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## CRACKPOT POLITICALLY-ORIENTED EDITORIAL:

In view of all the sensational claims in the UFO field in recent years, your semi-skeptical editor often wonders if there really isn't, after all, some kind of alien invasion/presence here on our esteemed planet. After all, if you read and hear enough of this interplanetary crap, you can hardly help being at least half convinced.

To us, the greatest evidence for such a wild theory isn't anything we have heard from Bill Moore or the other pushers of pseudo-double-reverse-Intelligence information. It is the simple fact that, within such a very short time-frame, Russia and the United States are burying their differences in such a dramatic way. Common sense dictates that there must be more to this than meets the eye. The only explanation we have heard mentioned is, "economic problems within the USSR".

However, American propaganda has told us ever since World War II that Russia was going to collapse momentarily because of its evil Communist ways. Yet it never happened, in spite of our wishful thinking. What is different now??

Might we speculate wildly that the Space Bretheren have given the (ha) Great Powers a definite time limit within which to get-it-together-or-else? As the late, great George Adamski used to say, Time Will Tell!

## MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

From a Confidential Source, we have been receiving copies of a great deal of lengthy recent correspondence involving several leading UFO figures, and also involving an organization most of you have never heard of, called TREAT. TREAT stands for Treatment and Rehabilitation of Experienced Anomalous Trauma, and refers to the UFO abduction experience. The prime mover is a New York psychiatrist named Rima Laibow, and the purpose apparently is to bring professional psychologists and psychiatrists together with abduction researchers who, though laymen, have long been holding hypnotic and therapy sessions with abductees.

Laibow's starting point (with which we agree) is that, whatever the external cause, if any, of this trauma may be, it can be studied & treated like any other mental & emotional problem; whereas the ufologists are more focused on the cause of the problem - which they assume to be extraterrestrial.

There was a conference early this year involving around 100 people - by invitation only - called TREAT I, and Dr. Laibow is now organizing TREAT II, which will take place next February in Blacksburg, Va. During the several months between these conferences, the participants have been interacting with each other, and in the course of this, a terrible feud has developed between Laibow and Budd Hopkins. Each has severely attacked the other's methods and integrity. Finally the governing board of TREAT expelled Hopkins and also his friend David Jacobs of Temple University from participation in the next conference, and the rest of the inner circle took sides, one way or another. Then, in revenge for being excluded, Hopkins tried unsuccessfully to get the outside funding for the conference canceled!

In the end, such ufologists as Ron Westrum, Jerry Clark, and Dick Hall dropped out of TREAT II in protest because Hopkins and Jacobs were expelled. Meanwhile, now that we have heard about all this, we have conspired to get ourselves invited to TREAT II, even though our own professional level is somewhat lower than the average attendee. If we do attend, we will unfortunately not be able to report back to "Smear" readers, as there is a rule of confidentiality in regard to what transpires there.

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"Smear" readers will note that we have all but ignored the wild ravings of John Lear, Bill Cooper, and Bill English - the three who gave their views at the "unauthorized" session of the Las Vegas MUFON convention last summer. We have ignored this material because most of it seems too absurd to even consider - far beyond even Bill Moore's alleged MJ-12 documents.

We have received, from some source we can't recall, a "paper" about 30 pages long, authored by "Milton William Cooper", dated May 23rd, 1989, and entitled "The Secret Government: The Origin, Identity and Purpose of MJ-12". This document goes at great length into the question of alleged underground alien bases, weird genetic experiments, and all the rest.

One part we found particularly strange, as it turns President Bush from a drug fighter into a drug kingpin! Here is the direct quote:

"The ruling powers decided that one means of funding the alien-connected and other black projects was to corner the illegal drug market. A young ambitious member of the Council on Foreign Relations was approached. His name is George Bush, who at the time was President and CEO of Zapata Oil, based in Texas. Zapata Oil was experimenting with the new technology of offshore drilling. It was correctly thought that the drugs could be shipped from South America to the offshore platforms by fishing boat, where it would then be taken to shore by the normal transportation used for supplies and personnel. By this method no customs or law enforcement agency would subject the cargo to search. George Bush agreed to help, and organized the operation in conjunction with the CIA. The plan worked better than anyone had thought, and has since expanded worldwide, and there are now many other methods of bringing the illegal drugs into the country. It must always be remembered, though, that George Bush began sale of drugs to our children. The CIA now controls all the world's illegal drug markets...."

#### TIDBITS OF TRASH:

Rather than going through the horrible task of mailing individual cards, we would hereby like to wish our many non-subscribers, each and all, a Merry Xmas, a Cool Yule, a Happy Holiday Season, and all that sort of thing....

And, at this Joyous Yuletide Season, let us not forget, even for a moment, that back issues of "Smear" are still available at the bargain-basement price of a mere one dollar each. Not to mention our Special Adamski Expose Issue of SAUCER NEWS, originally printed in 1957, which sells for a mere \$20. This is indeed a collector's item, if we do say so ourselves. It is out of print, and has been for many years; but we have xeroxed a few copies recently, suppressing not a word of the precious original text. Individually autographed copies sell for \$19....

Pat Marcattilio of New Jersey has announced the "First Great UFO/ ET/ Humanoids/ Visitors/ Alien & Abduction Congress", to take place in Trenton, N.J. on March 30th - April 1st, 1990, and your humble editor will be one of the participants. We will be introducing a new contactee from Long Island, N.Y. named Marty Cantsin, who has some sensational daylight UFO pictures. Also present will be Dr. Leo Sprinkle of abduction research fame; abductee Charles Hickson, and (ugh!) Dr. James Harder of the University of California. For further details, write to: 130 Redfern St., Trenton, N.J. 08610....

MORE SLEAZE FROM GULF BREEZE:



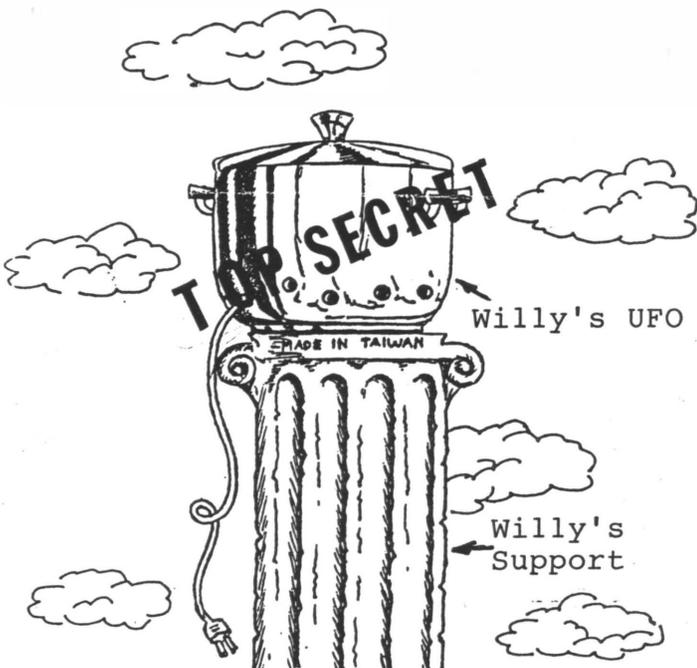
In the photo at left, Mr. Ed of Gulf Breeze poses next to a mysterious circle that was discovered by someone else in a local park on Nov. 15th, just a few hundred yards from the site of some of Ed's 1988 UFO sightings. This circle consists of swirled grass, similar to the larger circles seen recently in southern England. The Gulf Breeze one is 7 feet 8 inches in diameter, which happens to be the exact same size as Macabee's calculation of

the diameter of the saucer's bottom ring in Ed's "Road Shot" photo (#19). Coincidence?? Other mysterious circles were later found in other Gulf Breeze locations, including four on a football field! Also, the town has recently been plagued by unexplained sonic booms.

Ed himself remains somewhat skeptical of the circles, realizing the possibility that someone is trying to embarrass him with a hoax.

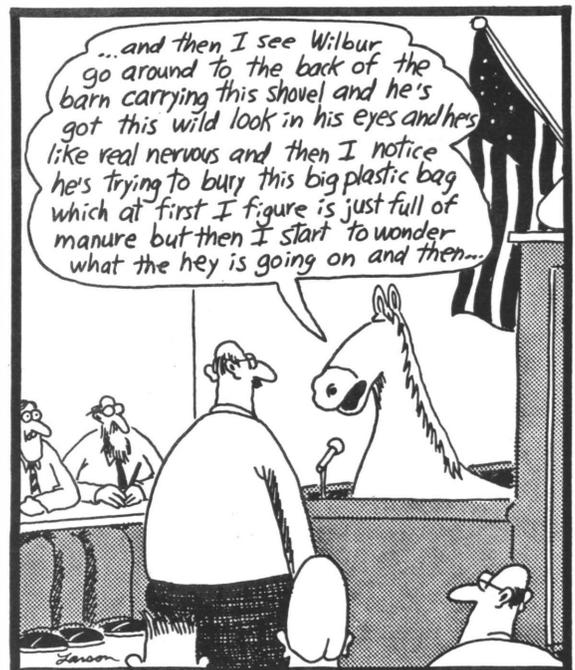
Now, on to Dr. Willy Smith: In the 1986 edition of "American Men & Women of Science", Smith listed himself as "Visiting Professor, University of Valencia, Spain, for 1973-74" and also as "Chairman of the Dept. of Astronomy and Physics at the University of Valencia, Spain (1974-77)". Un-

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TOP SECRET COMPUTER ANALYSIS  
\*\*WILLY SMITH'S EYES ONLY\*\*

(Eee Gad...I believe in Willy's secret evidence, Don't you?)



Mr. Ed spills his guts.

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

Famed professional hoaxter ALAN ABEL writes in with an apparent solution to the well-publicized Russian landing case that occurred about October 10th:

"...I am only too happy to report on our latest charade, which was actually executed by Moscow University students under my direction.

"It all started a year ago when I received a fan letter from Vladimir (last name censored for security reasons), who had read a copy of my book, 'Don't Get Mad - Get Even', which had been left behind by an American tourist visiting the University. He expressed a desire to become involved in a spoof. I warned him of the dangers, especially in the light of the jail sentence received by the young chap who landed his plane in Red Square.

"But Vladimir was gung ho, and I sent him all the plans for constructing a three-foot-high head piece with three eyes that glowed. (This was constructed by Miggs Burroughs, an artist who designs postage stamps for the U.S. Government.)

"Vladimir and four of his buddies sent up the space ship (a weather balloon) complete with a small tape unit that played back the theme from 'Twilight Zone' and flashing pencil flashlights. A 4 by 12 foot crater had been dug and singed around the edges, to suggest a space ship had departed.

"Prior to that, the 'Martians' visited a group of school kids from a safe distance and made friendly motions that were received in awe but not fear. Then they (the 'Martians') took turns disappearing one by one into the woods, after discharging a smoke bomb to provide partial cover.

"It was that simple. The results were quite fantastic. Tass reported the story worldwide. But when I exposed the hoax in London on radio, television, and in the press, Tass reporters were furious. In fact they walked out of the news conference in a huff, muttering words that were obviously obscenities.

"I was due to appear on a dozen more programs, including a special for the BBC, but after I received several ominous telephone threats at my hotel, I decided to cut the trip short and returned home.

"Our next foray is planned for East Germany in the spring of 1990. I can't provide any details at this time, but it is going to cause quite a news flap!..."

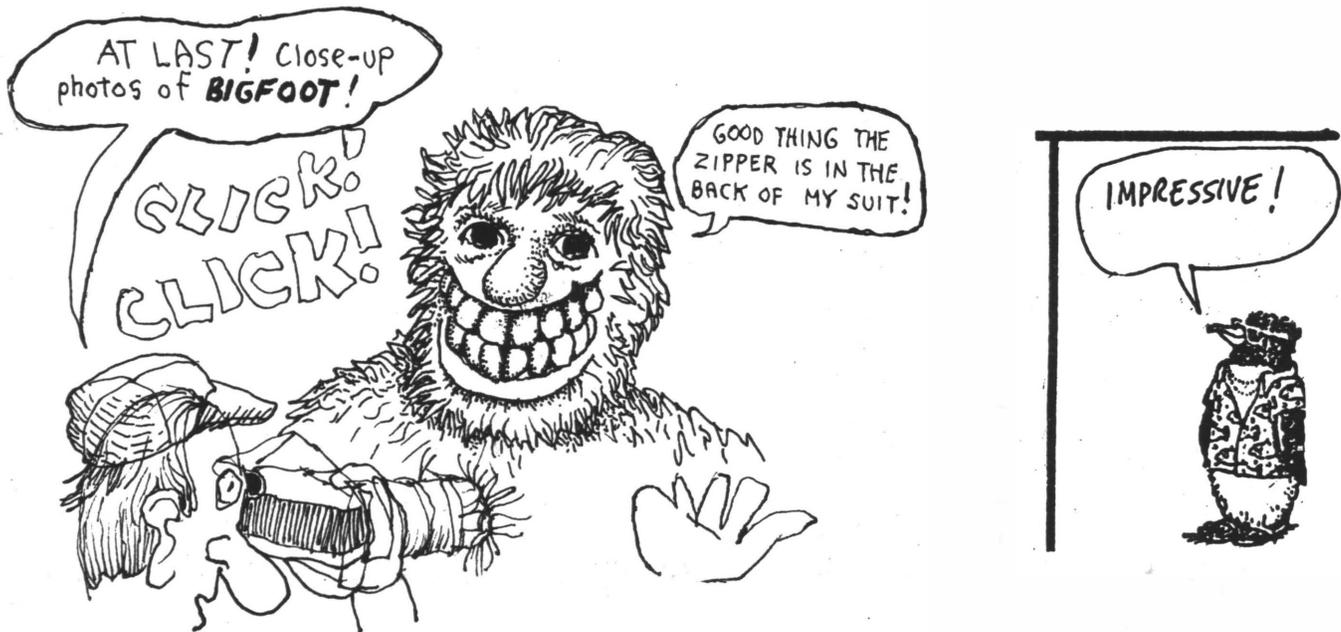
UFO debunker Jim Oberg of NASA, when presented with the above info., was skeptical of the details, though he believes the Russian landing case was a hoax. Could it be that Abel is trying to hoax us? That, of course, would be his ultimate achievement! - Editor

Ohio Bigfooter DON KEATING writes as follows:

"I'm glad to see that the 'Respected East Coast Bigfootologist' (in your last 'Smear') has pretty much the same feelings about the Beckjord/Francis case as I do. I have copies of all of the so-called death threat letters, and can safely say that they indeed look phoney! Furthermore, Mark Francis told me on the evening of May 13th, 1989, on the way to the Tri-County UFO Study Group in Sebring, Ohio...that he indeed intended to type up fake letters with death threats in them, making it look as if Beckjord actually typed them himself. Obviously, he (Francis) did type the letters. Also, I have a handwriting expert's report in my possession, that says Mark Francis did indeed type the letters on his typewriter, and did fake the signature of Beckjord. Shame on you, Mark!:"

"It might also be said that on the way to the UFO meeting that evening in mid-May, Francis told me of two other Bigfoot researchers who urged him to fake the letters. This has never been told publicly, because no one knows it other than I. I will not name names at this time, but will say that both of these men are from the Pacific Northwest.

"...May I say that this was a very dirty and illegal trick to pull on



Beckjord. Understand, though, that I agree with the East Coast researcher's description of Beckjord as being arrogant, obnoxious, etc. However, this should not have been pulled on anyone, regardless of their beliefs!!

"I might say to those who are reading books on the Bigfoot phenomenon that I have a new book out titled 'The Eastern Ohio Sasquatch'. It is available from me for \$9.00, including postage. It deals with all of the known sightings in the eastern part of Ohio. It is 76 pages, soft cover, and can be ordered at P.O. Box 205, Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832-0205. Please allow one to three weeks for delivery...."

KALANI HANOHANO of Honolulu, Hawaii writes as follows:

"I've followed the trashing of Beckjord with some interest. During 1973, Bob Gribble (UFO Reporting Center, Seattle), two other researchers & I were invited to meet Beckjord at his Seattle residence. It became clear that Beckjord was just starting his Bigfoot involvement and was unfamiliar with reports of three-toed tracks or some of the creature reports from Pennsylvania and Tennessee that suggested that we might be dealing with a creature (or creatures) a little bit stranger than what we had been led to believe. Beckjord took the position that these creatures were physical things. ...I played devil's advocate.

"Shortly after, it became apparent that Beckjord wanted 'in' on the Bigfoot reports that we were receiving from our established information conduits, which included Bob Gribble's UFO Hotline.

"Concurrent with our having met Beckjord, an outbreak of creature screams, animal mutilations, anomalous electronic beeping sounds and nocturnal light reports began to erupt from the Machias area of Snohomish County. My co-worker Jerry Phillips notified Beckjord of some of these reports. Jerry later told me that he came to regret this action because of reports he was receiving from a number of the property owners in the Machias area who were all insulted by Beckjord's brash and arrogant behavior. At this point Jerry terminated Beckjord's access to any incoming information we were receiving.

"I mention this because of the continuing controversy concerning Beckjord. Year in, year out, issue after issue, we are offered narratives questioning the character of this individual.

"I do not know what motivates Beckjord to engage in the kinds of controversies that he does, but I'm very suspicious of his brand of theatre. There are great intergroup and personal rivalries among Bigfoot researchers,

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but there seems to be an overabundance of negative press concerning Beckjord, and year after year he bathes in this public flagellation.

"In my humble opinion, researchers who thrive on theatrical self-promotion do a great disservice to the investigation of anomalistic phenomena. Instead of clarifying issues that arise out of anomalistic research, their time is spent on self-marketing through controversy. Their idiosyncratic behavior becomes public knowledge, thus making the entire field of anomalistics vulnerable to embarrassing criticism. And by extention, their inane activities affect and embarrass us all."

And, ERIK BECKJORD himself writes:

"...Yes, I did write one of the (death threat) letters in evidence - one in which I declared death to the idea of sitting near Freddy! (= Mark Francis.) I asked him to stay away from me, since I now have learned...that Freddy was carrying an illegal .32 pistol to the convention. My letter was a xerox, since I did not think he merited an original. But an actual, formal real death threat it was not. It is dated June 8th, and I will send anyone copies. Write to 'Plaintiff at Last', Box 6534, Malibu, Ca. 90264...."

Famed contactee BETTY HILL writes as follows:

"This is an open letter to Hal Starr:

"Apparently his sources cannot be trusted. They are liars, or they need their vision checked, or they have a Hollywood version of a UFO - as he (Starr) reported that I continue to see UFOs when the people accompanying me cannot see anything.

"The area where I have seen and filmed UFOs has been well known for approximately 25 years. Almost all the good citizens of the town know they are there. The UFOs leave them alone, so they leave the UFOs alone. When they see the crafts, they wave, greet them, and keep going. Thousands have seen them. Others have filmed them. I am not the only one to do this. However, I am the 'spoke-person' for these witnesses.

"Scientists have visited this area; labs have done testing; the media has filmed - AP, UPI, TV cameramen, as well as the general public. Experiments in group filming have been done. Volunteers have sat out nights and watched the skies. Accurate records have been made, for years.

"In the beginning, I tried to involve UFO investigators in this project, but their thinking was so weird that they were in danger of being attacked by the witnesses. One investigator said that the events he was witnessing were true, but, however, they were contrary to all his beliefs. So he was told to not let his beliefs be upset by the facts.

"These are the facts."

Contactee DR. FRANK E. STRANGES writes as follows, in regard to Hal Starr's remarks at the Phoenix NUFOC convention:

"...The letters that I have sent you show the time and date during which all of the charges against me were totally expounded from the record. This means that when my name is run through the NCIC - Federal, State, County, City, etc., there will appear no record whatsoever regarding my alleged arrest, etc. In other words, it has been completely wiped from the record. This can only come to pass when the Court gets involved in the expoungement, and it is stricken from the record, and the person is deemed by the Court as innocent of all charges. But then again, when there is no record, even of any charges, one walks a dangerous line in bringing this up in public.

"Relative to your forthcoming Miami Beach Convention, please send me the information, and if I can possibly swing down that way, I will be very happy to do so at no expense to you...."

**Ban on soliciting dead in Trotwood**

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Still on the subject of Hal Starr's speech, JIM DEARDORFF writes:

"...I take it that Starr's mention of Eduard Meier having been treated to some time travel by an ET contactor was meant to be a put-down. However, there are quite a few ufologists who insist that UFO-intelligences should not be called ETs because they may be from our own civilization many centuries from now, traveling back to our present time. Should we dismiss these ufologists and keep the ET possibility up front, or should we listen to them and take the possibility of time travel seriously?"

"Re your photo reproduction of a circle in the wheat in southern England, it was good of you to mention that it continues growing horizontally within the circles. The first person to report in writing on this phenomenon, with respect to the horizontally-growing grass within circles left behind by a UFO he was allowed to photograph, was Eduard Meier in July of 1976. Do you know of any ufologists not afraid to connect these two thoughts?...."

Yes, just one! - Editor.

Lovable, very old PHIL KLASS writes as follows:

"Ed Walters, in his letter in the Nov. 10th issue of 'Smear', thanks me for clearing up' for him the difference between passing a bad check and forgery. I would have thought that having earlier pleaded guilty to forgery, and having spent 2½ years in prison for this crime, Ed would understand and never forget the important difference.

"In Ed's most recent letter he (seemingly) forgets that he informed Bruce Maccabee of the true reason for his imprisonment - forgery - less than a month before he wrote the letter published in the July 20th, 1989 issue of 'Smear', claiming he was imprisoned for passing a bad check. One possible explanation for Ed's flawed memory could be early senility, but there are others.

"Re the claim of Socorro (New Mexico) gasoline station operator Opal Grinder that the Socorro UFO was reported to him by two tourists, the enclosed White Paper, published in 1977, shows that the Grinder's tale is spurious."

Klass's lengthy "White Paper" shows that Grinder's statement (not "tale") might (or might not) be spurious. - Editor.

JERROLD BAKER is a little-known but key figure in the George Adamski story of the early 1950's. After all these years, he has recently written to us with a (to the public) new prospective on Adamski's famous UFO photographs:

"....Adamski used to ride around the (Mt. Palomar) property on his old tractor. I would stand on the rear holding onto his shoulders. The photographic image in my head of that glimpse of the past revealed something striking. He always wore an old khaki army pith helmet. Look again now at his photographs and the main body of the saucer with portholes. That strongly resembles the pith helmet with the top cut away. The port holes could definitely have been the air holes in the side of the helmet. Even the black round object in the center foreground of the bridge would correspond with the eyelet stapled into the helmet to hold the chin strap!

"The very undercarriage of the saucer, which is largely undefined and in shadow except for the suggestion of landing pods, could have been the cutoff portion of the top of the helmet inverted and placed beneath, with spherical objects such as ping-pong balls cut and glued to conform.

"Adamski was by no means a man of great intellect, nor was he a gifted craftsman or handyman. Much of what he did on his own was of less than mediocre standards. He also did not seem to be in command of simple photographic skills, either, in his use of any type of camera. His hand-made dome and telescope seemed largely to be intended to capture the public driving

up to the real thing on Mt. Palomar.

"However, by some means, whether his own or instigated by a photography friend, he may have deluded millions of people with his multitude of saucer photographs.

"I must admit openly to you, Jim - I am still perplexed a good deal about the whole thing. We all have assumed the man was a fraud, and casting aspersions has become easy. However, there is a possibility he was not a hoax or a fraud regardless of the circumstantial evidence against him.

"His model seems to have become the standard for saucers the world over, and other photographers have taken pictures of similar vehicles. Surely, all of them didn't copy George Adamski!..."

And, from AUGUST C. ROBERTS, one of whose UFO photos appears in George Adamski's first book, we hear:

"...Recently I videotaped the TV program 'A Current Affair', and it was about a woman down south who, outdoors at night, with a video camera, took photos of a group of 'objects' in the sky around her home. Then a plane came into the tape footage. The objects scattered away, and when the plane was gone, the objects all came back together....

"Also, when she panned her camera, her bathroom window came into view, and a 'figure' or 'creature' with arms, a head and body, appeared outlined in the lighted window - and no one was in the house!

"Her husband checked the bathroom and the house, and nothing was found in the bathroom or any part of the house. While the videotape was running, you could hear the chatter of the woman and her husband and the other people involved.

"I can't wait to hear this case 'explained away'!...."

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fortunately, a check with that institution by mail and by phone reveals that there is no Dept. of Astronomy and Physics. There is a Dept. of Physics, but no one there has even heard of Willy Smith. Could this be more "puffery" on the part of the good Doctor? We tend to think so!

#### MORE TIDBITS OF TRASH:

Publicist Mike Luckman has been Canned as MUFON Section Director for New York City. Way to go, Mike!....

Our olde pal Tal LeVesque has sent us a hilarious item, from a rag called "The Pegasus", published by an organization called UNINET. In a short article therein by Bill English, it is announced that Bill Cooper has been kicked out of the organization for having falsely claimed he was shot at by unknown assailants shortly after the Las Vegas MUFON conference. In another article, English takes aim at his major adversary, Bill Moore. Our conclusion: Confusion in Cuckooland!...

And, from the British tabloid "News of the World" (circulation over five million), we learn that Uri Geller, who lives in England, has now sued magician James Randi for 45 million pounds, which comes to more than 1½ times that much in real money (dollars). This is in addition to the 7 million dollar lawsuit mentioned previously in "Smear", and the 18 million dollar lawsuit brought separately by Dr. Eldon Byrd and his wife. We understand that the aim is to have lawsuits going against Randi in every country he visits, so that he will be tied up in defending himself for the rest of his life....

Finally - Long-time UFO researcher Floyd Murray, now a Contributing Editor to Steinberg's "Caveat Emptor" Magazine, would like his many fans (if any) to write to him at: P.O. Box 573, Folsom, Pa. 19033.