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Well, amigos, it's time again for what has become known as the DREAD-ED "X". If an "X" follows your name on the envelope in which you received this issue, it seems you are going off our glorious mailing list unless we hear from you pronto. Since this humble zine is gratis, we want to keep the List down to just those who seem to deserve it, or whatever.

## MORE SLEAZE FROM GULF BREEZE:

The battle drones on between "Mr. Ed" and his chief critic, Dr. Willy Smith, formerly of MUFON. Smith has supplied us with a photo of a Gulf Breeze-type UFO near the Crysler Building in New York City, which we have reproduced as best we can on Page 4 of this issue. Smith declines to say exactly how he obtained the picture. He says he believes it to be a hoax, and Mr. Ed agrees, for his own reasons - mainly that it is not really shaped the same as the objects he photographed. Ed says that, when viewed from a similar bottom angle (Photo #21, Page 4), it is impossible to see the top of his UFO; and when viewed so that the top section can be seen, only a small ellipse is seen at the bottom (Photo #13, Page 4).

Next we move on to the endless argument concerning "ghost" or "demon" pictures taken by Ed a couple of years ago, at parties he threw in his home for his teenaged son & friends. Smith insists these are double exposures, made deliberately, and thus we should believe that Ed's UFO pictures were made the same way. Ed insists that the "demons" are merely accidental reflections, caused by mirrors, sliding glass doors, etc., in the room, and that no double exposure is involved.

MUFON investigator Bob Reid joined Ed in Gulf Breeze recently to reinact these parties - complete with balloons, etc. - to see if the "demons" would persist; and they did, as we see from the bottom right picture on Page 4.

Interestingly, Smith will present another anti-Gulf Breeze "paper" on April 23rd, at a CSICOP regional gathering in Tampa, Florida. Your "Smear" editor will attend and report on same.

AND - Ed has finally taken our advice and signed a book contract with a major publisher. WAY TO GO, ED!

....Before turning from the subject of Gulf Breeze, we must clear up an important point regarding Nick Mock, the youth who has spoken out against Ed's "ghost" pictures. As mentioned in our last issue, we received an angry phone call awhile back from Nick Mock's mother, who, to further complicate matters, is not named Mock at all, but is a lady named Linda Chepult.

In our past ravings in "Smear", we erred in upgrading Ed's strong suspicions of vandalism against Mock to an outright accusation. To this extent we misquoted Ed to the detriment of Mock, and we apologize to all concerned. Mrs. Chepult has now written us a long letter which is quoted in small part in the Letters section of this issue, followed by additional thoughts by one Zan Overall, who apparently has visited Gulf Breeze and investigated the situation there much more thoroughly than we have.

And, may the Farce be with you all!

EXCLUSIVE!

MORE EVIDENCE THAT DR. DONALD MENZEL WAS A TRUE NON-BELIEVER  
RATHER THAN A COVER-UP ARTIST:

Captain William Nash, a retired Pan American pilot, has kindly lent us a fascinating pile of correspondence from the 1962 era between himself, the late Dr. Menzel, and the late Prof. Charles Maney of Defiance College, Ohio. Maney was a Believer, as is Nash.

As olde-time UFO fans will recall, Capt. Nash (whom we have known for many years) had one of the "classic" saucer sightings of all times, way back in July of 1952. Nash and his co-pilot, while flying over Virginia just after dark, saw a group of six objects change direction at approx. 12,000 miles per hour! In his correspondence with Nash, Menzel goes to all sorts of extreme lengths to grope for a conventional explanation, even going so far as to suggest that the cause of the sighting was a reflection of a lighted cigarette in the cockpit!

Menzel writes patiently and at great length, both to Maney and to Nash, but repeatedly emphasizes that the rule of science is that any "normal" explanation, no matter how tenuous, is preferable to accepting an anomalous event at face value. This seems to be Menzel's true belief, and he repeats it over & over in various phraseology. He also specifically denies that he has ever been an official consultant to any government agency on the subject of flying saucers, though he did voluntarily give Project Bluebook the "benefit" of some of his explanations, which, according to Menzel, they were happy to have.

The total correspondence that Nash has sent us runs something like a hundred typewritten pages, and we have neither Time nor Space to reproduce it here. However, Menzel does make one remark which is almost poetic, and bears repeating: In writing to Maney on Jan. 8th, 1962, Menzel closes a six-page letter with: "By the way, how are the plans for the Congressional hearings progressing?...I should be happy indeed if this year would prove me wrong about my contention (re UFOs). For the most delightful diversion we could possibly have from the cold war would be a visitation of Flying Saucers from Outer Space. But alas! 1962 will go and so will the year 2000 and 3000 without visitations from space people unless we ourselves go out there and bring them back to earth."

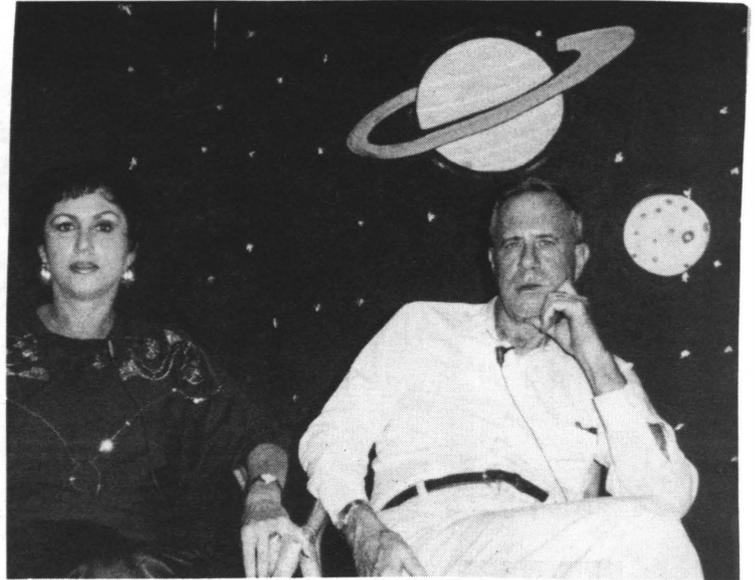
Does this sound like a man, who, as a member of MJ-12, examined alien bodies on the New Mexico desert back in 1947? What a masterful cover-up indeed!

DID YOU KNOW THAT BACK ISSUES OF "SAUCER SMEAR" ARE AVAILABLE AT A COST OF ONLY ONE DOLLAR EACH???

(Hint.)

This is written upside down to grab your attention. The 26th annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will be held on the weekend of Sept. 15th-17th at the Quality Inn West, 2420 West Thomas Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85015. (Phone: 602-257-0801.) The special convention room rate will be \$37 for a single, \$42 for a double. There will be four public sessions spread out from Friday through Sunday. Speakers will include famed New Age author Brad Steiger; former Paranet director Jim Spieser; and your humble "Smear" editor, who is National Chairman of the NUFOC. Admission is \$7 per session or \$25 for all four. You can make an advance room reservation by writing or phoning the motel. You can buy an advance \$25 ticket or get further info by writing to the convention's East Coast Director, Timothy Green Beckley ("Mr. UFO"), % Inner Light Publications, Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903. Beckley's phone number is: 212-685-4080. SEE YOU AT THE CON: ...Incidentally, Beckley has a new book out called "MJ-12 and the Riddle of Hangar 18", which we will read & review eventually. It can be ordered for \$11.95 (incl. postage & handling) from Beckley's N.J. address.

## SAUCER STRAWBERRY



In the photo above, your "Smear" editor sits with TV talk show person Bonnie Tynes, during a recent interview on her show "New Age Horizons", seen in Key West Tuesdays at 6 p.m. on Channel 5. This show is watched avidly by more than a dozen people throughout the Key West area!

### MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

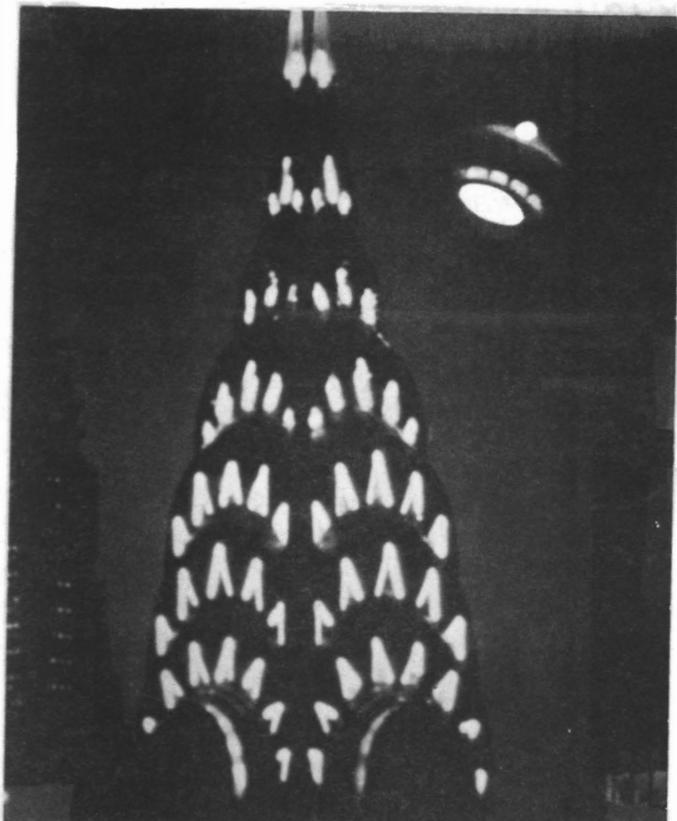
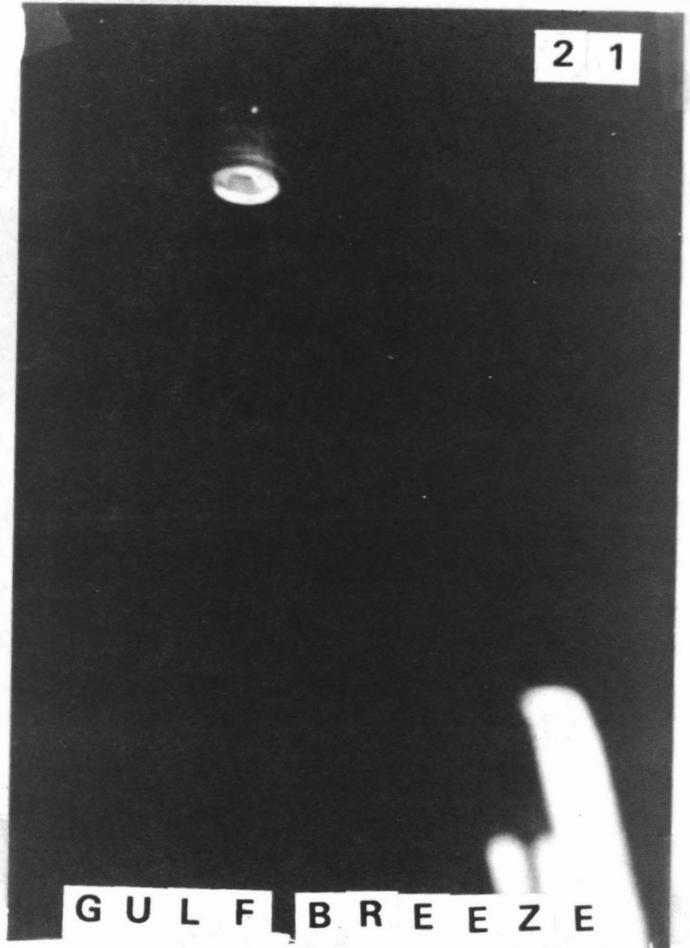
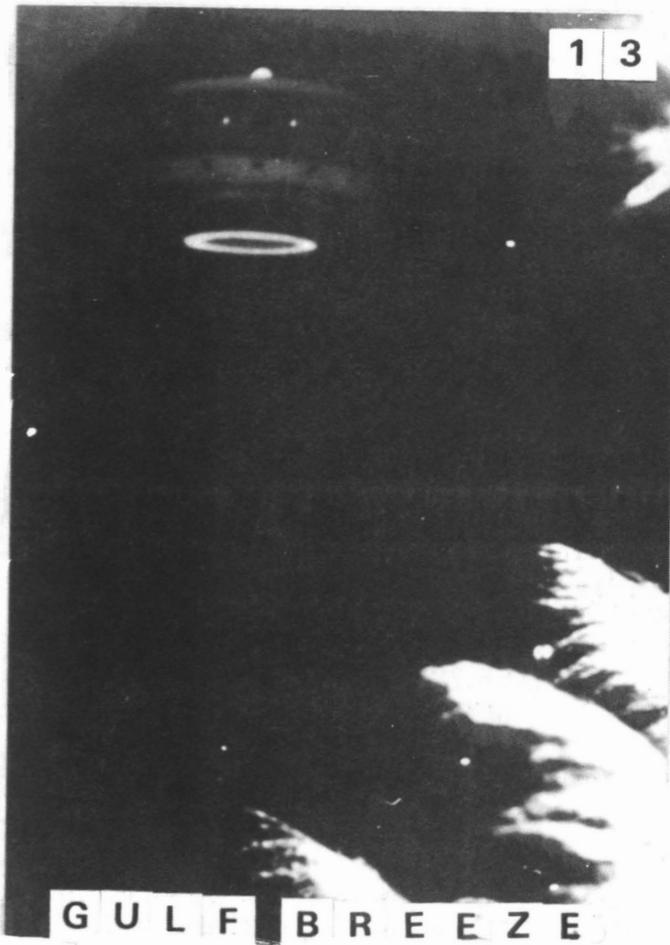
MUFON Czar Walt Andrus, in a recent telephone interview with your esteemed "Smear" editor, has confirmed that Dr. Willy Smith has now been ejected from his various MUFON posts in all respects, though he, like anyone else, is free to be a "contributing subscriber" to the MUFON UFO Journal, for the usual price of \$25 per year. Andrus also shot down rumors re problems with the forthcoming MUFON convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, though he admits there has been flak from Dick Hall and others, due to the wild (our word) reputation of John Lear, the genial sponsor of same....

Rumor has it (via Hal Starr and others) that another wild ufological theorist named Bill Cooper will speak at a rival non-MUFON conference, to be held in Las Vegas at approximately the same time that the MUFON conclave is being held! John Lear will also be on the program there, but not on the program at his own MUFON convention. Way to go, children!

The March issue of "Just Cause" (P.O. Box 218, Coventry, Ct.) has an interesting update on the MJ-12 affair: It appears that the FBI has become involved, and is of the opinion that the documents are not genuine, and that there was thus no violation of Security by Moore when he released them to the public. "Just Cause" also points out that an expose of the MJ-12 mess is available from British researcher Christopher Allan (one of our loyal non-subscribers), who lives at: 15 The Gables, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7-2HT, England. We do not know the price, if any. We have not seen it yet, but have read shorter, well-researched papers by Allan on the same subject.

Southern Florida was invaded by an attack of Northern Lights during the period around March 13th, on which date a newscaster on Channel 7 in Miami stated, on the 10 p.m. news (and we quote): "It is the Martians, and they are going to visit with the President tomorrow". Okay, UFO freaks; check this one out! We, as cynics, think the newscaster was just kidding, but WHAT IF HE WASN'T? WOW!!

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"Mr. Ed" says that the alleged hoax photo near the Crysler Bldg. in NYC (lower left) compares unfavorably with the two genuine (?) UFO photos at the top of this page. - At lower right is "Mrs. Ed" at a recent re-enactment of the teen party scene at Ed's (former) house. Note there is again a "ghost" in the background! Ed insists this is normal for that room. (See story on Page One.)

LETTERS FROM OUT THERE SOMEWHERE:

LINDA CHEPULT, mother of Nick Mock of Gulf Breeze fame, writes:

"My initial reaction to your article on your interview with 'Mr. Ed' was one of extreme anger. After all, my son has had his character, reputation, and veracity questioned in many major journals in Ufology by others who have also never met or spoken with him. But to be 'smeared' in the 'National Enquirer' of UFO journals, this simply had to be the final straw!

"Then, upon receipt of 'Mr. Ed's' letter to me dated 2/17/89 (enclosed), I realized you are but one of many (don't worry; I'm sure you are in good company) who have visited Ed's home and investigated no further. It must have something to do with breathing that rarified air that goes with 'a six-figure annual income'...."

ZAN OVERALL of California, who seems to be a well-informed Gulf Breeze investigator, writes as follows:

"...Thank you for printing my letter and granting me 'some valid points'. I agree that Ed is unlike your old-style metaphysical Gabe Green or 'Professor' Adamski. But I don't think you have to scratch your head very hard to come up with some possible motives for him. I think in the beginning it was just fun and games, - kicks. If you ever talk to Nick Mock and his mother, Mrs. Chepult, or Mayor Grey, you will get a picture of Ed at play. The mayor told me Ed enjoyed mystifying people, getting them involved in zany activities. That's why he was perfect to run the treasure hunt. It was (and will be) a labor of love for him. Mock and his mother can tell you how Ed joined in with the kids in their pranks and fun. He acted like a big kid himself.

"This side of Ed's personality, I think, explains why he might have gone to the trouble of faking photographs and trying to fool the town. The ghost-demon photos show he was experimenting with trick photography long before November 1987.

"Then when the photos came out and Andrus, Ware, Hopkins and Maccabee fell for them hook, line, and sinker, a wider world to conquer appeared. A book! TV talk shows! Magazine articles! Fame! Fortune! His letter in your Vol. 36, No. 3 shows no (unnatural) aversion to making money from his book....That's my scenario....

"Times change, Jim! Contactees change! You have to keep up with 'what's happening now!' A simple son of toil like Truman Betherum could never make it in today's market. You've got to be a yuppie.

"Passing on to Nick Mock: On the phone you told me you had misquoted Ed, inasmuch as you didn't relay to your crazed readers the fact that Ed qualified all of his accusations against Nick, wisely guarding his rear, shall we say?....I hope you will so inform your readers, some time soon. I am not bleeding at the ventricles for poor misquoted Ed. What bothers me is the fact that your readers get a picture of Ed making bold, categorical charges against Nick, leaving them to suppose the evidence against the boy is mountainous, when it isn't even a molehill. All Ed dares to actually say is that Nick is a suspect in the vandalism and hate mail directed at Ed's son....

"Ed, too, is a suspected hoaxer. That in itself does not prove him to be one!..."

J. J. BARBOUR writes:

"With your recent 'Mr. Ed'/Gulf Breeze editorializing in 'Smear', there are rumors of you posturing for Patron Saint of the Inner Sanctum of Believers. What happened to your critical mass attack at the Cleveland convention and support of Dr. Willy Smith? Please, stop the striptease and reveal the nakedness of these inflated flamingos so familiar to Florida!"

Our learned comrade CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes as follows:

"Dr. Willy Smith may well be right about Gulf Breeze, but his endorsement of several highly dubious cases in South America should be noted. These include the Trindade Island photos (taken by a known trick photographer, and for which none of the alleged 48 witnesses has ever come forward); the Fort Itaipu case (for which no witnesses at all are known); the famous disputed Barra da Tijuca photos (discussed in the Condon Report); and the Yacanto, Uruguay, photo (with the horse), which Dr. Smith accepts mainly on the grounds of the witness's military standing. This man stated that he did not notice the horse's presence even though it is bang in the center of the photo, with the UFO at the side!

"Let's face it: Any UFO photo is genuine, providing either (1) you want it to be, or (2) several 'experts' say they cannot find anything wrong with it. There were 'experts' who endorsed Adamski's and Billy Meier's photos, weren't there? (but not the accompanying stories).

"In the case of 'Ed', I thought it was a rule of ufology that we should always be very wary of 'repeater' witnesses. Why are ufologists violating that rule in the case of 'Mr. Ed'?...."

And, our friend, dreadful skeptic PHIL KLASS writes:

"Dear Capt. Jim:

"Hopefully you will want to correct several errors in your report that 'the dark forces of CSICOP in Hawaii have triumphed over one Gharith Pendragon, who sued the organization after its local members caused him to be kicked out of some psychic teaching jobs.' In reality, freedom of speech triumphed!

"A member of the faculty of the University of Hawaii, who is also a member of the Hawaii Skeptics, exercised his inalienable right of free speech to publicly criticize the university for offering courses in parapsychology, taught by Pendragon. Pendragon's response was a multi-million dollar lawsuit against his local critics and against CSICOP.

"As you correctly report, Pendragon's suit was thrown out of Court and penalties were assessed against him for his unjustified action. The Court recognized that groups such as the Hawaii Skeptics are independent organizations. As such, their officials/members are not authorized to speak for CSICOP any more than CSICOP officials can speak for them.

"CSICOP gives more than lip service to 'free speech', and is one of the very few organizations operating in the field of paranormal claims that invites those holding opposite views to speak at its national conferences. For example, the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Dr. Leo Sprinkle both have accepted such invitations. At last November's conference in Chicago, CSICOP invited Budd Hopkins, Dr. David Jacobs, and Whitley Strieber to speak. All of them declined."

And we might add that the Nat. UFO Conference (NUFOC) has twice invited Phil Klass to speak. Both times he was otherwise occupied, and skeptic Bob Sheaffer took his place on the program. - Editor.

Prof. RICHARD HENRY of Johns Hopkins University writes as follows:

"...Anyone is free to subscribe to the Journal of the Society for Scientific Exploration. Just send \$75 to Pergamon Press, Inc., Maxwell House, Fairview Park, Elmsford, N.Y. 10523. A bit pricey, but each subscriber is not only getting an excellent journal, but is also supporting an important vehicle for able mainstream scientists to publish on so-called 'fringe' subjects. If your wise and far-flung readers get their money in quickly, they will get Vol. 2, No. 2, which includes my glorious article."

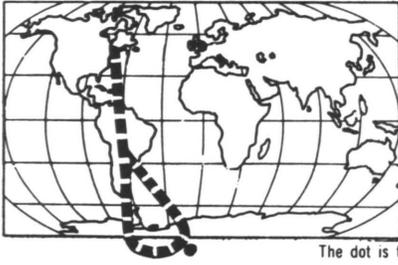
Yes, a bit pricey! - Editor.

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## SEARCH FOR HITLER'S ANTARCTIC U.F.O. BASES

Esteemed ufologist JIM MANEY writes as follows:

"...I confess to a certain disappointment in your treatment of the obituary of Donald Keyhoe in 'Smear' 36:1. True, his day was long in the past and many of today's ufologists know him only as a name if even that. However, Keyhoe was probably more responsible in the 1950's for whatever public respectability the UFO cause had than was any other man. He wrote the first respectable UFO book, 'The Flying Saucers Are Real' in 1950, and 'Flying Saucers from Outer Space' in 1953 was a major best-seller.

"He had his share of faults, and I suspect administration was not one of his talents, given the continual disarray in NICAP's affairs during much of his directorship; and certainly the obsessive focus that NICAP had for so long on Congressional hearings diverted much energy from potentially more useful endeavors. (When hearings were finally held years later, they were interesting but accomplished nothing of consequence).

"But Keyhoe (NOT Keyhole as in 'Smear') carried the ball for UFOs when the only alternative was the loony-tunes world of the physical contactees. Like Tom Landry, perhaps, Keyhoe may have stayed on the scene too long for his reputation not to have suffered; and in all honesty I was surprised to see his obituary in the New York Times. I had just assumed he was dead long ago. But I think he deserved better from 'the Voltaire of ufology' than one paragraph on page five with his name misspelled twice...."

We were never very close with Keyhole. - Editor.

STANTON FRIEDMAN, Nuclear Physicist, blasts out with:

"...Let us put some facts out on the table. You published a letter (from Dr. Menzel's widow) defaming me, without giving me a chance to respond, and without even bothering to correct two clearly false statements or insinuations in the letter: (1) That I didn't know about Menzel's UFO files at the APS (some of his files are also at the University of Denver, besides those at Harvard). (2) That for some nasty reason I waited until all 12 members of MJ-12 were dead to bring forth my MJ-12 suggestion. You had a copy of my IUR article which made clear that both of these charges were nonsense and therefore did not exercise due diligence in publishing the defamation.

"I can guarantee you that Mrs. Menzel was not upset with me when I met with her. I visited her in the company of two other persons. The meeting was definitely cordial and pleasant, as I am sure the other two people would certify. As I mentioned to you, I do know that Menzel's former close associate and his daughter both raised quite a fuss sometime later, though none of the three made any effort to contact me to assuage their concerns.

"I should add that I met her that one time, and there was no further contact...."

We apologize (very reluctantly) for Mrs. Menzel's opinion, as printed in 'Smear'. - Incidentally, Friedman recently won \$1,000 from Phil Klass on a complex bet involving research into the MJ-12 affair. - Editor.

We have a missive from Malok IV, Senior Elder, Council of the Twelve Ringed Planets, North Pole, Earth 79901 - also known as ERICH BROWN:

"I just finished reading Philip Klass's book 'UFO Abductions' and I had to drop you a note. What a scream! Phil, who is one of our most loyal Terran agents, has, once again, done a masterful job of putting so-called Ufologists in their places. Of course, just between you and me, Phil has been under our control since the Spring of 1953, when he was secretly kidnapped to our base at the North Pole for a brain stem implantation. Next time you see Phil, take a good look at the pinky on his left hand, if you know what I mean.

"Anyway, keep up the good work with 'Smear'. We love it...."

The semi-legendary JOHN LEAR, no doubt with tongue in cheek, writes:

"I was shocked to see that the Truman letter (Page 8 of last issue) was leaked to you. But now that it has, I feel obliged to send you the entire document upon which I have based my entire research of the past three years. We wanted to make a big splash at the (MUFON) symposium in June, but because of this accidental leak we've decided to go with it now....

"I must warn you however that your life may quite possibly be in danger for having published even a portion of the Truman letter. Forewarned is forearmed! If nothing happens to you, however, I look forward to seeing you at the symposium...."

DICK FREEMAN writes as follows:

"...As an amateur historian, I must humbly disagree with the attribution of your Top Secret Page 8 to either President Reagan (who never wrote anything) or President Bush (who, though seeming a Texan during election years, is in actuality a Yale Prepster). No, the document is quite obviously written in Texican, - and the only President who spoke that was the late Lyndon Baines Johnson! So far, no one has tried to tie LBJ into MJ-12. May I be the first?...."

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#### MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS (Continued from Page 3):

The 10th annual Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation, sponsored by Dr. Leo Sprinkle & others, will take place on June 26th-28th at the University of Wyoming....And the 28th annual New Age Space Conference will blast off on June 23rd through June 25th at the Federal Way Unity Center, ten miles north of Tacoma, Washington. Contactee Wayne Aho is the leading light in this group....Linda Howe of cattle mutilation fame has written a book called "An Alien Harvest", to be published this month. It can be ordered directly from her, at P.O. Box 3130, Littleton, Co. 80161. Way to go, Linda!...AND, we have learned recently from Larry Bryant of CAUS that the dreaded (to us) Todd Zechel has surfaced again! More on this later....