

"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"

DEDICATED TO THE HIGHEST PRINCIPLES OF UFOLOGICAL JOURNALISM

# SAUCER SMEAR

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE SAUCER AND UNEXPLAINED CELESTIAL EVENTS RESEARCH SOCIETY

EDITOR AND STILL  
SUPREME COMMANDER:

James W. Moseley

NON-SCHEDULED NEWSLETTER

Volume 31, Number 8

November 5th, 1984

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 1709  
Key West, Fl.  
33041

FLASH! Non-subscriber Denis Corey of Columbus, Ohio (which he calls "Cowtown") has kindly sent along to us an interesting "Special Report" from the November 1984 issue of "Discover" Magazine. The gist of the article is that the great New York State UFO flap, described briefly in our last "Smear", can largely be solved in terms of daredevil local pilots flying their small planes in tight formation. The pilots worked out of Stormville Airport, a mere 15 miles from Brewster, N.Y., where the giant Aug. 25th UFO conference was held. There was even a group of these pilots who called themselves "The Martians". Their attitude was one of disdain for the gullible people who would misinterpret their frequent night flights as UFO sightings.



Unfortunately, UFO spokespersons such as Gersten and Mazzola seem uninterested in pursuing this lead. As Charles Wilhelm might say, these alleged experts seem more interested in perpetuating the mystery than in solving it. We are not here to say that the whole flap was caused by these naughty pilots, but as the "Discover" article concludes, "the number of UFO sightings in the Hudson Valley has dropped precipitously" since the pilots decided recently to discontinue their stunts.

FLASH! Phil Klass informs us that Piet Hoebens, a Dutch skeptic in league with CSICOP and other learned organizations, has committed suicide following a period of depression. We found Piet an exceedingly witty correspondent over a period of time, and enjoyed meeting him at the CSICOP conference in Buffalo, N.Y. last Fall. One of Piet's UFO-oriented cartoons, published twice last year in "Smear", caused a furor among his fellow skeptics, as it showed Bob Sheaffer as a baby sitting on Phil Klass's knee.

FLASH! Don Strachan, editor of "Light Times", has enlightened us with some updated info about George Van Tassel's famed Integretron, still sitting (or possibly rotting) on the California desert. It seems that a fellow named Walt Vorhes has taken up residence in the Integretron, with plans to finally get the machinery therein working. A local clairvoyant

(CONTINUED TO THE BOTTOM HALF OF PAGE 8)

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

AL GREENFIELD, alias "Spider Rainbow", writes as follows:

"....I saw the little mention of me in the Aug. 1st 'Saucer Smear', and I would appreciate it if you would print this as a kind of correction. If I didn't know me, and read that line, I'd think that whoever this guy was had gone bonkers and joined the Weather Underground, or something.

"Well, I may be bonkers - I never met anybody during my whole time in ufology who wasn't at least a little off the wall, - but the pen name I use these days simply reflects the more 'New Age' type circles I hang out in since exiting ufology, and my politics have been the same for the last dozen years or so, - strongly anti-authoritarian classical libertarian. I don't use my current pen name in ufology (on the rare occasions I have something to say on the subject these days) simply because for twenty years I have been known here as AHG. Most of my writing these days is for an entirely different market; hence the more appropriate pen name, 'Spider'.

"As for UFOs, I think I'd rather be classed a 'former enthusiast' rather than a 'former researcher'. In retrospect, I think Keel was right about one thing: Most so-called 'UFO researchers' are actually enthusiasts with pretense. When I was in ufology, setting up committees with scientific-sounding names, and handing myself and others high-sounding titles, I couldn't have told the difference between an F-51 and a skyhook balloon (as Daniel Cohen tactfully pointed out in an article some years ago). What I was doing, up to the last three years or so, was not so much 'scientific research' as missionary work and general hell-raising for the UFO 'Cause'. I suspect I am not the only 'researcher' that this covers, incidentally. I think I always knew at some level that ufology was really a playground (which the world needs more of, I should think), which explains why I tended to like the Barkers and Moseleys so much more than the Andruses and Lorenzens....In the final analysis, I think UFOs are a crock of shit, but ufology was always fun, as long as it didn't take itself too seriously.

"May you continue to be the boil on the ass of ufology it needs and deserves!"

Famed author BILL MOORE writes as follows, regarding Ed Biebel's letter in our last issue:

"So Ed Biebel thinks I'm busy manufacturing bombs and automatic weapons in Cornville, Arizona, does he? Of course, if he had even half the intelligence God gave a newt, he would have checked with me first and discovered that I am not the same 'Bill Moore' to which he refers. I've been confused with this guy before, however, so at least it's not the first time. Unfortunately (and occasionally fortunately) I have a common name, so confusion comes easily. (But then, I'm confused most of the time anyway - so what else is new?)

"Just for the record, did you know that Eddy Biebel operates a whorehouse in Nevada? In addition, Phillip Klass is a well-known science fiction writer (poetic justice), and James Moseley of northern New Jersey is serving time in a federal pen for trafficking in narcotics. Also (according to the L.A. phone book), George Washington and Benjamin Franklin are alive and well, and living in Los Angeles."

Sloppy research, Bill! You must be referring to a James Mosley (one "E" only!) from Fort Lee, N.J. who was indeed indicted for importing drugs, several years ago, and may well be still serving Time. He and I were different in several ways, including the fact that (1) he was much more Black than I am; and (2) he had an unlisted phone number in Fort Lee, and I didn't. There's an interesting true story here, but no space for further details just now. - Editor.

BARRY GREENWOOD, co-author of the current ufological best seller "Clear Intent", writes:

"C'mon now, the cover on 'Clear Intent' isn't all that bad! You are one of the few that has said that; you with the upsidedown 'S' in the title of your mag!

"I did run across a 1,000 page file on a 'J. Moseley, Undercover Agent' at the CIA; yet, rather than blow your cover, I declined to include it in the book. Therefore, forget that I just said this.

"Tom Burch should know that we did submit different documents for the Appendix section of 'Clear Intent' but the quality of so many of the reproductions was so low that they could not be used. Most of the government's UFO documents are 3rd, 4th, or more generation copies and, as such, we could only select from a limited number of clear ones for direct reproduction.

"If Burch or anyone else has doubts about the authenticity of our information on Loring and Malmstrom, I am giving my address for direct contact and response."

Said address is: 6 W. Hancock St., Stoneham, Mass. 02180. - Incidentally, Barry Greenwood encloses a copy of a letter Senator Barry Goldwater recently sent to a Fan, repeating his long-time opinion that "whatever the Air Force has on the (UFO) subject is going to remain highly classified!" We find Goldwater's opinion irrelevant, but we do sincerely appreciate the fact that Greenwood took the trouble to comment on our non-review of his book. - Editor.

BRENT RAYNES writes as follows:

"Jerome Clark's letter regarding Phil Klass was quite revealing. Ole Phil seems to be going over the edge this time (or maybe he's been over the edge all along and we're just noticing it?) I'm all for constructive debate and discussion of opposing or contrary viewpoints, but Phil Klass appears not the least bit interested in doing things fairly or constructively. Perhaps ole John Keel was right when he observed, back in the letters section of FATE Magazine (Jan. 1976 issue) that Klass had much in common with 'militant atheists'....

"You get a bit depraved at times! Ogden's comments, for example, regarding his 'wild sex binge' after his mother's death, even if accurate, is his business, and even if you do need controversial tidbits to use as space fillers, my advice would be to refrain from getting down to Klass's level of mentality. At least ole Jim Rigberg has come back to haunt you! And who knows, you might still hear from Joan O'Connell. After meeting you in the flesh, she probably realized that there was nothing she could do for you in your present depraved state, but now from the Other Side she may be able to get you to see the light!..."

Kindly young DR. GARY POSNER intrigues us with:

"Imagine yourself as the editor of 'Christ Smear', a rag devoted to exchanges between non-subscribers ranging from Jerry Falwell to Madalyn Murray O'Hair.

"I suspect that there would be an initial period of Heavenly calm, during which the believers would patiently present their testimonial evidence, leaving the skeptics unimpressed, politely requesting scientific proof of Christ's reality. I also suspect that as time passed, all Hell would break loose, with the exchanges becoming increasingly acrimonious, and the skeptics' chidings increasingly less appreciated by those who, for whatever reason, cannot help but believe as they do.

"I fear that 'Saucer Smear's' noble experiment is rapidly reaching the end of the line in its present form. Ufology is clearly more akin to religion than to science. There is no scientific evidence to support a belief in 'Saucers'. (The few scientists who believe in UFOs have their counterparts in the Creation Science movement.) And the quality of the 'Smears' has degenerated to an unenlightening level.

"But I cannot resist one last 'zing' for the road. Phil Klass has indeed 'sunk into the sewer' by carrying on protracted debates with certain unnamed Ufologist(s). As for Jerry Clark's effort to escape the sewer, he could begin by ceasing publication of the likes of FATE Magazine!"

To which lovable, old, but still handsome PHIL KLASS adds:

"Jerry Clark's diatribe in the last issue of 'Saucer Smear' is so very typical - resorting to gross distortion and exaggeration of the facts. The real reason why the University of Nebraska-Lincoln opted not to sponsor another UFO conference this year was because the 1983 conference proved to be a financial disaster - thanks to the good sense of the citizens of Nebraska. The closing words of Dr. Robert Mortenson during our first and only conversation were: 'I appreciate your taking your time to share with me this needed information.'

"If Clark really believes that the jesting remark in my letter of May 14 was a 'murder threat', I urge him, as I did earlier, to bring the matter to the attention of the FBI soonest, to see if the FBI shares his interpretation.

"Clark's problem, like that of so many Ufologists, is the inability to distinguish between fact and fantasy, and to tell when his leg is being pulled. A few years ago, when the White House invited NASA to take over its UFO correspondence and to launch a new UFO investigation if it wished, Clark sought my comments on the action. I replied that NASA had given me a \$10,000,000 contract to study the question and recommend what its response should be, thinking that Clark would recognize that a contract of such gigantic size would fund a one-person study for 100 years, and that I was pulling his leg. Yet Clark promptly called NASA to obtain more details on their \$10,000,000 contract award to me!

"When Clark demanded that I apologize for my 'death threat' or he would terminate forever all communications between us, I replied on May 25 that his 'offer is so attractive that I would be foolish not to accept it,' and I declined to apologize. This prompted Clark to reply, on May 30, saying: 'I'm sorry that you have chosen to terminate our correspondence, which I have enjoyed immensely....Have a long and happy life.'

"After more than 18 years in the UFO field, I have wasted far too much of my time in corresponding with Kooks and dum-dums and have far more important matters to discuss with far more interesting people. I therefore urge that your 'non-subscribers' accept Clark's recommendation and direct their correspondence to him. I might even suggest a one-year moratorium on the mention of my name in 'Saucer Smear' so that Ufologists can focus on more important issues - if there are any."

To which ROBERT SHEAFFER (who will sponsor this year's CSICOP convention in California) adds:

"....I'm encouraged that it only took up about three pages of your zine to say that Klass shouldn't get so much space...."

# Aliens to be held at base

And now, famed former researcher TODD ZECHEL wades in with:

"....Since Klass works for a magazine that regularly publishes 'classified' information related to secret U.S. space and aircraft developments, and because he conducted a clandestine relationship with a known KGB agent, he has created the appearance of being disloyal. Superficially, at least, one would have to assume Klass was working in direct opposition to the best interests of this country.

"At the same time, however, it's completely obvious that Klass is not in disfavor with the U.S. government. Except for William Colby's cunning and deceptive denouncement, 'Aviation Week' has not provoked the government's wrath and in fact enjoys a very cozy relationship with both the Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community. Klass, in spite of his covert 'friendship' with a KGB killer, continues to enjoy close relationships with many intelligence and DOD officials, and continues to get 'hot' stories dumped in his eager lap.

"The bind that Klass finds himself caught in is trying to explain how he manages to present the appearance of being an 'adversary journalist' while at the same time functioning as an apparent government stooge. The paradox, therefore, is that in order for Klass to prove he isn't treasonous he must admit the truth: that he serves as a 'journalistic asset' of the U.S. government (in CIA parlance) - in effect, operating as a covert agent in behalf of the U.S., not the Soviets.

"Obviously, because of his role in Ufology - serving as a covert agent of the CIA's Psychological Warfare Staff - Klass will never admit to being a CIA 'asset', even at the risk of appearing to be a traitor. Thus, his defense has been to attempt to obfuscate these issues by issuing White Papers containing all manner of spurious, mendacious charges against me, et al.

"Any questions about the accuracy of my depiction of Klass will be resolved in one of our forthcoming legal actions, during which Klass will be named and exposed as a 'conspirator' and 'journalistic asset of the CIA.' Moreover, the true facts concerning his extensive meetings with his KGB pal will be brought to light, including Klass's mission of determining the nature and extent of the KGB agent's assignment, which apparently included plans to assassinate a Soviet defector.

"In the meantime, Klass can consider his \$25 as a small down payment on the punitive damages we intend to collect!"

DAVE REISSIG, author of many strange little booklets, writes:

"Glad to hear that you've been elected to another life term as Supreme Commander. That shows you're a real person!....

"P.S: What a relief! The new Miss America says she doesn't even play with herself!"

DAVE SCHROTH writes as follows:

"Upon reading the Kagan-Summers book 'Mute Evidence', I wish to confirm John Keel's remark in the Oct. 10th 'Smear' that there is something in their book to offend practically everyone. Everyone, that is, except those who want to learn the truth about the cattle mutilation myth. That should leave out most UFO buffs and mutology buffs alike. (Kagan and Summers demonstrate that the latter are a subspecies of the former.)

"'Mute Evidence' reveals that some people want to believe in vicious cattle mutilators as strongly as others want to believe in friendly saucer aliens. Example: When informed that allegedly mutilated animals were actually the victims of predators and scavengers rather than a mysterious group of evildoers, some cattle owners in Arkansas became very irate (page 410).

"Does this sound familiar? It ought to, for it calls to mind how many UFO witnesses became angry when investigators informed them that the UFOs they had observed were actually aircraft lights or celestial objects. (For examples of such witness reactions, see the 'Condon Report', pages 334-339; Ray Fowler's 'Casebook of a UFO Investigator', pages 126-127; and the Lorenzens' 'UFOs: The Whole Story', pages 142-143.)

"If UFO/mutology buffs did not share this will-to-believe in paranormal mysteries, they might have been able to find the kind of logical solutions for mutilation reports that Ken Rommel discovered in 1980 and that Kagan and Summers now confirm as valid in 'Mute Evidence'.

"According to H.L. Mencken, 'The most costly of all follies is to believe passionately in the palpably not true. It is the chief occupation of mankind.' It certainly was a chief occupation of the UFO/mutology buffs, who debated whether UFO aliens or government conspirators were responsible for what they claimed were thousands of cattle mutilations. But when anyone questioned the existence of such mutilations, the UFO/mutology buffs responded by refusing to debate that fundamental point. They preferred to speculate about villains rather than examine their fundamental premise to determine whether it was true or false (see 'Mute Evidence', page 25).

"Kagan and Summers thus conclude that the cattle mutilation myth offers us 'a lesson about the vigor of irrationality and self-deception' (p. 28). The question is: How many paranormal mystery-mongers will choose to profit from that lesson?...."

ERIK BECKJORD hits us with:

"Ah me, Larry Peters again, and again.... Well, he says that in Ohio or wherever, he shined a 'low beam flashlight' (unprepared batteries, in other words) on Bigfoot creatures, and was able to see only their eyes, which are bright yellow in the flashlight. Well, so he sees only 'eyes' and hasn't seen or photographed any bodies. Reminds me of a similar situation in central Oregon last year. We got all excited to see six sets of yellow eyes, moving about, until our 'high beam flashlight' picked out the bodies of - six cows!

"Then, Peters wants to wait till 1985 to do his research. Ho hum - it sounds like his Maryland creature that he kept seeing, but did nothing about for a year, until it got disgusted and left the area, irritated at being ignored. For my money, the best work that Peters ever did was to take a photo of Bigfoot from twenty feet away, at Rome, Ohio, and have the photo turn out to be a ball of light, which could be the bare mental essence of the projected Bigfoot! Such balls of light show up in other Bigfoot photos, but usually just close to the creature. Peters managed to get the ball of light all by itself, while the image of a Bigfoot was in his viewfinder. Or was it his flashbulb, bouncing off a barn window and back on to the film? We'll never know for sure! Keep grinding 'em out, Larry. You'll catch up with Ray Wallace yet!....

"I just got back from another Bigfoot investigation trip with my favorite Bigfoot Bait - a psychic blonde, 5'11", 40"-31"-40", 34 years old with the figure of a ripe 19 year old! On one recent trip, to Oregon, she caused a BF to come out and leave SO<sub>2</sub> smells all around our car/camper. But how do you document a smell???....."

# Injured alien still critical after crash

TIM CURRY writes as follows:

"....I must say that I enjoy 'Smear' immensely, not only for the wealth (?) of information it contains, but also from a humorous standpoint. My reactions to the various articles and opinions therein have varied from incredulity to outright laughter. It is no wonder that the field of UFO research has crawled in recent years!....

"As you know, I am more of a creature fan (than a UFO fan), so I have read with interest the opinions of Ron Schaffner and Erik Beckjord. Erik's latest missive, regarding the Patterson film creature carrying an infant, evokes an opinion from my corner. I think that Erik, in his efforts to make a name for himself as a researcher, is seeing things as he wishes, not as they ARE. He may, in all honesty, think that the critter is carrying a baby, but I would rather think that the configuration which he interprets as an infant's head is just a peculiar pattern of the fur. We all know that a lot of times things aren't as they seem!

"I must also refer to the account of one of the eyewitnesses, Bob Gimlin, who adamantly states that there was no such aspect. For me, it comes down to this: Do we believe the man who was there, or the man who has only seen the film? There's no choice, in my book.

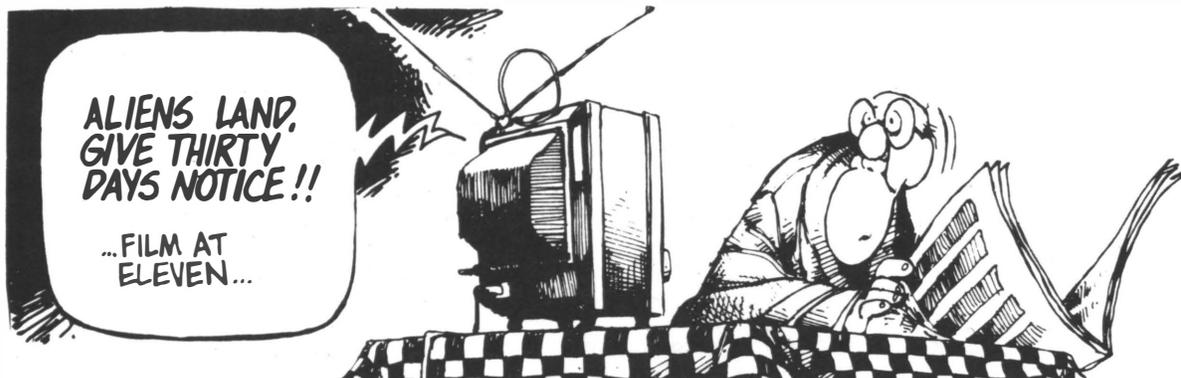
"Another side note is that if indeed there was such an aspect, one should be able to see this in the early frames of the film, when the creature is first squatting, then getting up. Even if these early scenes are blurred, enlargement and subsequent enhancement should lay the whole matter to rest....

"I wish you the best at your new sunny location. Thanks again for the entertainment, and keep up the good work. Don't let the Skunk Ape get you!"

KEN BEHRENDT, author of a still-forthcoming-maybe UFO book, writes:

"I enjoyed the Bigfoot revelations in the recent 'Saucer Smear', and am a firm 'Believer' after having seen the 1967 Patterson film. However, I think it is rather naive of the pursuers of this elusive creature to think that following some bizarre scenario involving rifle-fired tranquilizer darts, tungsten carbide metal nets, knockout gas grenades, or oversized bear traps, they would then be allowed to present the resulting undeniable evidence to mankind and thereby 'destabilize' the existing social order even further.

"Most likely, they would shortly be visited by the three men in smelly fur caps (i.e., the 'Bigfoot Silencers'), after which the creature would wind up in a top secret government laboratory and the Bigfootologists in an equally remote and secret psychiatric research center to be either liquidated or to have their short and long term memories chemically erased! If they wish to survive the end results of their research efforts, then they had better operate in total secrecy and then announce their Bigfoot capture suddenly in a credible international forum!"



Finally, we have from the legendary JOHN KEEL an amusing if egotistical account of his attendance at the legendary Aug. 25th conclave in Brewster, N.Y:

"Dear El Jerko:

"Firstly, I was the honored guest at the Brewster, N.Y. UFO con., which was the biggest, best attended and best publicized UFO gathering in many a year....Fuller, Puharich, Gersten (he staged it) and other luminaries were there. Hynek gave his usual, 'I haven't the slightest idea what's going on' speech. At the end the crowd got somewhat surly and the audience rose to protest the fact that none of the speakers seemed to know a damned thing about UFOs! I had the uneasy feeling that the clock had been turned back to 1950.

"The main arguments were about alleged government suppression. Weird. It was really loony tune time. The more rational members of the audience were annoyed and disgusted by the whole thing. It got extensive TV and newspaper coverage. Beckley received the pariah treatment, while I was whisked to secret rooms backstage for high level meetings with Hynek, Puharich, etc. There were so many damned eyewitnesses and contactees that I ended up hiding from them. Your name was invoked only once - when George Earley noted that he hadn't seen a meeting like this since your 1967 bash. Earley was play-acting war correspondent, with a tape recorder, as usual. Dick Rule announced that everyone had been watching a group of private pilots in Cessnas practicing night formations! He was nearly run out of the hall for a tar and feather party! There was one very vocal Amazing Randi fan present. Several beautiful Westchester maidens threw themselves at me wantonly, but I managed to resist....

"I will attempt to phone you around Sept. 15th. Hang close to the phone and stay sober.

"Same to you, buddy.

(signed) Fenlock Quasimodo"

---

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

---

is quoted as saying: "My Guides tell me the building is 98 percent completed. While George (Van Tassel) was in charge, it would never have been completed. Now it's in the hands of purer spirits." Way to go, Walt Vorhes!

NEWS BRIEFIES: Publisher Gray Barker, who recently took over "The New Atlantean Journal" from the late Joan O'Connell, almost became the late Gray Barker following a severe heart & lung problem of some sort. Gray spent some time in the hospital, but as of this writing he is on the road to recovery....Our Florida Headquarters was recently visited by James ("The Amusing") Randi of anti-psychic fame. Randi is in the process of moving from Rumson, N.J. to Fort Lauderdale, Florida....Our next issue will have an exclusive high-level report on the Nov. 4th SBI conference at a high school auditorium in Staten Island, N.Y. Secret "Smear"-agents will place hidden microphones in the mens room and other strategic locations, so that we can inform you of every lurid detail!....And finally, as we go to press just before the election, we give you our Psychic Prediction: Reagan will win, but the country will lose. (We'd be better off with Walter Mundane and his female candidate-person!)...C-U next ish!....

### **Witch doctors not sanctioned**

Zimbabwe has dismissed the possibility of integrating witch doctors into the country's national health service.