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**HOT FLASHES!**

FIRST OF ALL, may we seize this opportunity to wish each & every one of our loyal non-subscribers a truly Cool Yule. We probably won't be sending out many cards this year, so this benediction takes the place of your card. HOWEVER, if there is a dreaded "X" after your name on the envelope in which you received this issue of "Smear", you're on your way out unless we hear from you soon. Sorry to be "X"ing people right at this jolly holiday season, but it worked out that way accidentally. (We "X" a few people every time we have to re-type the mailing list.).....



This past Hallowe'en, the Candy Jones radio show in New York made a determined effort to bring back the Shade of magician Harry Houdini and radio host Long John Nebel, on an "either/or" basis. Magician Melbourne Christopher was in the studio, together with another Houdini expert named Larry Weeks. Unfortunately, neither Harry nor John could be contacted in the course of the evening....Speaking of radio, your editor was on Bill Jenkins' talk show in Los Angeles for two hours on the evening of November 20th. (Station KABC.) Poor Bill is "hooked" on the crashed disc/government conspiracy syndrome, so that we had the odd experience of sounding more conservative on the UFO subject than our host!....Another High Point of our recent Western tour was a face-to-face meeting with the one & only Todd Zechel, who dined with us, accompanied by researcher Bill Steinman. Your editor was in unusually high spirits that evening, and a pleasant time was had by all. Zechel threatens to re-enter the UFO field "when the time is right".....Also enjoyable was a visit to Ed Biebel in Nogales, Arizona. Ed is busily preparing for the 1983 National UFO Conference (NUFOC), to be held in Tucson on the weekend of May 14th. Details re speakers, etc., still are not settled; but out-of-towners will be staying at Tucson's plush Plaza International Hotel (Speedway & Campbell St.) For details write to Ed Biebel at: 1612 Charolais Way, Kino Springs, Az. 85621.....

Remember Gray Barker's semi-amusing list of "World's Worst...." in a recent issue of "Smear"? We have a hands-down winning candidate for the category of "World's Worst UFO Witness". We quote verbatim from the current bulletin of the Cambridge (Ontario, Canada) U.F.O. Research Group:

"Sid MacKinnon and Nick Bensond interviewed a witness to a supposed sighting in northern Ontario. The interview was conducted in Feb., 1982. During the extensive interview they found out that Eric contradicted himself frequently, was very depressed and had very poor memory in answering questions. He had no judgment of weight, height or distance. He was on welfare, couldn't hold a job, under doctor's care, and was seeing a social worker. He had lost his father recently and moved out of the house he had shared with his mother. He could not cope with society. Sid and Nick felt they should contact Eric's social worker. The social worker confirmed that Eric was experiencing difficulties in socializing in society; and in speak-

ing with people about UFOs, Eric would feel self-assurance in socializing. Due to Eric's many problems, it is felt no valid information can be obtained with regard to a UFO sighting." .... (Nice zine; for further info., write to: 2 Augusta St., Cambridge, Ont. Canada N1R 1G1.).....

Former NICAPer George Earley still has some priceless (or valueless?) ufological items to sell, in order to clear out his den. He has asked us to repeat his address herein: 9 Hiram Lane, Bloomfield, Conn. 06002. Send stamped, self-addressed envelope for his list of Goodies.....Regarding the recent NOVA flying saucer documentary on "educational" TV, it is interesting to note that Jim Oberg himself has a number of criticisms of the telecast and has told us by phone that it was not a well-balanced presentation - i.e., it was unfair to the Believers, as "at least one substantial UFO case should have clearly been left unsolved." We agree. Now turn to the letters section of this issue for Oberg's breath-taking solutions to the astronaut cases. Then turn to our coveted Back Page for Oberg's criticisms of MUFON's criticisms of the NOVA show. (If there's nothing from Oberg on Page 8, it means we ran out of Space & will print the above-mentioned diatribe next time.)....Incidentally, Big Jim has again soared to author-dom with a new book called "Mission to Mars" (Stackpole, Harrisburg, Pa., \$15.), described by one reviewer as "a thorough-going examination of the problems to be overcome before a manned spacecraft can be put down on Mars"....Former non-subscriber Jerome Eden has folded his "Eden Bulletin" after 7 years of effort, as well as his Planetary Professional Citizens Committee (PPCC) - whatever that may be. Eden, who is a very hard-core follower of the late eccentric Wilhelm Reich, cites "lack of interest in our activities" as the reason for closing down his quaint organization....

Probably most of you have seen the sad recent AP wire service story about the couple who spent weeks in a frigid part of Minnesota, waiting in vain for a saucer to land. The woman died of starvation in her car before being rescued, and the man with her nearly died also....And, a new low in Interplanetary Sex was reached by a Colorado woman who claims that her baby is not her husband's, but the result of a UFO encounter. This according to a solid source - the Nov. 9th National Examiner. For those who want to follow up on this unusual case, the article ends with the statement that "the couple has since moved and left no forwarding address". But how will the Examiner know where to send their payment???....Sybil Leek, astrologer and self-proclaimed witch, has died of cancer at the age of 65. We are sorry never to have met this avant-garde Englishwoman, who did much to popularize witchcraft & convince the public that witchcraft is a legitimate religion - which it is!....

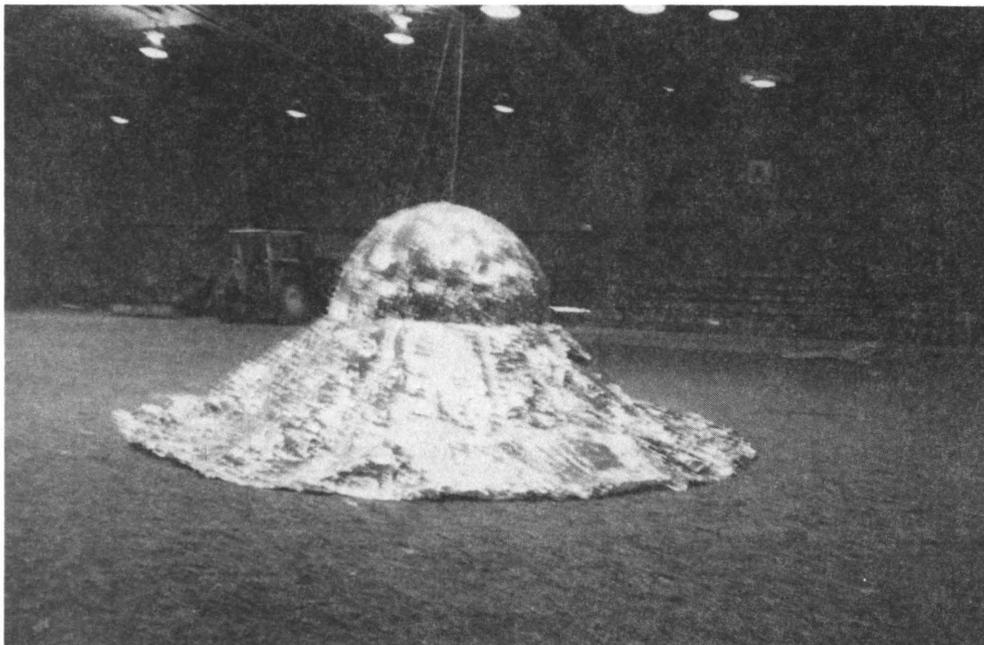
Finally, Allen Benz of Tucson was right when he told us at the Toronto convention that APRO would apologize to him in print for accusing him and his followers of trying to "convert APRO's assets to their control". APRO has indeed apologized, in a recent issue of their bulletin....

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IN WHICH YOUR EDITOR ATTENDS A SOMEWHAT UNSUCCESSFUL SAUCER CONVENTION IN RENO, NEVADA

On the weekend of November 13th-14th, your intrepid "Saucer Smear" editor was one of the guest speakers at a contactee-oriented UFO convention high in the frigid mountains of Nevada. The site of this conclave, sponsored by a Reno businessman, was (incredibly!) the Livestock Pavillion of the Nevada State Fair Grounds.

A pitifully small audience, averaging between 50 and 100 people, sat huddled together in one small section of a vast array of indoor bleachers, surrounding a dirt floor where ordinarily animals would be on parade. A microphone had been set up on a stage in the middle of the dirt floor, and toward the back end of the vast room could be seen a tractor and a 15-foot



## Man's illness is not his fault

diameter flying saucer - constructed at considerable expense out of tinfoil and helium-filled balloons. (See photo.) Occasionally a flock of pigeons would swoop by the podium en route to a new perching place among the rafters. The setting, in short, was unique!

Master of Ceremonies for this event was publisher-author Timothy Green Beckley ("Mr. UFO"), who did a rather bland job of orchestrating the appearance of the various lecturers. Two of the scheduled speakers we would have most enjoyed hearing - Col. Wendelle Stevens and contactee Travis Walton - failed to show up at all for various reasons, and one Dr. Ray Brown ("discoverer of the 'Atlantian Crystal'") left Reno in disgust without giving his scheduled talk.

Among those speakers who did show up, perhaps the most colorful was Dr. Fredrick Bell, rumored to be a grandson of the telephone gentleman with the same last name. Dr. Bell, whose doctorate turns out to be in Naturopathy, was billed in Beckley's literature as "a NASA spacecraft checkout engineer and collaborator with aerospace genius Werner Von Braun, who says he frequently converses with a slender and petite space woman from another universe known as Samjase." We were curious about how Samjase gets here from another universe, but in talking to Dr. Bell, we learned that she is merely from the Pleiades, i.e., relatively nearby. Bell's Pleiadean contacts are independent of the better-known but similar claims made by Switzerland's Billy Meier, as outlined in a highly controversial recent book. (Wendelle Stevens is also involved in the Pleiadean syndrome, as are several others.)

But getting back to our point - Dr. Bell turned out to be a spirited and entertaining lecturer, as he raved on about time & space travel, Kirlian photography, Holistic health, ESP, and (occasionally) UFOs. The good Doctor has even invented a time machine of sorts!

Another winner was George Cogan, who bills himself as a "nationally known UFO investigator". (We had never heard of him before, though we've been in the saucer field for nearly 30 years!) Cogan's specialty is regressing people hypnotically into past lives. This involves having the audience stretch out on the floor, which could not be done sanely in the dirt of the Livestock Pavillion; so he set up shop in a lecture hall of a nearby Holiday Inn, where many of the out-of-towners were staying. With psychedelic music and lights, plus his own droning voice, Cogan attempted to take the volunteers, including your editor, back to the alleged Atlantian Period, as well as other periods of the past. It seemed to be a

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genuine effort at mass hypnosis, but your editor failed to go under. At the end of the regression, a man on the floor near us was snoring. What has all this to do with UFOs, you ask? Not much, probably.

Other speakers included Major Wayne Aho, a well-intentioned veteran contactee who has been making the "New Age" rounds for some thirty years; Dr. Frank Alper, billed as "a space age clairvoyant who channels...a being known as Kryon from the Quadrille V universe" (far out, indeed!); a former pastor named Thelma Terrell; and contactee Robert Short. Frankly, we did not take the trouble to listen to all of this, but what we did hear was reasonably entertaining if not enlightening.

Last but by no means least, we should mention our own modest contribution to the Reno program. Your editor, as the only non "New Age" speaker present, attempted to balance things out a bit by pointing out to the mini-audience that 35 years of the modern flying saucer era have, quite frankly, produced no scientifically-acceptable proof of anything. There is evidence of various sorts, there is Belief, there is paranoia, there are theories - but unfortunately no proof. As an example of typical ufology, we cited the recent Don Shallcross contactee case, which tends to fall apart more & more, the closer you examine it. We likened Shallcross to the late, great George Adamski, whose contacts also turned out to be fatally flawed upon objective examination. Had we not run over our allotted time & been cut short by the genial Master of Ceremonies, we would have ended our segment by telling the people present about our continuing desire to find proof, and our inextinguishable fascination with UFOs and the folklore that surrounds them.

Needless to say, some hard-core members of the audience were Pissed Off by our note of relative sanity, though several people did tell us later that they enjoyed our talk and agreed, to a degree at least, with the points we were trying to make.

In spite of the "negative" impression we left on some people, your editor was not the true villain of the convention. This role was left to one Paul Cerny of MUFON, who barged uninvited into the pre-convention publicity, putting down the affair as a "charlatan event to bilk people out of their money", while admitting that he, as a "conservative", believes in the crashed disc syndrome, i.e., frozen alien bodies, etc. (The pot calling the kettle black!?)

Miguel Rivera, the Reno restaurant owner who sponsored the convention, took a financial bath, as do most people these days who attempt such an undertaking. (What a contrast to the Olde Days, when literally thousands of people flocked annually to Giant Rock, Calif!) No fortunes were made, either, by the handful of people who attempted to peddle their "New Age" wares at the booths they set up in the Livestock Pavillion foyer. Nor is there anything wrong, in our opinion, with people trying to make a reasonable buck or two from products of questionable scientific value - so "Saucer Smear" disagrees with Paul Cerny on this subject as well!

The problem with "New Age" research is that it is peopled mainly by neurotic but well-meaning individuals who are looking for religious beliefs rather than factual evidence. To them, every psychological or psychic experience becomes a Truth To Be Believed In. But at least they are far ahead of their more conventional brethren who see nothing wrong in earning a living by contributing in one way or another to the arms race - a race which may well end in an inferno of world destruction that no Space Brothers, real or imagined, can prevent!

In closing, we should mention the pleasure we had in getting together in Reno with former UFO researcher Dale Rettig of San Francisco, who was the local sponsor for the 1977 National UFO Conference and now is a hard-core "Saucer Smear" non-subscriber. His viewpoint on the UFO scene is dangerously close to ours!

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# ***Man, Son Guilty in Worm Fraud***

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

CANDY JONES of WMCA Radio in New York writes:

"Dear 'Increasingly-Infrequent Guest':

"Your Vol. 29, No. 9 non-scheduled newsletter is one to be considered a collector's item.

"Come up with a program idea for me and you won't be so infrequent..."

RICHARD OGDEN, our long-time antagonist from Seattle, Wash. writes:

"In reply to your letter of Oct. 21st, I hereby inform you that I couldn't sign your loyalty oath because I have an unsound mind! This is the professional opinion of the medical profession too.

"I appreciate your sending me your newsletter but I must retire from the UFO field and cannot write you again, because I am obviously insane and have nothing worthwhile to say.

"Other than that, I can only reveal to you that my friend Dr. David Turner was one of the scientists who went with George Adamski aboard the space craft. Believe it or not.

"As you may read from the Seattle and local papers, there is a UFO flap out here and we have been in contact with the aliens again, who also feel we both should retire from the UFO field. Other than that, I can only say goodbye and God Bless You...."

MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"Just got the latest issue of your zine and as always it was great. I also realized that it has been a long time since I wrote, and of course I want to avoid the dreadful 'X'. It would be awful not to have regular news of Dr. Hynek, 'Dr.' McIntyre and Chuck Wilhelm.

"What is really neat about 'Saucer Smear' is how you get down to basics, like saying that Travis Walton was depicted (on the NOVA documentary) as probably being a liar. I saw that show, but I would say that using 'probably' in your description was being overly kind to Mr. Walton.

"I also note (in the same 'Smear') that Dave Schroth gives Jerome Clark a grammar lesson - something that Mr. Clark is accustomed to doing to other people, like Bill Moore...."

Former NICAPer GEORGE EARLEY writes:

"It intrigues me that no one seems to have picked up on Phil Klass' startling revelation (in 'Smear') about the subscription policy of the CSI-COP magazine 'Skeptical Inquirer'. According to Klass' letter....subscribers 'are all paid'. Now, I'd have applied for a subscription years ago if Phil had told me they were paying their readers. For \$5 per issue, I think I could flog my eyeballs through 'S.I.' Just send me cash with each issue, Phil!"

And, the above-mentioned PHIL KLASS writes as follows:

"Your Oct. 25, 1982 'Saucer Smear' repeats the charge of MUFON's Walt Andrus that the recent NOVA program on UFOs was biased because its producer, John Groom, allegedly asked Ken Frazier, editor of CSICOP's 'Skeptical Inquirer', to recommend those to whom Groom should talk.

"In reality, Groom asked Frazier to recommend the handsomest, most photogenic Ufologist in the U.S., and Frazier instantly named me. Then Groom asked me who else I thought should be invited. I replied: nobody else. When he asked why, I explained that there were a number of other

competent Ufologists including Allen Hynek, Allan Hendry, Bruce Maccabee, John Schuessler, Michael Persinger, James Oberg and Robert Sheaffer - but unfortunately that all of them were suffering severe cases of contagious leprosy, a new strain that resembles a venereal disease.

"Groom promised me that he would talk to no other Ufologist. Obviously he broke that promise! However, I understand that when he interviewed the above-mentioned Ufologists, Groom and his camera crew came dressed in Astronaut suits with oxygen back-packs.

"P.S: I hope you did not sit too close to your TV set while watching the program because this new strain of leprosy can be transmitted via radio waves."

JERRY CLARK of FATE Magazine writes:

"Readers puzzled by Dave Schroth's bizarre outburst in 'Saucer Smear' (Oct. 25th) might want to know the source of his extraordinary sensitivity concerning the phrase 'honest mistake'. Schroth has been in a snit ever since I panned his 'Skeptical Inquirer' review of the Billy Meier book; in the review he made it look as if Ufologists believe the story, when in fact (as we all know) they are overwhelmingly skeptical. Both privately and publicly (in 'Smear') I have challenged Schroth to produce the names of those mainstream Ufologists who he implies support Meier. There have been no replies, only periodic temper tantrums and frantic efforts to change the subject.

"I maintain that Schroth's review deliberately misrepresented Ufologists' views. But Schroth is right in saying that 'honest mistake' is redundant; according to the dictionary, mistakes arise by definition out of innocent misunderstandings. Thus, for example, the bogus claims Schroth makes in his review cannot accurately be characterized as 'mistakes'.

"On the subject of mistakes and misrepresentations, consider Schroth's rantings about 'paraufology', of which he asserts I am a proponent.... It seems to me that if you're going to attack someone, first of all you should know something about him. If Dave knew anything about me, he would know that for several years now I have defined myself as a 'UFO agnostic' (see, for example, 'Encyclopedia of UFOs', p. 74) and in fact have scathingly criticized my 'paraufological' book in print (FATE, 'Zetetic Scholar'), in correspondence and in conversation.

"Now, Dave, back to the point: When are you going to supply us with that list of all those Ufologist-supporters of Meier?"

DR. THORNTON PAGE of NASA writes as follows:

"....The real news here is ex-Capt. Jim Oberg's new books, two of four he has written in the last two years. (How does he do it? By quoting lots of other experts!) After 'Red Star in Orbit' about the Soviet space effort, the best is 'Mission to Mars' (Stackpole Books, 1982), in which Jim cites all the reasons for a manned mission to Mars, and how to do it. His main point is that life on Mars, when babies are born there in sealed habitats covered with two feet of soil to protect inhabitants from cosmic rays, will be preferable to war and death on Earth. All this has to do with UFOs because Little Green Men on other planets are writing similar books on green-manned missions to Earth...."

Editor's Note: At NASA, as in Ufology and elsewhere, one hand washes the other. Page, in his official review for 'Sky & Telescope', says of his good friend Oberg's Mars book: "The best book on the topic in this century"

**Moseley is expected to play  
against Saugerties Saturday**

Big JIM OBERG writes: (7)

"I'm pleased to report to your non-subscribers that my Gordon Cooper UFO research is essentially done. Since it could be months before I have time to write my full report, and who knows how long it will take me to have it published somewhere, I want to summarize it for educational purposes. Don't forget, everybody has until Dec. 30th to register with me that they 'never really believed' these stories anyway. Otherwise I'll assume that Ufologists thought the Cooper stories were authentic, reliable, useful, and accurate reports.

"One: The UFO associated with Cooper's Mercury space mission is fictitious, the result of media exaggeration and several falsifications by UFO writers. It never happened.

"Two: The cover-up of a UFO landing at Edwards AFB, photographed by 'Cooper's men', never occurred. He was on base and happened to hear about a UFO report filed May 2, 1957, which was investigated by Blue Book (I have the case number) and positively identified as a weather balloon.

"Three: The 'fleets of UFOs' over Germany in 1951 cannot have occurred in any way remotely resembling Cooper's distant recollection. I queried twenty other people who had been at the base during that period and none of them remembered the slightest bit about the alleged events (but they all recall 'Coop' as truthful - it's his memory that has been brought into question.)

"Three strikes and you're out - if you swing at those pitches!"

PROF. HANS J. PETERMANN of Los Angeles tells us:

"Thanks for your postcard & the latest 'Saucer Smear'. I hope that you can continue to smear Mr. Oberg especially, after the stupid remarks he made on the NOVA UFO documentary, which was a disgrace to any scientific-minded individual. Obviously, even Dr. Hynek, who is also in the habit of writing nonsense about UFOs, along with MUFON czar Walt Andrus, calling themselves 'Ufologists', should have their heads examined before opening their foul mouths!...."

Good old Prof. Petermann always has a kind word to say about everyone! -  
Editor.

Former Beat Poet GEORGE MONTGOMERY writes:

"Is it my imagination or has your mag turned ultra-clique??? I realize you only have a few friends, but you seem to have the same ones you are talking about ALL the time. Sediment in a drink can perhaps be stirred up, but a fresh drink would be better. While on this touchy subject - can't you cut out a lot of the phony sightings, etc? I realize that 'average' folks do sometimes see sightings of UFOs, but your rag seems to always have EXPERTS seeing them. Even NON-poets read poetry, so why can't NON-experts see saucers?...."

"Thanks for sending me your rag, though at times I find it tacky. If you are so rich why don't you buy one of those silly hockey teams in the Jersey swamps?...."

The esteemed JON BECKJORD writes:

"This letter is written to you from the Grand HQ of the New Hot NATIONAL CRYPTOZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY (Box 31990, Seattle Wa. 98103) which sponsors the famed Project Bigfoot (same address, tel. 206-632-9999), where we are all agog because we just buried the hatchet with Ohio Bigfootologist Dennis Pilichis on a long phone call. Pilichis, it seems, was misled by a man called Mc something, and now all is OK....We now find that Pilichis is a reasonable guy who has been the victim of slings and arrows from various sources, including us here, and that he has actually done some good and solid Bigfoot/hairy creature work in Ohio. Our Big Expedition-After-The-Truth to Rome, Ohio (just after the famed May NUFOC Convention) did reveal that all of Pilichis' sources did back up his book, 'Night Siege'...."

TO: Moseley, Mr. and Mrs. America, and all ships at sea.  
DATE: Halloween PLACE: Dickinson, Galveston County, Texas.  
SUBJECT: Scurrilous and false rumors about NOVA's UFO Show

Dear James: I hope this warrants the place of honor on the tail end of your gossip sheet. We all know what is on the tail end of other creatures, great and small.

It has come to my attention that MUFON is circulating an "open letter" in which I figure prominently. Having seen the letter, I was struck not only by its pompous and arrogant tone but by gross inaccuracies and misrepresentations concerning events in which I took part. My first thought was to write a kind and patient letter to Walt Andrus, explaining in words of as few syllables as possible where he was in error -- and in fact I drafted such a letter last week. But upon reflecting on the rudeness of the MUFONites for not showing me a copy, and on their incompetent research in not asking me to verify several misstatements of fact, I decided against sending it. Instead, I have chosen YOU to carry my message to the world.

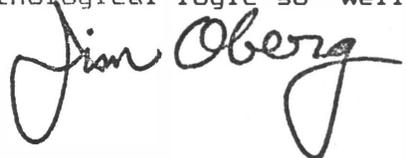
First, Andrus is in error in asserting I live in Friendswood (I live in Dickinson, as the MUFON membership roster can show) and he is totally false in asserting that John Groom, producer of the NOVA show, "spent considerable time" at my home -- he never spent a moment there, a fact which I would have been happy to tell Walt if he had had the common courtesy or investigative responsibility to ask about.

Second, the idea of Kendrick Frazier mesmerizing the BBC and running a Svengali act on John Groom is absurd and smacks of the paranoid. Groom never met Frazier and talked only briefly with him on the phone. Instead, his list of people to contact was initially derived from published authors and then was expanded with his subsequent contacts. Groom noted a curious pattern: when he asked skeptics whom else he should contact, he generally got a complete listing of all people of all sides on the issue; when he asked believers, he usually only got the names of other believers.

Third, Walt's complaint that he didn't learn of the show until August 10, 1982 reveals MUFON internal incompetence, not BBC malfeasance, since when I did my interview (on February 27, 1982), Groom also worked with John Schuessler on the Cash/Landrum story. Groom tells me that he decided to feature that case but could not get interviews with the witnesses (per their legal advice) and that he never received illustrative material promised by VISIT officials. At deadline time, with several urgent queries unanswered, he was left only with the Schuessler interview, which he decided on stylistic grounds was not graphic enough.

Fourthly, Walt's complaint about me by name (one of those "who have dedicated themselves to explaining away the UFO phenomenon with their own preconceived notions") would ring truer if he weren't one of the public champions of the bogus Apollo-12 UFO stories (I heard and recorded his endorsement of the case at a planetarium lecture in 1975, and have never seen a retraction despite several inquiries on my part). My sections of the show, on Apollo and on Venus misperceptions and on the scientific method and on the conclusion to leave the door open, were all done very well by the editors, and conveyed exactly how I feel. If Walt disagrees with any of those items he should get specific.

I suppose if I had been approached in a responsible manner I might have shared minor editing critiques I had of the show. But since it is obviously Walt's intention to emotionally polarize reactions to the show, and since I vigorously dispute his own disputations, that makes me wind up defending the show. I do not at all find that an uncomfortable posture, considering the alternative one of resorting to fabrication, character assassination, "devil theories", and similar pathological logic so well illustrated by the MUFON open letter.



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