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## BEYOND MJ-12!

"Smear" has recently received from ufologist John Lear an 8-page document tying together MJ-12, cattle mutilations, alien landings, genetic experiments, abductions, secret underground bases, "Star Wars", and a few other matters which one would not necessarily think are linked. If this stuff is really true, I'm sort of afraid we've all had it. But the bright side is that it probably isn't true. After we further evaluate this information, we'll have more to say about it in print. All we can say at this point is that Lear is one hell of an interesting guy!

## MISC. RAVINGS:

Hark! We finally have a definite time and place for the 1988 convention of the National UFO Conference. Valient attempts to organize the NUFOC convention near Trenton, N.J. by MUFON State Director Tom Benson, and separately by Billy Rachels of the Tallahassee, Florida area, fell through because of lack of cooperation from other ufologists in those two areas of the country.

Now we have a bid from the olde "Cleveland Crowd" - the people who organized the NUFOC way back in 1964 (with the help of Al Greenfield of Atlanta). They consist of Rick Hilberg, Bob Easley, Al Manak, and a few others, all of whom have been relatively inactive in ufology of late - though Easley & Manak continue to publish a quarterly zine.

The convention will take place at the Days Inn at Hopkins International Airport, Cleveland, on the weekend of September 16th and 17th. There will be a banquet on the evening of Friday Sept. 16th, and open sessions during the afternoon and evening of the 17th. Further details, including a list of speakers, will appear in future issues of "Smear". Or you can write to Bob Easley, P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134....

It comes as no shock to learn, from talking to Bill Moore and Jaime Shandera, that the next phase of their MJ-12 public information has been delayed for maybe something like another couple of months or thereabouts. (February perhaps??) Their self-imposed deadline had been the end of '87.

We are not surprised or even disappointed in this new delay. We predict that the MJ-12 documents will never be conclusively proven or disproven, which will always give Moore & Co. the right to point to this fact. However, most ufologists have already made up their minds negatively on the subject, based on probability and common sense!...

Bigfootologist Mark Opsasnick has come forth with a thin tome called the Maryland Bigfoot Reference Guide, which can be obtained for a mere \$3.50 (plus 85¢ for postage & handling) from Arcturus Book Service, 4431 Village Square Lane, Stone Mountain, Ga. 33083. The book speaks kindly of your humble "Smear" editor, and Mark writes us, "I figure most of the Space Brothers will hate me for this." Could be!...

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Not long ago we had a very interesting phone conversation with Mrs. Donald Menzel, widow of the late director of Harvard Observatory, who was allegedly a member of the MJ-12 group. Mrs. Menzel now lives in Florida part of each year.

Mrs. Menzel remembered your editor from recent conversations with her friend Dr. Ernest Taves and also from the old days when we used to buy her husband's paintings of Martian landscapes and their alleged inhabitants. Our favorite is called "Bridge Over a Martian Canal", and shows a bare-breasted Martian maiden cavorting over said bridge. This painting is signed by Donald Menzel and is also inscribed "To Jim Moseley". Incidentally, if there is any interest, perhaps we will reproduce it in "Smear" one of these days, or even offer it for sale at our glorious art gallery here in Key West.

But getting back to Mrs. Menzel - she also remembers Stanton Friedman, who visited her awhile back in Cambridge (Mass.), in regard to his research on the MJ-12 documents. She found him to be overly persistent and somewhat annoying, to paraphrase her remarks on the phone.

The lady seemed calmly and amusedly assured that her late husband never believed in UFOs and never participated in any crashed saucer retrieval involving alien bodies, etc. She did say that he once went with the late Dr. Clyde Tombaugh to investigate an alleged landing site in New Mexico, the name of which she could not remember. We asked her for details, and she said, "Oh, it was nothing," and laughed.

Mrs. Menzel also told us that she finds it amusing that all twelve members of the MJ-12 group were dead long before the alleged documents came to public notice.

The more we think about Dr. Menzel's paintings, the more we feel they represent as close as we'll ever get to proof that Menzel was not a member of anything like MJ-12. Why would a scientist create a hobby of producing crude paintings which ridiculed the idea of life on other planets (and write anti-UFO books, give lectures, etc.), if he knew that weird aliens had already landed in the U.S.A.? Even an alleged key member of the alleged cover-up could not be expected to go to such extremes, and would hardly have done so!....

Lt. Col. Wendelle Stevens is scheduled for release from prison at 3 p.m. on May 30th, 1988, according to information we have received. As most of our readers know, Stevens pleaded guilty quite awhile back to several counts of illegal sexual activities with under-aged females, and has been in the Arizona State Penitentiary ever since. Strangely, he has authored or co-authored UFO books at a faster pace since going into Stir than before. This is apparently through the efforts of his daughter, who has been taking care of UFO matters for her Dad during these trying times.

Literature distributed by the notorious CSICOP organization during and after their 1987 convention, which we attended, made much of the fact that their group is growing fast in size and influence. Yes, maybe; but a few thousand supposedly rational people are but a handful in a population of well over two hundred million! Meanwhile, the forces of Credulity and Superstition are growing at an even faster rate, as described in the feature article of a recent issue of Time Magazine ("OM...The New Age" - Dec. 7th, 1987 issue). Also, the current Time-Life "Mysteries of the Universe" series includes a 160-page volume called "The UFO Phenomenon", entirely devoted to our favorite mystery. Obviously, saucers as well as other forms of "New Age" belief are on the rise, so to speak, and the best efforts of killjoys like the CSICOP people will not be able to stop it, or even slow it down! OM!!!

FINALLY, we must caution our readers that the map of Nevada on P. 8 of this issue, sent by non-subscriber Lew Tery, is supposed to be serious.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

AILEEN EDWARDS of the U.F.O. Contact Center International writes:

"You are doing more for the interest in Ufology than all of MUFON combined. I really enjoy your newsletter...."

LARRY OBERC writes:

"Please definitely keep me on your mailing list for 'Smear'. It's one of the most informative controversial items, right smack in the middle of weirdness, yet extremely down to earth....I'm an old hand at observing the Church of the SubGenius crowd....You know what you're talking about and cover all sides of the issue, and that's hard to find, these days. There's the commercial nonsense (how can Strieber afford to fly his shrink around like that? Is the book publisher covering his costs?), and there's the skeptical - but only you hit it dead on!..."

DAVE FIDELER, a Fortean researcher of much repute, writes:

"....I read 'Smear' religiously and often take the current issue with me for entertainment on those long flights to London and Cairo. I also enjoy discussing the contents with fellow non-subscriber Bob Tarte. Speaking of 'Bob', please keep slipping more Dobbsian stuff in.

"By the way, I think your 'antiquities business' is a very clever front for your cocaine smuggling operation. Keep up the good work! And if I may paraphrase your legendary words, have a Cool Yule...."

No one should read "Smear" religiously! - Editor.

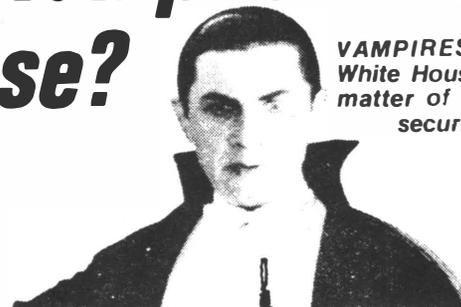
Former UFO researcher TOMMY ROY BLANN, now calling himself simply THOMAS, writes as follows:

"The message contained herein is not meant to magnify myself, nor should emphasis be placed upon me. Emphasis should be placed upon the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the message in itself.

"Through the grace of my Father in heaven I was called forth from the womb to be His servant and to bear witness to the truth. (Jer. 1:5). I was set apart in the womb. This I was aware of before I was born, which can be testified to by those who knew me as a child....

"I can assure you, my brothers and sisters, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the truth. I come to bear testimony to the truth, that whosoever shall accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and abide by the words of my Father in heaven, shall have eternal life. And that he is soon to return to this world, coming in the Merkabah to take away those who are His (Matt. 24: 40-44). Repent, for the coming of the Lord is near at hand, and woe to those disbelievers who shall taste the wrath of my Father."

## ***Is there a vampire in the White House?***



VAMPIRES in the White House are 'a matter of national security.'

**REALITY is Just a  
Crutch for People  
Who Can't Handle  
SCIENCE FICTION**

Bigfootologist ERIK BECKJORD writes as follows:

"My response to my various critics who say I have been suspiciously lucky with my monster photos is simply that (a) the 1987 Nessie photos were taken by a member of my expedition to Loch Ness, not by me. Alex Crosbie, 65, retired Edinburgh garbageman, did the deed - not me this time. In fact, Crosbie has such weird vibes (he is also a UFO abductee) that I suspect that if I had hung around the HQ that day, I would not have gotten any shots. My Nessie film was taken in 1983, thanks to the combined vibrations of expedition members Phyllis (sweater-gal) Novack, my personal assistant, and Englanders Paul and Maggie Coleman. I was merely the guy who aimed the camera.

"As for the cartoon by the late Tim Curry, best known for his monumental compilation of Bigfoot sighting reports from all over, I have been back several times to Seattle to visit old friends, and I go back to Washington state any time I am in the mood. I have no problems there. I left simply to get away from the famous Washington state gloom and rain, which is responsible for much depression and craziness among the residents.

"As for Larry Peters, if he kills a Bigfoot - which in my opinion cannot be done - he will be able to beat the homicide rap only if he hires Melvin Belli and F. Lee Bailey, and then he will still have to face the wrath of ten million fans of 'Harry and the Hendersons', the recent Bigfoot movie."

Long-time independent ufologist GEORGE EARLEY writes:

"....Larry Peters claims about his ability to 'take' a Bigfoot at any time sound like so much puffery. If he really could do it with a gun, why can't/won't he do it with a camera? Or take a credible witness into the area? Assuming he did shoot one, I suspect he'd not be tried for murder, but could be charged with killing an endangered species or even hunting out of season!...."

VIRGINIA M. REDDY writes:

"Thank you for sending me your 'Saucer Smear'. I noticed that on Page 2 you mentioned Wendelle Stevens as having published a book on UMMO. Chan L. Johnson from Las Vegas sells the Wendelle Stevens books. The UMMO book, part I, is \$16.95 plus \$2.00 postage. He has Part I and Part II, if I remember correctly. The books are very interesting and are the best documented cases on record. They are highly technical, and the language and background of the people are given. You may contact Chan by phone at (702) 456-0859, or write to his address: 3292 Patrick Lane, E., Las Vegas, Nevada 89120.

"I have several friends in Las Vegas that are UFO buffs and consequently got caught up in the momentum."

Nevada is a hotbed of UFO activity & research, as we know from non-subscribers Lew Tery, John Lear, and others. - Editor.

Evil Skeptic BOB SHEAFFER writes as follows:

"Dear Capt. Jim:

"The hilarious parody (obviously by someone else) about 'Collect Calls From the Dead' in the last 'Smear' calls to mind the original book 'Phone Calls From the Dead' by noted Spookologists D. Scott Rogo and Raymond Bayless, in all its glorious silliness.

"What most Ufologists are probably unaware of, however, is that one of the people who are claimed in that book to have received a phantom phone call is none other than our old pal Jerry Clark, the sole voice of Sober

Reason in Ufology. Chapter 7 of 'Phone Calls from the Dead' (Page 116 in the Berkeley paperback) contains an account of a normal-sounding telephone call Jerry received from a woman of his acquaintance, asking to speak to his wife. The woman subsequently denied having placed the call, causing Jerry to conclude that all known laws of the universe must have been violated, and a paranormal manifestation of her voice had occurred - which he then related to the Spookologists.

Rogo and Bayless deduced that the woman's thoughts were somehow 'translated into a physical effect', thereby causing Jerry's phone to ring. A more prosaic explanation for the phenomenon - that the woman was not telling the truth when she denied placing the call - seems not to have been considered!

"Similarly convoluted logic is evident in Jerry Clark's letter in that same issue of 'Smear'. Agreeing that the MJ-12 'documents' are likely hoaxed, he considers the case for them being 'disinformation'. He concludes that, in that case, they must presumably have been planted to cover up 'something infinitely weirder' than crashed saucers, alongside which even extraterrestrial spaceships would appear mundane. Once again, Jerry seems not to have considered the more parsimonious hypothesis that the 'documents' were probably hoaxed by one or more among those who are now seeking to benefit from them, and who are among the few having both the knowledge and the motivation to do so.

"Such convoluted thinking, alas, is far from rare in Ufodumb. For in the Universe of Ufology, Occam has always worn a long beard."

Who the hell is Occam? - Editor.

Famed Canadian researcher GENE DUPLANTIER writes:

"....As for MJ-12, I think it's all a hoax. Sometimes I wonder about grown-up men still fooling around with the UFO subject. Isn't it time to go on to more important things? Leave it to the young and foolish. We know they're real but there isn't anything we can do about it, and neither can anyone else, unless the UFO occupants wish to reveal themselves to us instead of to 'chosen' (that's a laugh!) persons. By 'us' I mean to everyone everywhere, no one person in particular...."

DENNIS STILLINGS of the Archaeus Project writes:

"The myth of Santa Claus and his reindeer is really a dim, confused, and superstitious interpretation - by our benighted forebears - of an obvious visitation by an extraterrestrial in his spaceship. The peculiar emphasis on Santa's 'hat' and 'whiskers' is all that we have to go on, in regard to the special gear he required for survival in our atmosphere. The reindeer were probably taken from our planet for genetic experiments. The fact that one of them had a red nose that glowed needs no interpretation.

"In line with what we now know, it may also be that the infamous poem, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' is a coded government document detailing the nature of this famous ET visitation. It was released as a popular child's Christmas book, thus preparing future generations for the startling revelations to come.

"In this document (and we still hold to the possibility it may all be a hoax), the unearthly quiet of the house, just before the UFO approaches, is to be noted as a staple feature of such close encounters. The animals themselves (mice) are depicted as probably cowering in silent fear (a well documented animal response to the approach of a UFO). The children (often targets of ET activity) are experiencing ET-induced visions of UFOs ('sugar plums'), and the sudden and startling rush of the UFO to a position just over the house is all too familiar. The elf-like appearance of 'Santa' and his ability to levitate using a special device alongside his 'nose',

remove all doubt about what is going on!

"I suggest that Bill Moore, et al, concentrate their efforts on this important piece of evidence, very likely a document generated at the very highest levels of the 'shadow government'. I myself have seen any number of cases of crashed sled-like vehicles accompanied by the remains of so-called 'Santas', gobbled beyond recognition by carnivores, their red-and-white space suits becoming a quaint and pathetic shroud for their rotting remains. However, the reindeer (which, incidently, are just ordinary deer more often than not), frequently remain intact enough for identification. Since so many reindeer were recently rendered radioactive by the fallout from Chernobyl, I expect that reindeer-pilfering ETs might be unwittingly adding a little extra glow to their vehicles.

"I would hope that Phil Klass will take it upon himself to force this dangerous document out of circulation, and particularly out of the hands of children. The sinister question now is: What is the relationship of 'Twas the Night Before Xmas' to the abductions??"

PAUL MASON, formerly known to the UFO field as DR. WILLIARD MCINTYRE, writes as follows:

"It must be pretty cold down there in Hell today, because I have to be in agreement with Phil Klass: At great personal expense, I have facsimilated parts of your MJ-12 material and sent it to appropriate friends in Washington, D.C., followed by a phone call. They couldn't stop laughing. No surprises, anyway. Apparently Klass has already introduced everything into official circles, as the documents have made the rounds already.

"I cannot understand what could be gained from perpetrating such a fabrication, but it's not even a good hoax as far as I can see!

"A few minor points that may be overlooked by your erstwhile so-called investigators:

"(1) During the period of 1947-1954, the same models of typewriters were in use throughout the White House, so the Cutler memo and the Truman Executive Order should be on the same typeface, which they are not, and in fact neither of them match the typeface of real typewriters in use in the White House at the time.

"(2) Top Secret is not even near the ultimate in highest levels of classification. Anything as secret and important as we are led to believe this document is, would have had to be classified at least at one of the lower levels of Final Access Crypto (? - handwriting unclear. - Ed.)

"(3) No such group could have or would have been formed without representation of the U.S. Navy....

"(4) Such an important document would not be entrusted to a secretary to type or to proofreaders, so whoever faked this hoped the misspellings would lend authenticity; but a briefing paper for the President would have to be letter perfect no matter who typed it.

"(5) There is no indication as to who prepared or originated the document, as would have been indicated on a real one.

"If you are really interested, I could give you ten more valid points refuting the authenticity...."

Homespun philosopher DAVE REISSIG writes:

"In regard to my explanation of UFOs and alien abductions as temporarily real, projected by the sighters and/or experiencers: Some people will object that this is impossible. Also, poltergeists are impossible, and hauntings, and many other things which may be effects of the mind. Events that are scientifically impossible are called Fortean; they are also called anomalies. They are frightening to some people, intriguing to others; a measure of mental health. Most so-called skeptics are simply negative believers - rigid. Sometimes believing coincides with fact, but

that doesn't excuse it. Believing is always wrong, even when it's right. If you believe anything, you're setting a limit on your understanding - and that's a dumb thing to do!...."

JENNINGS FREDERICK, our only Tireless Defender of MJ-12, writes:

"....When I wrote you that our national space efforts might only be a ruse, you asked me what I meant. I can't come right to the point, but let us just suppose that the UFO enigma was not the only issue which was controlled and suppressed. Suppose that all major governments in the world had either shot down and/or recovered saucers and the vehicles' occupants. Further suppose that even while engaging in worldwide conventional space efforts, all major world governments solved the UFO propulsion problems, re captured discs and ufonauts. Further, detailed studies of these UFO propulsion systems indicated a complete 360 degree change from what we have been taught about electricity, magnetism, acceleration, and gravity.

"The implications are staggering. First, our view of ourselves, evolution and Christianity would be drastically altered. Secondly, entire teaching books and manuals would have to be rewritten, and the entire public re-educated about gravity, space, our world, and so on.

"Next, panic would grip the entire world, for fear of a hostile space invasion, with maybe no defense to adequately protect ourselves - accompanied by distrust in our world leaders for having lied to us! Lastly, the world economic and political system would collapse; world stock markets would fold, and billions of dollars would disappear almost instantly!

"And of course there would be long-term effects also! But to top this off - all our national and international space efforts up to this time would have been merely squandered, and dozens of lives lost for no reason, in space mishaps. Wouldn't all major world leaders quickly realize that their countries had gotten in way too deep, over their heads, and were committed, and couldn't turn back now? So the ruse had to continue!

"Im not saying such is the case, but merely that this would or should give us something to seriously ponder!...."

## NEW YORK

### **Man is arrested for slugging Santa**

**NEW YORK —** The Christmas spirit apparently has yet to reach a young man charged with hitting a volunteer Santa Claus for ringing his bell at the city's main bus station.

David Gonzalez, 25, was arrested on assault charges after attacking Steven Glazer, who was collecting donations for Volunteers of America at the Port Authority Bus Terminal in midtown Manhattan said Port Authority Police Officer Richard Ruiz.

Ruiz said Gonzalez "got very irritated by the bell because he couldn't sleep on the floor anymore, with the noise of the bell."

## Nativity-napped 12/25/87

### Thieves hold baby Jesus ransom

By BETH WHITEHOUSE  
*Herald Staff Writer*

The baby Jesus has been kidnapped from the nativity scene in Mary and Joseph Spinelli's Coral Springs side yard.

Spinelli discovered the plastic doll was missing from the manger when she walked her poodle just after midnight on Tuesday. In the doll's place was a ransom note, written in a child's handwriting with misspelled words, Spinelli said Thursday.

"We have Jesus," the note from The Liberation X-Mas Corps began. Leave 12 Christmas cookies and three candy canes in the mailbox Christ-

mas Eve "if you ever want to see Him alive again," it said.

"It blew my mind," said Spinelli, 49. She suspects some neighborhood children in her Oakwood subdivision took the 18-inch Jesus. But with only a few hours left before the deadline Thursday, Spinelli, who goes by the nickname Jody, said she had decided to give up the doll rather than encourage the pranksters by meeting their demands.

"I was thinking of making cookies and putting EX-LAX in, but that's really mean," Spinelli said. "No, I'm not

