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IN HONOR OF
ANTONIO VILLAS
BOAS...

(our thanks to non-sub-
scriber PATRICK CROWLEY
for the cartoon.)

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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

We hope you are all Digging our new, improved typewriter, which the Space Bunny brought us for Christmas. It has pica rather than elite type, and thus we now get less trash on a page than we used to. However, the trash we do get on the page is (hopefully) much easier to read than before, - and thus you have far less excuse for not reading it.

On the evening of January 4th, your "Saucer Blown" editor was on the Candy Jones radio show again, with non-subscriber Peter Jordan and another gentleman. We discussed the big world-wide UFO Flop now going on - as (weirdly!) was predicted accurately by non-subscriber Leon Davidson. Let us try to make this clear - Davidson was not on the show, but he did accurately predict the Big Flop in a letter dated nearly a month before it began. (See the last paragraph of his letter in this issue.) Many saucers have been seen recently in New Jersey, our home state, but unfortunately we have not seen any as yet. Sob.

BRIEF RAVINGS: Has everyone heard about the woman in Johannesburg, South Africa, who, about Jan. 4th, saw a UFO land with 6 spiritual-looking beings aboard, in white or pink suits?.....Did you know that Phil Klass is contemplating a voyage to Venus, now that he has learned that the planet is so close to Earth as to show up on low-altitude radar?.....Do you realize that we've started running tiny-little-items like this because we haven't Space to rave at length like we did before we got this new typewriter with the bigger letters?.....Did you know that we've received a letter, apparently from Todd Zechel (WHO????), that is so Vile as to be beyond even OUR standards of Good Taste, so we have decided not to print it.....Did you know that we recently started the following rumor: "A UFO with three bodies aboard crashed in a suburb of Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Nov. 10th, 1978. There were no survivors among the extraterrestrials. Argentine Air Force officials cordoned off the area quickly" ?Did you know that

non-subscriber George Earley has twisted our arm (aware of our Vast Circulation) to mention that he has just given birth to a S/F anthology called "Encounters with Aliens". (Charter House Publishers, Nashville, Tenn.) Lots of UFOs, and aliens, too! Way to go, George!.....Finally, did you in your wildest dreams suspect that we have a home-drawn Christmas card from Dr. Hynek, with a MIB theme to it? Sinisterly written in by hand is the message: "Watch out - they're on the way to you next! - Allen." Is this a veiled threat from the Top Man in Ufology? Should we go totally paranoid? Are there too many questions in this paragraph?.....

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

BRAD STEIGER writes:

"Francie and I continue to look forward to the unscheduled newsletters, and we remain loyal nonsubscribers. Your witty juxtaposing of various views provides a valuable release for those of us in Ufology whenever we begin to take ourselves too seriously. 'Saucer Whatever' is a great outlet for us.....

"Best wishes for a successful '79 and a blessed Holiday season!"

DR. THORNTON PAGE of NASA writes as follows, referring to a color photo of himself and Jim Oberg, shown placing a copy of "Official UFO" in the "Classified Waste Only" trash bin at NASA. (We were too cheap to print the photo in our zine.)

"J. Moseley, you b-----:

"So now you got photos to use for blackmail! I never should have allowed Oberg to dispose of his UFO trash in our sacrosanct Classified Trash Bin. And the photo undoubtedly shows how my hair is receding (along with my brain!) As a bribe for not publishing this uncomplimentary (and probably illegal) photo, I offer you an article on how J. Oberg got into trouble with the NASA hierarchy. (Jim may offer more to prevent that publication.)

"But we must all snap to attention when it is revealed that the Peoples' Temple people in Guyana had a close encounter of the third kind. That's the only explanation.

"Despite all your misguided photo-exploitation, my wife and I will welcome you to Houston. Be sure to take the Houston Metro flight to Clear Lake City, where we will meet you and carry you willy nilly to our vast estate in Nassau Bay, where we will have a young lady astronaut to entertain you. (She has a Ph.D. in astrophysics, and is guarded by 4 or 5 other young astronauts with Ph.D.'s - none as tall as J. Oberg.) Of course, you will have to give a 30-minute speech to our astronomy colloquium on 'Why I don't believe in UFOs', or 'Why waste time on the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence?' After our 40 members are through with you, we'll carry you through Mission Control on a sight-seeking stretcher!"

Dr. Willard McIntyre, Director of the Maryland Center for Investigation of Unconventional Phenomena, is an interesting new Light on the Ufological scene. He writes:

".....The levity of your non-newsletter is most refreshing in light of the seriousness of the UFOs which just won't go away and the deadpan writings of all of the new experts in the field, who want everyone to believe they have all of the answers.

"I was quite amused at your revelation of Phil Klass's life of crime, but the entire movement has identified your anonymous informant as the one and only Phil Klass himself....."

And, (speak of the Devil!), the inevitable Phil Klass writes:

".....Relative to the \$1.50 'Parking Ticket' on my Harbour Square Service Center bill, when a resident has an over-night guest, he is charged

\$1.50 for a 'parking ticket' (the ticket shows guards that the person is authorized to park overnight.) For example, if an aging bachelor like me ever had a lady friend spend the night in his apartment, and if she drove down in her car, such a charge would appear on my bill. I will mention no names, but if the name of Sophia Loren comes to mind, you are close (assuming you consider a 3,500 mile miss as being 'close'.)

"In reference to Richard Heiden's comments on my \$10,000 offer, he is correct that it is constructed to pay off on positive proof of extra-terrestrial visitations, because that was the prevailing hypothesis 10 to 12 years ago when it was first drawn up. If he would like to advance any other hypothesis, and suggest how that hypothesis could be confirmed beyond all doubts so it would gain universal acceptance, I would be willing to consider writing him a special \$10,000 contract - assuming he is as anxious as I am to 'put my money where my mouth is'.

"Finally, Heiden's recollection of my 'tall tale' of UFO seduction is faulty. I recounted in the car - but he may have missed the introduction - that I told the tale to a well-known ufologist a decade ago, when he asked for my reactions to the Villas-Boas 'UFO seduction' case. He accepted the Villas-Boas tale but rejected mine."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Looking back over what we've typed so far, we see that we forgot to capitalize the names of McIntyre and Klass at the beginning of their letters. Our apologies to McIntyre. Now, to go on:

BOB TARTE writes:

".....A quick word about Klass: What he does is take a particular UFO sighting, reduce it to its logical components (which naturally leaves out much), then he treats these by way of a makeshift theory. I mean, did you ever read Ufological Principle #2, which states, 'Despite the intrinsic limitations of human perception when exposed to brief, unexpected and unusual events, some details recalled by the observer may be reasonably accurate. The problem facing the UFO investigator is to try and distinguish between those details that are accurate and those that are grossly inaccurate.' This is a pretty subjective approach for a scientist to take - to pick and choose those pieces of data for analysis which conform to his preconceptions of accurate observations of a phenomenon which is supposed to be a mystery. What Klass means is, once we have determined a rigid solution for all UFO phenomena, we may then admit as evidence only those facts supportive of the conceived hypothesis.

"By the by, I read that Klass' magazine is the 'Playboy' of developing nations. Generals or sheiks sit in palaces or trenches lathering over the photos of the latest available Western weaponry. This from some past issue of the Village Voice, I think. Potent porno indeed!...."

DR. LEON DAVIDSON writes:

"Since neither Richard Heiden nor anyone else has claimed the \$50.00 prize I offered in your issue of July 25th, 1978, this ought to prove that my interpretation of the 'up-arrow' in the Socorro saucer symbol as an 'A' was not a trivial solution. Please send back the prize-money check I gave you to hold, and we'll call off that contest. Evidently the 'artistic gymnastics' Heiden accused me of, in his letter in your May 1st, 1978 issue, aren't so easy for mouth-offs like Heiden, who don't know their A's from their 'arrows'.

"Despite the 'typographical blunders' in the GSW court papers against the CIA (filed by the same law firm that defended the CIA's alumni caught inside the Watergate offices, so probably this is not really a truly adversary action) - despite the blunder of implying the CIA is the 'plaintiff' on the first page of the 'Production' request (a 'Freudian slip'?), the case probably will be decided in December, 1978 in favor of GSW. The public will then get to see all sorts of CIA secret files implying saucers

to be real and their occupants real. This is a 'sweetheart' lawsuit, to help build up the year-end flap news coverage and mask the collapse of the dollar or some such important event. (With Zechel behind it, what would you expect? He's an expert on disinformation!.....)"

Someone named REV. KEN TAME has sent us the following rather strange letter:

"Laura Mundo in her UFO reports says you are a millionaire. If you are willing to spend 1% or less of your money, I can guarantee something between man and alien beings worth countless trillions of dollars: permanent contact. I have a simple, foolproof scheme to establish certain contact between UFOs and man for a cost of \$10,000 or less. This is no crackpot contactee or psychic scheme; this is no spend-yourself-dry massive contact scheme like Project Starlight or Major Keyhoe's government contact base scheme. This is a shoestring project, but the results could forever alter human history.

"The idea is simple: Take a TV truck. Make a short black & white TV film showing an alien saucer landing and earthmen making peaceful contact with it. The film could be automatically played, eliminating the need for a skilled technician or anyone manning the TV truck, except for the driver. Take the truck into a massive UFO flap area. Broadcast and rebroadcast the same film at the same time at the same place at the exact same frequency every day till UFO contact is made. Private scientists, Ufologists, occultists, etc. could handle things from there and stabilize and permanentize the contact.

"What do you think?"

BOB ("Raving Robert") SCHILLER writes:

".....I'm glad (I think) that the Zechel-Klass farce, - er, I mean feud has petered out somewhat. Like I mean, so Zechel is too often full of crap. So, if Klass knows it, why does he Foam at the Mouth about this one particular 'Fone' Freak, when there are so many other Schmeils on the loose, even worse yet?....."

JIM HARRIS writes:

"Thanks for 'Saucer Loan'. Loved the cartoon! Damn, Jim, you're just too generous. First of all, you publish the best UFOzine in America without charging a purple cent for it, and then you go and unwittingly (not that you are without wits, of course) loan thousands of \$s to unscrupulous creatures like Collins and Zechel. You ought to be more of a tight-fisted, greedy bastard like myself. By the way, could you possibly loan me \$32,000 till payday?

"Don't expect our magazine UFOCUS until around Jan. 15th. Why? A little green man informed me that Santy is planning to drop a new typer down my chimney this Xmas, and I want to use it for my final copy....."

MARK SAMWICK writes:

".....I enjoy reading your unscheduled newsletters!

"I'm married now, with two step-children. I work for Radio Shack as a store manager in Princeton, N.J. Since 'retiring' from the UFO scene, all the excitement has left my life!....."

Mark is the son of the late Charles Samwick, one of our most respected Mentors, ufologically and otherwise. - Editor.

GILBERT ZIEMBA, who is getting out of Confinement shortly, writes:

"Why do I call myself the 'UFO Challenger'? Because I am - and very shortly I will be revealing the shocking and startling truth about what UFOs really are - their origin and their sinister and diabolical purpose..... By

1980 I will have a 'force of people' (thousands).....I will prove conclusively that UFOs are hostile and a direct threat to all of Mankind....."

SHUDDER! - Editor.

LAMA ROBERT DICKHOFF raves:

".....How art thee, and how is the Cult in Guttenberg doing? Any U-Man Sacrifices yet? Not even a Santa KLASS offering to be transplanted into the next possible Dimension with the blessings of the Cult and this lama, who is rather dubious about your form of APE-ology, given out to read (in your 'Saucer Loan'): 'We ofen muk tipograficul mistooks.' This is a bare-faced LIE, since in all the time I was deluged with your 'Saucer-this-or-that', your erudition was faultless! All of a sudden, to whitewash your deliberate 'llama' mistake, you come up with something only your Ganemedan Pal could dream up. Really, are you not ashamed to print this trash about a lama, who in his psychic wisdom has looked through you a long time ago, and found you 'wanting in the balance'?

"Look who is writing or raving in your 'Saucer Loan' - Augie Roberts, available for ASS-ignments.....and this Foxy fellow, who wishes new converts for his Sun-dizzy Cult, so he can exploit the information for his former CIA-connection, or for his Ganemedan alien pals.....Anyone naive enough to give this foul Garuda-bird such wanted info will come to regret it, like I came to regret it some time ago!

"Bob Carson's 'natural gas' deposits in our Central Park smell to high heaven: The gas originated in the Cult-Moses-Lee Mansion, Guttenberg, and then wafted toward the 'Big Apple', to settle in Central Park, in the Zoo area, to confuse the caged gorillas there!....."

We are becoming a little confused, ourselves! - Editor.

PETER JORDAN of The Association for the Study of Unexplained Phenomena writes:

"I listened to you for a brief time on the Candy 'Drone' Show, (when you were on with Lester Del Ray & the 'Omni' people.) I must say I was particularly irritated by the intellectually sterile climate fostered by your host and her guests. What a pathetic lack of conversance with the rich literature and complexity of the UFO field!.....You were certainly a redeeming influence, but hardly a sufficiently neutralizing agent against the repugnant orthodoxy of Del Ray and the others....."

"I would like to take this opportunity to inform your readers that I am currently engaged in compiling data for a book I plan to publish on the Howard Menger case. Riddled with complications, the Menger affair has, I found, been unfairly dismissed as a cleverly perpetrated hoax - usually by those whose molecular intelligence is strained by layered complexities.

"For the past year, I have spent many hours listening to the critical testimony of independent witnesses, who have lent great force to the argument that Menger's original claims were indeed genuine, and that the latter were most certainly and most transparently spurious. I am, quite frankly, shocked at my findings, and, may I add, at some of the disturbing implications which one will find impossible to escape upon reading the material within its proper context.

"I would ask your readers to furnish me with any and all information which they possibly might have regarding this incredible controversy, and to write me with their comments - at 217 Connecticut Road, Union, New Jersey 07083.

"As always, may the Boil never burst."

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And now, PASS ON to our Featured Missive from Stan Friedman, who probably needs no introduction.....

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Dear Jim:

I did manage to get on AM NY on Dec. 1, but had no response from calls and materials sent to Candy Jones or two other shows... the UN presentations were good but the press conference was almost a total disaster..

Re Oberg.....

I can only wonder from which hat Jim Oberg pulled his comments about my being torqued about his calling my participation in the Klass wager a publicity stunt or my saying that I had no hope of collecting a cent. As usual with Jim he writes first and doesn't bother with getting his facts straight. I say this after having read his four articles in OMNI... ugh! a journalism professor would flunk him I am sure for failing to get first hand information and for failing to contact the people he maligns before publishing his malignment.... but lets get the facts straight....

1. My letter to OMNI concerning Oberg's first article with comments about me is enclosed. You will notice that I didn't even mention the Klass wager in any way.

2. I have said that the Klass wager was a publicity stunt by Klass since as originally written it was ludicrous and would have required the cooperation of an alien and/or the government. He has modified it and the offer I signed was considerably modified at my request so that a statement by the president or vice-president of flying saucer reality would suffice. My accepting on the Lou Gordon show to Phil's surprise when I pulled 100 \$ out of my pocket was certainly effective public relations on my part... but it is the offer which is a publicity stunt not my acceptance of it.

3. I have not said that I had no hope of collecting from Phil. I have said that I was doubtful of collecting on the bet because it would require Phil's living longer than I do and depends upon his integrity. Considering that Phil is about 15 years older than I am and that he is likely to die before me and that further in a decade of writing about UFOs he has shown consistent misrepresentation, character assassination, innuendo, and the normal tricks of a writer with little concern with "truth" but great concern with proving a point and defending himself and not admitting that he had goofed about many cases, I cannot have high hopes for his integrity. Remember, too, that if an appropriate announcement were made Phil might have to pay out the cost of his second book to everybody who bought one-- roughly \$160,000. I might not have first claim on his funds anyway... I certainly wouldn't want him to be destitute... on my account. He might even commit suicide when confronted with the reality of both some UFOs as ET spacecraft and that there had been a coverup which he had failed to turn up.

4. The use of the bet is not as an investment... but to demonstrate that I put my money where my mouth is... a phrase much used by Phil about himself when nobody is around to point out the strangeness of the offer or that that individual has taken it up. If there is anybody who puts his money where his mouth is, it is me not Phil. After all I earn my living lecturing in an extremely competitive college market. Phil earns his at the typewriter.. his money is in his fingers...

Do feel free to publish my OMNI letter re Oberg. There is no doubt that he is one of the "biggest" men in Ufology. It is just a shame he hasn't taken to heart the ethics of science and journalism and gotten his facts straight. His reliance on Robert Sheaffer and Phil Klass certainly shows his lack of dedication to truth.

Hastily, *Stan* Stan Friedman