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MISC. RAVINGS:

Our favorite item in this issue is the rather brief letter we received recently from ufologist John Lear, which is printed at the top of our coveted back page (Page 8). John Lear, who is the son of noted aviation pioneer Bill Lear, is a very recent convert to the UFO cult, but already has achieved the exalted status of Nevada state director for MUFON. Not only that, he has volunteered to sponsor the 1989 MUFON convention, to be held in his home town of Las Vegas, Nevada. (We're really looking forward to that, & plan to attend!) John, however, has some very far-out ufological views, and we seem to have gotten him angry by the fact that we failed to take said views as seriously as he allegedly takes them. Sorry about that, ole buddy!

Also on Page 8 is a pitch for the 25th annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC), to be held in mid-September, in Cleveland, Ohio. Do read this blurb and try to attend!....

Yes, gentle reader, the face-shaped Mars rock (one mile long!) really is a puzzler, and is one of the relatively few Space-related mysteries which still intrigue us greatly here at "Smear" Headquarters.



Agence France-Presse

The mile-long 'face' on Mars,
in a Viking I photograph.

Face-shaped Mars rock is a puzzler

While the Wild Bunch in UFO research (led by John Lear and others of his ilk) rush on into abductions, underground alien bases on Earth, etc., we conservatives are stuck with trying to interpret the handful of mysteries which have some semblance, at least, of scientific justification.

A recent Associated Press news story brought the public's attention back to the photo on your left, taken in 1976 by NASA's Viking I craft. The implication is that an ancient Martian civilization, long extinct, carved the face. Richard Hoagland, founder of an independent scientific group called the Mars Project, stated at a recent press conference: "There is such a bias against something like this that there was (at the time) no official attention given to this data."

On the other hand, dreadful ufological skeptic Jim Oberg, when asked for his opinion by us, huffed: "The face has received far more attention from scientists than it deserves, but it's just the sort of thing to appeal to Congress, in NASA's attempt to get more funding."

So there you have it, folks! Guess we won't know for sure till better Mars photos are available, or till we Earthlings land there ourselves, someday. Quite possibly the face is just an op-

tical illusion, like the Martian canals and like most of Erik Beckjord's weird ceatures!....

After a gap of many years, we have recently gotten back in touch with Jerrold (Jerry) Baker, a key figure in the early adventures of George Adamski, George Hunt Williamson, and other contactees of the 1950's. He was also a close friend of Carl Hunrath and Jack Wilkinson, two contactees who disappeared mysteriously in 1953 while flying a rented plane to a rendezvous with a flying saucer. Baker was also a key informant for our Special Adamski Expose Issue of SAUCER NEWS in 1957, in that he provided information about one small bit of fakery on the part of Adamski. Baker's present views on UFOs are unclear.

Incidentally, we recently obtained a few copies of this Special Adamski Expose Issue, which has been out of print for many years. Because of their extreme rarity, we are selling them for \$16 each, or \$15 autographed. Please rush your order to us now!...

Our olde pal Phil Klass is in trouble again. On the one hand he has been exposed as a (gasp!) science fiction writer, and on the other hand he has been served with a 6-page diatribe from famed ufologist Bill Moore, threatening to sue him for "conducting a methodical, deliberate and malicious smear campaign against (Moore) personally, and against (Moore's) work and reputation as a UFO researcher."

Of the dozens of charges Moore makes in his letter, the most amusing is his accusation that Klass wrote to one Robert Collins of Albuquerque, N.M., saying: "I have just learned that the FBI has arrested William Moore and Jaime Shandera and charged them with 'public disclosure' of 'extremely sensitive information', and that the U.S. Government has officially requested Canada to extradite Stanton Friedman". It seems obvious that Klass was merely indulging in his unpopular heavy-handed humor here. Since Klass believes the MJ-12 documents are fakes, how could he believe or seriously pretend to believe that "extremely sensitive information" is in them???

Moore gives Klass one week to back down, from the time he receives Moore's certified letter; but this won't happen, as Klass is currently traveling in Europe and has already missed the deadline. Poor Phil!

As for the science fiction caper, a loyal non-subscriber has provided us with a copy of "A Reader's Guide to Science Fiction" (1979), which states on Page 175: "William Tenn is the pseudonym of Phillip J. Klass, the senior avionics editor of 'Aviation Week and Space Technology'. Klass is a voice of reason crying out in the wilderness of trendy speculation on extraterrestrials. He has written two non-fiction books on the subject (of UFOs)....(In his fiction,) Tenn writes witty but barbed comments on the foibles of mankind. His style is literate and his sense of the incongruous impeccable...."

Sounds just like our Phil, doesn't it? But Klass denies the charge.

We have received a rather remarkable letter from a lady who claims she married ufologist Wendelle Stevens on Sept. 18th, 1987, while he was still in an Arizona prison. She claims that the marriage was never consummated, and that Stevens later turned against her, and has sent her a stream of highly pornographic letters. (Stevens was released from prison this past May, after serving five years for sexual acts with female minors.)

This lady, whose maiden name is Christa Tilton, was attracted to Stevens because she had a UFO abduction story to tell. They conferred frequently while Stevens was still in jail, and came up with a co-authored manuscript called "The Triad Experiment", based on her UFO experiences. Now, however, Christa does not want to have the book published at this time

'Smear' blamed for suicide

after all, because of her disillusionment with Stevens.

Christa also claims that Stevens actually confessed some of his sex crimes to her on one occasion, but later denied that the conversation had ever taken place!

Of interest to us here at "Smear" is the fact that Stevens apparently blames your humble editor, plus ufologist Bill Moore and others, for the fact that he was "framed" and sent to jail. In reality, our only connection with the Stevens case was that "Smear" printed the story of his incarceration five years ago, based on court documents that were supplied to us at that time.

Stevens also claims to have a photo showing your editor with Bill Moore, naked at some sort of ufological pool party. Alas, dear friends, there is no such picture. (Our conventions don't get that wild!)

Christa Stevens is currently trying to get an annulment from her marriage, and is engaged in a book business in Paris, Texas, with Tom Adams of cattle mutilation fame, who is a loyal "Smear" non-subscriber.

We have talked to Christa by telephone, and can only say that she sounds saner than most people in this nutty field. Her story about Stevens has the ring of truth to it, in our opinion. As for her abduction, and the alleged genetic experiments that space people have supposedly made on her and her daughter, that is just one small part of the vast and confusing saucer mystery!.....

Bigfootologist Erik Beckjord, to whom we have given a forum in our zine for lo these many years, has finally succeeded in Pissing Us Off by his recent behavior.

Beckjord knows two retired colonels who, at different times in years past, have come across a huge anomalous skull which is on display somewhere in Vera Cruz, Mexico. Beckjord has sent us a drawing made by one of these men, showing the object to be about 5½ feet wide, 7½ feet long, and 4½ feet deep. There is what appears to be a very long beak and huge eye sockets, among other peculiar things. Supposedly the carcass of this huge animal washed up on the Mexican shore several years ago, and the fishermen found the beast to be so unusual that they saved the skull for posterity.

Beckjord has tried to get one of the colonels to return to Vera Cruz (at his own expense, naturally), to see if the skull is still there; but so far the return trip has not occurred. We offered to go down there at our own expense and check the matter out, giving all publication rights (except in "Smear") to Beckjord, but this offer was not good enough for him! Whereas he had no objection to the colonel going back alone (since the colonel already knew the location), Beckjord insisted that your editor should take him (Beckjord) along and pay for the travel expenses of both!

Not only that - but Beckjord insists he wants to smuggle this huge object out of Mexico and use it as the centerpiece of his so-far-nonexistent cryptozoological museum in southern California. Imagine the expense and risk in such a venture, even if it should succeed! Whereas many years ago your editor smuggled valuable antiques from Peru to the U.S., smuggling a huge object like this out of modern Mexico is quite a different thing! In brief, the project is absurd; and worst of all, the anomalous skull, even if genuine, probably has little or no commercial value!

We resent the insistent attitude Beckjord has taken about this venture, and his bitterness because we refused to undertake it his way. He has sent us a "investor wanted" ad for "Smear", in regard to this & other projects he has in mind. Instead of running the ad, we will simply warn our readers that a business deal of any kind with Erik Beckjord may very

well not be in their best interests. Beckjord is a bitter, self-centered sort of person with whom we would not dare set foot in Mexico! (But he can be a lot of fun at a ufological cocktail party.)

Robert Boyd, MUFON State Director for Alabama, about whom we spoke favorably in the lead article in the last "Smear", has fallen upon hard times, ufologically speaking. As predicted to us several days in advance by Donald Ware (Florida State Director of MUFON), Boyd has been fired personally by Walt Andrus from his state directorship, apparently because of his tenacious opposition to the MUFON position regarding the notorious Gulf Breeze UFO case. Andrus, Ware, and many others in MUFON, including Dr. Bruce Maccabee, strongly support the case, whereas several others, including Boyd and the prestigious Dr. Wiley Smith of the UNICAT Project, are highly skeptical.

Yes, dear friends, the Shit has finally hit the Fan. We hear that more heads are going to roll in the near future, and who may be next? Perhaps even your esteemed "Smear" editor, hanging on by a mere hangnail here in the ass end of Florida, doing all he can to keep his MUFON Section (i.e., Monroe County, Fl.) safe from alien invaders!

Boyd informs us that, in his unfortunate last phone conversation with Walt Andrus, the last thing he said was that he expects reimbursement for the unused portion of his \$25 annual membership fee - since he was ejected from the organization as a whole, as well as the state directorship.

Alas....

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

The 4th or 5th (as the case may be) meeting of John Keel's recently-organized New York Fortean Society took place on May 21st, and featured a talk by Michael Grosso, Ph.D., in which he recounted several truly weird personal experiences. The strong point here was that there was a maximum of sincerely-recounted first-hand information, and a minimum of metaphysical bullshit. Your editor was fortunate enough to be present for this scene, and enjoyed the info plus the chance to renew acquaintanceship with a number of N.Y.C. Forteans. Way to go, Keel & Co....

James ("The Amusing") Randi stars in a 3-page profile in the June 13th issue of Time Magazine. The article makes it clear that his systematic attacks on alleged psychic Uri Geller were what propelled him into big-time show biz....

Our olde pal Tim Beckley has blossomed forth as editor of a new newsstand magazine called "UFO Universe", the first issue of which appeared recently. Tim may team up with famed New Age author Brad Steiger to sponsor the National UFO Conference (NUFOC) convention in Phoenix, Arizona in 1989. More on this later!....Jim Dehling, a newcomer to the UFO field, wants to receive correspondence from our non-subscribers. His address is: P.O. Box 283, Fairview, N.J. 07022....Orfeo Angelucci, author of two early contactee books, has apparently died, as a poem of eulogy about him appeared in (of all places!) the April 11th issue of the New Yorker magazine. We knew Orfeo, and he was quite a character!...Also recently deceased is Peter Herkos, the famous psychic who claimed his Powers came from a blow on the head in his youth. Herkos co-operated with various police departments in solving crimes, but he himself was convicted in 1964 of impersonating a FBI agent. (Our thanks to Max Calderwood for the Angelucci item.)

We are hoping to meet many of you at the glorious forthcoming 1988 National UFO Conference in Cleveland, Ohio this September. Details on P.8.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

LAWRENCE OBERC writes:

"...I'm never too busy to read 'Smear'. Every issue really hits home, and destroys all the illusions I had as a child about getting kidnapped by flying saucers, and whipped away to another planet. Now if there was the possibility of just having safe sex with one of those flying saucer women, there might be a recapture of that childhood paranoia I felt walking home late at night, turning around fast every time I heard a sound, looking at the sky, waiting for the flashing of lights, knowing there had to be something out there, and when it got here it was going to get my ass. But enough of paranoia, enough of safe sex with alien beings from another planet - 'Saucer Smear' is one of the most enjoyable adventures that strikes the inside of my mailbox. Keep it flying in my direction...."

BILL NASH, a now-retired pilot who made one of the "classic" UFO sightings in the early 1950's, writes:

"I was just about to write to Coral Lorenzen when you notified me she had passed away. I had received Bob Marsland's notice of APRO's demise. Consequently I sent my condolences to Marsland and expressed concern about the future of APRO's extensive files, some of which I contributed. I was an Aviation Advisor to APRO for many years and a Germany Representative for 15 years...."

"I have an interesting experience by Coral in my files, which she wrote to me in a letter. She made me promise to keep it quiet. She feared her members would think she was nuts or too fearful to go outside and see what was hovering over her house. She admitted she was afraid to do that. Now that she and (her husband) Jim and her daughter are gone, I suppose it doesn't matter. You can read it when you come by my house...."

TOM BROWN, Director of Borderland Sciences Research Foundation (BSRF) writes as follows:

"Thanks for the mention of BSRF in your April 15th issue. BSRF is still very interested in the UFO phenomenon, but we find little interest in the continual search for mechanistic interpretations or the mass of abduction claimants. There are reasons for these views to appear, but what is important now is the comprehension of the living forces of nature. Through this comprehension which we are exploring in our Journal of Borderland Research, one will be led to a view of the archetypal phenomena from which all aspects of our reality construction appear. The UFOs are an integral part of this understanding. We are still working on the UFO phenomenon, and that makes us the oldest UFO organization on the planet.... What makes us different from other UFO organizations is that we have to look at the entire picture of experience, of which UFOs are only a part..."

RILEY CRABB, former Director of BSRF, writes:

"....The 4-D explanation of the flying saucers is still the only one that makes good science and good sense, but for those who insist on an orthodox science explanation of the origin of the UFOs -/including Aimee Michel and Jacques Vallee, for instance - the solution will remain forever a mystery...."

Editor's Note: BSRF is a high-minded & apparently sincere group, but some of their material is beyond credulity - such as a tract sent us recently by Crabb - purportedly an account by Admiral Byrd of an interview he had with a Grand Master in the Inner Earth, during his alleged 1947 flight to

"a warm land beyond the North Pole". Okay stuff for 1947, but quite passe in this age of satellite photos, etc!

DENNIS STILLINGS of the semi-mysterious Archaeus Project, writes:

"Here is a shortened version of my spoof on a 'problem' raised by Marcello Truzzi, namely, how can the aliens both be giving us technological assistance - such as the Stealth Bomber - and also be terrorizing the American population?

"THE PRICE WE MUST PAY FOR ALIEN TECHNOLOGY

"After careful surveillance, the aliens defined a group of primary abductees. In this initial group were included prominent individuals in government, the military, and in Intelligence. They were given a thorough 'Missing Time' experience. A drug-based psychological conditioning, both powerful and subtle, was induced, along with promises of power and other rewards - including the essential technologies for advanced weaponry such as the Stealth Bomber. These key individuals were then subjected to rigorous followup study with emphatic psychological reinforcement.

"These methods soon turned our elite into total mind-slaves of the aliens. The group received intensive instruction in carrying out the objectives of the ETs: They were to spread an elaborate disinformation program that was engineered, and constantly supported in detail, by the aliens.

"When the aliens were satisfied that they had obtained the necessary information, certain other mind-slaves (authors of abduction books among them) were instructed to prepare the general population for mass enslavement. Information was released that, because of its improbable nature, was disregarded by all but the most gullible. A formidable army of highly suggestible people was assembled under the very noses of the sane - those who laughed if they paid any attention at all. Thus was the way cleared for 'The Abductos' to carry out a massive takeover of strategic positions in government, again with the omniscient support of the aliens"

A gentleman who wishes to remain anonymous herein, writes as follows:

"A tipoff that 1988 will be a big flap year was the Jan. 1988 Games Magazine lengthy saucer story, 'Horace Beam....' (The April 1952 Life article, 'Have We Visitors from Space?' kicked off the great 1952 flap.) Another clue is the return of the 'mystery UFO lights' to New York City's northern suburbs.

"An 'exactly rigid formation of lights, as big as a football field' is the main characteristic of these Westchester area sightings. Using small computers and laser distance-control equipment hooked up to auto-pilots, small planes can fly very rigid formations. They can be spaced hundreds of yards apart, but stay within a few feet of assigned stations. (This technique is used in larger planes to penetrate defensive radars.)

"The Cessnas which cause some of these 'Westchester UFO lights' are based at rural Stormville Airport. They take off individually and rendezvous later, so the local residents don't notice the source. Their pilots were named in the local papers, and a parent of one (a responsible local businessman) was interviewed. He admits owning some of the planes. The pilots keep mum.

"For five years, these pilots' secrecy has been respected by the authorities, as if they had sponsors or protectors in the Government. Zealous 'patriots' (like Ollie North and Bill Casey in the Iran-Contra affair) have acted secretly in private offshoots of legitimate projects. These Westchester guys may be building up a big 'UFO' flap, to divert attention from upcoming bad news. For instance, a mass sighting in Central Park would take the nation's mind off the headache of having George Bush as President."

JIM MELESCIUC of Massachusetts writes:

"Thank you for your kind words on the May issue of Orbiter. I received a lot of positive response for publicizing the work of Boyd and Smith on the Gulf Breeze case. Some of the mail I received from my overseas readers, particularly Germany, appear to be having a good hard laugh over the photos published in the MUFON Journal.

"On my reasons for resigning the Mass. state directorship of MUFON, I'll put it in a nutshell: Too much interference from HQ. To expand a bit, Mass. MUFON is now controlled by alleged abductees. Most are women who, after reading Strieber's and Hopkins' books, feel they have a story to tell. They sent their \$25 to HQ and now they have I.D. cards saying they are investigators, section directors, etc., and they all use so-called hypnosis. I was told by HQ not to be too critical of the situation. Whenever I was a guest on a radio program or interviewed by a reporter, I felt like I was lying in my teeth when I said MUFON is a scientific organization. \$25 will get anybody into the club!"

BOB PRATT writes as follows:

"...Old (68 winters!) Phil Klass has a point. What do we do for an antagonist when (and if) he goes to that great UFO Hall of Fame in the sky? Nothing, most likely. I don't think anybody could fill Phil's shoes. I don't know that we really need a Phil Klass, though. I think his value to the Cause has been somewhat overrated. Phil helps keep us on our toes, some say. But any competent, careful investigator doesn't need a super skeptic to keep him honest, and any serious investigator is a skeptic himself....Phil's real importance to ufology is in pointing out how stupid and crazy some of us are. Unfortunately, he has a fertile field to work with!"

WE HAVE MANY MORE LETTERS, BUT NO MORE SPACE THIS TIME! - Editor.



**Disabled alien finds
pals, stake for farm**

**John
Lear**

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June 9, 1988

Fuck you, Moseley...



1988 NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE

(Mailing address: P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134.)

The 25th Annual NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE will be held on Saturday, 17 September 1988 in the Harbor Room of the Days Inn (4181 West 150th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, 44135; (216) 252-7700 or Toll Free 800-325-2525).

Special Convention room rates at the Days Inn is a flat \$43.00 plus tax per night for one, two, three or four people per room. This makes it the perfect Convention to bring along the entire family.

There will be two Convention Sessions for the general public: an Afternoon Session starting at 1:00 PM and an Evening Session starting at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available now at \$6.00 per session or \$11.00 for both sessions. Tickets will be available at the door at \$6.00 per session.

Featured Speaker for the Silver Anniversary NUFOC will be Antonio Huneus, world-renowned UFO expert from New York City. Other speakers will include James W. Moseley, William L. Moore, John P. Timmerman, Edward M. Biebel, Jr., Lawrence W. Blazey, Rick R. Hilberg, Allan J. Manak and Robert S. Easley. Additional speakers are currently being lined up, and will be listed in the next Convention Update (due out in late July or early August).

In addition to the speakers Mr. John P. Timmerman will have the J. ALLEN HYNEK CUFOS PHOTO EXHIBIT on display during the two sessions. Included in the display of photographic material are objects observed and photographed in daylight, at night, over land, mountains and water, from ships, automobiles, aircraft and on foot, in the United States and many foreign countries. Among the close encounters of the first, second and third kind are some of the best cases reported and still unexplained in black and white and color.

There will also be dealer tables where books, magazines, documents, case histories, etc. can be purchased to further your interest in this mysterious phenomena.

This 25th Annual Convention will indeed be the major UFO Convention of 1988! The UNITED AERIAL PHENOMENA AGENCY and FLYING SAUCER DIGEST is greatly pleased to bring back the world's longest-running annual UFO Convention to Cleveland, Ohio; the city where it began in 1964.