to UFOlogy will prove to be the most important and significant of all.