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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

Jerome Clark, now editor of FATE Magazine and the CUFOS "International Reporter", writes an editorial in the June "MUFON UFO Journal", taking exception to remarks made by Jenny Randles in an earlier issue of said Journal.

The arguments are long-winded, but essentially Randles believes that "the vast majority (of ufologists)...really have an inner longing to see their belief vindicated that UFOs are advanced alien visitors who have come here, will change the world, and maybe help us get out of the mess we are in."

Clark takes exception, and responds, in effect, that saucer believers fall rather neatly into two distinct categories: (1) ufologists, whom he calls "secular scientists"; and (2) followers of the contactee movement. Clark believes that religion, and wishful thinking about benevolent aliens, are almost totally absent among the ufologists, who presumably comprise the membership of research organizations such as CUFOS and MUFON.

We're basically on Jenny's side in this argument. "Secular scientists", indeed! There is more wishful thinking among ufologists than any ufologist would ever want to admit! We know that at least one MUFON state director believes that UFOs are "God's missionaries and their associates from other worlds". The line between "secular scientists" and crackpots is not a line at all - but a continuous variation. We are all at least a little bit crazy, and Jerry Clark is certainly no exception. (Remember when you used to believe in fairies, Jerry?)

To show how scientific we here at "Smear" can be, we have re-printed on Page 8 of this issue a beautiful map of the Inner Earth, sent to us by non-subscriber Tal LeVesque. It originally appeared in Vicki Cooper's magazine "UFO" (formerly "California UFO"). The drawing is by an excellent Danish artist named Max Fyfield....

THE GLOBE AND MAIL.

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Blow up asteroid, scientist says

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Humankind, to survive, has to build a space interceptor to blow up a giant asteroid which seems on a collision course with earth, a Soviet scientist said on Saturday. Alexander Voytsekhovskiy said British astronomers calculated that the asteroid, discovered four years ago and known as 1983 TV, would collide with earth in the year 2115.

WISCONSIN

Zoo worker falls into manure pit

MILWAUKEE — A zoo caretaker suffered minor injuries Thursday after he fell 10 feet into a manure pit while emptying elephant dung and was not found until a second worker emptied another pail of dung on him.

Milwaukee County Zoo officials said Bob Paykel suffered cuts to his forehead and injured his arm when he fell head first into the pit. Paykel was treated at a hospital for the injuries.

KEY WEST
Sexual confusion

A man, police thought was a woman, said two men swam out to his boat, climbed aboard and raped him Friday.

The victim told police the two men first asked for money and gold. The victim said he had niether. The two men reportedly forced the victim to perform oral sex. Both men then allegedly raped the victim.

Thinking the victim was a woman, Patrolman Lisa Winegarden asked if there had been penetration of the female sex organ. The victim replied yes. A later examination determined the victim was a male and that there had been some type of sexual activity.

A police report of sexual battery was filed.

It's really too bad that John Lear is so mad at us, when we have done more than almost anyone else to publicize his views. Before he got mad, he sent us at least two tracts. One is 45 pages of typed text, written by someone with the pseudonym "C. H. Krill", and called "A situation report on our acquisition of advanced technology and interaction with alien cultures; January 1988". The other is a 9-pager called "The Dulce Papers", consisting of text and some groovy drawings of alien fetuses (feti??) in various stages of development in a secret underground lab somewhere beneath Dulce, New Mexico, or some such.

We haven't actually read all of this stuff, and what we have read we don't believe. But, as a Public Service, we will lend either or both of these remarkable documents to anyone who asks, as one of our Fans was kind enough to make up several extra copies for us to pass around. We have more copies of the 9-pager than the 45-pager; so, first come, first served.

Through another Fan, we recently received a tract solliciting funds for the defense of Charith Pendragon, a Hawaiian parapsychologist who was apparently fired from various teaching jobs because of pressure from the local CSICOP branch. Pendragon is, as we have known for some time, suing CSICOP for over a million dollars.

The tract states: "Self-appointed 'skeptics' seek to control what we see, hear, and learn. 'Skeptics' have acted to limit the scope of intellectual research, discussion, and investigation of parapsychology. If 'skeptics' can censor the teaching of parapsychology in Hawaii, they will soon be coming to other states to condemn other subjects which are not in their narrow and limited view of reality."

Believe it or not, we sympathize with Pendragon. However, we did not send any money to his Cause....

Eugene Steinberg, who published a UFO magazine in the early 1970's called "Caveat Emptor", has decided after all these years to get back into the fray. He will shortly bring out a new quarterly zine with the same name, priced at \$3 per issue or \$10 per year. The first issue, due out in September or October, features (among other lesser things) a very frank interview with your humble "Smear" editor. Steinberg can be reached at: 8 Gate House Lane, Edison, N.J. 08820.

We might add that Steinberg has been involved in ufology for over 25 years. He has long been associated with the National UFO Conference, and he worked with us at the old SAUCER NEWS office in New York City back in the late 1960's. He is a very bright guy, which is another way of saying that his ufological views are very close to our own....

Phil Klass has come up with (via Christopher Allan) some interesting correspondence between Major Donald Keyhoe, Dr. Donald Menzel, and Admiral Hillenkoetter of MJ-12 fame, taken from the March 1966 issue of England's "Flying Saucers" Magazine. In brief, the correspondence is totally consistent with the idea that Menzel and Hillenkoetter knew each other only casually; disagreed mildly about UFOs; and were not fellow members of a MJ-12 committee or anything of the sort.

Klass is unduly impressed by the fact that Hillenkoetter's format for the date and for his signature is different from the format on the MJ-12 documents. Since these letters were obviously retyped for publication in "Flying Saucers", we cannot be sure whether or not these details may have been edited; i.e., we would have to see the original letters before making a judgment....

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TIDBITS OF TRASH:

This is your final Warning about the 25th annual National UFO Conference, to be held on the weekend of Sept. 17th in Cleveland, Ohio. For details, write to UAPA; P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134, or phone Bob Easley at 216-741-9388...

The second issue of Tim Beckley's "UFO Universe" is now out, containing articles by "Smear" non-subscribers Stan Friedman, Tom Hackney, John Keel, Brad Steiger, Antonio Huneus, Bob Pratt, Vicki Cooper, and others. This is a professionally done newsstand magazine, though it is very hard to find....

Finally, your editor is pleased to announce that his new MUFON membership card has arrived in the mail, signed personally by Walt Andrus himself, - hopefully not in disappearing ink. (Just kidding, Walt! Haha.)

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

TED SCHULTZ of FRINGES ("The Whole Earth Catalog of Strange Beliefs and Eccentric Science") writes as follows:

"...I always pause from whatever I'm working on, to read every word of 'Saucer Smear' the moment it arrives in the mail. It's always fun, gossipy, and by far the most reliable indicator of what's really happening in the wild and wacky world of ufology.

"Keep up the good work!..."

ERIK BECKJORD writes as follows:

"I was somewhat awed that I merited almost a FULL PAGE of ire, but I want your readers to know that this was all a plot by myself and the two Texas A F colonels to test Moseley. They being in on the location of the large, possible whale's head, and being the finders, they wanted to know what kind of guy I wanted to reveal the goodies to. I agreed, and it was decided that if Moseley could not be trusted to keep the fact of the existence of the head a secret from the pages of Smear, since the information was given in confidence, that then he certainly could not be trusted with the important mission of verifying that it was indeed still there. And lo!- indeed he did not keep the find a secret and thus it was felt by the Committee that he could not be trusted with the Mission. Two minor points - Moseley did offer to pay for my fare to Mexico with him, and then later refused to go through with this, should he have passed the Test, and thus further revealed his unfitness for Trust, and since he has admitted being a grave-robber and professional smuggler, we of the Committee also felt that he might tempt us to Break the Mexican Laws if he were to go south, so his current state of obvious embitterment at not getting the Mission is perhaps to our benefit, since none of us wanted to languish in Mexican jails. We all now wonder if he has the Integrity to Print this reply that he solicited."

We've heard better alibis from ax murderers caught in the act, but the above is Beckjord's full statement, uncut and unedited. - Ed.

Fake party used to lure alien

WALT ANDRUS, International Director of MUFON, writes:

"Bob Boyd is continuing to lie by making the statement that he was kicked out of the MUFON organization. The subject was not even brought up during our telephone conversation or in correspondence since that time. Bob received his copy (July) of the Journal like all members and subscribers. He was dismissed as state director for Alabama for unprofessional investigating on the Gulf Breeze case. He made statements that would even embarrass Phil Klass."

Editor's Note: In the July issue of the "MUFON UFO Journal", Andrus writes: "...It is with remorse that I was recently forced to ask for the resignation of the current State Director of Alabama. When Robert D. Boyd refused to resign, I had no other recourse than to remove him from this responsible position as of July 9, 1988."

DR. THORNTON PAGE writes:

"The great stone face on Mars, featured on Page 1 of 'Smear', Vol. 35, No. 5, dated 25 July but received 22 July, isn't nearly as handsome as yours, even though it is larger. Some 'Smear' readers, who know where Moseley is, may want to know where the Face is, whether or not Oberg approves. So, it's at Mars latitude 41 degrees north, longitude 9.5 degrees west (if that helps). And it appears on four Viking images, two at high resolution - #20A13 and #35A72. This means that Richard Hoagland has more than just the one photo you published to analyze. The Mars experts I got this info from agree with Oberg - 'don't waste time on artifacts of little green men!'"

KEN BEHRENDT of AURA (a scientific UFO zine) writes:

"...I, too, have studied the Viking I Orbiter photos of the 'face', and I am not convinced that it is an artifact. From studying the shadow of the rock containing the face, it is obvious that the lower 'lip' and 'nose' of the face are much higher in altitude than the 'eyes' or 'forehead'. Thus, a profile view of the 'face' would not show what one might suspect, but something resembling a conical peak...."

"The Gulf Breeze UFO photographs do not impress me as being genuine. They look like 'glass reflection' trick photos to me. These can readily be made by aiming one's camera through a cleaned window pane and carefully focusing the lens so that external scenery and a reflected light source inside the room both appear in the same exposure. Since the reflected light source (which could easily be a model UFO with its own lights) can be tens of feet from the camera, such fake photos would be hard to detect even if photographed with a stereo camera."

"AURA #15 will be out in August and will finally give a detailed explanation of how UFOs produce telekinetic effects...."

JIM DEARDORFF writes as follows:

"...Am I right that you are only now daring to speak favorably of the Face on Mars, now that a public AP article came out on it? Or have I simply missed whatever back issue of 'Saucer Smear' treated the subject as fairly as in the July 25th issue? If it is the former, then I am surprised at your lack of any independent judgment, and your fear of offending skeptics. I had expected more from you. I'm surprised that you did not attack the Jim Oberg statement on it, which you quoted. The Face on Mars has been so well suppressed by the planetary astronomical community that scarcely any scientists in other fields had even heard of it before now."

Cheery old FRANK BRUCKMAN writes:

"...Did you know that now we in New Jersey can call a 1-900 number for the latest UFO info., and talk to a contactee?

"I loved the letter from John Lear, and am surprised it's the only one of its kind you have ever received."

We have received worse letters, but longer. - Ed.

BOB PRATT, formerly of the National Enquirer, writes:

"...I am really looking forward to seeing the next 'Smear'. I hope you touch on Gulf Breeze and MJ-12. I think both are frauds, and we may see some reputations bite the dust (before the dust settles).

"My book 'Night Siege' apparently never got past the initial two printings of 30,000 copies, although I really have no idea. Our Ballantine editor has been rather vague as to how the book is doing. Except for the negative reviews in Fate and IUFOR, the book was almost totally ignored by the UFO community, which I find puzzling. Was everybody embarrassed by it or what?....

"I think that if I write any more books, they won't be about UFOs.."

A hard-core Fan named JOHN BARLOW writes as follows:

"...I thought the Klass/William Tenn connection was well known. It is also mentioned in Lester Del Rey's 'The World of Science Fiction'.(1979) Unlike the checkered careers of all UFO researchers, I've always thought science fiction writers were held in high esteem and some respect. Certainly sci-fi can be tough to write - ask Tim Beckley!

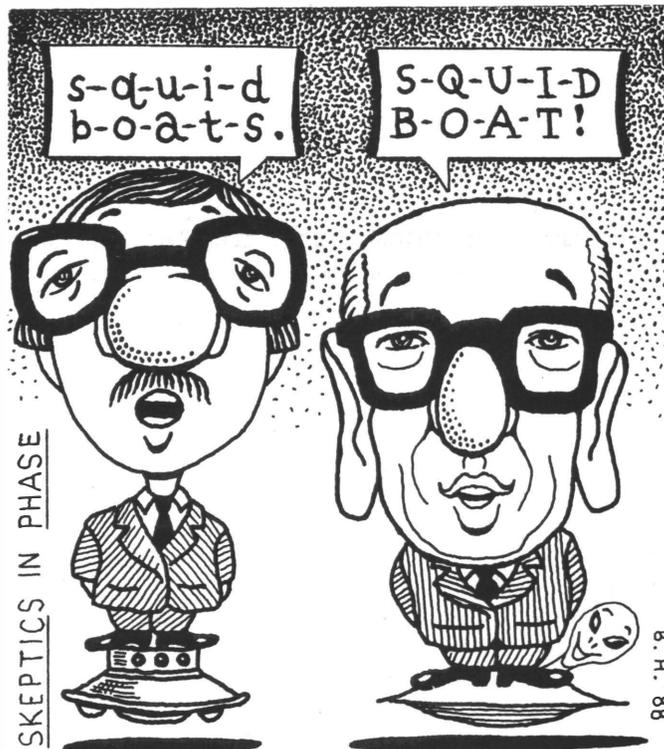
"So, Erik Beckjord is 'bitter and self-centered'. God, I just love this mud slinging! It's certainly in the highest principles of ufological journalism. Actually, every newsletter you put out confirms your status as a willful, smiling trouble maker, something that all serious UFO students don't appreciate. Perhaps you should change the title from 'Saucer Smear' to 'Lighten Up'...."

Our old friend JOAN JEFFERS writes as follows:

"Oh my, how distressing. Mr. Klass is concerned about a successor? He needn't worry. There will be someone to step into his 'position'. Anyone can do his job. All it takes is an ability to ignore facts or twist those you can't ignore, and insult people without having a twinge of conscience....But we do need a Devil's advocate to keep us objective."

DR. ROBERT BAKER of the University of Kentucky writes:

"In the Phil Klass succession contest, I would like to place in nomination the name of Martin Kottmeyer - a brilliant younger man with the detective skills of Sam Spade and Sherlock Holmes combined - who, in time, with his wit and insight, can take up when and wherever Phil leaves



/ BOB SHEAFFER and PHIL KLASS /

off and carry on in the 'Man We Love To Hate' tradition. I too am an arch-skeptic, but since I am only a year younger than Phil (and after spending 3 days with him in Lincoln, Nebraska, I know that he has more energy, stamina, and patience with absurdity than I do) I am - because of age - not qualified.....

"I am deeply indebted to you for keeping me up to date on the doings in Wonderland....All best wishes for the continued success and sanity of your saucy publication. Even though I do my best to stay off the sauce when I stargaze - I remain your admirer."

To which MARTIN KOTTMEYER replies:

"For the pages of 'Smear' I offer this reaction to Baker's nominating me to fill Klass's shoes: 'Ewwwww. Gack. Gack'....

"I consider my approach and style quite different from Klass. Moreover I don't have the spare change to conduct the sort of investigations that Klass does. I could not fill his shoes even if I were crazy enough to want to. And I don't want to."

DENNIS STILLINGS of the Archaeus Project writes:

"The recent SSE (Society for Scientific Exploration) meeting was great, as usual. Considering the - ah - eccentrics that have already been admitted into that organization, I really don't see how they can refuse to let you in. The good people in the SSE are very good - Puthoff, Marcello Truzzi, Jahn, Sturrock, and others; but the Ph.D. requirement and 'being from a recognized institution' have not proven to be adequate safeguards.

"I heard all sorts of compromising gossip about the UFO abduction people at the meeting. Interested persons may contact me for details.... Here are two examples:

"Item: One well-known free-lance writer reports that a famous abductionist believes him - the writer - to be an abductee according to a new criterion: If you are interested in the subject, you were probably abducted! Estimates of the number of cases of abductions have been as high as 5 to 8 to 10 million. The new criterion would put it in the range of 110 million!

"Item: This same free-lancer also told me that said famous abductionist investigated what a family described as a bunch of 'ETs in yellow uniforms with flashing lights all around, during a misty rainy night'. When the writer investigated this on his own, he found out that it was a country road crew in the traditional yellow slickers doing some emergency road work in the rain and mist at that very place and time! He passed this information on to the Famous Abductionist, who refused to believe it...."

The SSE once accepted your humble "Smear" editor for membership, supposedly through a clerical error, and then threw him out. - Ed.

Contactee BOB RENAUD writes as follows:

"Gentlebeing and Illustrious Editor Emeritus:

"Flattered I am (I guess) that Armand Laprade of the well-concealed 'Would You Believe?' Magazine remembers my humble, meager activities of the 1960's. (Humility 101 is a prerequisite in Famous Contactee School, and a subject in which I excelled, rendered doubly astounding by my complete lack of need for it!)

"In any case, I don't recall the estimable Mr. Laprade's visit, nor any others, primarily because I wasn't much interested in them (nothing personal, sir). I didn't, don't and won't do interviews or write books, have no wondrous photos to sell, and, incredible though it might seem, have never once channeled Ashtar and don't even KNOW a Pleiadean.

"We have our purposes. Pufflicity doesn't suit them."

LAWRENCE FAWCETT of "Just Cause" writes:

"While reading your June 5th issue of 'Saucer Smear', I came across Timothy Good's letter making you aware of Dr. Roger Westcott's work on the authenticity of Hillenkoetter's style in the MJ-12 document. Good (No pun intended) try, Tim.

"Friedman submitting only writings authored by Hillenkoetter to Westcott for analysis and authentication was like showing a witness to a crime 12 photos of the same suspect, and then asking him to pick out the person the witness saw committing the crime. What should have been sent to Westcott was letters authored by others in the military from that time period, along with Hillenkoetter's. I would also have included Moore's and Doty's writings, since it is my belief that one of the latter is the author of the MJ-12 document."

GREG DANES writes as follows:

"...I think your rag is a good one. I have been an 'open-minded' disbeliever since 1970, when I had a 35 ft. long hot dog float silently over my 13-year-old head. The Air Force gave me back my sanity when they explained that I and many other north Florida residents were seeing satellite reentry vehicles.

"In 1977 I saw a World War II style plane moving at about 10 mph over my apartment complex here in Virginia, sporting a nice set of amber lights where the engine and prop should have been. All my neighbors asked what I thought it was. I told them, "It's an unmarked plane with amber lights where the engine should be, and a glowing green canopy, with a pilot wearing a Bell helmet. It's also making no noise and looks like it's lost." They agreed and went back to sipping their beers...."

Thank goodness none of this happened in Monroe County, Florida, which is the only area we have responsibility for (- for MUFON). - Ed.

BARRY HOFFMAN writes, in reference to his wonderful cartoon on Page 5 of this issue:

"...I wish to start a rumor that CSICOP is planning to manufacture Bob Sheaffer and Friendly Phil robots. These tiny, computerized automatons will be given to children as birthday gifts at an age when the child is apt to misunderstand the nature of Reality.

"The Evil Purpose of these is evident. Basically, they work like this: The kid pushes a button on the robot and it will spell out either of two possible words. The two words are 's-q-u-i-d-b-o-a-t-s' or 'S-Q-U-I-D-B-O-A-T'.

"Should the child ever grow up to become a flying saucer researcher, he or she may, perhaps, feel the desire to research the famed New Zealand Blob of Light Case (1978). In that event, the child's subconscious mind will be triggered into providing his consciousness with a couple of reasonable options, should he feel a need to draw any sane conclusions from studying the New Zealand Blob Event.

"My cartoon illustrates what these Evil, bad-ass little robots look like. You may print this cartoon in 'Smear' as a warning to your non-subscribers to watch out for the Friendly Bob Doll and the Friendly Phil Doll. I suggest to the more zealous amongst your readership, should they ever spot one of these Evil machines - jump on 'em and wreck 'em BEFORE they begin uttering their Rotten Anti-saucer Profanities (RAP)...."

BUT SERIOUSLY, FOLKS! Let's not forget the 25th annual National UFO Conference, to be held on the weekend of Sept. 17th. Write to UAPA; P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134, or phone BOB EASLEY at 216-741-9388 for info.

