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IN WHICH WE REVEAL MORE ABOUT THE GULF BREEZE UFO CASE THAN YOU EVER REALLY WANTED TO KNOW - WITHOUT, HOWEVER, SOLVING ANYTHING:

(Much confusion - No conclusion.)

As we go to press, there is much sensational news from Gulf Breeze, and we are sure there will be more very soon.

On June 10th of this year, the Pensacola (near Gulf Breeze) Florida News Journal featured a headline story to the effect that a small model of a flying saucer had been found in the house where Ed Walters lived during the period of his 1987-1988 UFO sightings & photographs. However, in our opinion Walters has been successful in his efforts to answer the charge that he used this model to create hoax pictures. We will explain his answer in more detail further along, but first we want to discuss what we consider to be a much more significant development:

Supposedly because of the discovery of the model, a young man named Tom Smith (no relation to Willy) suddenly came forward to say that he had been involved with Ed Walters, Ed's son Danny, and a third local youth named Hank Boland, in the creation of many UFO hoax pictures, taken at different times during the early stages of Ed's UFO saga - i.e., late 1987 and possibly on into early 1988.

Tom Adams is the son of an attorney by the same name who lives in Gulf Breeze and has his office in nearby Pensacola. The young man, now in college somewhere out of state, contacted by phone a man named Ed Gray, mayor of Gulf Breeze, and/or Jerry Brown, the police chief. On the strength of Smith's revelations, Brown and Gray (incredibly!) flew all the way to Chicago to interview Hank Boland. Failing to find Boland at home, they then appeared unannounced at his place of work.

Ed claims to be confident that Boland supported Ed's version of the events rather than Smith's, and the newspapers state this; but Mayor Gray, in a phone interview with your editor, states that it is not that simple. He says that at first Boland refused to either confirm or deny Smith's story, but when they came back a second time later in the day, Boland had decided that he does support Ed's version. One might imagine that Ed had talked to Boland on the phone in the meanwhile!

Young Smith's information centers around a group of five photos which we have not seen, but which show a UFO very similar to Ed's pictures. Smith claims Ed took these with Smith's camera and asked Smith to take them to the Gulf Breeze Sentinel as if they were his own. Smith knows the pictures are fake, he says, because he was present when an earlier set of pictures was faked by Ed with the same camera, but these did not turn out well enough to use. Smith considered doing what he was asked to do with the second set, but thought better of it, and simply kept the pictures all this time.

Ed's version is that Smith took the pictures himself, not in Ed's presence, and that the pictures are genuine. Ed says that when young Smith showed these (allegedly) genuine pictures to his father, the father got upset - either because he was afraid the publicity would hurt his law

business, or because he objects to genuine UFOs on religious grounds. (We find the latter to be extremely unlikely.) Therefore, the boy "got off the hook" by pretending to his parents that the pictures were not genuine, which made them feel better about the matter.

Up to that point, Ed's defense sounds unlikely, but possible. However, if Ed's version is true, it still makes no sense to us that the boy would go on and contrive a long, complicated story involving not only these pictures but many of Ed's other early ufological activities - and implicate Ed, his whole family, and Hank Boland - and then go public years later with this lengthy untrue scenario. Surely the father, who now says that he urged his son all along to go public, is no better off at the center of a controversy concerning pictures that are stated to be fake, than he would be with pictures that are stated to be genuine!

Because of the model and the Smith revelations, MUFON held a press conference on June 19th, at the same hotel in Pensacola where the annual MUFON convention will soon be held with Ed & Frances Walters as important speakers. The gist of the statement by the MUFON hierarchy was that they still support Ed, but intend to re-open their investigation. This, of course, is a strangely contradictory stance. If they still believe Ed, there is no need to re-open the investigation; and if they feel they need to re-open the investigation, they must be having their own doubts about Ed at this point!

Later that same day (June 19th), there was a peculiar press conference held in the town council room at the Gulf Breeze city hall. The main participants were the mayor and police chief, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who testified at length under oath supporting their son, and two newsmen from the area, including a reporter from the Pensacola News Journal.

At the press conference, a transcript was made available of a long phone call from Tom Smith Jr., made on June 15th to a different location in Gulf Breeze, in which he answered many detailed questions about his (alleged) knowledge of various photographic and other hoaxes perpetrated by Mr. Ed. We have a transcript of this phone conversation, which was printed in the Gulf Breeze Sentinel, and are hoping to receive a transcript of the elder Smiths' testimony of June 19th. In the meanwhile we have spoken to Mr. Smith twice by phone.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Smith told us on the phone that he had been warned by at least 4 or 5 people not to talk to us, as anything said to us would go right back to Ed Walters. He would not tell us who these people were. Presumably it was the debunkers who gave these warnings, though MUFON is equally afraid of us, as we will note further along. Smith is correct that anything said, unless specifically in confidence, would be repeated to Ed Walters. It would also be published herein and made available to all our many dozens of "Smear" readers. In other words, your editor is a reporter, not a spy for Ed Walters or anyone else!

Getting back to the press conference - we call it "peculiar", because even though held in the town council room, Mayor Ed Gray wanted it to be "private". (How can a press conference be private, especially in a city hall??) Several members of the MUFON hierarchy heard about the press conference, and insisted on attending it. Gray could see he was in a no-win situation, so he (wisely) backed down and decided to let them stay. In this particular matter, we support the MUFON position heartily.

The day after the press conference, the entire staff of "Smear", consisting of one person, flew to Gulf Breeze to investigate this whole matter, which still was in the newspaper headlines there and on the television news. Even if we had arrived a day earlier, it is unlikely we would have been informed of either press conference, so we don't feel we missed anything by arriving when we did. We then proceeded with our investigation, mainly by making an endless series of phone calls from the sanctity of our motel room.

One of these calls was a courtesy call to Charles Flannigan, the new Florida State Director of MUFON, now that Donald Ware has been "kicked up-

stairs" to become Eastern Regional Director. We were astounded when Flannigan attempted to order your editor, who is MUFON Section Director for Monroe County (Fl.) not to interview any of the three young men in the case until after the MUFON hierarchy has had a chance to interview them first!

In the first place, your editor does not take orders - period. In the second place, these three youths - Danny Walters, Tom Smith (Jr.), and Hank Boland, obviously are the key to this whole case. They all lived in Gulf Breeze and knew Ed & each other, during the critical 1987-1988 period. What can we possibly conclude from Flannigan's attitude except that MUFON wants to get to Danny and Hank before anybody else, in order to plug up any holes in their stories, and get to Tom Smith first so as to punch holes in his story. This is known quite simply as Damage Control! It has no place whatever in honest, unbiased UFO research!

We did manage to break ranks and interview Danny Walters briefly by phone, while his father stood at his elbow, so to speak. While this could hardly be called a meaningful interview, it was courteous of Ed to allow it. We were, however, unable to get hold of the other two youths - as yet.

Now, back to the model UFO which was found in Ed's former residence. This is the evidence which has grabbed everyone's attention, though we say again that in our opinion the crucial evidence against Ed comes from young Tom Smith, not from the model, even though the model does indeed present a mystery within a mystery. In brief, Ed states that his former residence was for sale for a long time before being purchased by the present owner, and was unlocked during the daytime over a period of months. Thus any of the many people who visited the house could have planted a model there. No one seems to have a clue as to who did this, but it could well be one of the well-known debunkers or someone in league with them.

The peculiar thing is that the new owner, named Menzer (almost like Menger or Menzel!) found the model weeks ago and never thought enough about it to go public with it, though he was vaguely familiar with Mr. Ed's UFO adventures. Then a reporter from the News Journal just happened to come by one day to ask a few questions, one of which was about whether or not Menzer had found a model! To the Believers, and even to Menzer when we talked to him on the phone, it is quite likely the reporter was tipped off about the model. He denies it, and as a reporter he has no obligation to answer the question. Of course what we all wonder is who, if anyone, tipped him off.

Now, Phil Klass chooses to believe that Ed Walters simply forgot to take the model with him when he moved, but this is an extremely unlikely answer. Furthermore, Ed points out specific differences between this model and the UFOs he photographed - the most obvious difference being that his saucers have two rows of "portholes", and this model has but one.

But Ed's most convincing answer is that, after the model was found, he made a special trip to New Orleans to take his fourth lie detector test, answering "yes" or "no" to questions on this specific sub-subject. (Incidentally, all three of the Smiths have offered to take lie detector tests, but have not yet done so.) Furthermore, Ed did complex research which proves beyond a reasonable doubt that the model was not made until after September 7th, 1989 - long after the events in Ed's book had already taken place. This research has to do with a sketch which could be precisely dated, and which was used as part of the model. Ed believes this sketch was lifted from his garbage, at his present home.

As for the lie detector tests, they are strong evidence, but not conclusive. Sometimes they are allowed as evidence in a court of law, and sometimes not. We have received information which makes us consider the possibility that Ed may be extremely advanced in the use of self-hypnosis,

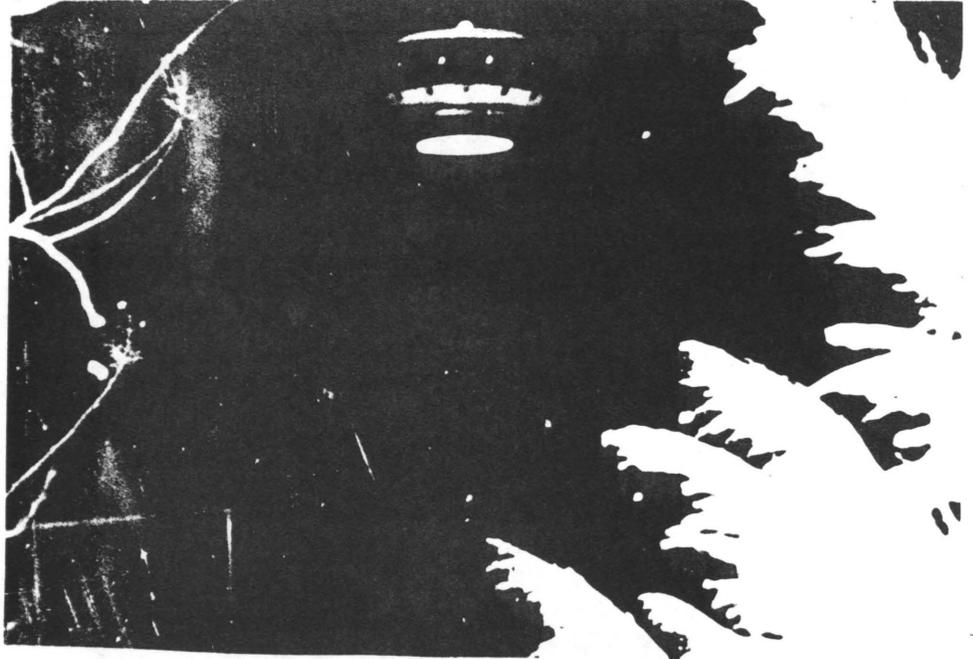


though he denies this. If he has really mastered some weird self-hypnotic technique, it might be possible for him to habitually beat any type of lie detector or stress test. But we repeat that this is only speculation on our part.

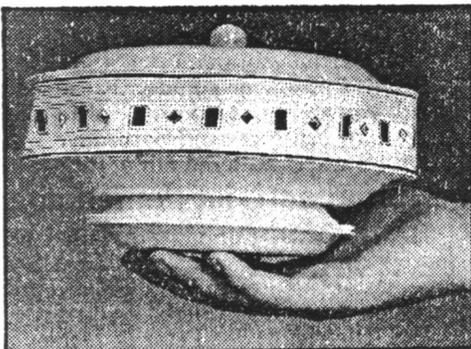
We have severely criticized MUFON in this article, but our truth-seeking task would not be completed unless we also told you about the outrageous way Phil Klass has behaved in recent weeks, during which he has phoned us several times to warn us about libeling him or Willy Smith in "Smear" (even though most readers feel we are already far too kind to Klass) These friendly (?) warnings are based partly on the fact that your editor has a good deal of inherited money, as all our friends know, and for this reason is more vulnerable to lawsuits than most people. For some reason Klass is especially concerned about our libeling him in the present issue, though he admits we have been fair to him in the past. Could Klass possibly have a guilty conscience about something??

Unfortunately, Klass's research consists mainly of bluff, bravado, and

The top right photo is one of Ed Walters', and was loaned to us by him. The bottom right picture is a close-up of the model found in Ed's former residence, and was given to us by independent researcher Bob Reid, whom we enjoyed getting to know while we were visiting Gulf Breeze. According to Ed, the News Journal returned the model to its owner (Mr. Menzer) only after pressure was applied. For a few days, the newspaper put the model in a safe, and refused to show it to rival news media or anyone else.

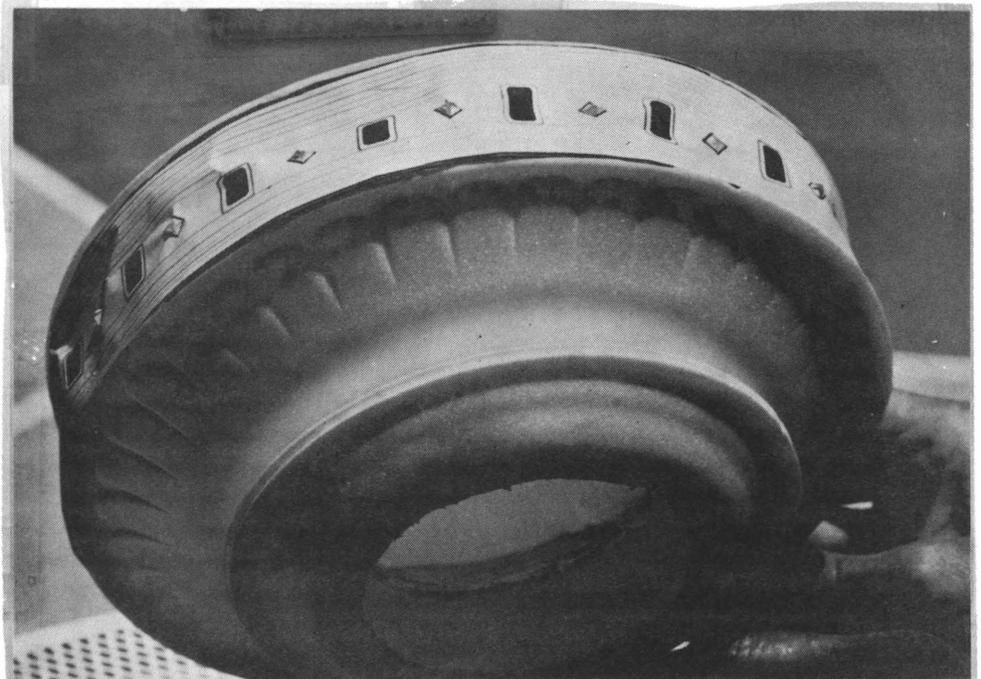


COMMERCIAL PITCH: Back issues of "Saucer Smear" are still available for the price of one dollar each!



News Journal file photo

This small UFO model was found in a house where Ed Walters lived.



bullshit. For many months he has told us about the imminent demise of the Walters case, but so far most of his "predictions" have proven untrue. A clear-cut example of this kind of thing is in regard to the pictures Klass took of Ed Walters at last year's MUFON convention. Klass speculated to us on the phone that maybe Walters' cellmates from long ago would recognize him and cause him trouble. One of Klass's pictures eventually appeared as part of an expose in the Miami Herald, but neither the picture nor the expose did Ed any real harm. Ed went right ahead and wrote his book, and got well paid for it. Apparently his former cellmates don't read newspapers!

Back now to the testimony of Tom Smith Jr., which we feel is very damaging to Ed, as we have stated. However, don't count Ed out yet. He states, quite correctly, that he would have had to be crazy to trust teenagers such as Smith and Boland to keep quiet forever about a hoax they participated in. Also, one might wonder why Ed apparently never tried to get back from young Smith the five pictures which are now causing him embarrassment.

Then there is the fact - too long to fully explain here - that not all of Smith's testimony is equally believable. For example, in regard to a circle of dead grass found in Gulf Breeze a couple of years ago (not any of the recent mysterious circles there), young Smith said, "If I remember correctly, he (Ed) told me that he turned a small trampoline upside down on it for awhile and jumped up and down on it." Yet, this circle was never publicized widely, probably has nothing to do with UFOs, and the method Smith describes sounds absurd to us.

Then there is the fact that, even if Ed's story is a complete hoax - or a partial hoax, which is also possible - there is a phenomenon going on in and around Gulf Breeze which involves at least a half dozen unrelated cases - maybe more - in which craft have been seen in detail that look almost exactly like Ed's craft. This is a fact that even Ed's local critics all seem to agree on; and they admit they do not know what this phenomenon is. They are only mad that, as they see it, Ed has capitalized on the phenomenon, and, as Mayor Gray puts it, "he has made Gulf Breeze the flying saucer capital of the world".

Incidentally, it is generally perceived that the Gulf Breeze Sentinel, whose editor is a friend of Ed's and a participant in at least one UFO incident with him, is supportive of Ed's point of view, while the much larger Pensacola News Journal is "out to get him". We were starting to believe this, till we read an editorial in the News Journal which takes a strong pro-UFO position (though neutral about Ed). Interestingly, the editorial is written by one Ken Fontenberry, the managing editor, who happens to be a son of the Fontenberry (first name not known to us) who, together with William Nash, made a "classic" UFO sighting in 1952, as co-pilots of a scheduled Pan American Airways flight. Fontenberry Sr. has died, but Bill Nash, now retired, is still interested in UFOs, and was one of the speakers at our recent NUFON convention in Miami Beach.

We will have a lot more to say about the Gulf Breeze case in future issues, unless we are "hushed up" by the dark forces of MUFON, the Three Men in Black, the U.S. Government, the Dero, or - worst of all - Phil Klass.

Calvin and Hobbes
/ By BILL WATTERSON



MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

We regret that due to the length of the Gulf Breeze article, we do not have Space for all the good letters that have come in recently, nor for several great "Tidbits of Trash". Hopefully our next issue will be back to normal (though the editor likely will not be.)

STANTON FRIEDMAN, Nuclear Physicist, writes:

"I think you may be interested in knowing that I have completed my research study for the Fund for UFO Research on the Operation Magestic 12 documents. An advance copy of my 'Final Report on Operation Magestic 12' is enclosed for your review. Though it is 100 or so pages long, I am making copies available at a bargain basement cost of only \$12 including postage. Orders may be sent to me at POB 958, Houlton, Me. 04730....

"As you will note, I have been forced reluctantly to the conclusion that the three primary documents are genuine and therefore of great significance and probably the most important U.S. government documents ever leaked to the U.S. public...."

We ask - what Terrible Thing caused Friedman to be "forced reluctantly" to the same conclusion he had already reached before he started work on his Report? - Editor.

BOB GIRARD of the esteemed Arcturus Book Service, writes:

"(You ask) why do I sell Ed Walters' book? Why do I pan it and then take folks' money for it? You do deserve an explanation. It is because, dealing strictly as a mail order bookseller, with customers in the most remote backwaters of the U.S. and the world, I feel that since a number of them do not have the opportunity to browse, to pick up and sniff at many of the titles we offer here before gambling their hard-earned cash, it is good ethical policy - and good business sense - to at least advise customers about what they're getting into.

"I learned long ago that people already have their minds made up when they go to place their orders with us. They will buy a book regardless of what I might say about it, or they will refuse to buy it. My interest in capturing the flavor of a book, for better or worse, is to avoid hype and to avoid returns by disappointed customers...

"To any authors who have suffered the brickbats of an Arcturus disenchantment with their product, our reply is: let them write a better book the next time...."

BILL KNEEL of Island Skywatch writes as follows:

"...Despite all the evidence for Gulf Breeze's Mr. Ed case, I must say that every single old-time investigator I know (with the exception of most MUFON hard-liners) believes that case is bogus. Personally, (and this will piss off MUFON and probably get me thrown out as N.Y. Asst. State Director), I believe that the Mr. Ed case is a carefully conceived government-sponsored hoax. It reeks of the 'plausible deniability' that Oliver North talked about during the Iran-Contra hearings....

"Of course, Mr. Ed is in no way the final word on the Gulf Breeze situation. There have been many authentic sightings apart from his..."

The semi-legendary JOHN KEEL, writing to us as if we were someone else named Bob, writes as follows:

"Dear Bob:

"When it comes to being the reigning expert on crocks of shit, Moseley has no peer. If he says the Candy Jones book was a crock, you have to bow to his superior knowledge. He has been up to his neck in feces for the entire 25 or so years that I have known him. He often makes me think of

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the poor soul in the movie 'Seven Beauties' who committed suicide by diving into the diarrhea-laden latrine in the prison camp.

"Since the Candy Jones book was written by an established novelist, and since Long John's penchant for engaging in all kinds of hoaxes was well known, it is quite probable that the book took liberties with the truth. Someone should track down the author and ask him pointblank.

"I read the book when it first came out, and I was impressed by the various sections that reflected Long John's considerable vanity - such as the paragraphs in which he bragged about his marriage to Candy and his performance of his marital duties. Certain names in the book were clearly derived from the voluminous anti-CIA literature of the 1960's and '70's. It would have been relatively easy to fake this kind of book. The assorted UFO hobbyists have been faking similar books for years and years...."

RICHARD FREEMAN writes ominously:

"Such words of Long John & Candy. I know that you think that even should they roll over in their graves - or even spin around in concentric circles - they will be of no immediate danger to you. But those men who controlled Candy are still there, wearing black shoes & driving black cars & they are not amused. You may expect a visit from two very sweaty males at any time in Key West...."

And, WILLIAM HOWARD writes as follows:

"I see by the latest issue of 'Saucer Smear' that you are still troubled by the Deros. Oh well, either they will go away, or they won't. You can quote me on that.

"I found Professor Henry Bauer's letter (about TREAT II) to be well reasoned and intelligent, as befitting a man of his position. And I can understand his confusion over your saying that 'most of the speeches were by ufologists, not professionals'. How does one tell them apart, Supreme Commander? Don't they both take money?..."

GRANT CAMERON of Canada writes:

"Regarding your Vol. 37, No. 4 issue and your plug for Christopher Allan's article 'Wilbert Smith and the MJ-12 Connection':Allan got most of his information and documents from me. As I have told Melesciuc, he left out half and twisted the other half so badly that it is a surprise that the article is readable. There are still about a dozen people alive who knew Wilbert Smith personally. Of these, Allan has contacted only one.

"...Allan's conclusion is that Moore hoaxed the MJ-12 documents, and that the group MJ-12 is a fantasy. The MJ-12 documents and the group MJ-12 are two different issues altogether."

We have a great letter from Allan about all this, but he has marked it "unfit for publication". - Editor.

Our olde pal JOHN BARLOW writes:

"I just bought a copy of 'High Weirdness by Mail', and was surprised (?) to see you listed, though they fucked up and listed you as respectable. I'd be insulted. After appearing in this book and in OMNI, I can see why you wield the 'Dreaded X' so easily. The number of unwanted scum who write you must be enormous. I'm speaking of them, not me.

"Your most recent issue sputters into view with an unseemly number of apologies for mistakes. This is an error. When publishing a rag devoted to mud slinging, you should never say you're wrong. If Wayne Aho is still alive, that's his fault. You should have admitted his obituary was a prediction. Cool it with the fairness shit, Jim. Bring your ugly ego out of the closet and do what ufologists do best - always be right!"

Jolly old FRANK BRUCKMANN writes:

"Just a note to let you know I am still thinking of you. I wasn't really until I ran across a copy of OMNI, Jan. 1985. I really didn't realize I had been writing to someone of such great importance as to be mentioned in an international mag. Now, if it had been Klass, Andrus, Randi, or Benson, I would not have been surprised. Yes, I know - 1985 is quite a ways back, but then I am a slow reader.

"Have you ever posed in his other magazine, Penthouse?...

"The only sane people left (in the UFO field) are you, me, and Tom Benson, and I'm not so sure about Tom, or come to think of it, any one who keeps publishing a paper nobody reads except me. As your only reader, I'll give you my new address out of the kindness of my heart...."

ALLEN BENZ, "the Un-Spook who drinks the Un-Cola", writes:

"Your missive of recent date in the form of a confidential postcard has arrived here at the 3" x 6" corporate mailroom, and will be used to help stabilize one of the legs of my credenza.

"Your comments have been noted. My question at this time is: Do these same comments ('...no one I have ever met looks less like an Agent than you!') apply to Senor Biebel, your illustrious long-time colleague and fellow NUFOC board member? Mr. Moore specifically refers to Allen Benz AND Ed Biebel. Moore also refers to Biebel as being associated with the Foundation for UFO Research (present tense - current, active affiliation implied). Lord Biebel, monarch of the Kino Springs manor house, has not been affiliated with the Foundation since January, 1988...."

Ace researcher VICTORIA LACAS writes as follows:

"I have just received 'The Rose Paper' by Tom Benson, which essentially is an expose of Jim Moseley's UFO/Cuba/Hemingway/Hearst/CIA connections. Missing from the account is the little-known detail that J. Moseley was seen leaving Marilyn Monroe's house the night she died! This sensational detail will be covered in my book, 'Marilyn Monroe and the Extraterrestrial-Hollywood Abductions'. What part Moseley played in the Monroe/Alien cover-up and his ties to Elvis will finally be told. However, thus far my research shows no conclusive proof that Hemingway and Moseley ever spent the night together! Don't be too sure about that! - Editor.

Esteemed skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"I enjoyed the last issue of 'Saucer Smear' even more than I normally do...But what is this? Our editor and Supreme Commander has made a bunch of errors!? Wayne Aho is still with us...and then the block buster, 'Are we drinking the wrong brand of Scotch?' Could this mean that our editor has been forced to purchase - excuse the expression - 'rot gut' Scotch? If this is true, surely your readers are obliged to help.

"Enclosed is a bottle of a single malt (not a blend) Scotch whiskey. I understand that this is the premium type of Scotch. Hope this helps reduce errors in 'Smear', or that you won't care if you do make some."

And Dennett really did send us a big bottle of really high-class Scotch!... Our thanks to him, and may this be a Hint to other loyal non-subscribers who wish to help keep the creative juices flowing at "Smear" Headquarters! - Editor.

**Gov. Moore meets
miners' demand;
two pickets shot**

Cleveland Plain Dealer 3/14/74

Squad helps dog bite victim