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(See letter and comments on Page 4)



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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

ITEM: On August 4th (coincidentally our 54th birthday), your editor attended a Conclave of Highly Evolved Beings in New York City, brought on by the fact that veteran contactee Wayne Aho (pronounced AHHH-ho) & wife Lee were visiting the City from their home in Tacoma, Washington. Also present were such spiritual leaders as John Keel, Harold Salkin, and Barry Hoffman (son of the late Harry H; see elsewhere in this issue.) - Rounding out the group were two young ladies named Mary Gallante and Beth Lovitt.

Wayne was reminiscing about the many years he has spent pushing forward, as it were, in the UFO & related fields, while your editor was trying to ascertain just why nothing concrete has come of any of this. The answer was - and is - that there are no answers.

ITEM: There's no connection at all with UFOs, as far as we know, but we just have to tell you about the good fortune that occurred about July 20th to our good friend Mel Fisher of Key West. Your editor has been interested in treasure hunting (on land) ever since the late 1950's, when we dug up quite a bit of gold & other artifacts in Peru. In recent years the master of under-water treasure hunting has been Fisher, who has found millions in old Spanish gold & silver off the coast of southern Florida, though it cost him millions to do so.

Now, finally, Fisher has located the Atocha, a Spanish galleon which sank in 1622 with 300 to 400 million dollars worth of loot aboard! It took Fisher about 15 years to find it, and it cost the lives of one son (a diver) and daughter-in-law, plus two other people.

Fisher, who operates a treasure museum a few blocks from us in Key West, has tremendous overhead expenses from salvage ships and personnel. He also took on the Florida state and federal government, re taxes, and he won! By the time he struck it rich, he had signed away all but about 5% of the proceeds, just to keep going; but he's made history, and has

made about 600 investors very rich. Unfortunately, your editor was not one of them. You see, we had lost the Faith and never invested with Fisher! Alas!

ITEM: Astronaut Karl Henize, whom we met at Thornton Page's space party last June, finally made it into orbit on a Challenger mission in early August, and thus takes his place in history. After various delays and problems, Henize's flight became the most successful science mission to date, though apparently no UFOs were seen. Way to go, Karl Henize!



This is a total fake. This particular can of Comet was never photographed. It was never in a studio. It never existed. Taking digital retouching to the extreme, Alan Green and C. Robert Hoffman III, two animators for Digital Effects in New York City, added tinselly gleams and reflections to a computer-generated image fabricated from equations. Retouching a phantom, starting from nothing.

ITEM: The July issue of "Whole Earth Review" has an interesting article called "Digital Retouching: The end of photography as evidence of anything." The article explains how a flying saucer (or anything else) can be put into a picture, or for that matter taken out of a picture, and the viewer has no way of knowing about the deception. See example at the left, & our thanks to Barry Hoffman for bringing this madness to our attention.

ITEM: The other day we were looking through some recent back issues of FATE Magazine, and came upon a charming, well-written piece by Ann Druffel, who, as most of you know, is a Big Wheel in MUFON.

The article is called "The Raccoons Who Came to Dinner", and is subtitled "In a time of desperate need, a miracle of human-animal communication occurred." The

story involves an incident when Ms. Druffel & family were living in a wooded canyon near Los Angeles. A mother raccoon and three babies showed up on her back porch during a heat wave, and were duly fed by the Druffels.

If this incident is amazing enough to show up in FATE (subtitle: "The World's Mysteries Explored"), we have a story that will blow the editors' minds: We live in an urban area of downtown Key West, Fl. (population about 30,000), and have a medium sized back yard that adjoins other yards. Almost every day, routinely, raccoons with & without babies, not to mention stray cats with & without kittens, eat on our back porch, or even on our second floor back porch. They even come into the house sometimes if a door is left open. The raccoons will touch a sleeping person in an effort to ask for food, or they will rip open boxes of cat food, or they will even shit on the floor before leaving.

We ask - is this truly "a miracle of human-animal communication" or simply "wild" animals that have become tame enough to survive more easily? Come on, Ann - give us something with more oomph!

ITEM: We are distressed to learn of the recent death of Harry Hoffman, who called his apartment in Queens, N.Y. "The Interplanetary Embassy" for many years. Although no interplanetary visitors ever stopped off

Women Are Saying: Take This Job and Shove It

• IT WAS ANNOUNCED in Chester, England, that Sotheby's art gallery intends to auction a slightly futuristic oil painting done by a 3-year-old orangutan named Sidney. "We obviously wish to preserve the rarity value of this canvas, so Sidney will not be painting regularly," said a Chester zoo spokesman.

there, as far as we know, Harry was an enthusiastic follower of the UFO contactee and free-energy syndrome. He is survived by, among others, his son Barry, who is a loyal "Smear" non-subscriber as well as a frequent contributor.

One of Harry's best friends was the late John J. ("Jack") Robinson, who served as Assistant Editor of SAUCER NEWS for many years. Another was UFO photographer August C. Roberts, who tells a touching tale about his last meeting with Harry - perhaps ten years ago. It seems that Harry appeared in Augie's sector of New Jersey one day, induced Augie to pick him up by car, and suggested they go to a Nathan's hot dog emporium in the area. It turned out that the sauerkraut on Augie's hot dog was bad, and Augie got sick from it for three days. (Harry didn't eat any.) Although this obviously wasn't Harry's fault, somehow Augie never chose to get together with him again.

There's a moral here somewhere, if we could only find it!

ITEM: We recently had an interesting phone conversation with John Schuessler of Texas, who has been the leading researcher into the 1980 Cash/Landrum UFO case, in which three people were apparently badly injured by a strange fiery object that hovered low over a rural highway. We were disappointed to learn that Schuessler has given up all efforts to convince the public about the physical reality of the case, since he is apparently unduly discouraged by the efforts of the "negativists" such as Klass.

Incidentally, Peter Gersten has a civil lawsuit pending against the U.S. Government on behalf of the three victims of this unique ufological incident. The trial date is now set for Sept. 3rd. We'll let you know in our next issue just what happens.

ITEM: Ronald Reagan's recent cancer operation brings to mind the well-known Twenty Year Curse, whereby every president since 1840 elected in an "00" year, dies in office in one way or another. John F. Kennedy was, of course, the most recent victim of this Curse, which, if it holds true, will mean that Reagan will not live till the end of his present term.

NEWS BRIEFIES: The next National UFO Conference (NUFOC) convention is now scheduled definitely for the weekend of May 16th-18th, 1986, in Phoenix, Arizona. (NOT June, as stated in our last issue.) For further info., write to local chairman Hal Starr, at: 312 West Frier Drive, Phoenix, Az. 85021.....Non-subscriber Ken Behrendt wants you to know that the secret of UFO propulsion is revealed in the current issue of his zine, called AURA, available for five bucks per copy from our dear friend Bob Girard of Arcturus Book Service, P.O. Box 2213, Scotia, N.Y. 12302....The September issue of FATE has an interesting write-up about our recent "Star Wars" editorial. Though they say they don't believe it, they take almost a page discussing it!....A "six mile wide" UFO over China was recently reported by the Associated Press. If there is any truth to this, it would be the largest UFO in history!....

We've mentioned this before, but veteran researcher Bill Moore now has a lively & informative monthly zine called FOCUS, available from his group, at 4219 W. Oliver St., #217, Burbank, Ca. 91505....The latest APRO Bulletin reports that due to the continuing ill health of Coral Lorenzen, publication is being suspended until further notice. Pity, because the APRO Bulletin was founded in 1952, making it the oldest saucer rag in continuous existence.....One of our West German non-subscribers is looking for photos, tapes, & other material concerning U.S. contactees, etc., in order to improve his UFO lectures. Write to Werner Walter, Eisenacher Weg 16,6800; Mannheim, West Germany.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

LAURENCE W. FREDRICK, Secretary of the Society for Scientific Exploration, writes as follows:

"Dear Mr. Moseley:

"I must apologize for I am guilty of a secretary's most dreaded faux pas.

"During the last Council Meeting I placed your application with the accepted new members. During the voting I must have been distracted because three Councilors so far have called to my attention the fact that they had voted to refer your application along with one other to the Membership Committee.

"I sent out my letters on the basis of my draft Minutes, but should have waited until the Minutes had been approved. - Under the circumstances I have no alternative but to ask Mr. Tolbert to refund your check and refer your application to the Membership Committee. Mr. Tolbert is presently in Europe for a few weeks.

"Again I apologize for the inconvenience and delay that this will incur."

Editor's Note: We have written Mr. Fredrick about the astonishment, dismay, etc. we feel in regard to the above letter. Your editor does have Fredrick's earlier letter accepting our membership application, and our check for the \$10.00 annual membership fee has cleared our bank! Your editor therefore is or still is a member of this august Society, as of this writing. (Shades of MUFON!)

Famed author BILL MOORE writes as follows:

"Hope this finds you safely back in the isles of Florida whistfully sipping a mint julip. It was good to see you again, although I must admit that I had about the same reaction to the outcome of the NUFOC convention as you did....

"On another topic, I have been following with some interest (and amusement) the Star Wars - UFO business that has been a significant part of your last two 'Smears'. Now that you've had your fun with it, however, perhaps the time has come to reveal to your non-subscribers the real source of the tale and your motivations for printing it.

" 'Fess up, now, Jim! Your 'usually reliable source in Washington, D.C.' is none other than old Phil Klass, who is busy writing a book about people he considers to be 'UFO kooks'. In order to provide grist for his mill, he (and you) cooked up this story which you then agreed to print in an effort to solicit comments upon it from the very people Phil intends to castigate in his book as being nothing more than gullible fools. Those who wrote in expressing their belief in the possibility of such a scenario unwittingly fell right into the trap Phil had laid for them. And, of course, Phil's letter to you on the same subject, which appeared in the last issue of 'Smear', was just part of the game. How did I find out? Simple. I too have a 'usually reliable source in Washington, D.C.'"

Klass assures us that he is not writing another anti-UFO book. As for the idea that Klass was behind our "Star Wars" editorial, this sounds pretty ridiculous to us! - Editor.



We have a communication from our long-time acquaintance COLMAN VON-KEVICZKY, MMSE, Director of the Intercontinental U.F.O. Galactic Spacecraft Research and Analytic Network, Inc. (ICUFON). Colman writes in regard to the "Star Wars" editorial in our April 20th "Smear", and our commentary on it in the following issue (July 1st). Colman's letter reads in part:

"Dear Supreme Commander:

"When you say 'A', you must say also 'B'. Who the hell is interested what your 'non-subscriber' Harry Lebelson peeping about your statement on the SDI in the 32/4 'Smear'? Will President Reagan resign because of Harry's or even some sort of Philip Klass 'Gen. Abe'? When you consider after all liquidate in your 'Smear' the 'classian' UFO ideology or it would be suggestable to open a page dedicated to Klass as 'Saucer Smell'? or 'Class Smell'.

"According to our filed Memorandum with the 99th Congress Defense Appropriation Subcommittee of the both houses, on April 25, 1985 VP George Bush received also a copy besides the members, as the Presiding Officer of the Senate, similarly with the Speaker of the House T.P.O'Neil. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE SDI vs. UFO FORCES fire became generated by our (ICUFON!) Memorandum being as rumor within the both Houses, and 'hot potato' on their decision!

"I placed a new fire (see the enclosed P.R.) upon of same on June 5, 1985 at a White House 'briefing' where 'unfortunately' I became invited as one of the director of the American Hungarian Federation, and spear-headed to the NSC the SDI vs. UFOs?.....

"That is all folks! Cordially your with old friendship, your

"Colman (VonKeviczky)

"Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff"

UFO researcher TOM BURCH writes:

"In the July 1st issue of 'Smear' you made a brief reference to Colman VonKeviczky. Some months ago I happened to see one of the absolutely worst UFO documentaries ever made. Included as part of this celluloid horror was a scene showing 'Major' VonKeviczky excitedly lecturing about a UFO military operation undertaken against the Earth - which culminated with the abduction of Charlie Hickson and Calvin Parker in Pascagoula (Miss.) - Not long ago, in the first (and only) issue of John Anthony's (alias Gil Ziemba) now-defunct 'UFO Forum Newsletter', a rambling, nearly unintelligible letter from this very colorful gentleman was reprinted. He signed his letter 'Major Ret Colman S. VonKeviczky, MMSE - Director, Intercontinental U.F.O. Galactic Spacecraft Research and Analytic Network, Incorporated.'

"Curiosity compells me to solicit, from you or avid 'Smear' non-subscribers, the following information: (1) Where does Mr. VonKeviczky come from? (2) In what organization did he achieve the rank of Major? (3) What is an MMSE? (4) Has anyone ever concocted a more ridiculous-sounding name than Mr. K's little UFO group?

"Really, Jim, what's the line on this guy? Is he Spaceship Ruthie's brother or a distant relative of Williard (McIntyre)?....."

In answer to your questions: (1) Hungary; (2) Hungarian Army; (3) Don't know; (4) No. - Editor.

Psychic Reseachers Say

**Your Grandparents May
Be From Another Planet**

DENNIS STACY, Editor of the MUFON Journal, writes as follows:

"Jim Whiz, Gee!

"Cut me some slack, willya? I'm referring to comments in your July 1st issue regarding MUFON & Rendlesham & your characterization of Jenny Randles' article as 'hysterical'. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, of course, but Jenny's article was solicited by Walt (Andrus) and me, and I thought it was rather nicely done, & even restrained in terms of comments she would have been justified in putting in print regarding her treatment by certain nameless American ufologists/publishers, et al. You might as well characterize Klass and Company with the same adjective for some of their writings and antics, but I don't see you doing it.

"And because we didn't run Warren's voice-stress analysis as a headline on the front page of the Journal, you're saying 'so much for MUFON's objectivity'? Write us a good article about it and I'll use it. The same offer goes for anyone else in the field, and as you well know, these things take time to make it to the printed page. Prior to the Randles article, in fact, I used a two-page center spread of Ian Ridpath's critical article on the case, Ridpath, as you're probably aware, being CSI-COP's foreign correspondent in this instance. In the same issue I ran Robert Wanderer's agreeable critique of 'Mute Evidence', with which you wholeheartedly agreed, by the way.

"In another recent issue I used an article by James Oberg which was highly critical of recent South American reports and a letter by Oberg equally critical of MUFON itself (in terms of previously printing such reports). I've received several letters from subscribers critical of that, too, and used them as well!

"Furthermore, I've added cartoons as a regular feature. I mean, what more do you want, my editorial stipend to go with that of 'Saucer Smear'? Sorry, Jim, but two times zero still adds up to zero...."

Frankly, we like the cartoons the best! - Editor.

HILARY EVANS, of England's ASSAP (Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena) writes as follows:

"Of course you're right when you recognize that Rendlesham is, finally, a four-letter word - but that is just the point!

"No ufologist with any wits about him believes that an alien spacething came down in the forest, or that the floor of the USAF base covers vast subterranean installations where such alien spacethings can be examined in comfort and security. So why, we wonder, are so many people going to the trouble of circulating (and leaking) memos addressed to ministries, why are they faking taped saucer-hunts - why, in short, are they scattering disinformation abroad like WWII propaganda leaflets?

"If nothing happened (at Rendlesham), why is so much happening? Who is taking who for a ride, and why? Is the whole thing a gigantic leg-pull, like Spain's UMMO? Or a private confidence trick, like France's Cergy-Pontoise? Or a government balls-up of some yet-to-be-explained kind, like the USA's Cash/Landrum incident?

"None of these cases is strictly a UFO case, in all probability. But in each case someone is allowing, even encouraging, a UFO interpretation. Isn't it legitimate for ufologists to ask who and why?...."

A very good point! - Editor.

***Navy Finds Dead Pilots
Flying With Hangovers***

THE WASHINGTON POST 9/18/81

**Potty problems
perturb NASA**

Researcher TOMMY R. BLANN writes:

"I am going to drop this tidbit of information in your ear, but I cannot go into detail about it because it would jeopardize the on-going investigations.

"It will indeed be very interesting to see the reaction of Phil Klass, Jim Oberg and the CSICOP crew after September 3rd, 1985. I will indeed be very eager to see their faces and their explanations after this date. It may be that olde Phil and the rest may have to take up another hobby!

"I can assure you that they will not be picking on fishermen, little old ladies in tennis shoes, woodcutters, policemen, etc. The name of the game is big time now!"

Bigfootologist, bon vivant, etc. ERIK BECKJORD writes:

"News from the California cryptozoology front is that 'Tessie' has been rampaging of late in Lake Tahoe (Nevada) - upset, no doubt, that she struck out at the crap tables. We have been in contact with Jim Mitchell, a film cameraman from Reno, who filmed a finless hump some 15 feet long, while wrapping up a shot for the South Lake Tahoe Visitor's Bureau, for a commercial. Some 18 people saw this creature in April, and they kept banging on his head to get him to turn around and film this thing, which was behind him about 100 yards off. Now he has twenty seconds of film, in 35mm color, and guess what? They won't permit it to be released to the media, for fear of negative tourist reaction. Stay tuned. We'll see it yet!...."

ARMAND LaPRADE, Editor of "Would You Believe", writes as follows:

"....So you missed the boat on the Mel Fisher excursion. So what? True riches are in doing what one is motivated to do, as self-satisfaction, without destroying (outright) another person.

"Publishing both sides of the coin with comments on your part, pro or con, is not a sit-on-the-fence attitude; nor are you judging any of the non-subscribers. But in a way you do sit on the fence and watch the slaughter and slander they bring upon each other, with their letters! You do not judge - you provoke - merely by publishing the barbs, pro and con...."

THE POETRY OF GRAY BARKER (Continued)

The Three Men in Black Speak

We are the Three Men in Black
You will refer to us by the numbers, 1, 2 and 3
To the Exalted One you will
Refer to with the Number 6 & 9.

We will hush you up
As we hushed up Bender
By giving you unlimited speech,
As we gave the other researchers.

Christmas Thought in Blank Verse

The Christmas tree fell,
Crushing the candles;
Many were maimed and injured.

ZIGGY



BACK TO YOU, GRAY BARKER

- a Poem (?) by the Editor -

I tried to phone Gray Barker tonight
 Like we used to do.
 I dialed the 304 area code
 (So close to 305, in Florida);
 And the robot said,
 "You can't dial him where he is now
 The li-ons don't go out that far."
 And I sassed the robot, saying,
 "How far out do the li-ons go?"
 And it replied, mockingly,
 "Thank you for using AT&T."

I tried to write Gray Barker the other day
 Like we used to do.
 I put on a "D" stamp
 (Was there ever a "C"?)
 And the letter came back to me,
 Together with a warning
 Stamped on the envelope:
 "For Domestic Use Only."
 A man from the Post Office Department came by
 And informed me
 That R. E. Straith is dead.

I tried to reach Gray Barker the other night,
 Telepathically, as if in a dream;
 And I saw this circle of Beings
 Clustered around a smoldering caldron.
 Here was Palmer and Arnold and Jessup and Wilkins;
 And Layne and Edwards and Scully and Van Tassel;
 All their differences forgotten;
 And George Adamski, with his telescope;
 And here too was Gray Barker
 With a drink in his hand,
 Stirring the caldron so vigorously
 That his hand shook;
 So I asked him, "When may I join you?"
 And George Adamski answered, for the group:
 "Time Will Tell."

**MUFON MEMBER
 Suffocates
 in manure pile**

Charles Janes, 34, was suffocated when he fell into a four-foot pile of chicken manure at the Butler Chicken Farms, in upstate Auburn, police said yesterday. Janes, who was found by a co-worker, apparently slipped from a ladder or struck his head and fell into the pile.

"All you could see was one toe from the bottom of his boots," said one rescue worker at the scene.

Janes was declared dead on arrival at the Auburn Memorial Hospital. Officials said that there appeared to be nothing suspicious about the incident. —Mark Liff



"We come from a planet with an overpopulation problem."



**JAMES MOSELEY
 MAY HAVE JUST WON
 FIVE MILLION DOLLARS...
 (AND MAY BE PAID MILLIONS MORE!)**