

"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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IN WHICH

"SAUCER SMEAR" RECEIVES EXCLUSIVE INFORMATION ABOUT
ALLEGED LINK BETWEEN UFOs AND REAGAN'S "STAR WARS" PLAN!

From a usually reliable source in Washington D.C., who has asked not to be identified here, we have received information which, if true, is surely the Big Story of the Decade!

According to our source, President Reagan's "Star Wars" plan is not really an attempt to develop an effective defense against Soviet missiles, but part of a joint U.S. - Soviet attempt to develop an effective defense against UFOs!

Obviously Reagan cannot admit the real purpose of "Star Wars", because that would acknowledge the fact that the U.S. Government knows much more about UFOs than it has ever admitted. Also, the implication is that the Government knows or strongly suspects that at least some of the objects invading our skies are hostile.

Russia also knows the truth about UFOs, and is covertly working with the U.S. on "Star Wars", while at the same time publicly "bad-mouthing" the idea of mutual cooperation. Reagan apparently is willing to share "Star Wars" technology with the Soviets if the UFOs attack Russia first.

According to our source, U.S. recognition of the need to develop a defense against UFOs finally occurred as a result of the December 1980 Rendlesham Forest incident in England, as described in the current book "Sky Crash: A Cosmic Conspiracy", available through Bob Girard. When this incident was brought to Reagan's attention, he immediately convened a panel of the nation's leading scientists, including Dr. Edward Teller, "father" of the H-Bomb. Within months the panel had recommended the present "Star Wars" program, but urged the President not to announce it too soon after the above-mentioned UFO incident, lest the relationship between the two events become obvious to ufologists and others.

As part of the giant cover-up, the CIA hired daredevil pilots to stage the "boomerang UFO" incidents in the vicinity of Stormville, New York last year. These incidents occurred around the time of Reagan's original "Star Wars" speech, and were exposed by "Discover" Magazine in a Government-inspired effort to reinforce in the public's mind the idea that all UFO reports have prosaic explanations!

All of this would have remained Top Secret, had not a high White House official "leaked" the story to our source, who in turn gave it to us. Apparently the White House official - whose name we do not have - be-

came disenchanted with the whole "cover-up", and decided to tell the truth - much as "Deep Throat" leaked Watergate secrets to the press.

We have no proof that the above story is really true, and we have very few further details, so please do not phone or write asking for more information.

As a ufologist, your "Smear" editor is determined to expose the real truth about UFOs, whatever it may be and in spite of whatever personal danger may be involved. And, as a journalist (no matter how small or disrespected), your editor could not bring himself to keep quiet about a story of such magnitude, no matter what the subject. Stay tuned!

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FLASH! It's time, once again, for the "Dreaded X". If an "X" follows your name on the envelope in which you received this issue of "Smear"; you will be eased off the non-subscriber list unless we hear from you soon!

FLASH! One of our loyal non-subscribers (we forget which one) has sent us a fascinating & Mind-Blowing newspaper article about the present frontiers of astronomy. According to a new theory, gaining popularity among "real" scientists, our universe may have created itself spontaneously out of nothing! It then expanded dramatically for a relatively short time, until it slowed down to the present rate of expansion. What's more, there may be an infinite number of other universes doing the same thing, but the truth about this would be forever unknowable! Wish we had Space to go into further details, but as all our readers know, this is not a science magazine. If interested, send for the Sat.-Sun. Feb. 2-3, 1985 issue of the St. Louis (Missouri) Globe Democrat, and read the story beginning on page 1-D.

NEWS BRIEFIES: For two hours on the morning of March 28th, your editor raved about UFOs, antiquities, etc. on a Miami talk show hosted by one Al Rantel of radio station WNWS. It is our purpose to go on as many shows as possible in southern Florida, to propagandize in behalf of our pre-Columbian art gallery....Olde-time saucerer George Earley asks us to mention to our readers that a stamped, self-addressed envelope will get them a copy of his list of one-of-a-kind UFO & Fortean items - presumably books, pamphlets, clippings & the like. Write to George at: 9 Hiram Lane, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06022. There's a 1% discount if you mention our name....Non-subscriber Ken Behrendt tells us that the second issue of his technical UFO journal called "AURA" is now available for \$5 postpaid, through Arcturus Book Service, 263 Ballston Ave., Scotia, N.Y. 12302....

FLASH! Here's an update on the glorious upcoming National UFO Conference (NUFOC), to be held this year on the evening of Saturday May 25th, at John F. Kennedy High School in Fremont, California - near San Francisco. The speakers will be famed UFO author Bill Moore; MUFON consultant Thomas Gates, and local host Kal K. Korff. Your humble "Smear" editor will act as master of ceremonies.

Out-of-town delegates are encouraged to stay at the Mission Peak Lodge in Fremont, where hopefully a group discount rate will be in effect. For details on all this, write Korff at P.O. Box 631, Union City, Ca. 94587. His telephone number is 415-790-3043.

Two days earlier, on the evening of May 23rd, Korff and Moseley will speak at a meeting of the Bay Area Skeptics (BAS), this to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Campbell Public Library, 70 N. Central Ave., Campbell, Ca; Unlike the NUFOC convention, the BAS bash will be free.

THE POETRY OF GRAY BARKER:

Few people know that the late Gray Barker used to write poetry for the amusement of himself and his inner circle of friends. Gray had majored in English in college, and had spent a year as an English teacher in West Virginia - several years before he became interested in UFOs. Thus some of his early poems are full of references to classical mythology, etc., and are therefore Over the Heads of most of us.

Gray's later poems, mostly from the 1960's, are often about the UFO field. The two presented below are among the best of these, in our opinion, and are presented unedited. They are side by side simply to save Space.

We should add that Gray was rather shy about his poetry. We know of one that he submitted to a West Virginia poetry magazine, which was published. We also remember one time only when we persuaded him to read a few of his works in a coffee house in Greenwich Village (N.Y.C.), during the golden Hippie Period of the 1960's.

Your editor has what is probably the only copy of Gray's Complete Works. We read from it two or three times at a monthly poetry group in Cliffside Park, N.J., during 1982 and 1983. Gray did not object, but he was not impressed. His poetry was an expression of his very private Hell. We therefore share it with you, as follows:

UFO IS A BUCKET OF SHIT

UFO is a bucket of shit
Its followers

Perverts

Monomaniacs

Dipsomaniacs

Artists of the fast buck

True believers

Objective believers

New Age believers

Keyhoe believers

Shushed by the three men

Or masturbated by spacemen

UFO is a bucket of shit

The AF investigated UFO

And issued a Report

Couched in polite language

Which translated means

"UFO is a bucket of shit"

Meade Layne is a bucket of shit

Lex Mebane is a bucket of shit

James W. Moseley is a bucket of shit

Richard Ogden is a bucket of shit

Ray Palmer is a bucket of shit

And I sit here, writing,

While the shit drips down my

Face in great rivulets.

**Women included
among good liars**

R. E. STRAITH SPEAKS

While it is not the custom of
Our Department
To State our views
I think I could say personally
That I would like you
To drop in Some time
for Lunch in Washington.
I must say, however,
In way of explanation,
That a new regulation
Prohibits our entertaining
Anybody but dignitaries and
Heads of State.
In view of this I am certain
You will not be embarrassed
In picking up the Check.

'Alien Attack' Puts Man in Hospital

A Salt Lake City man who claimed beings from Venus and Jupiter were shooting needles into his back was taken to the University of Utah Health Sciences Center after other residents in a hotel told police he was getting violent.

The 56-year-old man was punching walls in the hallway of the hotel on the 200 West block of 300 South and threatened to hit anybody that walked near him, a witness told police.

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

TIMOTHY GOOD, co-author of the recent book "George Adamski: The Untold story, writes as follows:

"Thanks for the latest 'Smear' (Vol. 32, No. 1). I'm delighted to learn that the 'Straith Letter' mystery has finally been solved. I would have been even more delighted if I'd learned of the solution before publishing our book on Adamski....

"You'll be interested to know that I filed a Freedom of Information request on the 'Straith Letter' with the State Department last year, and on Jan. 3rd, 1985 they acknowledged receipt of my request, promising to deal with it 'in as timely manner as possible'. A daunting fee schedule was enclosed, so it is possible that I would have to pay a considerable sum in order to secure the relevant documents. Thanks to you, this will not be necessary, unless of course they've already located them. I'm mailing a copy of the 'Smear' article to the State Department today, together with an explanatory letter. I'm also enclosing a copy of the article in every mail-order copy of our book.

"Sales are dwindling rapidly, by the way, so it might be appropriate to retitle it 'George Adamski: The Unsold Story', by the late Lou Zinsstag and the gullible Timothy Good. I hereby make a special offer to 'Smear' readers: Take advantage of the current dollar/pound situation; get a signed copy for only \$9 surface mail or \$12 airmail: Ceti Publications, 247 High Street, Beckenham, Kent BR3 1AB, England.

"Despite your scathing review, important and valuable information is contained in our book - much of it not directly related to Adamski - and this is endorsed by many of GA's most skeptical critics."

We hope the State Dept. is in a forgiving mood. Otherwise, we have asked Tim's help in getting started with a small sheep farm in some obscure corner of Australia! - Editor.

IAN MRZYGLOD, a former British UFO zine editor, writes:

"(Re R.E. Straith:) I'm not necessarily in favor of hoaxing in general, but I do favor the actual carrying out of an act that is clearly investigatable, yet not really investigated. I can refer to an incident or two back home here, where photographs were faked in front of people, and all the clues were present in the photographs to show that the camera shutter WAS NOT USED that evening (i.e., the resultant photographs were taken from a location elsewhere) - yet no one really looked at this evidence. All they saw, and WANTED to see, were flying saucers in the photo. Although this sort of practice does not further ufology, it does however push home the fact that much of the evidence is spurious and unreliable, & often supported and defended by biased parties who have a personal interest, the objective element having been forgotten many moons before!

"I encountered several examples of this when I was actively involved in ufology, and it really made me feel angry that I had believed that these authors and 'investigators' were objective and honest. I swallowed those stories and religiously believed in both them and the ufologists involved. Eventually, when after I had expended all my energies, I saw the light, I wanted out of this ludicrous business before I broke some asses!

"And you know what? I haven't missed them, and they haven't missed me...."

Syracuse Herald-Journal, Friday, Oct. 23, 1981

Cliff checked for movement

Ufologist and cartoonist (see bottom of this page) BOB SCHMIDT writes as follows:

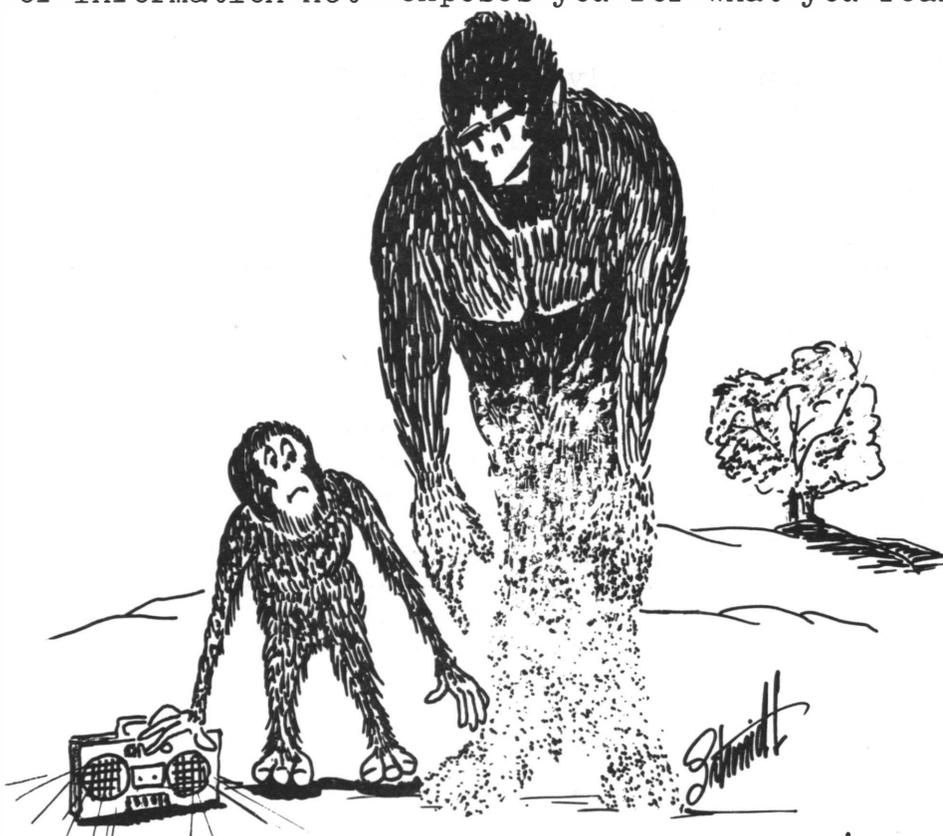
"Congratulations on another great 'Smear' issue. You really have the troops up and at you. Nothing better than getting the grey matter ruffled a bit. It's good medicine for boredom. Fact is, if you pursue this course, could be that all the mysterious bullshit regarding strange letters, memos, and data of yesteryear may well turn out to be just that - bullshit! The majority of non-subscribers are so dumb they don't know what's really behind your psychological plan of all this 'exposing'. It's clever as hell, and no less amusing. Nice work!

"Sorry to hear business (in Key West) is not what you expected, but give it some more time. You'll do fine. I would make one suggestion, though: Remove that lifesize green-brassed statue of John Keel from atop your shoppe, or at least reduce its price into the four-figures range. John's percentage 'take' is too high anyway...."

Does anyone out there remember GSW (Ground Saucer Watch), headed by Bill Spaulding of Phoenix? Apparently our friend TOM BENSON has just become New Jersey Director, and he writes as follows:

"Now that Todd Zechel has fled to Los Angeles and you have left the 'garden' state of New Jersey to reside in Key West (San Francisco - south) and the gateway to the lands of the locoweed, the mantle of GSW state directorship has been passed on to me. Now that I have assumed this command, I will send out all the lemming-like hoards of investigators to research profound questions you left unanswered during your GSW reign of power!

"Your recent admission to the hoax Straith letter that dealt with charlatan George Adamski's UFO contactee claims, is in reality an initial phase by you to prepare your non-subscribers for even greater future shocks - such as when some government document released under the Freedom of Information Act exposes you for what you really are...."



ITS CALLED 3 1/2 D, SON.... NOT YOWIE A-GO GO!

\$1M loser kills himself

Las Vegas police were awaiting drug-test results Tuesday in the apparent overdose suicide of Texan William Lee Bergstrom, who lost \$1 million at the craps table Nov. 16 in the largest single wager in Nevada history.

Bergstrom, 33, apparently despondent over a broken homosexual love affair, was found early Monday in his room at Binion's Horseshoe Hotel and Casino. Police said a suicide note and a will directed that an urn with his ashes be inscribed: "Phantom gambler at the Horseshoe who bet a million dollars."

The inevitable ERIK BECKJORD writes:

"Dear Supreme Commander:

"Recurrent rumors of my having been shot at have sprung from a past issue of 'Saucer Smear' itself! And it is true - In 1983 a nutso Central Oregon type, who firmly believed he was occasionally possessed by the spirit of Bigfoot, took a few shots at me, and then at his own nephew, after I suggested that perhaps we all ought to quiet down so that any nearby Bigfoots would want to come closer to our camp. We split, the local gendarmes were summoned, and he spent the next four days in the cooler. Note carefully, he, not us. All was not lost, however, for he indirectly put us onto a railroad brakeman who had been kidnapped by a BF tribe in 1968...."

"Looking in the trade publications for the movies here in Hollywood, I see that the International Society of Cryptozoology's expedition to the Congo in search of an alleged dinosaur (Mokele Mbembe) has inspired one of the worst 'B' movies ever to have been made, called 'Baby', about an anthropologist couple who go off to Africa in search of MM. Strange how things work out...."

Hard-core skeptic ERNEST H. TAVES, M.D., writes:

"Wow! Not to mention gosh and gee whiz! The Supreme Commander threatens to convert to skepticism, rationality, and such sickening things. (Insert rebel yell here.) Wonders will never cease - as Sir Henry Bate Dudley wrote in 1776 to David Garrick. Well, Commander, giving up illusions is hard to do, but I don't see how you can do otherwise in the cool glare of your cogent analysis in the Feb. 5th 'Smear'. Courage and fortitude, that's the ticket. Remember, as John said, the truth shall make you free. Hard lines, but, well, the only way to go. I think we might, in the end, have to make you an honorary non-member of (gulp!) the dreaded CSICOP. Cheers!...."

Another dreaded skeptic, JOHN MERRELL, writes as follows:

"Your Feb. 5th issue touched on researcher Brent Raynes' work on a Tacoma, Washington UFO fragment case. Mentioned was contactee Wayne Aho. I thought I might bring your readers up to date concerning more recent activities by Mr. Aho.

"In January of 1983 Mr. Aho and Mr. Tim Beckley appeared on a northwest regional television show called 'Northwest Today', broadcast live from both Seattle and Portland NBC-TV affiliates. This skeptic replied from Portland to their remarks originating in Seattle.

"Mr. Aho remarked that one reason more academic 'scientists' do not support Believers in UFOs, is simply their fear of academic layoffs should they lend support. Mr. Aho is also on record as believing in interdimensional travel through space and time within our own solar system - now!

"During a speech given by Mr. Aho in Reno, Nevada in 1966, titled 'Secrecy Must Go - People Must Know', Mr. Aho predicted the return of Christ during 1976, and said he believed the Rocky Mountains would become a stronghold of the New Age. He also mentioned that Israel 'is an interplanetary organization', a statement which, even out of the context of his other 'insights', tends to speak for itself.

"Aho is now recognized as the Shinook Captain of the Northwest Dowzers. I can't help but wonder if old contactees of UFOs first pass through a period of psychic failure, and then fade away at the hands of a dowsing rod!

"Keep up the splendid skepticism!...."

SCOT MORRIS, our friend at OMNI Magazine, writes as follows:

"In connection with your most recent 'Smear', you may not have seen the story I did on Coral Castle for the June 1984 issue of OMNI.

"I agree with your conclusion that the man used 'normal' construction techniques, but that does not make the place any less fascinating. The man was truly driven, and a remarkable seat-of-the-pants physicist. The guy should get credit and admiration for what he did, rather than the belittlement implied by the theory, 'he was too dumb to do this alone, so he must have had supernatural help.'

"Thanks for the nice mention of me a couple of months ago. My next appearance on the Johnny Carson Show is scheduled for the third or fourth week of April...."

Honest Injun, we never saw Scot's OMNI article, though our recent "Smear" piece on Coral Castle sounds as if it was inspired by it! Way to go, Scot! - Editor.

PETER SUTHERLAND of chilly Canada writes:

"It bothers me that so many people these days are saying that UFOs are landing & crashing at Air Force bases around the world. If what they say is true, there must be tons of physical evidence all over! There is only so long they can go on talking about it. I do not care how secret something is - eventually it will come out. It is very hard to believe these stories when the documents (presumably the best available) in books like 'Clear Intent' are so unconvincing!

"If those folks in government are having problems with aliens, and do not want to take their troubles to Jack Anderson or Mike Wallace, they can come to me. I will not tell the public anything if the reasons for secrecy are legitimate. And I will give the Feds good advice on how to deal with aliens. I don't know if the CIA reads your mail, but, hey guys, if you are listening I can help you! Not only that, but my consulting fees are very reasonable. I am sure that you (CIA) are well aware of my impeccable qualifications and my publications in this field. Not only that, but forget those high-priced charlatans in public relations firms. We can prepare the public and break the story in a way which will be a propaganda coup for the USA!...."



NATIONAL ENQUIRER

Court: 4-Letter Word Not Profane

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (UPI) — Maryland's highest court threw out a man's disorderly conduct conviction, saying a four-letter slang word for sexual intercourse is neither profane nor obscene, court records showed yesterday.

The Court of Appeals ruled the word is not profane because it does not refer to something holy. And in the case before the court, the

word was not obscene because it was not erotic.

Robert G. Diehl was accused of shouting the epithet at Hancock Police Chief Vincent Gavin during a late-night incident in the western Maryland town in January 1980.



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Dear Jim,

You would like to know "who is Dr. Hynek's new 'angel'?" So would I. However, I am not likely to learn the identity and neither are you. It is so closely kept a secret that even the money has yet to become visible. I should know. I am Treasurer of the Center for UFO Studies and would greatly enjoy having a few dollars available to expand activities.

As for my being a "Saturnian infiltrator, bent on mass destruction," as you state in your missive, how did you find out?

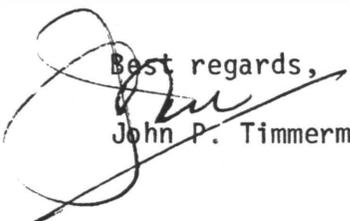
I was very interested in your comments about "teetering" toward skepticism. I think that if all of us would be completely candid we would admit to great lapses into periods of great skepticism. I regard that as a very healthy condition for persons attempting to maintain some degree of objectivity while examining witnesses and reports which constantly test our credulity. Unexplained events lure our imaginations into overtime.

I agree with your conclusions which have been a part of this subject from the first report. Human perception is not as good as we perceive it to be, one might say. Witness character and credibility are unavoidable as the most important case witness qualities. When dealing with an anomaly, the burden of proof is on the proponent, not on the opponent.

Then you say the words which renew my interest and maintain my great curiosity about the UFO Phenomenon...."if all these reports some day turn out to be merely some strange kind of psychological manifestations,...why (do) so many people...." report such strange and similar experiences from all over the world and for so far back into history? There is something very interesting about people which deserves careful examination.

However, we are then left with tantalizing physical events or effects which remain unexplained. But this is an old story for planet Earth. The search for an explanation seems to be a human characteristic common to us all. Some seem to be more easily satisfied than others. The most satisfying explanation will usually match the intelligence, the experience and the memory capability of the person seeking the explanation. Few of us, if any, can match backgrounds. There can be many satisfying explanations. Our search may be a very long one.

Best regards,


 John P. Timmerman