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GLORIOUS RE-HASH OF THE 26TH ANNUAL NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE, HELD IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA SEPTEMBER 15TH through 17TH:

This year's NUFOC convention, sponsored mainly by Timothy Green Beckley ("Mr. UFO") of New York City, was one of the most successful ever held. Over 200 people attended, and amazingly, 80 rooms at the convention motel were filled by our out-of-town guests!

Although we did not solve the Secret of the Saucers, we did solve the Mystery of the Motel Room Keys. In a unique arrangement, the number on each room key was deliberately 310 higher than the actual number of the room. This was apparently someone's very clever idea of how to discourage thieves of very low intelligence.

There were about 20 speakers in all, representing both the UFO field and various aspects of the New Age movement. Among the most interesting lecturers was Alfred Bielek, a well-spoken, highly educated man, who told how he and his brother had been closely involved with the alleged "Philadelphia Experiment" in 1943, in which a Navy ship was made to disappear by means of a weird & dangerous force field. As an accidental bi-product of these experiments, Bielek was propelled briefly into the year 1983, then went back to 1943, and thereafter continued onward with his life in a somewhat more orderly fashion. The story, like many, is amazing if true!

Another unusual presentation was given by Martin Cannon, who seems to believe that the Government is planting some sort of monitoring device into everyone they can get their hands on - the eventual aim being Complete Control Over All of Us. Egads!

Then there was Jenny Randles, probably England's most prolific UFO writer, who gave a sane and interesting slide presentation based on her current book "Alien Abductions - The Mystery Solved". She seemed ill at ease with the last part of the title, which was added on by Beckley, her American publisher. Interestingly, we learned that British abductees see normal humans of various sizes, rather than the weird-looking "greys" popular with American abductees.

For her various literary efforts, Randles was presented personally by your editor with the NUFOC's "Ufologist of the Year" award - an award given over the years to many leading UFO researchers who have been associated with our group at one time or another.

The most controversial lecture (and intentionally so) was given by Hal Starr, the beloved Arizona State Director of MUFON. Starr, with great amounts of name-dropping and other ego-raising devices, proceeded to outline his many years in ufology, and to lambast a number of well-known ufologists, most of whom richly deserved it. Down went George Adamski, the phony "professor"; George Hunt Williamson and Dan Fry, with their phony degrees; Erik Von Daniken, who admits he sometimes writes fiction; Betty Hill, who continues to see UFOs through the years, even when the people accompanying her cannot see anything; Bill Spaulding of Ground Saucer Watch (GSW), the alleged UFO photo expert who secretly had his analyses done by a professional lab; Billy Meier, the controversial one-armed Swiss contactee, who claims he went back in time and had Jesus Christ make him the 13th apostle;

Lt. Col. Wendelle Stevens, who (as explained in a "Smear" exclusive at the time) recently served five years in prison on a morals charge; contactees Michael & Aurora El Legion, who were charged with credit card fraud in Hawaii in 1987; and last but certainly not least, Dr. Frank Stranges, who, besides having phony degrees, spent several months in prison due to a 1972 "bust" for smuggling marijuana into California from Mexico.

Stranges, as well as the El Legions, were in the audience when Starr spoke, and later gave their side of things. Aurora El Legion told us personally that she pleaded guilty to lesser charges & is out on probation - whereas Stranges explained to the audience that he was later exonerated in regard to the drug rap. (He later mailed us documents purporting to prove this point.)

Other speakers included author Brad Steiger with his new wife Sherry; UFO investigator Antonio Huneus, "The man of a thousand slides"; psychic Diane Tessman; contactee Robert Short; ufologist Allen Benz; and your humble "Smear" editor, speaking on a very interesting UFO case we investigated in 1954 that has come to be known as the Wright Field Story.

A speaker named Richard Sauder and one or two others were driven into instant paranoia Sunday afternoon by veiled threats made by a wandering trouble-maker who represented himself as a government agent. Actually, the man turned out to be merely an electrical engineer working for the government, who was just out to have some fun stirring up the Believers - which he certainly succeeded in doing.

Our congratulations to Beckley on a job well done! Beckley will co-host next year's NUFOC together with your "Smear" editor. This convention will feature "Mr. Ed" of Gulf Breeze and several other important UFO personalities. The dates are May 11th-13th, 1990, and the location is the Holiday Inn Oceanside at 23rd Street & Collins Ave., on Miami Beach, Florida.

Publicity for the Miami Beach bash will be handled by non-subscriber Tony Loreda, working together with Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo. Stay tuned!



ABOVE, LEFT: Tim Beckley plays with his alien head while listening to convention speeches. With him is co-chairman Jim Speiser. RIGHT: Famed New Age author Brad Steiger hams it up with Beckley in the Book Selling Room. Note the shaft of ectoplasm coming straight out of Steiger's head!

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

In a phone conversation with your humble editor, nuclear physicist/ UFO researcher Stanton Friedman has confirmed that there is indeed a Schism (our word) between him and Bill Moore, partially as a result of Moore's confusing speech at the Las Vegas MUFON conference. Among other things, Friedman stated, "I don't believe in trusting people who lie to you". He was referring not to Moore but to the aviary of supposed intelligence operatives from whom Moore has been receiving information about the (alleged) aliens. Friedman also noted that Moore has not done much actual Research in the past four years....

Phil Klass's latest clash with what's left of the Moore/Shandera/ Friedman team concerns the Harry Truman signature on one of the MJ-12 documents. Klass, claiming he finally has a "smoking gun" to disprove MJ-12, insists that this signature is identical to the one on an authentic letter that Truman wrote to Dr. Vannevar Bush on Oct. 1st, 1947. If this were true, then the Truman signature from this genuine document was merely pasted onto the fake MJ-12 document by the hoaxter, whoever he or she may be. It seems, however, that Klass's "smoking gun" is more smoke than anything else. Moore insists that the signatures are similar (as are all signatures by the same person) but not identical; and the battle of words goes on and on and on....

We don't hear much from Dr. Willy Smith any more, but he has not faded completely from the ufological scene. The July-Aug. 1989 issue of the CUFOS International UFO Reporter contains the first of a two-part series of articles by two prestigious European researchers - Paul Fuller of England and Wim van Utrecht of Belgium. The series is called "The Trouble with UNICAT", and describes in detail the various ways that Dr. Smith's UNICAT Project is "fundamentally flawed" in regard to the criteria it uses in choosing which UFO cases to include. In brief, the criteria are rigged in favor of the 3-D, nuts & bolts, extraterrestrial explanation. This article is well worth reading....

On Sept. 12th, about 35 MUFON members & fellow travelers, including Ed Walters, were present at a meeting in Pensacola, Florida (near Gulf Breeze), when a UFO appeared in the night sky for a period of several minutes. Incredibly, out of all these "investigators", the only person who had a camera with him was Mr. Ed himself! Ed's pictures are not spectacular,

but they do show "something there". Our photo (courtesy of Ed Walters) shows various MUFONites in the process of Looking Up. Way to go, MUFON!....



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Incidentally, Mr. Ed's home construction business seems to have recovered from the slump it took after the story of his UFO adventures first leaked out to the Gulf Breeze community. In addition, he was recently selected as the Merit Award winner by the 1989 Southeast Builders Conference, and was also chosen by the Gulf Breeze Chamber of Commerce to be the Parade Chairman for this year's Christmas Parade. One could fairly say that his serious legal problems of the distant past, as well as his strange ufological activities of the recent past, have been deliberately overlooked by the town in view of his continuing community spirit and good citizenship....



Strange but true: a carefully sculpted and rare double zero

Explanations range from UFOs to "spinning balls" of air.

TIME, SEPTEMBER 18, 1989

On October 1st, NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries" had a brief but unusually objective treatment of the famed July 2nd, 1947 crash/landing at Roswell, New Mexico, concluding that "perhaps it was a top secret aircraft, and perhaps it was something else". (Our feelings, precisely.) Strangely, the "Unsolved Mysteries" TV program is followed immediately by a show, called "The Nutt House"....

We don't usually print (ugh!) mere UFO sightings, but the recent Russian landing reported by Tass has received so much attention in this country that we will mention it in passing.

According to the New York Times version, three children in a park were playing on the evening of Sept. 27th when a ball about ten yards in diameter landed, and a three-eyed creature about nine feet tall got out. It was fashionably dressed in silvery overalls and bronze boots, with a disc of some sort on its chest. Later it was joined by a similar-looking companion and a robot.

To us, the main significance is that, under the new freedom in Russia, people there are now able to report the same sort of craziness that they report here. Formerly, UFOs were denounced by the Russian authorities as a capitalist plot (which they may well be, for all we know.)....

Far less attention has gone to England's Summer of Mysterious Circles, although serious, in-depth articles have been published about it recently in both the Wall Street Journal (Aug. 28th) and Time Magazine (Sept. 18th).

Although charred circles and such have long been associated with UFOs - at least in the minds of ufologists - these current circles do not necessarily have anything to do with UFOs at all, and are indeed a classic Fortean phenomenon. They appear usually in fields planted with crops. The plant - usually a grain - is flattened (not burned) in a distinctive swirl, but nevertheless continues to grow until ready for harvest.

According to Time, more than 600 such occurrences have been reported in Britain since 1980, of which almost 250 are from this year. Theories range from UFOs (of course) to a previously unknown "plasma vortex phenomenon". Even the Queen is upset by this, as are we!....

On Sept. 22nd, your editor had occasion to pass through Socorro, New Mexico, on one of our mysterious Trips. While there we gave a phone call to Lonnie Zamora, the former Socorro policeman who made a spectacular daylight sighting of a grounded UFO back in 1964. This sighting is one of the "classics", and one of the very few that your editor believes to be totally unexplained and genuine.

Zamora answered the phone and was polite, but said he does not like to talk about the sighting any more. (He didn't explain why.) He said he

still works for the city, but not in the police department. In answer to the key question as to whether he saw humanoids near the craft, he said he could not be sure, as he was too far away. (At the time, some versions of the story included two small humanoids in cover-alls, and some did not.)

Quite obviously, we are no closer to solving this intriguing case than ever. Phil Klass believes it to be a hoax, but can't explain a confirmatory sighting reported the same day by two tourists who told their story to a gasoline station operator, if we recall this detail correctly....

Just at press time we learned that CSICOPer John Merrill has finally lost the libel/slander suit brought against him some time ago by a Florida psychic named Noreen Renier. He will now appeal the verdict....

Non-subscriber Loren Coleman has done it again, with a new book called "Tom Slick and the Search for the Yeti". This is the third in his series of books, published by Faber & Faber, about mysterious phenomena of various sorts. The other two - "Mysterious America" (1983) and "Curious Encounters" (1985) have now been reprinted in conjunction with the publication of "Yeti". We have yet to see a review copy. Hint....

Contactee Buck Nelson, who lived somewhere in the rural southeast (we forget where) has recently died. Buck is best known for the homespun conventions he used to sponsor, and for his Venusian dog, hairs from which he used to sell. O for the Good Olde Days!....

And, another voice from the Olde Days has been stilled: Laura Mundo (formerly Laura Marxer), a contactee lady who, with a handful of followers, published a UFO newsletter under different titles since about 1953, died on Oct. 26th at the age of 76. Laura is the originator of such distinctive terms as "Negative Polarity of Being" (N.P. of B.); "Accelerating Sunspots" (A.S.S.); etc. Laura professed loudly that she did not believe in the money system, so when she came all the way from Detroit to New York City to lecture for our group one time in the late 1960's, we shamefully refused to pay her - though no promise had been made. Laura's theories were confused and confusing, but she was a well-intentioned, politically-liberal type of thinker, and a really colorful character. We shall miss her....

Finally we should note that Gray Barker has been dead for almost five years now, and we still miss him as much as ever.

#### THE READERS STRIKE BACK:

A respected East Coast Bigfootologist, who does not wish to be further identified, writes as follows:

"...The biggest news in the otherwise dead world of Bigfooting is the Beckjord vs. Mark Francis/Fred Twigger death threat thing. The bottom line here is that no one knows who to believe and both individuals are extremely unpoplar with everyone on this planet as a result of the idiotic actions which have taken place. You have to admit that arguing in press/newsletters about personal differences is one thing, but actually sending out or faking death threats is sick and going way overboard! You want my opinion on the whole deal? Actually it doesn't matter, because I control this typewriter and I'm going to tell you whether you like it or not:

"After going over all the death threat letters with a trusted friend, I personally conclude that Beckjord may have sent one actual death threat letter. I am reasonably convinced that Mark Francis did indeed fake several of the death threat letters. Not only are the letters badly blotched with evident cut lines where the letterhead shows, but the writing style isn't Beckjord and the signatures look ridiculous. It's obvious that a few of the letters were typed on Mark Francis' typewriter, as certain letters have nicks in them which show up under a microscope. Add to this the fact that Mark Francis told several investigators that he was going to pull off

this exact hoax months before he went through with it. Things don't look good for the little hippie.

"Now, Francis will try to convince everyone he is innocent, but don't believe anything he says. He has lied so many times to me and others that we have lost count. This guy is truly a pathological liar, which doesn't help his credibility when Beckjord takes him to court. Of course, Beckjord is, as always, an arrogant, obnoxious, self-centered bonehead, but it looks as though he may have a half-decent chance of winning a lawsuit against Mark Francis/Fred Twigger. I wish these two would cancel each other out!.."

HAL STARR of ufological fame writes:

"News Flash for 'Smear', Directed to the Aboriginal Snowman, Erik Beckjord:

"Radio Moscow's English language newscast, beamed to America on this date (Oct. 6th), reported that several Soviet citizens, farmers, townspeople, and law-enforcement officials spotted what they called an 'abominable snowman' near the shores of the Volga River. With true Soviet courage, they captured the heavily furred creature, reported to be over 7 feet tall and weighing many hundreds of pounds; but it later broke its restraints and escaped into a heavily wooded area. I am sure we would all wish Erik much luck in a trip to Russia to investigate and remain there in hopes of a successful encounter and capture."

ED WALTERS of Gulf Breeze fame writes as follows:

"Willy Smith started his story about a computer analysis report in May of 1989, just after his CSICOP meeting in Tampa. He claims to have found a support beneath the UFO in my photo #5. He has been telling this story for about six months. Now, consider what we know Willy would do if he thought he had the slightest bit of real evidence! Nothing would stop him from sending it out. If he could not get it published, he would mail it out to any and all!

"I believe that Willy gave an altered photo (or a very poor multi-generation copy) to an unsuspecting computer analyst. He then began his story about a 'support'. But even now, six months later, he still refuses to tell the name of the computer analyst.

"Before Willy was exposed for his other hoax evidence efforts (the Chrysler Bldg. UFO), he mailed out many 'papers' in his efforts to distort the Gulf Breeze case. Let us all demand that he now MAIL OUT HIS 'EVIDENCE' and let us all see his handywork.

## UFO kidnaps 26 elephants

A GAME reserve has lost 26 full grown elephants and eyewitnesses claim they saw them kidnapped by a spaceship.

The bizarre story is coming from Lugo, Spain, where an African safari park is located.

Eyewitness have said they saw a 250-foot UFO with purple lights hover over a herd of elephants.

Suddenly 26 of the animals were bathed in a beam of orange light from the spaceship and right in front of their eyes the witnesses say they saw the animals beamed up into the belly of the vessel.

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JAMES MOSELEY meets media after release from jail.

The Associated Press

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"I say that Willy is pulling another trick and his computer 'evidence' story will be further proof, if we can get him to show it.

"P.S. I'm sure that Willy Smith appreciates that Phill Klass has come to his rescue. Maybe Phill can show a 'typing' discrepancy in the letter from the Michigan registrar's office, who says that Willy does not have a PhD in Physics. Phill should also be thanked for clearing up how being in jail for 2½ years for passing a 'bad check' is totally different from being in jail for 2½ years for forging a check. (It didn't feel different, but that was 23 years ago.)"

BARBARA BECKER writes:

"...Did you see the article (about Ed Walters) in the Miami Herald of Aug. 6th, 1989? It looks like Ed is going to make out like a bandit - oops, wrong choice of words - on that book he wasn't going to write!"

RILEY CRABB of far away New Zealand writes:

"...I'm glad to see Randi getting slugged finally, and in a way which will probably force him to spend much of his ill-gotten gains in a protracted legal battle. Years ago he had incontrovertible proof of psychic powers demonstrated to him on the island of Sri Lanka, by Hindu firewalkers. TV producer George Schlatter tricked him into it, and I saw the documentary. Randi knelt right by the firepit, but the heat of the stones and coals was so intense he had to shield his face from it. He tossed a piece of kleenex on to the coals and it burst into flame immediately, while the walkers carelessly kicked and scraped the red hot coals around with their bare feet. So he knows, but dares not admit it publicly, for the sake of his reputation."

DR. THORNTON PAGE writes as follows:

"...The new 'Caveat Emptor' reveals at last that William Moore (who did not shoot himself in the foot at the MUFON Symposium) is responsible for your forbidding moniker BUZZARD. Even in the choice of names, you go along with the Ufologists!

"I hope that John Lear's alien bodies at Homestead AFB don't stink too much!..."

Researcher ROBERT TODD writes:

"I'm writing in response to the communication you received from Brian Parks in defense of MJ-12.

"It's really starting to upset me that so many people disregard what Phil Klass has to say, not because of what he is saying, but because he is Phil Klass. The pro-UFO people don't have a monopoly on the truth. Klass has done a first-rate job of proving to the satisfaction of any reasonable person that the Truman signature appearing on the Truman-Forrestal memo in all likelihood was forged using the signature from a legitimate Truman letter to Dr. Bush. You can be 'anti-UFO' and still be pro-Truth.

"Brian Parks' observation that 'the Cutler/Twining memo still holds up very well' is completely untrue. Although Stan Friedman has declared that the objections to the document have been settled, they have not been settled. Even Stan agrees that the document didn't belong where it was found and almost certainly had to have been planted in the files.

"The public should be extremely wary of Friedman's



P. KLASS

reporting on MJ-12. Likewise, the public should be equally wary of statements made by people who merely accept and repeat whatever Stan declares to be true."

CHRISTOPHER ALLAN of England, who calls himself MJ-13, writes:

"Dear Commander-in-Chief:

"Re recent MJ-12 revelations: I wish to propose the 1989 'Cracked Saucer' award to Mr. Stanton T. Friedman. Have I a seconder for this motion?"

STAN FERGUSON writes as follows:

"...Jim, through your vast network or grapevine you might be able to provide me with some information: Do you know of anyone who has received the Richard Doty video tape from Bill Moore? After patiently and politely waiting for the tape's arrival for over the past six months, my roommate finally wrote Bill Moore a letter politely asking him for a refund. Then after not hearing from Moore for over a week, I likewise wrote Bill a letter (very politely) asking for a refund. Instead of sending a refund Bill sent us two recent newsletters which we didn't ask for!..."

WILLIAM HOWARD, a hard-core "Smear" Fan, writes as follows:

"...I have just finished reading William Moore's confession of wrong doing in the latest issue of UFO Magazine, and his justification for his actions: 'I was just a stooge. If they hadn't found me, they would have found somebody else.'

"This reminds me of the famous quote: 'Farting: A smelly business, but someone has to do it.'"

Bigfootologist LARRY PETERS, also known as Old Red Eyes, writes:

"It never ceases to amaze me how so many helpless mindless people who know nothing about nothing in Ufology, call themselves experts; yet they never leave the confines of their abode.

"I have been keeping your newsletters as they arrive, and I read them sometimes months after they have been printed, because I just don't have the time. As I look back through so many of the articles they are basically the same venacular. (sic) They are critical of each other on and on and on.

"Since I have never really been taken seriously in my endeavors into Bigfooting or Ufology, then it will give me no pain whatsoever to voluntarily have my name removed from your mailing list."

On the other hand, TIM AYRES writes:

"Thanks so much for the sample copy of 'Smear'. I enjoyed it greatly. You are a rare and wonderful humanoid. Enclosed find some Earth currency to cover some of the costs for making me, a lowly private, one of 'Saucer Smear's' non-subscribers."

LOUISE BRAISTED writes:

"...Although 'Smear' will never solve anything, much less the Great Mystery, it helps me to eliminate the wild albeit fascinating theories that are reported, dissected and pulverized in your zine. Keep up the good work, and sorry I didn't contribute (money) sooner."

# Cabell Democrats Have Two Heads