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SEMI-IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL NON-SUBSCRIBERS: If an "X" appears after your name on the envelope in which you received "Saucer Gurus", then you will be thrown off the non-subscriber list unless we hear from you (favorably or otherwise) within the next week or two. Our newsletters represent a Free Service, dedicated to spreading delusion and nausea among a handful of hard-core people. Only those who stay in touch with us at least once in awhile, merit this great Service.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

An interesting and rather favorable write-up of your "Saucer Gurus" Editor's career in UFO research appears in the current issue of "The UFO Researchers' Newsletter" (1424 Vendome Ave., Chomedey, Leval, P.Q., Canada H7w-1S1)...On the other hand, there's a brickbat aimed at us by Fate Magazine, written by one J. Gordon Melton, in the July issue. Sayeth he: "Moseley is best remembered for a series of dubious achievements, chief among them getting expelled from NICAP and publishing the late-but-not-lamented SAUCER NEWS. He eventually sold his periodical to Barker. But last year Moseley returned to the periodical business with a little typed offset sheet.....This sheet will appeal only to those who care about Moseley's personal problems and who have a taste for his brand of gossip (generally mean-spirited)..". But perhaps even Melton would agree that our Zine is worth every penny we charge for it.....

Speaking of Fate Magazine, we'll be attending their convention in Chicago on the weekend of June 25th. Hope to see many of our loyal non-subscribers there!....Now, here's a FLASH: Your Editor recently applied for re-admittance to NICRAP (having been expelled from that organization several years ago for un-NICRAPian activities.) We haven't yet received our new membership card, but our bank statement shows that NICRAP has cashed our check. Hopefully, the card will be forthcoming very soon! (Golly, Gee!)We are very pleased to announce that Allen Greenfield has, as stated in his latest newsletter, endorsed the 14th National UFO Conference, to be held this coming August in San Francisco. Al Greenfield and Stanton Friedman will be the two main speakers at the public session. This turn of events hopefully ends the Era of Ill-Will with which long-time readers of "Saucer Gurus" are familiar.....

The following item is courtesy of "Light Times", a West Coast Head magazine of some sort. (615 Ocean Front walk, #205; Venice, Ca. 90291.) If you need an explanation, you won't understand it even after the explanation:

"CARLOS: What do you do when a hologram of Richard Nixon appears in front of you?

"DON JUAN: You must run around it in a circle. All the while, you must keep it out of your mind. You must concentrate on being the hand of a clock. Stop on some point on the circle other than where you began. The presence will then be gone."

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And now, as promised:

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 FAMOUS "3½ D" THEORY OF SAUCER ORIGIN.
 (****) Title used twice, on purpose.

YE OLDE MAIL BAG:

Super-Skeptic Bob Sheaffer writes: "I was a little disappointed to see that the barbs I directed at Jerome Clark appeared in 'Saucers Confuse' (do they ever!), because I wrote you on May 12th to withhold publication of it, upon receiving his apology. Please inform your readers that Mr. Clark has sent me a sincere apology for his temporary lapse of judgment, and that he and I will engage in no more such polemics. We have recently been exchanging news of significant new developments in the 'fairy photographs' controversy; I expect to be able to very soon put together definitive proof that should convince most everyone that the 'fairy' photos are a hoax. How significant that the 'fairy evidence' stood essentially unchallenged, laughingly absurd but not in any real sense refuted, for 57 years, until it finally had to face up to the Klass-Oberg-Sheaffer 'Skeptic's Squad'! With so many important cases crumbling, it looks like it's been a bad year for both fairies and UFOs.

"The American Humanist Association's 'Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal', arch-enemy of UFOs, ESP, and other dubious phenomena, has voted to create a UFO subcommittee. Phil Klass is its director, with Oberg and myself as his henchmen. There have long been many dozens of groups for UFO believers to join; now we skeptics finally have one! And if you think we've been troublesome gadflies in Ufologists' hair as of late, just wait 'till after we get organized!

"Finally - Will 1977 be the year of a big UFO breakthrough? Don't hold your breath. Did Phil Klass send you his little summary of fizzled predictions, going all the way back to the 1950's? Like the Second Coming, the 'major breakthrough' is always just around the corner. As I wrote in my paper on Jealous Phenomena, 'A jealous phenomenon will continue to play peek-a-boo with the universe of objective reality for decades on end, for as long as there is anyone willing to show it proper attention'. As long as there are Ufologists, there will be UFOs. And somehow the UFOs will always man-

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I KNEW THE EGYPTIANS HAD A CASH FLOW PROBLEM, BUT I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS THIS SERIOUS!

age to slip away before the evidence becomes too convincing."

From the above statements, it is evident that ole Bob believes in our "3½ D" Theory!
- Editor.

Jerome Clark of Fate Magazine writes: "I am tremendously excited to read (1) that Bill Spaulding has succeeded in laying to rest the Cottingley fairy photograph controversy and (2) that Bob Sheaffer has at last come to his senses and recognized that UFOs are real.

"First, however, I must correct a misstatement in Sheaffer's letter. He says that the Cottingley case fell when it 'finally had to face up to the Klass-Oberg-Sheaffer Skeptic's Squad'. Tain't so. What it had to face up to was Spaulding's computer. Before that, Sheaffer was peddling the same old drivel that has served only to confuse the issue for the past 57 years.

"Several weeks ago he wrote me and demanded to know how I could continue to poke holes in the skeptics' case, in view of conclusive 'proof' against the photographs. The 'proof' turned out to be a statement cited in a book by Houdini, who claimed that the fairy figures in the pictures had been taken from a poster manufactured by the Price Candle Company of London. The figures in the poster were said to be identical to those in the photographs. Within a week I was able to come up with a copy of the poster. It showed fairies, all right, but they were only vaguely similar to the ones the girls at Cottingley allegedly photographed. Even Sheaffer, who after writing me had come up with his own copy (no doubt gleefully anticipating the coup-de-grace), had to admit he was wrong.

"Some time ago, I considered sending copies of the pictures to Spaulding for computer analysis, but did not do so because my boss, Curt Fuller, had once approached Bill to analyze Ted Serios' supposed psychic photographs, and Spaulding had displayed so little enthusiasm that Fuller concluded, and so told me on several occasions, that GSW wanted to stay away from the psychic. Sheaffer deserves credit not for 'solving' the Cottingley mystery (which obviously he didn't do) but for having the presence of mind, which I didn't, to ask Spaulding if he would try to solve it.

"It is gratifying, though, to find that Sheaffer has come over to 'our' side. By recognizing the validity of Spaulding's analysis techniques - to the point of taking them as the final word on the subject - he has at last acknowledged that the case for UFOs rests on awfully solid ground. Using the same techniques by which he was able to establish that the Cottingley photographs are fraudulent, Spaulding has shown that at least three dozen UFO photographs depict large, craft-like objects unlike any conventional aircraft. As Spaulding delights in pointing out, it takes only one such picture to make the case for UFOs.

"It's good to know that Sheaffer is capable of learning from the techniques pioneered by UFO proponents. It's even more satisfying to find that the Cottingley photographs, which long have puzzled scholars and investigators, were finally shown up by one of 'our own' - Bill Spaulding!

"One final point: I have never 'believed' in the Cottingley photographs, and have said as much in print (Fate, October 1974, page 72). What I have enjoyed doing, on the other hand, is knocking down the skeptics' arguments, all of them based on misunderstandings and misinterpretations (some of them deliberate, I eventually came to suspect), and in general playing the devil's advocate, like any good fortune teller who gets a kick out of driving the smug and pompous to distraction.

"It certainly has not been a good year for the skeptics. As their treasured 'solutions' to Socorro, Snowflake, the Coyne encounter and other cases sink beneath the waves without a trace, no doubt they're beginning to suspect they have booked passage aboard the Titanic! It's hardly surprising that Sheaffer has decided to jump ship!"

Dave Fideler (alias Steve Miller????) writes: "The current issue of 'Official UFO' carried a letter by one of your non-subscribers, Bob Sheaffer, a notorious Skeptic. He reasoned that if 'MIB' exist, why haven't they silenced the major ufological figures? With such impeccable logic, I can now see how the over-rated and highly-touted 'Skeptic's Squad' 'debunks' the most solid of UFO cases.

"Mysterious strangers that turn up in conjunction with paranormal phenomena are an

integral part of the UFO enigma. 'Researchers' with a limited understanding of para-normal events often fall into the trap of asking naive questions like, 'If the men-in-black exist, why haven't they silenced me?' Fortean students with a good grasp of para-normal goings-on realize that 'MIB' phenomena do not exist to silence anyone. The purpose of such phenomena is entirely different than that envisioned by the UFO buffery - (Sheaffer and others.) Without going into specific cases of documented 'MIB' activity, - which Sheaffer apparently isn't familiar with - I can say that the 'MIB' do not silence researchers that 'come too close to the truth'; and if 'they' did silence such persons, Sheaffer for one would not have to worry!"

The inevitable John Keel, writing under the name of Quentin Farstmuckle, writes:
"Dear mutton head:

"Fortunately I was away on a C.I.A. assignment and missed your appearance on the Long John - Candy Jones Show. I'm sure you boggled the minds of your listener with your erudite grasp of the laws of quantum physics. Rumor has it that your performance will lead to the 1977 UFO Award which you will present to yourself in San Francisco.

"George Montgomery has split with his wife and taken off for parts unknown, so you won't have any excuse to invade the peaceful Hudson Valley this year. Red Jackman has also been evicted from his digs in Rosendale, and was last seen driving an antique Pontiac stationwagon toward the Mexican border, to pick up a load of contraband.

"Allen Greenfield has applied for a resident's visa in Cuba, or so I hear, and he will head Fidel's new Institute for Capitalistic Studies, a front for the outfit that sends black unmarked helicopters over the Gulf to Texas and Pascagoula.

"Meanwhile, Phil Klass and Dan Cohen are collaborating on a new book that will prove, once and for all, that Judge Crater murdered Lindberg's son, then went to Denmark for a sex change operation, and eventually became famous under the name of Mae West.

"Who is this guy Gene Steinberg who stands in front of Times Square massage parlors picking his nose?.....

"P.S. - Ed Saunders remembers you as a poet - POET? - who haunted poetry readings back in 1964, unshaven, seedily dressed, with heavily waxed ears."

From Dennis Hauck, Editor of "Official UFO", we have received the following form letter: "It is with a sense of deep personal regret that I must announce the perpetration of a hoax in the pages of 'Official UFO'. As Editor of this newsstand magazine, I have sought to disseminate authenticated UFO material to a public almost too eager for information about this intriguing subject. It is this indiscriminate eagerness that, I believe, has prompted the publisher to present a most sensational and totally false case on the cover of the July 1977 'Official UFO'.

"As an editor and employee of Countrywide Publications, I know that the idea for this 'case' was conceived by publisher Myron Fass and his personal secretary. I have taken certain precautions to be able to prove my allegation, and I ask all representatives of the media involved in publishing UFO information to alert the public to this obvious, unsubstantiated hoax. We are all aware of the real harm to the field of Ufology that a false case can do, should it enter the literature.

"I have enclosed a copy of the cover for your information. Again I must emphasize that not a single word of this story, presented in the form of a letter from a bereaved mother, is based on fact.

"Although my efforts to stop publication of this case (this issue is now six weeks late) have been futile, I feel that no real damage will be done if I renounce it now. Needless to say, I have submitted my resignation over this issue, and will be staying on at Countrywide only long enough to insure the integrity of my last issue (September 1977) and to protect the interests of those writers who have conscientiously followed my guidelines of 'authenticated, well researched articles'.

"Personally, I feel that my reputation has been 'used' to add credence to falsehood, and the whole episode underscores the contempt with which some publishers hold their reading audience. I hope that my colleagues in publishing will also reassess their handling of UFO information."

Lucius Farish writes: "I received 'Saucers Confuse' and enjoyed it. I see that

everyone appears to be taking my suggestion and treating Captain Oberg with the neglect he deserves! Nothing bugs a super-skeptic more than being ignored!....."

Former UFO personality Eugene R Steinberg writes: "I was rather astonished to read your current issue of 'Saucers Confuse', and learn about the vicious rumor that I am no longer active in UFO research.

"As most of your readers know, I have had articles in recent issues of 'Saga's UFO Report' and 'Official UFO', not to mention other publications. I have one completed book manuscript on hand, and another that is under preparation (which I'm writing with Curt Sutherly.)

"Further, the latest Bermuda Triangle book by Charles Berlitz includes a great deal of UFO information that I supplied him over a period of several months.

"This is hardly an indication of inactivity. It is true that I have not been answering letters of late, but I haven't engaged in regular correspondence with people in a number of years. And, my wife Barbara and I still plan to visit all our friends (and enemies??) at the UFO Convention in San Francisco this August.

"The rumor I should like to start is that Jim Moseley died in 1967. He is presently being impersonated by John A. Keel....."

No, Jim Moseley died in 1968. - Editor.

Friend Dickhoff writes: "Your May 20/77 'Saucers Confuse' is like breathing pure ozone after a thunder storm or an otherwise dull day, especially when considering that Carter's UFO sighting may have been him looking at Venus, naked in the sky. This would 'confuse' even experts like Spaulding and his Grounded Sorcerers Watchdogs. However, it is encouraging to realize that after millions of years, Carter as President has decided to grant Amnesty to little green Martians, if and when Immigration here catches them red-handed sneaking into the Oval Office.....UFO cover-ups have been going on, on an international basis, to spread more confusion than your 'Saucers Confuse' is able to do, - especially the Helgoland Spacecraft and the dead little men in the 1954 crash, hushed up by the CIA, FBI, Immigration, and the snoopers from Vaticanus Romanus, who still spook around as the MIBs, wearing Lama Cowls to hide their identity. (But this Lama knows!)

"So, non-subscriber A. C. Roberts cannot find a job in Florida. This is not unusual for Roberts, who when trying to park his car near my abode, passed the 'chalet' I live in, and did not stop to even say 'Hi', and went back to Jersey.....after having promised to come up and do some photo shots!

"Yes, R. Palmer told the truth about the wicked Bilderbergers - for once. This cabal of billionaires, wishing to control and direct the destiny of the people of this planet, for their own evil purposes in playing God, vomit wars including the recent Vietnam debacle, which somehow backfired - and even the Pope in Rome is disgusted, after having given his blessings to destroy anything Buddhistic in that region.....So in this respect, the Barking Gray has come out into the open to enlighten the enlightened ones like you and me.....

"When Mexicans say, when dealing with T. Zilch, 'El UFO gringo es un loco', they may have something there! Something we noticed long ago! Those shifty-eyed, subversive 'visitors' at the Acapulco UFO Congress may have been Space Aliens disguised as Hippies, something I have been saying all along. Where could these Space Aliens hide out better than among a gang of weirdos like that!....."

Steve Elliott writes: "I enjoyed your latest outrage, 'Saucers Confuse'. I found the subject of cow chip chucking fascinating, and would like to see much more on this subject in future issues. Perhaps you could even form a 'spin-off' publication dealing solely with the various aspects of athletic competition involving cow chips.

"All of the letters were enjoyable and interesting, except, of course, Capt. Oberg's. The Cap said 'a deadly barrage of silence' assaulted his conclusions on the astronauts and UFOs. More likely, it was a deadly barrage of boredom.

"As usual, the Zilch letter was particularly inspiring.

"I enjoyed Howard Gontovnick's profile of your publishing career in his latest issue.

"I'll be looking forward to further foolishness."

The following weird missive is signed by three members of the so-called 'Cleveland UFO crowd', whose names and titles appear at the end:

"We have read with interest your recent articles on the so-called Fartean Phenomena. As 'Founding Farters' of the International Fartean Society, we felt it was to the best interests of our noses to inform you of the many great works of our organization.

"Most Fartean investigators will agree that the Fartean Phenomenon is at best an extremely tenuous and short-lived phenomenon. Until recently, little if any laboratory analysis was possible on this physical evidence. However, we are happy to announce to the world that a major breakthrough has finally been made.

"After months of intense research in rest rooms throughout the country (usually located next to Taco stands and chili emporiums), we have devised a unique specimen container, to preserve this strange phenomenon for scientific testing.

"Whereas Dr. David Saunders has his UFOCAT System for analyzing UFO sightings, we have developed a FARTOCAT for analyzing and preserving Fartean smells in the above-mentioned specimen bottles. Currently we have over 10,000 Fartean specimens housed in our specially-designed FARTOCAT Headquarters, located just out back from our International Headquarters. Those investigators visiting our ultra-modern and clean facilities will readily recognize our FARTOCAT storage center by the half-moon shaped window on its main entrance.

"Included in our collection of famous Fartean specimens are samples taken at recent MUFON symposiums, which have to be housed in a specially-designed isolation chamber, as their essence is most pungent and disagreeable. Some of our investigators have classified these MUFON samples as being somewhat elitist in nature, although this of course is a purely subjective interpretation.

"Also, recent research has indicated an extremely high concentration of alcohol (C₂H₅OH) within the Fartean phenomena at National UFO Conference gatherings. You will probably be interested to know that these same tests have indicated the presence of chemical residues most associated with the cannibus plant. Our researchers are currently looking into the reasons for the aforementioned trace residues.

"Our most famous FARTOCAT specimen is the one that was obtained (rather loudly) in the vicinity of the famous Dr. J. Allen Hynek in 1966, near Ann Arbor, Michigan. Our analysis indicates its odor to be not dissimilar to swamp gas (CH₄).

"It is our opinion that we should all forget investigating UFOs and go back to studying Fartean Phenomena; for we all know that Farts exist."

The above missive is signed by: Rick R. Hilberg, President, International Fartean Society; Robert S. Easley, Chief Fart Smeller; and Carol J. Hilberg, Chief Fart Collector.

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And now it seems that, for the first time in quite awhile, we've run out of Worthwhile Material before we ran out of Space. (Though some might argue that we ran out of Worthwhile Material a long time ago.) So, in the Space that remains, here are a couple more confusing headlines for your perusal.

Palm Beach Times, Wednesday, March 30, 1977—C5

Spaulding no longer in majors

Gray's future is in Al's hands

By JERRY GLADMAN
Staff Writer

gunning for a third