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**PRESENTING: SAUCER SMEAR'S MERRY CONVENTION ROUND-UP (AND MIX-UP):**

A CUFOS-oriented convention, sponsored by one Barbara Schutte of Wever, Iowa, is to be held on February 19th through 21st in Chicago. Modestly billed as "The Camp David of Ufology", this conclave is by invitation only; and though its purpose is Unity, it has already caused a bit of disunity because of the arbitrary way in which the invitation list was apparently drawn up.

Excluded are a number of well-known Ufologists, such as your humble "Saucer Smear" editor. Included are the dubious Dr. Robert Carr of Florida; Todd Zechel, last heard of in Hollywood, California; Ex-President Gerald Ford (but not Jimmy Carter, who actually claims to have seen a UFO!); Senator John Glenn; Carl Sagan; "New Age Foundation" (apparently not a person!); and a few other rather strange choices. Apparently Ms. Schutte is not au courant re the present state of Ufology.

We are told by the CUFOS hierarchy that Ms. Schutte should not have used CUFOS stationery to make it appear that hers was an official meeting of that group; and we are further assured that, had it been an official CUFOS event, we would have been invited. (In any case we have no time to go. Not sour grapes - just the Truth.)

This brings us to another controversial convention, to be sponsored by MUFON in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on the July 4th weekend. The day starts with an early morning official MUFON meeting (on July 4th), which we are uninvited to, having never been able to meet the nebulous requirements for membership in that august organization. But the day then continues with two other separate "summit meetings" at the same location, which we believe we are invited to, for though they are under the auspices of MUFON, they are (as we understand it) quite independent. These meetings will take place because of highly commendable efforts made by the Scientific Bureau of Investigation (SBI) of New York, which several months ago urged through its periodical a "summit meeting" of Ufology, to try to achieve some semblance of Unity. Thus, presumably all members of the SBI, and any others who may be interested, are invited. We have already informed Herr Andrus that we will be attending these meetings in Toronto.

On July 2nd and 3rd, there will be a program of lectures at the above-mentioned MUFON convention, and these presumably are open to the public. There is some confusion about all this, however, and in an effort to get things straight, we have telephoned Pete Mazzola, Co-Director of the SBI. It turns out that he is more confused than we are! It seems to us that MUFON has taken Mazzola's original ideas regarding a "summit meeting" and woven them into the MUFON structure in some complex way. Perhaps the only way to find out just what is going to happen in Toronto is to simply go there on the July 4th weekend, as we intend to do.

Finally - last but BY NO MEANS least - we must again mention our own National UFO Conference, about which there is no confusion! This convention takes place on May 29th, in Parma, Ohio - a suburb of Cleveland. Speakers will include Gray Barker, Larry Blazey, Tom Benson, Ed Biebel, Bob Goerman, and your humble "Saucer Smear" editor. For details write to: Rick Hilberg, 3403 West 119th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44111.

HOT FLASHES: (formerly "News Briefies")

FLASH: We recently had an interesting phone interview with non-subscriber John Schuessler of NASA, who has been the principal investigator of the Betty Cash UFO case, which occurred in Texas in December of 1980. This was the case in which Mrs. Cash and two others in a car with her at the time all showed definite symptoms of radiation poisoning after having had a close encounter with an unusual kind of UFO. Schuessler has since interviewed one of the helicopter pilots who buzzed the saucer during the Cash sighting, and has kept track of the delicate health of the three "victims". We find this to be one of the most interesting & significant U.S. sightings in recent years, as does Schuessler. What did these people see? Says he, "It was a genuine UFO, whatever that is"!....

FLASH: Former Capt. Jim Oberg has called our attention to a book called "The Jupiter Effect", which claims that for complicated scientific reasons, there will be a peak of earthquake activity on Earth on March 10th, 1982. (Quite soon; SHUDDER!) The book has since been discredited, so if you happen to live in California and experience a terrible earthquake on March 10th, ignore it!....Incidentally, Oberg has a new book out called "UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries - a Sympathetic Skeptic's Report". Wonder where he found a sympathetic skeptic to ghostwrite the book for him???....

FLASH: Non-subscriber Loren Coleman is looking for gainful employment as a "Zooman", having devoted a great deal of his time & energy to writing about zoological mysteries during the past several years. His qualifications, including a masters degree, are overwhelming. If any reader has a helpful clue to such employment, write Loren at: 115 Chilton St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138....

FLASH: In an editorial on sports, Time Magazine reports (Feb. 8th, Page 82): "'If Jesus were alive today,' says Norman Vincent Peale, 'he would be at the Super Bowl.'" To which we can only add our own comment: If Jesus were alive today, he would be almost 2,000 years old, and thus a Medical Freak, if nothing else!....What has this to do with UFOs, you might justifiably ask. Hardly anything at all, really. It's all part of our new, till-now unannounced SUBTLE POLICY SHIFT (Wheeee!), in which your semi-humble editor hereby bestows upon himself the right to tee off in any direction - not just on UFOs, not just on the Offbeat in general, but on any aspect of Life that seems to offer an interesting insight into the Human Condition. (An unbridled Ego accepts no limits!) Don't worry, folks. The price of a lifetime subscription will remain the same!....

WILD RUMOR DEPARTMENT:

We hear from sources which have proven almost totally unreliable in the past, that Bob Sheaffer's book "The UFO Verdict" is headed to the top of the best-seller list - largely as a result of our glowing review in the Dec. 15th issue of "Smear". Yes, never underestimate the power of the press! Unfortunately, the book is headed for the fiction rather than the non-fiction list, according to our sources.

But the good news is that Sheaffer stands to receive a tidy sum for the movie rights, and that a major Hollywood (Florida) studio is ready even now to ink a deal! Tentative title: "Whores from Outer Space". The aging but still beautiful Raquel Welch has been type-cast as the female lead, and Dr. J. Allen Hynek is negotiating for a bit part - playing a mad Martian scientist who inadvertently causes an interplanetary war by trying to agree with everybody. Your humble "Saucer Smear" editor has been written into the script, in the role of a Venusian philosopher who deliberately creates such total confusion that war becomes impossible. The veteran actor Rock Hudson will, if necessary, be dragged screaming and giggling from his deathbed to play the part of Moseley, according to our informants. Stay tuned!...

LETTERS TO YE OLDE SUPREME COMMANDER:

Our buddy (??) JOHN KEEL, writing under the name of "Furgoot the Magnificent", writes as follows:

"Dear Voltaire:

"If you had read Sheaffer's book more closely, you would have found that you are mentioned in less flattering terms such as 'shithead' (p. 183), 'the Elephant Man of ufology' (page 211), and 'the babbling baboon of boring burfications' (p. 309). Voltaire, incidentally, was well reputed in Parisian social circles for breaking wind odiferously at dinner parties.

"Of late, your newsletter has become so tedious and pointless that I suspect the whole thing is being ghostwritten by that world-famous scientist and diarist Dennis Rawlings. Even Klass' turgid prose would be a welcome contribution.

"In an effort to elevate the overall standards of your dreary semi-publication, I am enclosing a profound scientific document which proves beyond all doubt that we, the U.S. ufologists, are at least winning the most awesome race of all with the Soviet Union.

"This is probably the only letter you will receive this month, so you may now resume your usual activity of hurling penniless widows out into the snow.

"May the cattle mutilators stake out your bathroom...."

John has enclosed with his letter a truly scientific-looking graph which, unfortunately, we are not Fearless enough to publish here. We will, however, send it around on a "need to know" basis to hard-core Keel fans - if there are any left. - Editor.

DOUG SMITH of the weird & wonderful SubGenius Foundation (P.O. Box 140306, Dallas, Texas 75214) writes as follows:

"Thanks for continuing to supply us with 'Smears'. It's one of the few mags I continue to read cover to cover, but I'll be damned if I know why. Perhaps it's the secretly-high sanity quotient.

"Remember our SubGenius questionnaire? I've been sifting through them - there are about 300 - and it seems that more than 50% of the 'SubGenii' out there have seen what they considered to be UFOs. Only 9% consider themselves to be UFOs. What does this mean? It simply means that the type of person who sends \$10 to the Church of the SubGenius is generally either crazy, or has been hand-picked by WOTAN-1 as another bearer of confusing information.

"What relevance does this have to your readers or, for that matter, anything at all? Answer: NONE! And I guess that's what I like about your magazine. It all fits together perfectly in one big interlocking web, including Kottmeyer's UFO rabbits. (He sent me his giant article on hopping saucers too). 'Bob' is pleased. Fart Lee will be spared the New York tidal wave, and all those millions have you to thank, Jim. So for that I think you should suddenly start charging \$5 per issue....

"Note: I'm collecting info on all people now claiming to be Jesus back on Earth. (I've met 3 already). Can your readers help? I especially like the Hitchhiking Jesus but the 8-legged Jesii are okay too. We'll trade info for pamphlets."

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Note the picture of "Bob" on the right, and the subliminal SubGenius ad on the left - such as will be scattered throughout this and future issues of this Rag. - Editor.



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We recently wrote PHIL KLASS about our strange difficulties with Walt Andrus of MUFON, and Phil has replied as follows:

"How you could be 'persona non-grata' to anyone is more than I can understand - unless that person was completely without a sense of humor - and from my limited knowledge of Walt Andrus, that may indeed be the case.

"Your wide popularity with dedicated-believers, quasi-believers, quasi-skeptics and hard-nose skeptics is testimony to your even-handedness.

"Idea: Why don't you spin a tall tale about reports of a 'Green Brigade', a spin-off of the 'Red Brigade' that includes extraterrestrials among its membership, and who are intent on wiping out those who publicly reveal the existence of ETIs. You can even speculate that the 'Green Brigade' is funding me, Sheaffer, and Oberg. How else could one explain my 375-ft. yacht - with permanent crew of four - plus the fact that you yourself found a butler, two maids and two housekeepers on my/Nadya's permanent staff. Obviously I couldn't afford all that on what Aviation Week pays me. And you can report that you hear rumors that I have two Learjets!

"Will the 'Green Brigade' strike during the Toronto convention?"

MARY MARGARET FULLER, Editor of FATE Magazine, writes:

"Thank you so much for your letter of December 16th relative to our keeping you up to date on the 'sTARBABY' controversy. It has been interesting to us also.

"The reason we do not publish the Phil Klass response 'CRYBABY' is that (1) It does not answer the charges contained in the Rawlins article; and (2) It is not a response which is sponsored by the Committee (CSICOP). We feel any published response should represent the Committee's answer to the charges made.

"It seems they cannot answer Rawlins' charges. If they could, surely they would do so?!?...."

Phil Klass informs us that CSICOP as an organization does recommend strongly that FATE publish "CRYBABY", but has not adopted the article as an official CSICOP response to "sTARBABY". - Editor.

UFO researcher & former zine publisher JANICE CROY writes:

"....I've been reading FATE lately, and can't believe the silliness of the 'sTARBABY' debate!...

"I've got a great idea for all UFO organizations. Why not buy time on cable TV, to present UFO news, etc? When I get enough green stuff together, I'm going to do it.

"Keep watching the skies. You never know when a saucer dropping might land on your head...."

BOB GOERMAN of the Goerman Publishing Co., writes as follows:

"Thanx loads for the freebie plug on my upcoming 'ALLENDE' DOSSIER (Jan. 20th 'Smear'), which has generated a tremendous response from your readers - a response beyond imagination! But then, after all, a Special Collector's LIMITED EDITION, each consecutively numbered, registered and autographed, and priced at a mere \$2.95 to boot! What else could I expect? Klass and Company (i.e. Oberg, etc.) were dead wrong! Researchers crave Truth; they desire documented fact over fiction every time! Volume #1 is already registered in your name, and a favorable (or if necessary, ugh, objective) review would be deeply appreciated.

"Yessir - the response staggered my imagination! As of this date, 2/4/82, I have received ONE advance order! And, funnier than all hell, both Barker and Beckley kindly declined my generous offer to distribute my book along with their versions selling for big prices. (Dammit, I can't imagine why???)...."

Bob doesn't fully realize that (1) Ufologists generally do prefer Exciting Delusion to Dull Truth, and (2) "Saucer Smear" non-subscribers generally don't expect to pay for anything, as they consider themselves Wheels in the Field. We have written Bob to the effect that as many as one paid response from our list truly is remarkable! - Incidentally, Bob Goerman has recently joined the list of speakers at our forthcoming National UFO Conference in Cleveland. - Editor.

TOM BENSON writes:

"In the Dec. 15th issue of 'Saucer Smear', an exclusive photo showed the semi-retired ufologist Gray Barker leaning in front of his recently remodeled manor house. This photo tipped me off as to what the 'D' in Barker's 'Box D' address stands for, and that of course is Dogpatch!....

"After reading your most recent edition of 'Smear', I have decided to clarify my present 'status' in the field of Ufology. I have been 'born again' back into the field at a 'lower key' level. Additionally, The Sixth Quark Journal also has been 'born again', and the second glorious issue will be available for sale on February 1st. All future and past issues will now cost \$3.50 each. Issues will be sold on a non-subscription basis. Checks and money orders for the Journal will be payable to me. All old subscriptions will be honored, and new ones not accepted...."

DON STRACHAN, editor of "Light Times", writes:

"As a loyal non-subscriber I'd like to contribute something besides my carpings to 'Smear'. I review books for a living and hereby pass along a few readings that might interest other readers:

"In 'Science and the Paranormal', edited by George O. Abell and Barry Singer (Scribner's: \$17.95!), scientists slice open paranormalists with Occam's Razor. There's also a Klassy retread by Philip J. - debunking UFOs, partly lifted from 'UFOs Explained'. And, Daniel Cohen demolishes Bigfoot (a hot 'Smear' item lately) along with a host of his abominable brethern, including Yeti, Mothman, and one I haven't heard of - Ogo-pogo. (Did the first sighting come before or after 'I Go Pogo' buttons?)

"Fans of Martin Kottmeyer's Easter Bunny papers will like 'The Homing Pigeons', by Robert Anton Wilson (Pocket Books: \$2.50), set in parallel universes where even tooth fairies may exist, and paranoid enough for the Ufological mind to appreciate.

"'Miracles', edited by Martin Ebon (Signet: \$2.50) includes an account of a 17th Century 'flying monk', the historical evidence for whose uncontrolled levitations is 'as massive as for the presence of Lord Nelson at Trafalgar'. Now, this might clear up some heretofore inexplicable sightings! So might the six-foot glow-in-the-dark frisbee described in 'UFO Update' in the December issue of 'Omni'.

"Keep your eyes to the skies!...."

RICHARD HEIDEN sizzles us with:

"....Here's a hot item for the consumer assistance column of 'Saucer Smear': Ideal House (which purchased 'Beyond Reality' and its 'UFO Update') has filed for bankruptcy in U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, under Docket No. 81-13-11902. So anyone with unfulfilled subscriptions (and/or unreceived payment for articles) to Ideal's 'UFO Magazine', 'UFO Update', or 'Beyond Reality' should get claim forms from the Clerk's Office, Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York, 40 Foley Square, New York, N.Y. 10005....

"Harry Belil states that the men responsible at Ideal are John Krach and Ralph Stein. The Chairman of the Board, Seymore Butan, went to jail ....for similar rip-offs...."

SPECIAL BIGFOOT SUPPLEMENT:

(a fancy name for a continuation of our dreary Letters Column)

JOAN JEFFERS writes:

"Dear Supreme Commander:

"You dumped the Bigfoot feces back in my lap. I have an ample lap so - yuk!

"To reply to Jon Beckjord: Since it has been five or six years, and since I do not have the records in my home (or anywhere near it), I cannot quote names. But the feces analyses were done by various qualified people in reputable laboratories, one being a forensic lab. As I stated, witnesses (who were also investigated) in some cases related as part of their sighting reports that the creature seemed to stop to defecate, and indeed feces were found. In other instances feces were found in direct association with other evidence of Bigfoot's passing. (Please, Jim, no pun intended.) And these feces were atypical of any of the other fauna of the area....

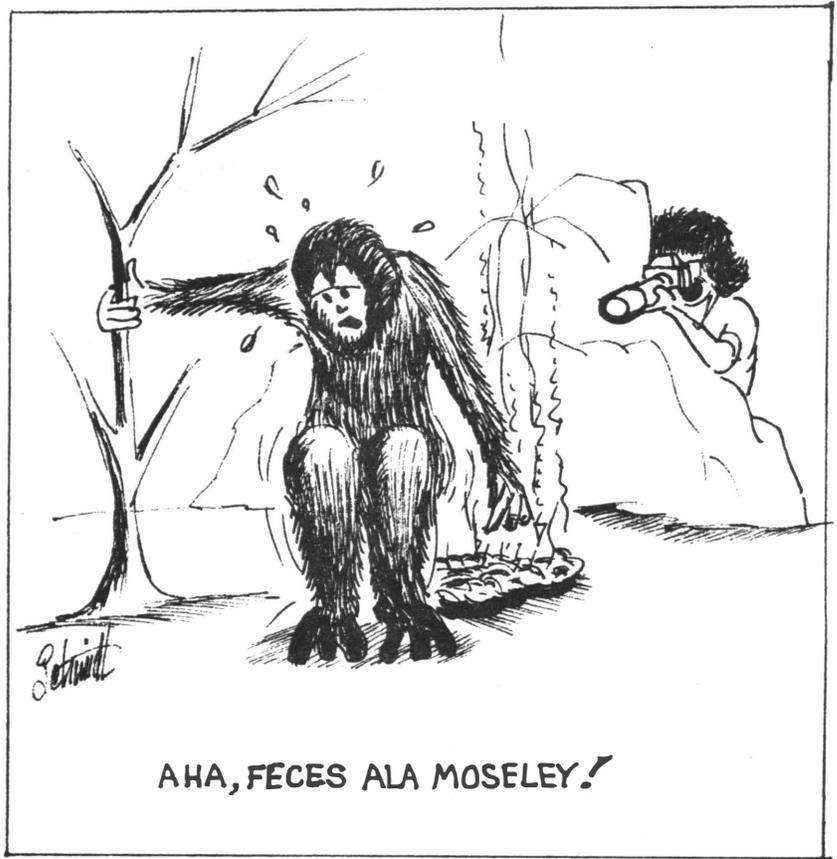
"After years of interest in the Bigfoot phenomenon, I had the opportunity in 1974 through 1977 to track the creatures and interview many witnesses. I was fortunate (?) enough to see two of the beasties. If I had been well enough to continue my graduate work in anthropology, I would have eventually applied for funding to search for, observe, and perhaps capture one of the creatures. (Alas, it was not to be.) It would have been a difficult job searching for witnesses who had reported sightings, for re-interview, since Stan Gordon refused access to the files of the Pa. Center for UFO Research before 1977, which Stan retained.

"By the way, some good news is that Stan is back in business as director of his new group, the Pa. Association for the Investigation of the Unexplained....This group is not limited to investigation of UFO and Bigfoot reports. It's nice to know that Stan is active again...."

JON BECKJORD of Project Bigfoot hits us with:

"I enjoyed reading the latest 'Smear', and Schaffner's comments on my comments in response to Joan Jeffers on the subject of alleged BF feces. Since I haven't heard from Jeffers, I will respond to Schaffner and state that no, nobody has ever identified any clump of feces from the woods as being genuine Bigfoot Shit, since to do so, one needs first a genuine Bigfoot to be recovered and identified, formally classified, etc., before shit alone will be accepted. (No shit!) But - we have had a number of samples 'eliminated' by Dr. Vaughn Bryant, a noted feces analyst and anthropologist, down

"JOAN JEFFERS ON ASSIGNMENT"



AHA, FÉCES ALA MOSELEY!

to what they are not, such as not a bear, not deer, not elk, not horse, etc. We have been able to ahem, eliminate, cattle droppings and buffalo chips on the basis of physical exclusion by law or altitude from the areas in which the droppings (in great piles) were found. What is left? Probable Bigfoot shit. The contents, interestingly enough, are cedar leaves, spruce needles and fir needles. Most odd, particularly as some was collected in June when grass was plentiful. Also, in one case where grass was present, as with the various needles, digestion was incomplete. Speculation: Bigfoot may be a dimensional visitor that in manifested form (3½ D), may not be up to munching on our local veggies in any efficient manner....

"Incidentally, I'm checking in with the news that Betty Powell has sent me a most pungent smelling package with photos and possible Sasquatch, ah, feces, which the local post office was a bit upset with! Seems it smelled up the local P.O. branch for five days until I dug up \$2.15 postage due! Yet, one of her photos does have what seems to be a disembodied mask-like face, like the Indian masks of Sasquatch/Dsonoqua/Bukwas from the northwest coast. Just the mask-like face - no body, no shoulders. Fairly clearly, too!....

"On other matters - the nefarious Bigfoot cartoonist is at it again, and we are offering a cash reward for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the cartoonist who has been depicting several prominent Bigfooters in a manner designed to create upset and distress. The offer is \$100.00, and we encourage readers with the right info to 'rat on a rat' - and we guarantee absolute 100% confidentiality to any informant. A number of federal laws have been broken by this character, who sends out his cartoons from mail-remailing places in Ohio, Texas, and Southern Calif. He often places return addresses of innocent persons on them, and this has caused one family of Bigfoot researchers to virtually drop out of the field as a result....Contact me at Box 444, Northgate Station, Seattle, Wa.98125, or via the Bigfoot Hotline - 206-382-5656. All info re informants kept strictly, and I mean it, confidential! Nobody will know you struck a blow for decency in this field."

We can't resist telling you that in our opinion, this cartoon campaign stinks! - Editor.

BETTY POWELL has sent us an interesting missive, bringing us up to date on the latest Bigfoot activity involving her family and neighbors in West Jefferson, Ohio. She writes, in part:

"Enclosed is a picture of one of the new prints we found in the snow in back of Laura's house. There must have been 30 of them. Whatever it was, sure raised havoc. The print is very different from the earlier ones. We have seen the creature from a short distance away, but only at night. I'm pretty sure that whatever we have here now is not the same type of Bigfoot as last summer.

"When this new one was first seen three weeks ago, Laura called me at 1:30 a.m., and I ran over to her house. She had two teenaged boys with her, and they were all scared. She and one of the boys had seen it up against the window of the toy room. I went out with one of the boys to investigate. I had my flashlight with me. The wood pile was scattered, and the tracks started there and went around the old garage and ended at her fuel oil tank. The strange thing I noticed was that the prints looked as if they were very hot, as the snow was melted clear down to the leaves. I have never in all my life seen anything like it. The snow was hard and 6 inches deep. It was a two day old snow. Any prints I have ever seen before do not melt snow clear down to the earth on first contact. These prints did.

"After I left, things quieted down a bit. The next encounter was a week later. Gregg Esthers (Laura's husband) had company for the evening. He went over to close the playroom door, and noticed a large shadow outside, blocking his neighbor's doorway. It was tall, thin, and bushy haired. He motioned at the window, and it took off.

"Next, 2 weeks ago, Jim Stafford, my next door neighbor, got up at night to go to the bathroom. He heard a noise outside and looked through his window, which is opposite Sabra's bedroom window, and saw a large dark shape of a man, with bushy hair, looking into my little girl's (= Sabra's) bedroom window. Now, Mr. Stafford does not believe in Bigfoot or any such thing. He is really a 'hard nose', but he thought we should know that someone was there around 10:30 p.m. He said it was very tall and was bent over to see in the window. Sabra's window is about 7 feet high:

"The next incident was one week ago. My son Grover was coming home around 1:00 a.m. My porch light was turned off, so because of all the Bigfoot activity lately, Grover would not walk up to the house in the dark. So he started walking toward Laura's house. He could hear the thing running on the other side of the houses. He continued on to Laura's and was about to go in when it appeared between the two houses! It just stood there without moving. Grover said that as well as he could remember, it was very tall, dark, and had a very bushy head...."

BOB SCHMIDT, a friendly Bigfoot enthusiast from Pittsburgh, and author of the Bigfoot cartoon in this issue, writes as follows:

"....I can't understand how Joan Jeffers and so many other 'stool hunters' can be so sure of a B.F.B.M. (Bigfoot bowel movement). Whatever these 'King Kong' apes eat is sure to run along the lines of the terrestrial upright biped. After all, these 'non-existent' creatures are here to confuse us further!...."

"My personal feelings (truly non-serious now): From all I've read, heard, and investigated, I've established (for myself at least) the following outline of B.F.:

"(1) B.F. is a definite production of UFO technology.

"(2) Their behavior in many respects runs synonymous with the UFOs and their antics - teasingly evasive.

"(3) No stool sample will ever prove the existence of B.F. A hair sample might - of which I have several!

"(4) B.F. is both 'material' and 'immaterial'. He's material to our perception, with physical trace evidence for the benefit of the terrestrial observer, but capable of 'etheric escape' to another realm (time/place) if and when cornered.

"(5) The odors are compatible with every written work - whether occult, Biblical, folklore, legendary, or whatever, having to do with 'negative entities'.

"(6) The recognized existence of B.F. enforces the belief in evolutionary biped transitions from ape to man - the 'missing link' - whether we accept creationist theory or the evolutionists' theory.

"These are the facts as I know them, and though extremely difficult to bring into perspective, they are the only logical answers to the established data!...."

We agree, generally and seriously, with Bob Schmidt's analysis - Editor.

And finally, we'll give researcher RON SPANBAUER the Last Word (for now!) on the burning controversy over Bigfoot Feces. Writes Ron:

"....One of your non-subscribers made an interesting point, about how researchers have not found any Bigfoot droppings (shit). What makes people think their shit is any different from ours or any other wild animal? Humans shit in the woods all the time (in this part of the country at least), as do Bigfeet. Who's to say what shit is whose? This is all a crock of shit to me anyway!...."