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EXPOSE OF THE MONTH:

Crashed disc devotee William Steinman has recently hit a new low in ufological ethics - no doubt taking a cue from his former mentor, Todd Zechel. Some time ago we sent Steinman the original typed notes from our 1953 personal interview with the late Frank Scully (author of the 1950 classic "Behind the Flying Saucers"). It was clearly understood that the notes were for Steinman's information only, to aid him in his alleged research. The notes contained, among other things, our personal appraisal of Scully, as being a hypocritical Catholic and a possible ufological hoaxer. Now, Steinman has admitted to us that he has forwarded these private notes of ours to Frank Scully's elderly widow, with whom Steinman is in correspondence. Thus he has deliberately caused needless annoyance to her and embarrassment to us. What possible "research" purpose is served by this, we ask!? All we can say is that we will never again be so free in sharing our private material with people of Steinman's ilk!

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

Dr. Richard Haines has not replied to our editorial in the last "Smear", but we understand he claims to be shocked that we took his confidential "muzzling" letter to the Federation board members as a "personal affront". The only reason we took his letter personally was that your editor was the only person mentioned by name in the "muzzling" letter!....Incidentally, we have checked out a current rumor to the effect that Dr. Hynek has resigned from the Federation's board, and we have learned that the rumor definitely is not true. However, Rick Hilberg has resigned from the board, and has been replaced by another Cleveland friend of ours, Al Manak....Both Hilberg and Manak, together with Bob Easley, are involved in the planning for the glorious 21st annual National UFO Conference in Cleveland this coming September 21st-22nd. For further information, dash off a letter NOW to Easley at 3001 Colburn Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44109....

Your editor is still spending about half his time in Key West, Florida, setting up a ghoulish pre-Columbian antique gallery. Eventually, "Smear" will be published from way down there. In the meanwhile, continue to write to the Fart Lee box, and be patient in waiting for a reply.....

On the evening of April 23rd (Easter), we caught Lee Spiegel's radio program on WNBC, New York. Featured guests by telephone from their respective homes were Stanton Friedman (Yea!) and Phil Klass (Booooo, hiss!). Unfortunately for Our Side, Klass out-talked Friedman both in quantity (about twice as much!) and quality - from a purely debating point of view. Is ole Stan slowing down or is Phil closing in for the ufological kill, before (as rumor has it) moving on to attack psychic research?? Stay tuned!.....

Timothy Greed Beckley, most of whose literary efforts are in the

fields of UFO study and psychic phenomena, is now Executive Producer of a forthcoming hard-core pornographic film called "Driller". According to Beckley's literature, "the grand climax (of the film) is the 'Zombie Orgy', which promises to be one of the wildest dance sequences and sex orgies ever recorded on film." Way to go, Tim!....Plans are also in the works for a non-X-rated "dramatic UFO alien-type" movie. Interested parties can reach Tim % Abelard Productions, Inc., 3 Courtlandt St., New Brunswick, N.J....

We're sorry that due to Circumstances Beyond Our Control, we had to miss the historic session on "The Edges of Science", held in New York City on May 29th as part of the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Among the speakers were Arthur Clarke, Isaac Asimov, and "Smear" non-subscribers James Randi, J. Allen Hynek, & James Oberg....

I guess it's pretty hard to screw up an obituary, but that's just what we did in the last "Smear". Contrary to our report on Page 3 thereof, bookseller Jim Rigberg of New York City is still alive, or at least he seemed to be when we talked to him briefly on the phone on May 5th. He was, however, ill & in the hospital, and our informant had just assumed he was on his way Out. So, Jim Rigberg, wherever you are now - here's hoping you are on the road to recovery....

From a reliable source we learn that England's House of Lords UFO Subcommittee is on the rocks. The committee is run by the Earl of Clan-carty, a genuine British nobleman who is also a far-out writer of several UFO books. He is known in the U.S. as Brinsley le Poer Trench. Our information is that three people attended the next to last meeting of the subcommittee, and zero people attended the most recent one. In happier times, such extinguished Americans as Timothy Green Beckley addressed the group, to the rapt attention of the assembled Lords (who have lost all their political power and have nothing better to do with their time)....

NEWS BRIEFIES:

WHAT well-known British UFO writer is rumored to be a transvestite? (No, it isn't Trench!)....A ten million dollar movie is being released by New World Pictures in late July, based on the book "The Philadelphia Experiment" by Berlitz & Moore. Movie has the same title.....Non-subscriber Calvin Beck, who has been seriously ill lately, was married on April 27th to Sharon Kayser, in the chapel of the Englewood Hospital (Englewood, N.J.)

'Cess poll' tries to flush out the winner

While the political pundits peruse the Gallup and Harris polls, an Emmetsburg, Iowa, radio station is preparing to conduct another "cess poll." This one measures the water drained from the city's water tower when people flush their toilets. Radio station KEMB came up with the idea four years ago and decided to let the people employ their toilets to vote. A local reporter recalls when voters flushed for either Jimmy Carter or Ted Kennedy four years ago, Carter won by a 60-40 margin — the margin he carried in the town's precinct caucuses as well.

Baby is eaten by dog

A Dallas police officer testified Wednesday that a woman was slightly upset when her 90-pound dog killed and ate her 4-week-old daughter, but became hysterical when told the dog must die and said the child was easier to replace than the dog.



MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

RON SCHAFFNER writes:

"I'm glad that you exposed Haines for what he really is. However, I don't believe Hynek would be much better....I believe the Federation (NAUFOF) is doomed to fail. MUFON seems to be the resistance. MUFON rejects anything that questions the extraterrestrial theory...."

DENIS COREY of "Cowtown" (Columbus, Ohio) writes:

"Dr. Haines certainly has an overblown opinion of his group's importance, doesn't he? How childish! If I were a member of the Board, I do believe I'd tell the good Doctor to stick his directive in his ear!..."

ED BIEBEL, Spiritual Leader of the NUFOC's Arizona division, writes:

"....The NAUFOF problem is not unexpected. It seems the only unity would be at the point of a gun. Maybe Haines needs to take lessons from Klass...."

Noted researcher TOMMY R. BLANN writes as follows, in answer to the letter from Blaine Hamrick printed on the back page of the most recent issue of "Smear":

"It is unfortunate that I was singled out as the writer of the anonymous letter, and it is equally unfortunate that many here in Dallas that belong to the MUFON group do not know about my extensive involvement in the field of ufology nor the extent of my theories. For anyone to make the accusations that Hamrick did without any facts is pure nonsense.

"Furthermore, I do not know Hamrick personally, nor does he know any of my professional associations. He had not attended the MUFON meetings in some time, nor was he present at the meeting in which it was decided by the majority of MUFON members not to have the symposium here in Dallas. Mr. Hamrick made it appear that no one was left to sponsor the symposium, but there were members (left) and they did not want to have anything to do with the symposium for fear of being stuck with a few thousand dollars deficit that has happened to others that sponsored such a MUFON symposium, plus problems that had arisen between group members and Walt Andrus.

"Mr. Hamrick also stated that Stan Ferguson disappeared (just as he said about Ray Stanford in a previous 'Smear') and that his parents did not know where he is at; but this is not true. Stan became disillusioned with the MUFON group just as others have over the past few years. The MUFON group consists of just a handful of members now that is 'contactee' oriented. I might add that Stan has been working here in Dallas and keeps in contact with me periodically.

"Lindy Whitehurst did not move to Houston during the time frame that was indicated by Hamrick. Lindy has just recently found a job with an oil firm in Houston this week, which I helped him to get, and was previously working here in Dallas. Lindy was over at my home the day we both called Walt to see if we could save the symposium. Lindy asked Walt if I could be a featured speaker, since we both knew that we would have to cut expenses and exclude a few expensive speakers. But Walt did not want me to have anything to do with the symposium. It could not have been due to my theories, since only a very few individuals closely associated with me know what they are in their entirety, and none of them are members of any UFO organization!

"John Schuessler sums it up best in the Jan. '84 MUFON Journal when he says, 'Unfortunately, a portion of the upper part of the (MUFON) hierarchy seems to be imposing limits on thought and technique.'

"....(On another subject,) I find it deplorable that Klass would have the audacity to label Ufologists as 'communist sympathizers' when the real communist sympathizers are an integral part of our Defense Dept., State Dept., Congress, Senate, etc., through the little-publicized activities of the Council on Foreign Relations.

"These very words were once used before, by Edward U. Condon, who had his security clearances revoked because of his association with the communist party. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if Klass was not an advocate of Left-wing Internationalism."

And, BLAINE HAMRICK writes:

"I had a long talk with Tommy Blann a couple of days ago, and we decided that ending our differences would be in the best interest of both of us. Essentially what happened is that the letter (of mine) which you published contained information which I had gathered from other sources that I took to be true. The 'other sources' did not want to express their information in public, and of course I am willing to express just about anything. Most of my letter is still true except for certain details....

"Jim, I would like to express my wish to you that you would please publish a retraction of my statements against Tommy....I have found out that Tommy is a good investigator as well as a nice person, and that my information about him was wrong and needs correction. I am sometimes wrong, and am willing to admit it when I am....

"More rancid data will be forthcoming on other matters."

Editor's Note: We also heard from several of Blann's friends regarding this matter. Too much ado about too little! We're sorry we brought the subject up in the first place. Anyhow, the annual MUFON Con. is now scheduled to be held in San Antonio, Texas on July 6th-8th. We wish that Time permitted us to attend!

Esteemed author BILL MOORE writes:

"What a delight to learn that Hot Lips Klass has finally come out of the closet and admitted his true preference for selected portions of the male anatomy. You must be elated that it was in your esteemed publication that he chose to at long last reveal the true nature of his private fantasies!

"As for Dr. Gary Posner's contention that Klass is scrupulously honest and factually accurate - may I (Hraackkk) respectfully submit (Sploot) that the fellow is full of undigested horse shit. Just as a case in point, Klass' brief accounting of the Roswell incident in 'F.S: The Public Deceived' is riddled with such a collection of errors (more than twenty, by my count) that I cannot help but wonder if he even bothered to read the book!.....

"As for Phil's inexcusable meddling with the University of Nebraska conference, I have already pointed out to him that it is none of his damn business who holds what conference where and invites whom to speak. Given his obligation-to-present-both-sides-of-the-issue-to-the-public argument, I suppose by the same standards we should expect this summer's National Republican Party Convention to invite a member of the Politburo to speak opposite President Reagan! Or perhaps the next convention of the American Medical Association should be required to give equal time to a faith healer and a witch doctor. What about it, Phil?....

"One other matter of concern is that person or persons as yet unknown have been creating and distributing xerox paste-up forgeries of letters on my letterhead and over my signature! These items, created so as to appear to have been written by me to Wendelle Stevens, purport to have me confessing to a personal involvement in a frame-up which resulted

in Wendelle's incarceration, as well as admitting to have bribed Arizona court officials in order to obtain the 'illegal' release of the court records pertaining to his case. My motivation for all of this, according to the forgeries, was nothing less than revenge for Wendelle's having attacked my research on the Roswell case - something which, to my knowledge, Wendelle has never done. I have a fair idea of who the culprit(s) is/are in this affair, and have every intention of seeking prosecution once I obtain sufficient evidence to do so. Meanwhile, I would advise her/them to be extremely careful!...."

Editor's Note: Our Headquarters has recently received a couple of fake letters of the kind Bill Moore is talking about. We knew the one supposedly from Moore was fake because your Editor's name was MISSPELLED! Egads!

And, who else but PHIL KLASS writes:

"....In regard to Ken Behrendt's 'Skeptics Creed' - if he has not copyrighted it, I may want to submit it to CSICOP and recommend that it be adopted as our official creed. (If you publish this comment, please add: 'Note: I'm only joking', because so many Ufologists - not all - have scant sense of humor and do not know when their legs are being pulled.)

"The University of Nebraska incident has provided a marvelous 'test-case' which demonstrates how many Ufologists leap to an erroneous conclusion, based on inaccurate 2nd-hand and 3rd-hand information, without attempting to go to 1st-hand sources of information. It so typifies their approach to charging the USAF, CIA, & eight American Presidents with cover-up, et al, by using erroneous information and/or grossly distorting that information. I plan to use this in my next book, tentatively entitled: 'Klose Encounters with UFO Kooks'...."

TODD ZECHEL, who has been absent from our pages for quite some time, blasts in with:

"....Phil Klass, that paragon of journalistic virtue (according to Dr. Gary Posner, Phil's starry-eyed fan), accuses the Government cover-up theorists of aiding the Communist Cause. Now, at last, this is something Klass is an expert on, he having been good buddies with several KGB agents (by his own admission), and having conducted a secret rendezvous aboard his boat (by his own recounting) with a notorious KGB assassin!

"Of course, paling around with KGB killers and spy-masters goes hand-in-hand with Klass' work with 'Aviation Week' magazine. In a recent Associated Press article about the intricacies of Soviet/American spying, former CIA Director William Colby charges 'Aviation Week' with aiding and abetting Soviet intelligence efforts. For \$50 per year, snuffled Colby, the Russians, with a subscription to Klass' magazine, can find out what the U.S. intelligence community spent \$50 billion to discover!

"So when Phil speaks out about aiding the Communist Cause, people listen; he knows what he's talking about. One wonders, though, why someone with Klass' credentials on the matter - being so obviously tainted with the very charges he shouts out - would go around charging others with aiding the Russkies! Perhaps wiley ol' Phil is just trying to create another of his famous smokescreens - setting up a diversion - in order to prevent Ufology (and the real world) from scrutinizing and analyzing his actions and motives...."

MUFON Biggie JIM McCAMPBELL writes in regard to Jim Oberg's notorious UFO questionnaire, referred to in Oberg's letter published on the back page of the Oct. 10th, 1983 "Smear":

"Whereas my questionnaire at the Pasadena MUFON convention had been

well developed, tested, and approved, the one by Oberg was a last-minute ringer undoubtedly diverting people's attention that might otherwise have filled out my own. In going through Oberg's form, I found it essentially impossible to complete and quit in disgust. There were some pretty silly questions too, to say nothing of the misdirection of the questionnaire away from UFOs and toward personalities. A tried and clever technique!

"Too bad that you could not give your readers a counterbalance to Oberg's letter (in the 10/10/83 issue).

"I don't remember if I sent you a copy of my report but feel that I probably did. Anyone with some brains can see what an enormous amount of work went into it...."

ERIK BECKJORD has sent us the intriguing cartoon at the right, "borrowed" from a recent issue of The Skeptical Inquirer. The drawing emphasizes Beckjord's contention that whereas the more conservative International Society of Cryptozoology sent researchers to New Guinea last year, who then claimed to have found evidence for the existence of "Ri" or mermaids, Beckjord himself went there at about the same time and found no such evidence. Thus, Beckjord is a more careful researcher than is the Society - at least in his own opinion.

BECKJORD goes on to write:

"Some member is apparently circulating a petition calling for the resignation of Int. Society of Cryptozoology's treasurer, Richard Greenwell. If anyone will send me a copy of this petition, I will send him a free copy of our 'Cryptozoology Bulletin', No. 11, featuring a 1977 photo of Nessie on the cover. Our address is Box 31990, Seattle, Wa. 98103.

"In other news, Janet & Colin Bord, English Fortean authors, have out a new book, 'The Evidence for Bigfoot', in which they forgot to include the only actual physical evidence there is, namely a blood analysis done by Dr. Vincent Sarich of UC Berkeley, and hair analyses that mutually confirm each other, by Drs. Rosen and Kurley, U. of Md., and Tom Moore, M.Sc., of Wyoming Game and Fish Labs. Further egg on their face is in the form of laughing at my theory that there is a baby Bigfoot in the Patterson Film, and then running a photo from said film on the cover of the book, which indeed shows baby Bigfoot right there under mama's chin, for all to see! Take a look!...."

"Finally - Ron Schaffner of OUF0IL intends to expose the Walla Walla and Rome, Ohio Bigfoot cases at the forthcoming NUF0C convention in Cleveland! Well, in case yours truly can't make it, Ron and the convention ought to know that I was on the scene at Walla Walla, saw some of the BF tracks, all of the casts & slides, interviewed Paul Freeman, and supervised, via phone, a weight compression test. As for Rome, I got there a year late, but all the locals I interviewed did 100% verify the reports of Dennis Pilichis in his 'Night Siege' report. Dennis gave me a hard time while there, but despite that, I feel his report was accurate. In short, both cases are valid, in my view."

Editor's Note: Bigfootologist Larry Peters of Maryland takes the same view as Beckjord re the Rome and Walla Walla cases, and has threatened to attend the NUF0C convention & present his evidence. Should be fun!

WE OF "SMEAR" HOPE TO SEE YOU-ALL AT THE GLORIOUS CLEVELAND CONVENTION!



BARRY HOFFMAN writes:

"....Re Keel: After I sent you that copy of his 'Unicorn Review' I wrote to him and said that I did so. I am such a rat that I even enjoy to rat on myself. So - Keel knows it was I who 'broke security' as far as exposing his august publishing endeavors goes. I guess this is why he wrote me back and called me a 'schmuck'. He also sent me a copy of his Big Apple News. Nothing wrong with it. It's a funky little ad sheet which plugs the wares of folks like Richard Toronto, the long-suffering fan of the late Richard S. Shaver; Penny Harper, who is trying to hawk her 'reports' about how she met 18 or so E.T.'s in California (she says the sex was great!); and even Gray Old-Dog-Tray Barker has an ad in the Big Apple News which offers a free copy of his perennial Newsletter to anyone who writes in for one.

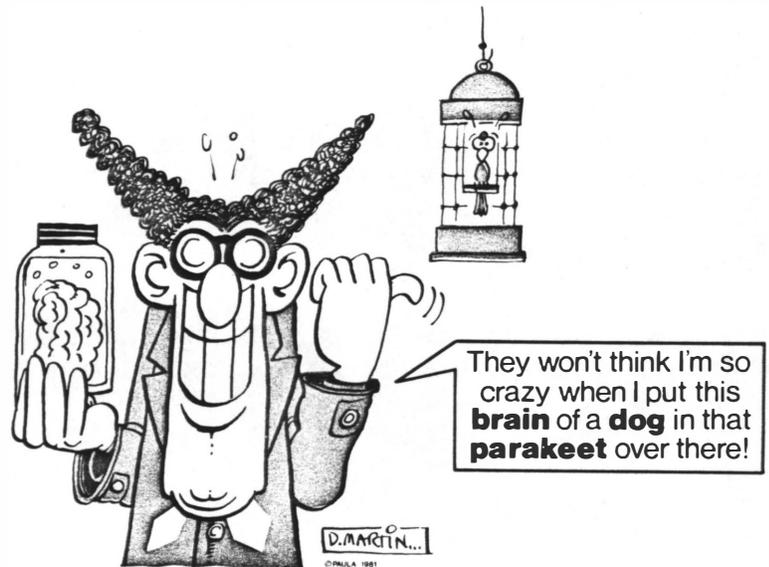
"Keel may seem like a nasty old agnostic to some people, but in his own way he's helping all these folks to survive. I would pay Keel a compliment, but will not do so for fear that he'll write to me and call me a motherfucker.

"I'm a sensitive guy...."

MARTIN KOTTMEYER, our resident rabbit expert, writes:

"....By the way, John Keel's 'Strange Mutants' is not a new tome. It is an incomplete reprint of 'Strange Creatures from Time & Space'. I liked the book the 1st time but did not plan on a duplicate. Caveat Emptor!...."

Our thanks to Marty for sending along the cartoon at the right. - Editor.



IAN MRZYGLOD, formerly editor of PROBE, the distinguished (now extinguished!) British UFO zine, writes as follows:

"I think 'Smear' is a welcome breath of fresh air amongst the stagnant pool of more-often-than-not worthless UFO zines. 'Smear' shows that even those involved with ufology are fallible - and that certain people are not the all-knowing gods that they like to think they are. I came across too many self-appointed 'experts' and 'authorities' on the matter during my years in the subject. 'Smear' helps to show us that they know just as little as the next man, and for that alone, I think what you do is wonderful. Great fun. Keep it up!

"As for actually solving the UFO mystery - forget it. Why solve it and spoil all the fun for the funny people in this subject? Half my enjoyment is reading what they write, and what they believe - and please don't take that from me...."

Our olde friend BILL LUTTERS writes:

"....As always, thank you for the latest issue of 'Saucer Smut'. It is truly the only zine that combines the right amount of sanity, insanity, and porn - all in one!...And Jim, thank you for the last 20 years! You, your wit, and 'Saucer News' (Smear, Smut, etc.) will always be a very special part of my life...."

CHARLES WILHELM writes:

"....I've learned a lot about Ufology in the past year. Evidence is now mounting that isn't going to be well received by the Believers in the field. For example, I already have the evidence (Class A) to prove that Kenneth Arnold lied in his book, 'The Coming of the Saucers'. Information has now surfaced that the Kenneth Arnold sighting on June 24th, 1947 was staged and planned by him and Ray Palmer. If I can get the evidence to prove this, I'm sure the shit will hit the fan!..."

Yes, it will! - Editor.

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

"...I want to share a recent experience with you that has shaken my skepticism about UFOs to the core:

"Last year my friend Kathy gave me two kittens. I was reading 'The Sirius Mystery' at the time, which inspired me to name them Nommo and Isis.

"A few days ago Kathy told me something she was hesitant to mention at the time: Several weeks before the kittens' birth, Kyoko, their mother, had a CEJK! It was a multiple-witness event; Kathy saw the ship too. 'As soon as Kyoko saw the lights, she went running toward them,' Kathy told me. 'I lost sight of her, and then the ship disappeared. When Kyoko showed up the next morning, she looked normal but she was less affectionate than usual.'

"Jim, my cats have always had an almost otherworldly quality about them. Sometimes when they look at me I can tell by their eyes that they're just waiting for my consciousness to raise to their level. They aren't coneheads or anything, but their ears are exceptionally pointy. Do you suppose some deeper wisdom was guiding me when I gave them their names?....

"Keep your eyes off the flies!"

Famed UFO sighter BILL NASH writes:

"George Earley, in the Nov. 20th '83 'Saucer Smear', accuses me of tap dancing (wish I could!), hand waving (How did he know?), and rhetoric (He doesn't know what that word means). His emphasis on calling me ex-Captain Nash was not lost on me, either. (i.e., retirement cancels all knowledge.) Earley insists that sound from the high sky would be obliterated or reduced by winds aloft, and states that I should re-acquaint myself with science, because I claim the volume of sound is not interfered with by winds aloft.

"My son, also weary of George's stubborn ignorance, decided to confirm his Dad's understanding of acoustics, by writing to one of the Ivy League university science departments for a 'second opinion'. He asked, 'Is the sound of a high flying aircraft as heard by a listener directly below on earth, reduced by winds aloft, the temperature remaining at its normal rate of reduction with altitude increase, and the doppler effect not being a factor.'

"Two professors, one from the dept. of applied mechanics, the other chairman of the dept. of mechanical engineering and one of the leading authorities in the field of acoustics, responded in a single letter as follows: 'Although the wind may shift the image of where the sound appears to come from, the volume of the sound should not change. (underlining mine) For wind going in the same direction as the plane, you would hear the sound somewhat earlier than if there were a still condition. If, however, there is significant turbulence in the wind, the sound might scatter from regions of turbulence, and this would probably lead to a reduction of volume. I hope that this answers your question.'...."(SPACE GONE! SORRY!- Ed.)