

"As all regular readers of (this) publication are surely aware, Moseley's sense of humor is almost legendary. One may perhaps label him 'The Voltaire of the UFO movement', in view of his perceptive and witty satires."

- ROBERT SHEAFFER, writing in his book "The UFO Verdict" (Page 153)

"You are....a boil on the ass of ufology."

- JOHN KEEL, writing in the March 25th, 1977 issue of "Saucer Glues"

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DOCTOR HAINES "MUZZLES" NAUFOF BOARD MEMBERS!

Long-time "Smear" fans are familiar, we hope, with the North American UFO Federation (NAUFOF), formed in 1982 and headed by one Dr. Richard Haines of California. Other members of the NAUFOF Board include Pete Mazzola of the SBI, who is Deputy Director; Walt Andrus and Ann Druffel of MUFON; Dr. J. Allen Hynek of CUFOS; Rick Hilberg of the NUFOC and other groups; Charles Wilhelm of OUFOIL; John Musgrave of the Edmonton (Canada) UFO Society; and, last & certainly least, Richard Hall.

Since we of "Smear" are friends with most of the Board members, and since we approve the goal of unity in Ufology, we have sincerely tried to take a positive attitude toward this organization (knowing as we do of the failure of many previous such efforts.) Unfortunately, however, Dr. Haines has taken a suspicious and almost paranoid attitude towards us, as evidenced by his letter in the Jan. 20th "Smear" and in other ways thereafter. A mild-mannered, truth-seeking phone call we recently made to Haines, evoked a silly "classified" form letter which was apparently sent by him to all members of the Board, for their eyes only. We have obtained a copy of this letter (naturally!), and quote the most outrageous part below:

"Dear Board Member

"....There happen to be certain individuals who would like to see NAUFOF fail. All they need is some inside information from one of the Board concerning an internal disagreement. If past history is any guide, these people will do us great damage through distortions and suggestions. I know that some of you already have seen this happen. Therefore, it is all the more important that we are able to carry on debates and internal discussions on Federation business without fear of external knowledge and criticism that may be founded on incomplete information. I already have been called by Mr. James Moseley because he heard from one of our Board members that we were having some difficulties. For the good of all present members and the future viability of NAUFOF, I hereby duly request that no individual Board member speak in public concerning NAUFOF busi-



ness for a period not to exceed nine (9) months. Only your Director will be authorized to do so during this period (till December 1st, 1984..")

In view of all this, plus the fact that Dr. Haines is almost unknown in the UFO field anyhow, we strongly suggest that he quietly resign as Chairman of the NAUFOF and that a new Chairman be selected! Our choice would certainly be Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who in our opinion should have been Chairman in the first place. We can't imagine Hynek stooping to such tactics in a cheap attempt to muzzle Board members and the free press of the U.S.A!

MISC. RAVINGS:

Need we remind you that the 21st (count 'em!) annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on Sept. 21st & 22nd this year. Speakers will include your semi-humble "Smear" editor; the infamous Gray Barker; Bigfootologist Ron Schaffner; and Ed Biebel of Tucson, Arizona. For further details RUSH a card or letter to Bob Easley, 3001 Colburn Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44109. Let him know if you are interested in speaking at the Con., renting a table there to sell your wares, or whether you just want to attend....

Martin Kottmeyer of Carlyle, Illinois (Rt. 3, Box 31) has sent us an overwhelmingly unique contribution to ufological research - namely a 20-page wrap-up of his study of the link between UFOs, rabbits (YES, rabbits!) and the Sirius Mystery. Is he Sirius?? Probably not, but boy is he intellectual! We don't know whether Martin is in a position to provide extra copies of this marvelous document for our readers. If not, we will be glad to loan our copy to Sirius students, upon request....

Non-subscriber James ("The Amusing") Randi has been on another publicity binge lately, re an interesting paranormal-type case in Columbus, Ohio, involving a 14-year-old girl named Tina Resch. The young lady supposedly has the ability to move physical objects in her mother's house without touching them. A team of psychic researchers went to the house, and after a few days there, were convinced that something real was going on, though they admitted they couldn't prove it. But when Randi showed up with two real scientists, Tina's mother refused to allow Randi to enter the house - supposedly because he was too sensational in his approach. The two scientists refused to enter the house without Randi, so the three of them wrote up a negative report on Tina for CSICOP, without ever having met her! Though this sounds offhand like a dreadfully biased attitude on their part, the fact is that Tina had been caught in deception more than once, and thus Randi's kill-joy team is probably right about the case. Furthermore, Randi has told "Smear" by phone that Tina is adopted, is greatly concerned about finding her real parents somehow, and has a past history of publicity binges of her own, such as this one. The girl, in other words, is supposedly convinced that if she gets enough attention, her real parents will be found. (Our thanks to Columbus non-subscriber Denis Corey for some of the above info.)....

If the following is a "put-on", it's not of our doing: A guy named Andrew Ferguson has started a UFO-oriented club called "Extraterrestrials Only", which caters to "transplanted aliens", although "helpful-minded Earthlings" are also welcome. Rumor has it that the club already has about 300 members, at \$10 per head! According to its slickly-printed sales pitch, the organization exists "primarily as a network through which closeted aliens may contact one another, with hopes that such contact will eventually lead all parties involved to more fulfilling and exciting lives on this often disconcerting planet called Earth." Your editor,

who is secretly a transplanted Martian, has just joined! For all of you Saturnian lovers and other misfits out there, the address is: Box 355, Intervale, New Hampshire 03845....

Three articles of unusual interest in the current (marked "January!") issue of the MUFON UFO Journal: In the first, John Schuessler, deputy director of MUFON, makes some negative comments about various researchers including yours truly as well as Walt Andrus, who is MUFON's czar and thus Schuessler's ufological boss. In the second article of interest, Journal editor Bob Pratt exposes as a hoax a sensational UFO landing case which supposedly occurred at Elsworth AFB, South Dakota, in 1977. (This one has fooled a lot of researchers, including a beloved "Smear" non-subscriber with initials H.L.) In the third article, a former MUFON state director named Michael Lewis tells why he has abandoned the extraterrestrial theory. Good thinking therein....

Two ufological-type deaths to report: We are told that Kenneth Arnold, who started the flying saucer era in 1947 with his famous sighting of "nine gleaming objects", died on Jan. 16th of this year. We knew Arnold only slightly, but found him to be a very disagreeable character. But why go into details? - Also dead is James Rigberg, whose "Flying Saucer News", published in New York City, was one of the oldest (and worst) UFO magazines around, having been started about 1956. Rigberg ran a UFO and occult bookstore in midtown Manhattan for many years....

Non-subscriber Harold Salkin - a publicist and proofreader by trade - has discovered something really astounding about "Saucer Smear": In all this time we had never noticed that we somehow pasted the "S" in "Smear" UPSIDE DOWN! It's been like that for years, and it's still upside down in this issue, as we just don't have the patience to change it....

In the wee morning hours of April 15th, your humble editor participated in part of a six-hour radio tribute to Long John Nebel, who from 1956 till his death in 1978 was the most popular all-night talk show host in New York City. John got his start on WOR radio by promoting the Howard Menger UFO contact story endlessly, and went on to do hundreds of flying saucer shows over the years - many of them including your editor. Other participants in the tribute included Sanford Teller, Candy Jones (LJ's widow), James Randi, Lester Del Ray, and David Field. Host of the event was WABC's Alan Colmes (though John was never on WABC, and Colmes never met Long John in his life.) The show was well done and in good taste....

NEWS BRIEFIES:

Through our network of Spies, we have obtained several copies of John Keel's "Unicorn Review", mentioned in the past two issues of "Smear". Boy, is it BAD, and intermingled with sleazy pyramid-club type ads! Now, Keel is also pushing a new tome called "Strange Mutants" (an autobiography??) For more info. about all this, write to Keel at: P.O. Box 20024, New York, N.Y. 10025....We recently received a phone call from Bill Luters, a fan of twenty years standing (though he sits down occasionally.) We promised to print his next letter, whatever it may be, so watch out for same in our next issue....Pete Mazzola has given over the editorship of his "SBI Report" to one James Leming. The SBI may yet have a convention in New York City this coming summer, at a time & location not yet announced....Allen Benz, president of the Foundation for UFO Research, announces that Bill Moore is the recipient of his organization's Significant Work Award, in appreciation for Moore's extensive research on the Roswell, N.M. (alleged) UFO crash. And two researchers unknown to us (Dr. Thomas Bul-

lard & Mike Frizzell) have received a hefty \$500 each from Bruce Macca-bee's Fund for UFO Research, Inc., for their separate work on UFO abduct-ion cases. Egads, but isn't it about time your humble "Smear" editor re- ceives (another) award for something-or-other??....Our next issue of "Smear" will include, among other gems, a review of a new UFO epic pub- lished by Gray Barker's New Age Books, and written by long-time research- er Dominick Lucchesi of Jersey City. Title of this thrilling tome is "Flying Saucers from Khabarah Khoom". Where, you might ask, is Khabarah Khoom? Well, you'll just have to wait to find out!....

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

Non-subscriber & author BARRY GREENWOOD writes as follows, in regard to Phil Klass's apparent belief that saucerers who insist there is a Gov- ernment cover-up on UFOs, are helping the Communist cause:

"By now I expect that most of your readers have seen the "National Enquirer" piece on my book "Clear Intent". Two points should be clarified regarding their paraphrase of the Loring story: Eichner was inside his launch truck, not outside. And the Stevens case took place quite a ways down state from Loring, not near the base.

"If one can be classified as a 'pinko' for merely suggesting that UFO secrecy exists, then Fawcett and myself will certainly be regarded as direct descendents of Lenin for writing "Clear Intent"! I never thought that "McCarthyism" would make a comeback in this day and age but, of course, most people do not learn the lessons that history has to offer.

"By the way, there's nothing wrong with Ufology; only with some of the people who temporarily populate its ranks."

Ace cartoonist BARRY HOFFMAN writes:

"....As you know, I believe everything I read, even when the facts contradict each other. There is a shred of truth floating in every pool of hogwash. All I ask is to acquire enough shreds to someday weave a basket."

DR. THORNTON PAGE, who describes himself as a "male non-subscriber", writes from the NASA Johnson Space Center:

"Of course, Phil Klass is right! UFOs are Communistic. As Big Jim Oberg has told us, the Soviets used UFO stories to cover secret satellite launchings seen by Moscovites. But, if Klass is worried about Americans being deceived by Ufologists, shouldn't he be worried about those poor Soviet citizens being deceived? He should campaign in Russia for the rights of the Soviet People, one of the Principles of the Communist Party.

"P.S. Perhaps some female non-subscriber will come to the U.S.S.R.'s defense. What could be worse than a Klass campaign in Russia?...."

HAGAR—By Dik Browne



Inevitably, PHIL KLASS writes:

"I'm sorry that I did not make clear the motivation behind my call to Robert Mortenson, director of conferences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, to have avoided your erroneous statement in the March 1st 'Saucer Smear' that I sought to 'stop the University sponsorship of the pro-UFO conference...."

"Not at all, for that would have defeated my then current plans to write an article that would 'needle' the University for continuing to sponsor conferences on claims of the paranormal in which only one side of the issue was presented to the public. In fact, I already had drafted an article but decided that I ought to give University authorities a chance to explain why they continued to sponsor such conferences without inviting skeptics...."

"I welcome UFO conferences, for they not only help to sell UFO books (including my own) but they provide grist for my editorial mill...."

"Friedman, Moore and I can agree on one thing: If the U.S. Government did capture one or more flying saucers beginning in 1947, as they claim, and eight American Presidents from Truman to Reagan have conspired to keep that from the American public, that would indeed be a 'Cosmic Watergate'. If these charges are true, the public deserves to know. And if they are false, Friedman, Moore and others who have made them ought to make a public apology!...."

"If, following a Friedman-Moore press conference in Washington, D.C., the major news media (such as NY Times, Washington Post, Baltimore Sun, etc., and CBS, ABC & NBC News) launch an all-out Watergate type investigation into these charges and subsequently report to their readers/viewers that the 'Cosmic Watergate' is fact, not fantasy -

"OR if Congress decides to hold formal hearings on this issue, and such hearings issues a report confirming that the 'Cosmic Watergate' is fact, not fiction -

"THEN I WILL AGREE TO KISS THE BARE ASSES OF BOTH FRIEDMAN AND MOORE AT HIGH NOON IN LAFAYETTE PARK, OR ON THE CAPITOL STEPS, WHILE TV CAMERAS AND NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHERS SHOOT AWAY - PROVIDING -

"That if the Friedman-Moore press conference does not result in one of the above, i.e. no formal Congressional hearings, no all-out investigation by major news media, that Friedman and Moore will publicly admit that their Cosmic Watergate charges have been found wanting and they will make a public apology for their wild charges against eight American Presidents and the many dedicated officials of their Administrations.

"If Friedman and Moore accept this challenge and win, I will only ask that both of them wear hats on the day I must discharge my obligations so that I will know which end I must kiss!"

We have pointed out to Phil that Lafayette Park in Washington is noted for its Gaiety, & all three of them might be hauled away on morals charges if the bet is paid off there! - Editor.

To which DR. GARY POSNER, a hard-core follower of Phil's, adds:

"The title of your March 1st editorial almost hit the nail on the head. The 'Phil Klass' that you describe as 'the epitamy of the anti-Everything' is indeed an invention of the Ufologists. The real Phil Klass is a highly respected journalist and editor with a well-earned reputation for scrupulous honesty and factual accuracy (among all but the 'pro-Weird-

Moseley lends helping foot

WASHINGTON (AP) — "He deserves
down in history as one of the"

ness' crowd). His UFO views, rather than being 'anti-Everything', are in fact 'pro-Science'....

"Similarly, there is no credible evidence of a 'Cosmic Watergate' U.S. Government cover-up of UFO evidence, as Phil so painstakingly documents in his recent book. If I were an official of the University of Nebraska, I would have been personally and professionally embarrassed by the promotional literature and subject content of the pro-UFO conference, and would have appreciated Phil's efforts to educate those responsible for organizing and promoting such a bizarre spectacle."

KEN BEHRENDT writes:

"After dealing with skeptics for several years now, I believe I can offer your readers the 'Skeptics' Creed':

(a) Anybody who reports a UFO/Paranormal experience is either mistaken or lying. If the object is at a distance, the observer is mistaken or lying; if the object is close up, the observer is lying or hallucinating.

(b) Any observation can be explained in prosaic terms with a carefully constructed patchwork of possible, though improbable, prosaic causes. It does not really matter how improbable this patchwork is, because it is infinitely more probable than the zero probability of the observation being non-prosaic and thus genuine.

(c) If a UFO/Paranormal experience can be even approximately duplicated by trickery, then this guarantees that the original observation involved a hoax.

(d) Our present earthly science is complete, and since we can not build UFOs or readily duplicate Paranormal experiences in all their details, this proves real UFOs and Paranormal events do not exist.

(e) Since all the above are true, anybody who supports the reality of UFO/Paranormal phenomena is not really seeking 'the truth', but is either gullible, deluded, suffering from an inferiority complex, greedy, or using it to recruit followers for their various religious/philosophical/political crusades...."

BOB SHEAFFER, a rising star among the Bay Area (California) Skeptics writes:

"Egads! The mysterious William Steinman says that he has a letter proving that the government has recovered crashed flying saucers, but refuses to divulge the name of the 'well known scientist' writing it, for fear of your widely-rumored 'Intelligence Department ties'. How little he knows about intelligence work! Bohemian-types like you, keeping the kind of company you do, and a former grave robber, and - - - well, I need not go on; but sorry, Jim, you'd never make it to first base in a CIA-type background investigation. Steinman flatters you greatly by insinuating you already have!

"My intelligence sources reveal that Steinman, who reputedly hails from La Mirada (California), near a place called Disneyland, is hard at work on an earth-shaking book on saucer crashes. Its title is to be 'Saucer Down 12 Miles East of Aztec; Scully Was Right'. Steinman has been claiming that the book would be published in the winter of '83, or Spring '84. I haven't heard anything about the book's impending release, have you? Perhaps he has kept the name of the publisher secret, knowing of your intelligence connections?...."

Do you mean to say that a semi-retired Ghoul such as myself would not meet the high standards of the "Intelligence Department"? What a pity, indeed! - Editor.

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ERIK BECKJORD, our resident monster hunter, writes:

"Ah me, I thought I had buried the hatchet with Richard Greenwell of the International Society of Cryptozoology (Tucson), but he is miffed that I and some 85 Fortean and interested scientists & laymen continue to sally forth under the name of the National Cryptozoological Society (Seattle) in search of Nessie and Bigfoot, et al. Result: He refuses to print letters and articles we send him in his journal or newsletter, despite his having asked for more, in fact, any, submissions on the subject of Bigfoot. Well, we hope he will see the error of his ways, and agree that nobody owns the name 'Cryptozoology', just as nobody owns the name bio-chemistry; and that he will eventually print our paper on blood and hair analysis of Bigfoot evidence.

"Guess what? Tommie Throneberry, mentioned in the last 'Saucer Smear', is a lady! She packs a .38 in the bush, and is tough! Get her to a NUFOC convention, and she will drink any six men under the table!

"Crypto-critter notes: The Gwen Smith Nessie Film of 1977, belatedly being worked on by yours truly, is revealed to show a face - yes, a face, on each and every frame of the super 8mm movie. Eyes, horns, an open mouth with teeth, and sometimes a nose appear; and get this: it changes in each frame! 18 times each second. No two frames are identical, as with a man, a cow, or a fish. This thing is squirming, facially, and is in a constant state of flux. Strangely (but not to the NCS) the Smiths could not see this face through binoculars, but the film obviously did!!"

RON SCHAFFNER writes:

"...I received a copy of Throneberry's newsletter, and I believe they are accusing the wrong person, but that is only speculation on my part. I have always said that there are more feuds in Bigfoot research than Ufology, and it is a damn shame that someone would treat the Throneberrys so shitty. After all, they did valuable research while living in Texas. They were objective investigators, and were not afraid to tell it like it is!

"I will be speaking at the September NUFOC convention in Cleveland this year. My topic will be 'Sasquatch and Alien Hominid Hoaxes and Frauds', and I will discuss, with slides, such areas as Tomato Man, the Wallace Film, and some aspects of the Walla Walla (Washington) and Rome, Ohio cases. Of course, the last two items are what I refer to as 'greyliners', because we have not assembled our complete package of evidence as of this date. However, we will have the total picture by convention time!"



"Lily, see if there's anything on the 6 o'clock news about it."

D4 Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Tuesday, October 26, 1982

Star vehicles come unglued on the screen

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Dear Jim:

Just thought I'd write and clear up a few things about the MUFON 1984 Symposium fiasco. The anonymous writer in the last Smear, who is obviously Tommy Blann, is incorrect in many of his assertions.

There are a lot of details about the deterioration of the plans of MUFON Metroplex for the 1984 Symposium. The first thing that happened was that Rev. Neal Hearn was forced to resign from MUFON by his bishop. Neal was a down to earth sort of person - one who could have been counted on to pull off the Symposium plans well. Why the bishop forced his resignation is unclear. Perhaps he thought that UFOs were "un-Christian". Rev. Hearn and Stan Ferguson were among the most active members of MUFON Metroplex, and they were an integral part of the Symposium plans. Stan Ferguson disappeared sometimes last year, and I'm told that his parents who also live in Dallas don't know where he is either. Such irresponsibility is not characteristic of Stan at all. Maybe he was abducted, although no one here has raised that possibility.

So, of the three most dedicated members of MUFON metroplex, Lindy Whitehurst was the only one left to plan the symposium. Nonetheless he took on the responsibility. Then at the last moment he became unemployed and soon found work in Houston, so at that point there was no one left at all to support the Symposium. Interesting that so many coincidences should happen in such a short time, but that's what happened.

At this point Tommy Blann stepped into the picture and offered to take over the Symposium plans. Blann presented this idea to Walt Andrus as if he were doing Walt a favor. Tommy would take care of the 1984 MUFON Symposium on the condition that he be one of the featured speakers. Walt, presumably wary of Blann's far-out ideas being presented at the National Symposium, naturally refused. Perhaps Walt was a bit put off by Blann's demanding attitude, I do not know. It certainly had to be for one of those reasons, or both.

Why didn't Andrus want Blann to present his lecture at the Symposium? Well, to most members of MUFON Metroplex the reason is crystal clear. Tommy Blann's UFOlogical research and ideas are simply out in the woods, to put it mildly. Blann has a theory that is basically of the gov't conspiracy type, but he carries this to the extreme. He believes, for instance, that there is a secret underground installation at Ft. Hood in central Texas which has a hidden door on the side of a hill that can open up to let aircraft and other things in and out! Pressed to elaborate on his theories, he refuses, typically muttering something about his fear that the government will harm he and his family. To put it bluntly, many people who know or have had contact with Blann believe that he could use some professional psychiatric help.

The "excellent UFO data" that Walt Andrus will never present to the public is presumably Blann's theories. If Walt did present these ideas he and MUFON would be laughed out of middle UFOlogy and lumped into the category with Spaceship Ruthie!!

Well, that's the story for what its worth.

All the best,