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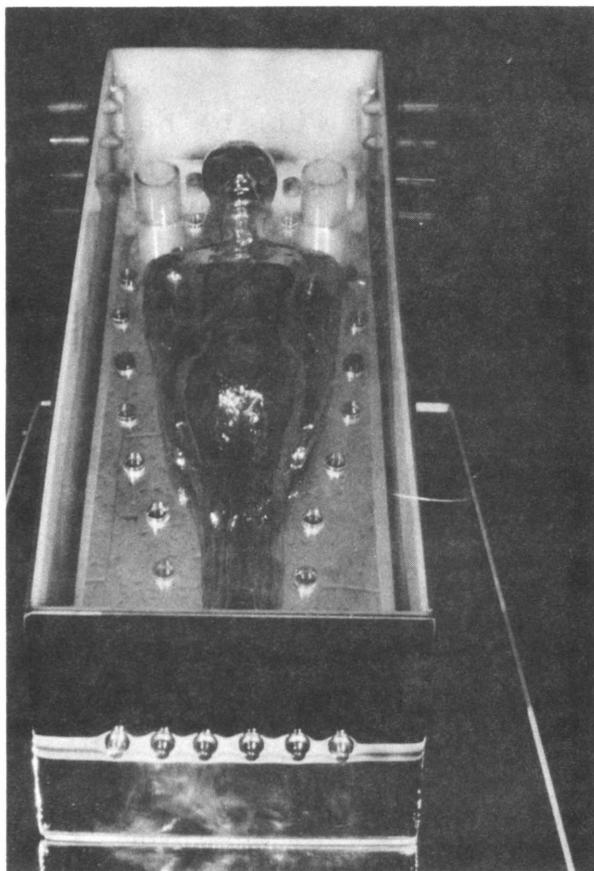
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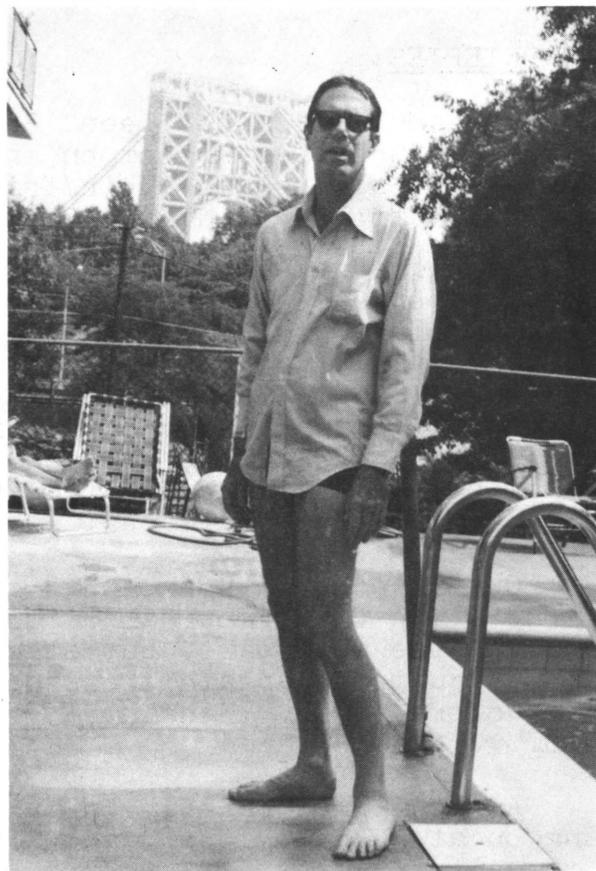
## CREATURE UPDATE:

Your insipid "Saucer Leer" editor has been continuing his in-depth investigation of "Fish-Tank Man" - the alleged space creature immortalized a few years ago by Fass Publications. Jeff Goodman, former editor of "Official UFO" and "Ancient Astronauts", has kindly given us a negative of one of the "Fish-Tank Man" pictures, from the files of these defunct magazines, and we have sent prints to Len Stringfield and others, in an effort to determine for once & for all whether Stringfield's creature is really the same or not.

The consensus is that Stringfield's pictures are very similar to the one in "Official UFO" but by no means identical. Stringfield's are taken from a different angle; they have a more blurry focus; and the creature shown is more decomposed. There are also other differences. But the main reason Stringfield is not showing his photos any more, in our opinion, is that they received a skeptical reception at the CUP meeting in Cleveland



"FISH-TANK MAN"  
(courtesy of Jeff Goodman)



"SWIMMING POOL MAN"  
(courtesy of Anonymous)

last year, which was the only time he showed them publicly.

Stringfield points out that one of his group of pictures is entirely different from the rest, and has a better chance of being authentic, in his opinion. This is the one on which Prof. Perzigian of the University of Cincinnati based his written opinion, as given on Page 3 of our last issue, "Saucer Jeer".

As for "Tomato Man", Dr. Leon Davidson has sent clear prints of both pictures to the Air Force and has received a reply from the Chief of Research at the Air Force Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. The letter to Dr. Davidson reads as follows:

"Our Aircraft Restoration Division personnel have examined the photos of the 'saucer' wreckage, but have been unable to determine the type of aircraft which this construction technique represents. Using tubular construction, it could very well be of 1930s or 1940s vintage and might be a trainer, but there is no way to be certain. (Presumably you noticed the pair of eye glasses near the center of one of the prints.)

"Sorry we couldn't be of more help on this matter. We're returning your prints since we would have no use for them."

Finally, we have included on Page One an alleged picture of the "Jersey Devil", snapped near a swimming pool in Fort Lee, New Jersey, in 1973, by a photographer who wishes to remain anonymous. Notice the weird effect he seems to be having on the George Washington Bridge in the background. Also, a clear print (maybe not our reproduction here) shows large blotches on the creature's legs, possibly caused by deadly RADIATION being radiated by said creature onto the photographic film. If you should spot this entity in your neighborhood, don't fail to take due precautions!

#### NEWS BRIEFIES:

The annual "Saucer Leer" Spring get-together will be held in the editor's palatial apartment on the evening of Saturday May 9th. As usual, all non-subscribers and their friends (if any) are invited. Address: 121 69th St., Guttenberg, N.J. (Like the Bible.) Phone: 201-869-8053.....

Ye olde Ego, again: Your humble "Saucer Leer" editor has been mentioned (favorably) in another tome which will become a standard reference book on Ufology. First came "The Encyclopedia of UFOs", edited by Ronald Story. Now comes (weird similarity of title!) "The UFO Encyclopedia" by Margaret Sachs - another of our loyal non-subscribers. The book is published by Putnam - \$16.95 for hard cover, or a "mere" \$9.95 for paperback. Ms. Sachs has overwhelmed us with a hand-written notation on the forepiece (?) of our copy: "To Jim Moseley, Supreme Commander, Boil on the Ass of Ufology, with all best wishes...." Bless you, Margaret Sachs!....

Our friend Tom Benson has given birth to a brand new UFO zine, called "The Sixth Quark Journal". The first issue is quite technical in nature, for the most part, but it gives about 60 pages for a mere \$2.50, which is quite a bargain these days. Four issues go for \$10.00, as an introductory offer. Benson can be reached at P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606.....

As mentioned briefly in our last issue, there are internal problems going on at CUFOS, NICRAP, and APRO - but the most interesting has to be the situation at APRO, where pro-Pleiades members made a clever effort to take over the board of directors of that corporation. These pro-Pleiades people tried to gather a batch of proxy votes from the membership, in order to vote out the Lorenzens and other anti-Pleiades people at the recent April 4th board meeting. But the anti-Pleiades forces legally

gained control of the proxys before the meeting took place, and the day was saved for the forces of Sanity within the organization. Way to go, APRO!.....

We are sorry to see that the self-fulfilling "twenty year curse" on American presidents has already resulted in the near-assassination of President Reagan. We predict, regretfully, that Reagan will not live through his present term in office. (Not that we're overly fond of Reagan, but assassination is not supposed to be the American way of doing things!))....

A major southern California earthquake, predicted for April 10th by a leading stock market analyst amid much publicity, utterly failed to take place. Guess he'll have to stick to the Big Board from now on....

Another reminder re our glorious forthcoming 18th National UFO Conference (NUFOC) coming up in scenic De Pere, Wisconsin, on the weekend of June 27th. (For details, write: Ron Spanbauer, P.O. Box 172, De Pere, WI. 54115.) And finally, another apology for not having printed all of the interesting diatribes we have received recently from our loyal non-subscribers. If you missed out this time, you'll have another chance in our glorious forthcoming next issue, appropriately to be called "Son of Saucer Leer".

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LETTERS TO THE SUPREME COMMANDER

Freelance writer & former NICRAPer GEORGE EARLEY writes:

"I hope Bill Moore's research of crashed saucer stories is better than his research of the movements of Mt. Palomar's 200 inch mirror, for it DID NOT travel by train after World War II. That trip was by truck, at speeds never exceeding 20 mph and done only after careful, lengthy advance planning.

"Let me also point out that a 200 inch (16.66 feet) mirror on edge is far smaller than a 25 foot disk would be. I wish the retrievalists were right, but so far they have produced no evidence to back their crashed disk tales."

Researcher JANICE CROY writes:

"Wow, 'Saucer Gear' was full of info. I like your new title of Supreme Commander. Right on!....."

# SAUCER BEST BEGGING CUP

NEW YORK—An enterprising panhandler on the New York City subways has found a way to keep the cops out of his hair as he plies his trade.

Wearing a stocking cap with an antenna sticking out of the top, he announces, "Attention Earthlings! I am from G-7. Unfortunately, my spaceship has crashed on your planet. I am in desperate need of earthling currency to buy parts for my ship. Please, be kind."

"I used to do this in normal clothes," said the panhandler, who says he nets around \$7 an hour. "But the subway cops fined me. Now they just think I'm crazy and leave me alone."

# Total aliens unknown

By MORRIS W. ROSENBERG  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — An investigative agency of Congress says

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) — Running back Herschel Walker of Wrightsville, Ga., was named the most talented overall player on the 60-member Parade Magazine all-American high school football team, announced Saturday.

No Iowans were named to the team.

Winford Hood of Atlanta, Ga., was selected the best lineman; Jeff Leiding of Tulsa, Okla., was picked after suffering a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Pauline, two sons and five grandchildren.

TOM BENSON, Editor of "The Sixth Quark Journal", writes as follows:

"I note that in 'Saucer Gear', you changed your title from Editor to include an additional title: 'Supreme Commander'. May I humbly ask, Supreme Commander of what??? Are you out of gear, or are you just losing your gears' teeth? Or have you merely changed from red to green label scotch?...."

DR. THORNTON PAGE of NASA writes:

"....During Feb. and March I toured New Zealand and Australia in a party of four, all highly reliable witnesses. We climbed glaciers, canoed rivers, bowled on greens, and visited three major observatories....with only 15 cloudy nights. We saw nocturnal Kiwi birds, destructive Kea birds, one Koala Bear, and several kangeroos (two with 'Joeys' in their pouches), but no saucers. Orion was upside down, as expected, and the Southern Cross was easier to see on flags (N.Z. and Australia) than in the sky.

"The people are friendly and outgoing. They said that UFOs are no problem. They've got lots of sheep to tend (over 90 million) and don't want extraterrestrials to disturb them. I said, 'You don't know what you're missing. Get J. Allen Hynek to explain close encounters of the third kind.' They said, 'Phooey'....

"Some of the girls down under are beautiful, especially in the light of a full moon, without UFOs and wives around....

"We CUFOS Board Members get the word earlier than lowly commentators like you. The Chicago CUFOS show will be on Sept. 25-27....Registration is \$35. J. Allen will do most of the talking. I'm not going, and offered my registration form to a friend here (in Houston), telling him that we scientists must support CUFOS' sorting out of significant UFO reports. He said that, unlike me, he is certain that there are other intelligent beings 'out there' in the Galaxy. After lengthy discussion we agreed that the clinker in the Drake equation is the uncertain mechanism of planet formation. Tell us how planets are formed, and we'll tell you how many civilizations there are within 10,000 or 100,000 light years!

"Please don't give me an X!"

MARY LeVESQUE, editor of "The Hollow Hassle"(P.O. Box 255, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501), writes as follows:

"I'm finally getting around to writing & telling you that I really enjoy your newsletters. I was especially tickled to see Fass Publications get theirs! (in 'Saucer Spear'.) They ought to call their magazines 'Ancient Assholes' and 'Official Bullshit'. How anyone can believe some of their stories is beyond me!...."

JOHN KEEL, writing in after a long, well-deserved Silence, has this to say:

"I really don't like to stir up the crazies, but here are two significant pieces of vital information related to the idiotic controversies you are currently fostering in your pus-filled newsletter:

"According to 'The Book of Firsts' by Patrick Robertson, 'The first space flight by living creatures is believed to have taken place at the end of 1951, when four monkeys with the code names Albert 1, 2, 3 and 4 were launched 85 miles into the stratosphere from White Sands, N.M. in a V2 rocket. The test, known as 'Operation Albert', was kept secret for fear of objections from animal lovers. All four monkeys returned safely to Earth, though one subsequently died of heat prostration.'

"There, in a nutshell, you have the whole story of a secret experiment and coverup. But no burned monkey.

"The second item is from 'The Secret History of the Atomic Bomb' by Anthony Cave Brown and Charles B. MacDonald. To summarize, during World War II part of the work of the Manhattan Project was carried out in secret at the Philadelphia Naval Yard - so the place was teeming with mysterious scientists, strange equipment, closed off areas, etc. It is probable that some of the stories about the 'Philadelphia Experiment' were based on random observations of these activities. They weren't trying to make a ship invisible; they were trying to find a way to blow up the world. And they did.

"The latest rumor (from several different sources) is that Dr. Vallee has completely abandoned Ufology. Why don't you follow his splendid example and devote what's left of your miserable life to shucking clams?...

"May a mad alchemist discover how to make gold out of used condoms, thereby plummeting you into a well-deserved bankruptcy...."

DAVE REISSIG thrills us with:

"....Way back in 'Saucer Smear' (January) you printed a quote I gave you from D. Scott Rogo's 1977 book, 'The Haunted Universe'. However, where it said 'obsessing spirits', you put 'observing spirits' - a mistake. But don't be afraid, I'm not going to spank you, because I like it better your way....

"My secret ambition has always been to be a big international manure trader."

JAMES ("Capt. Jim") OBERG of NASA writes:

"....In recognition of the leading role your publication takes in the spread of information and other brown sticky substances throughout the world of Ufodom, I will give you an exclusive story which I had meant to reserve for OMNI - and which will appear, but the backlog is about six months, and the story is too hot to hold. It concerns Mr. Beckley:

"Readers of Beckley's 'UFO Review' and those conned into buying his book on alien sexual contacts with human beings, will recall that he used a story from the Toronto Sunday Sun to document a bizarre case in which a 'Miss Penelope Kuntz' was implanted by 'outer space semen' from aliens who had kidnapped her. Beckley evidently believed the story. In any case, his writings showed that he meant for his readers to believe it.

"Unfortunately the source is not the Toronto Sunday Sun. The source is the National Lampoon's 'Sunday Newspaper Parody', published about two years ago. The true heroine was a 'Miss Penelope Cuntz', librarian of Dacron, Ohio - a popular figure in the fiendish fantasies of the National Lampoon.

"Poor Beckley! The centerpiece, the cornerstone of his space sex fantasies is only somebody else's fiction! But I have a nagging suspicion that Beckley knew it all along, what with the change in the name of the newspaper and the altered spelling of Penelope's last name. In that case, he is deeply involved in the hoax as well.

"Now, regarding Beckley's ravings about the astronaut UFO cases: I really thought that this subject was kaput, since serious researchers such as Hynek, Hendry, and J. Clark had long ago concluded (based in part, but only in part, on my own researches) that these stories were unrelated to the real 'UFO phenomena' - whatever that is. Even historian Dr. Dave Jacobs wrote in retrospect that 'leading ufologists never believed in most of them anyway.' So I'd be happy if Beckley would list, say, his top four or five 'astronaut UFOs'...."

Editor's Note: Beckley states that he did get the interplanetary sex story from the Toronto Sunday Sun & has the clipping to prove it. Thus it was that newspaper that apparently made the mistake of taking satire seriously.

Researcher JAMES MANEY writes:

"....I thought I would send you my thoughts on the Klass-Friedman debate in San Antonio last Feb. 22nd, as I may have been the only non-subscriber present (other than Phil and Stan themselves, of course.)

"In sum, it was a marvelous comparison of apples and oranges. Stan tried to prove UFOs are real by giving about half of his usual lecture, and Phil tried to prove that the Coyne helicopter crew saw a fireball-type meteor. The rebuttal and surrebuttal periods consisted of each man trying to prove the other wrong about whatever had just been said, and each tried to add some new material.

"Probably the most significant event of the evening....about which I think more will be heard in the future, arose when Phil (after Stan had mentioned the Marjorie Fish star map) produced a 'star map' of his own, drawn on the inside of a manila file folder, and challenged Stan to study it for one minute and then draw it from memory - asserting in essence that Betty Hill could not have meaningfully drawn her map from memory two years after her abduction.

"Phil persisted in calling this little show an 'experiment', and Stan refused to have anything to do with it, asserting that (a) he was not Betty Hill, and thus his cognitive faculties were not hers; and (b) he was not drawing the map under post-hypnotic suggestion (as Betty Hill had done). Klass was severely challenged during the question-and-answer period about the use of the term 'experiment' to describe this episode.

"I was disturbed that Klass resorted to ad hominems about Friedman's background, making a big point about him being unemployed and making his living as a lecturer. Other than that, the affair was enjoyable if not terribly edifying. I know that had I walked in innocent of any knowledge of UFOs, I would have been more confused than informed, when I left...."

TOMMY R. BLANN writes:

"I am directing this letter to Stanton Friedman and Phillip Klass:

"While both of you gentlemen were busily debating the existence of UFOs in San Antonio, Texas on February 22nd, something was flying around approximately 20 miles west of San Antonio near La Vernia, Texas.

"About 30 people claimed to have witnessed a triangular-shaped UFO that had two bright white lights in front, with a red and white light at the back. Some claimed that the craft made a 'humming noise' and others claimed it made a 'whoosing sound'. There were others who claimed that their televisions and telephones were disrupted at the time of the sighting. Kelly AFB, however, stated that they had a C-5 Alpha in the area at about the time of the UFO sighting....

"Next time you two gentlemen get together, it might prove worthwhile to hang around for awhile....

"P.S: I personally believe that both of you are wrong about the UFO phenomenon."

Our Olde Ufological pal, CHARLES WILHELM, writes as follows:

"....Since Stringfield blessed your publication as the one in which to publish his comments, I'll give the same publication my statement of challenge to Stringfield:

"Stringfield says, 'No conspiracy, please'. Well, we could say that Stringfield is well qualified for the title of 'Father of Conspiracy'. Ever since I have known him, he has always talked about conspiracies against him by the military concerning his work in the UFO field. Even now, he believes according to the rumors in the Field, that the CIA forced him to retire early from his job. He has claimed that all his so-called sources have dried up because of pressure from the Intelligence people. ....I feel this is a sign of paranoia.

"Yes, there is strong evidence (documented) by Stringfield to discredit the Coalition's crashed saucer photos, and he has played a major role in it. Stringfield considered the GSW analysis of the Coalition photos as an authoritative one as far as he was concerned, and therefore the matter of what the photos were was ended, as far as he was concerned. ....Stringfield has shown by accepting just one analysis report on the Coalition photos that he is no researcher at all and has been masquerading as one all these years. With the information from the GSW report, Stringfield got on the horn and started notifying his contacts in the Field that the Coalition photos were not authentic....

"Stringfield knows very well that I have more than cooperated with him over the years. I might add - much more than he has with me. I supplied Stringfield with most of the information for his book and was the source for several of his abstracts concerning his crashed saucer research....Look what's happening now. He's spreading false information around about me. You call this a friend?....

"I have heard that Stringfield was very upset because I didn't come running to him with our photos. These photos would have finally given him something hot to go with all his crashed saucer abstracts. Plus he could have unveiled them at the 1981 MUFON convention, making a big production out of them and thus giving the news media something to get excited about - instead of walking out very disappointed as they did at the 1978 MUFON convention in Dayton, Ohio, where Stringfield was to produce some hot information, but didn't!...."

Editor's Note: Wilhelm's letter goes on & on, and ends with "A Public Challenge to Len Stringfield on his Alien Photographs". Unfortunately, we just do not have enough Space for all this.

Loyal non-subscriber BILL LUTTERS writes:

"....Is it my imagination or do I detect a more serious style that has taken place in your last few issues? Anyhow, in some respects this may be a turn for the better - although I warn you that you may lose your reputation as the Larry Flynt of Ufology.

"It would be interesting if you could comment on the accusations that Stanton Friedman makes concerning Mssrs Randi and Sagan....

"Keep up the good work...."

Editor's Note: This new seriousness (by our non-subscribers, not us!) is a serious problem in our opinion - and we will have some comments to make about it in our glorious forthcoming next issue.

Science fiction/fact writer PETER EDLER writes us as follows:

"For the past two months or so, in my spare time, I've been working on a UFO doll. I finally finished it and put it through its paces last night, and all its systems were 'go'.

"The UFO doll works like this: You wind it up and Carl Sagan attacks it....I don't think I'll have any problem marketing it, do you?"

JERRY CLARK of Fate Magazine overwhelms us with the following:

"I assume that your readers were as overwhelmed as I was by Phil Klass' dazzlingly witty, point-by-point refutation of my article on him in the February issue of Fate. Nonetheless I fear I must carp about a small point or two. For example, while it is not true that the 'Washington Post' and the 'New York Times' contacted me about my article, it is true that a columnist for the 'Village Voice', a former reporter for Jack

Anderson and - surprise, Phil! - several members of CSICOP (three of them regular contributors to 'Skeptical Inquirer') gave my piece their re-sounding endorsement.

"More to the point, however, is the matter of W. Todd Zechel, a subject on which poor Phil is positively goofy (as are his clones; see Sheaffer on me and WTZ in his new book, pp. 28-29). Phil discussed the matter with me in correspondence during the summer of 1979, during which I refuted his more lurid fantasies about my role in the Zechel affair. Nonetheless he revived them as soon as he read my Fate article (see the exchange between him and me in the letters section of the May issue of Fate for the context of the 'decency and integrity' quote and other matters). Presumably he will recycle them for use in his next book. Never let it be said that UFO debunkers don't know the important issues!

"At the risk of boring your readers (and myself), allow me to observe that all Phil succeeded in establishing in his fevered 'investigation' of Z's background is that the world has produced nicer people than Todd. Big deal. He did not succeed in establishing that Z had not worked for a federal agency after leaving the Army Security Agency. If anyone cares (as Klass obviously does, deeply), it should be noted that Todd always claimed he worked as an undercover informant against, first, antiwar protesters/terrorists and, second, organized crime figures. Certainly there is nothing in his employment record that casts doubt on this claim. In his letter Phil neglects to mention where Z worked as a carpenter and fireman: at the Badger Army Ammunition Facility in Baraboo, Wisconsin. During the period in question there was considerable antiwar activity, some of it by some pretty wild-eyed types, at the University of Wisconsin; in fact a 1970 bombing on campus killed a graduate student. Z's story was that his superiors at a federal agency feared the facility was being infiltrated by terrorists. Since historically terrorists have secured much of their arsenal by stealing weapons and explosives from military facilities, there is nothing inherently implausible in Z's claim that he was placed at Baraboo as an informant to monitor possible infiltration. Secondly, as is well known, the Mafia is deeply involved in the pornographic trade, and a police informant who works at a porno shop (as Z did) is in an effective position to do what he is supposed to do.

"During the course of our association Z discussed his claims so clearly and specifically that I could easily have verified them (and still could, if I didn't have at least a million more interesting things to do) simply by checking the Milwaukee newspapers for the relevant periods. Since, unlike Klass, I was far more concerned with Z's UFO data than with his personal history (though I realize now that my indifference to tales about Todd's way with other people's money was definitely a mistake), I never bothered to check into Z's stories about his background. Obviously one does not have to be of sterling moral character to function effectively as an informant. Don't get me wrong; I'm not saying I believe or disbelieve Z's stories. I just don't know. But I do know that nothing Klass has uncovered has any bearing on the truth or falsehood of Z's testimony in this regard.

"The one truly amusing aspect of all this, though, is Klass' frenzied effort to prove that the National Security Agency is a military, not a civilian, agency. Remember that one? This was Phil's 'proof' that Todd couldn't possibly have been involved with NSA because he insisted on calling it 'civilian'. Back in 1978 Klass produced white papers proving conclusively NSA's military status and ridiculing those (such as Brad Sparks) who insisted it was otherwise. Recently I wrote NSA and asked if it was military or civilian. Soon afterwards a lady from NSA called me and explained that, though the agency has a military head and some military components, it is considered a civilian agency. (Write NSA at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755, if you want your own confirmation.)

"We're supposed to take this guy seriously???"