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NOTE: Our last issue should have stated at the top of Page One, right after the words "Volume 37, No. 5", the date of the issue - which was July 10th, 1990. This time it was our printer who goofed, not us!

NOW, in regard to the present issue: A number of you will find an "X" after your name on the envelope in which this issue arrived. If such an "X" is there, it means that we are ending your non-subscription at this point unless we hear from you shortly. Your humble editor cannot afford to let the list of Freeloaders increase indefinitely; so those of you who don't write in, don't send Donations (HINT!), and don't even seem to be Out There at all - will be delegated to Limbo unless there is some sort of positive action on your part.

Also, anyone who dies is required to notify us immediately! We will make an exception in the case of Wayne Aho, for whom we inadvertently ran an obituary prematurely.

## A BRIEF REPORT ON THE GLORIOUS MUFON CONVENTION IN PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

The 1990 MUFON convention in Pensacola could well be called "The Convention that Ed (Walters) Built", because both the location and the record size of the crowd were mainly a result of his famous series of sightings & photographs in nearby Gulf Breeze. The event was scheduled to take place in the Pensacola Hilton Hotel; but the air conditioning broke down, and the number of delegates was too large for the ballroom anyhow; so MUFON got moved, at the same price, to the nearby Civic Center, which seats about 12,000. The MUFON people numbered less than 1,000, but nevertheless more than at most previous conventions of theirs or any other UFO group.

Your editor was supplied with an identification button, which included our code name "Buzzard", printed right on the button along with our name. Frankly, our purpose for being in Pensacola for the third time was as much to continue our investigation of the Walters case, as it was to attend the convention. We thus missed hearing some of the speakers, being busy talking to various informants in person & by phone.

We developed a unique research technique, whereby we would sit down to eat at a large table in the hotel dining room, a few minutes before a convention session would be over. Then, when lots of delegates would come pouring into the dining room all at once, we would invite people we wanted to talk to, to come sit down at our table; and they were very glad to do so rather than continue to wait in line. Yes, Buzzard is a tricky old bird!

Of the lectures we listened to, our fav-



**Rima E. Laibow, M.D.**  
Symposium Speaker and  
Director of TREAT  
(did not appear)

orite was "New Revelations from Roswell" by Donald Schmitt of MUFON and CUFOS. He finally succeeded in convincing us of something most of our readers already think they know - that something really strange did indeed happen at Roswell back in 1947. We still are not willing to believe it was necessarily an interplanetary craft with alien bodies, but it was a long way from being an ordinary weather balloon. One insight we received, from another source, is that the only seventeen atomic bombs in the world were stored, at that time, at the air base at Roswell. This may well have been the reason for the excessive secrecy and paranoia exhibited by the military at that time (and, apparently, ever since).

Other notable lectures: Budd Hopkins on "UFO Abductions in the Gulf Breeze Area"; "The Fyffe Alabama Experience" - by a publisher named Carey Baker, who described a series of strange ufological and paranormal events in his home area; "Red Skies: The Great 1989 UFO Wave in the USSR", by Antonio Huneeus, giving his first lecture at a MUFON convention; and "The Differences Between Perceptions of Ufology in America and Europe" by an Englishman named John Spencer. Also on the program were Stanton Friedman, replacing Rima Laibow who was unable to attend; Mark Curtis of WEAR-TV in Pensacola; Brian O'Leary; Dr. Barry Downing; John Brandenburg; Robert Hall; David Gotlib, M.D.; and of course Ed & Frances Walters. The Walters talk was not as effective as the one they gave for us in Miami Beach last May, because of vague difficulties with the microphones, lights, and slides.

Next year's MUFON conclave will take place in Chicago on approximately the same dates as this year's. Your editor will probably attend, even if ejected from the organization in the meanwhile.

#### TIDBITS OF TRASH:

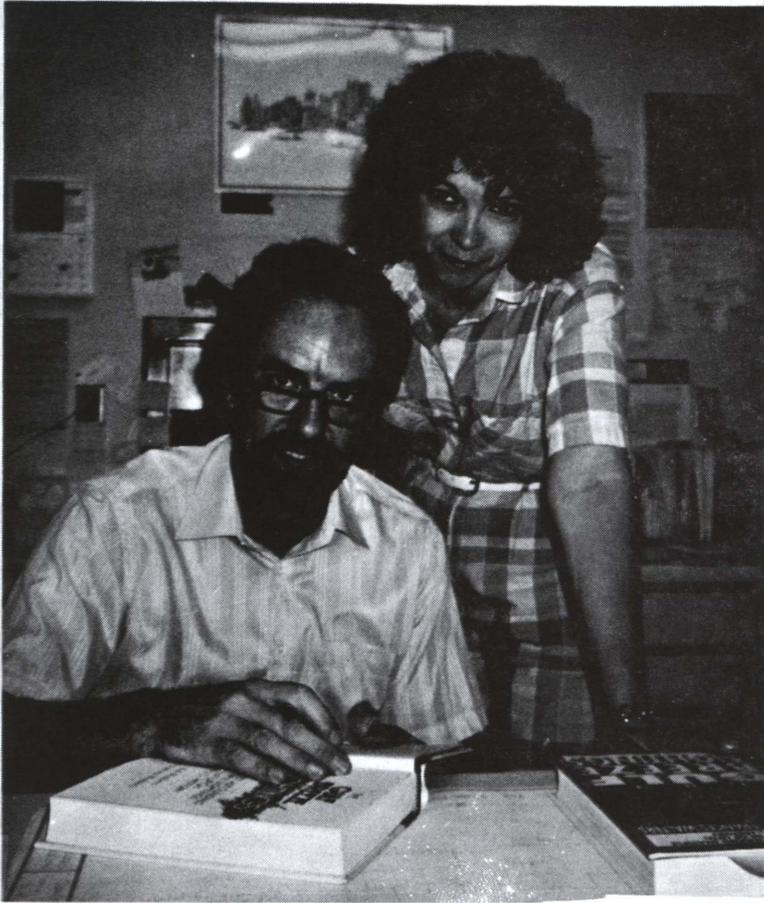
Stan Friedman has won an out-of-court settlement for libel from British ufologist Jenny Randles and "The Manchester (England) Evening News", in regard to harsh statements against him printed therein last October. Stan's victory may be due to the fact that libel laws in England are much stricter than they are here. Interestingly, an American ufologist who publishes in England has been threatened with a lawsuit by the same Jenny Randles, and he has become so frightened by the threat that he has dropped out of the UFO field completely as a result!....

Our olde friend Tim Beckley announces that he is sponsoring another convention, this time called the National New Age & Alien Agenda Conference, to take place Sept. 7th-9th at the same motel in Phoenix, Arizona, where

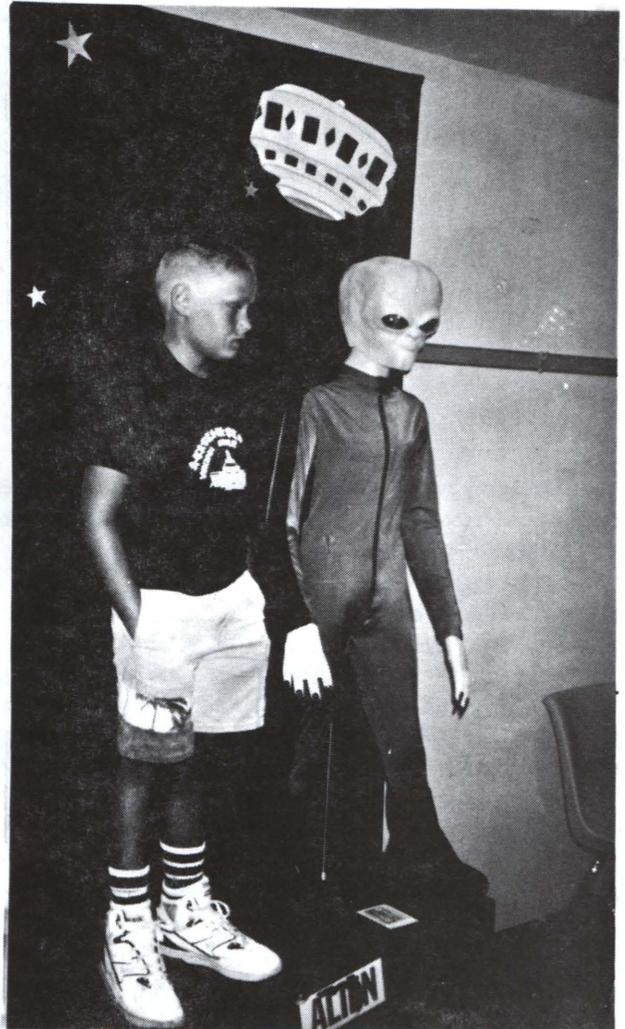


Phil Klass chats with a female fan at the MUFON convention; or, does he have her under some sort of hypnotic control??

("Smear" photos by our esteemed staff photographer.)



ABOVE: Ed & Frances Walters autograph their book for your Editor, at their new home in Gulf Breeze. RIGHT: Two Aliens at one of the "scientific" exhibits in the MUFON convention vendors' room. Note Ed's UFO, with 2 rows of portholes, on the backdrop.



last year's NUFOC convention took place. Among the approximately 25 speakers will be your humble "Smear" editor, who will give a scientific "paper" tentatively entitled: "The Gulf Breeze Phenomenon as a Socio-Economic Indicator of Alien Activity in the Fifth Dimension". For details on all this, write to Beckley at Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903....

Although there will be many UFO conclaves before then, it is not too early to keep in mind that the 1991 annual NUFOC convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on the weekend of September 15th next year. Details will be made available as time goes by....

For fans or anti-fans of James ("The Amusing") Randi, we have interesting news: It seems that the two multi-million dollar lawsuits brought by psychic Uri Geller have been dismissed, possibly in such a way that neither side can pursue the matter further. A press release from Randi about this matter does not mention that a separate lawsuit brought by psychologist Eldon Byrd and his wife has not been dismissed, and this is by far the most serious of the three. Also, it is rumored that Randi has spent between \$70,000 and \$120,000 defending himself against these various suits. It is the purpose of his enemies to try to wipe him out financially defending himself, irregardless of whether he wins or loses the cases. In this, they are obviously succeeding....

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GULF BREEZE UPDATE:

One thing we have definitely learned since starting a serious investigation of the Gulf Breeze case, is that the answer is complicated. Perhaps not as much so as the MJ-12 mess; but nevertheless, people who simply say "I believe it" or "I don't believe it" are expressing opinions that are probably based on insufficient or biased evidence. One friend actually told us recently, "I don't care if Gulf Breeze is true or not. I'm not interested in it, because it is too complicated". Strangely, it is the complexity and intrigue that attracts us to the case!

Take, for example, the group of six UFO pictures and their negatives, which Tom Smith Jr. recently turned in to the town elders of Gulf Breeze, claiming they are hoax photos that Mr. Ed took with Smith's camera. We all know that Ed's first group of five pictures was taken on Nov. 11th, 1987, and first appeared in the local paper a week or so later. Were Smith's pictures taken before or after Ed's first pictures? Smith would say after, since they were supposedly a part of Ed's continuing series of photographic hoaxes. But a local former teenager known to us only as "Rob" says that Smith showed him his photos before anything was in the newspapers, i.e., presumably awhile before Nov. 11th, 1987. Rob also says that he was "white with fear" when his friend Smith showed him the pictures, and that Smith's parents didn't give him (Smith Jr.) any support in his understandable uneasiness after having snapped genuine pictures of a supposedly alien craft. In other words, Rob backs up Ed's version of the matter.

On the other hand, Mr. Smith Sr. tells us that other former teenagers are ready to step forward and support his son's version of events. Needless to say, Ed says the opposite. And the front page of the July 5th Gulf Breeze Sentinel states: "The Sentinel staff has contacted several young people that were said to be friends of the Walters, and were told by all of them that they had no knowledge of fake photos or a hoax". Also Hank Bolland has now come out in print strongly backing up Ed.

Bob Oschsler, a pro-Ed technician and photo expert, has examined Smith Jr.'s pictures, and declared them to be genuine. Another source tells us, and we agree: "Smith's pictures are as genuine as Ed's." In other words, if they are real, so are Ed's - and vice versa.

If you aren't thoroughly confused yet, try this: A reliable source informs us that Smith's six UFO pictures are not from the same roll of film as three landscape shots that were turned in to the Gulf Breeze authorities at the same time and therefore presumed to be from the same roll. The details are complex, but the gist is that this fact tends to support Smith's version of the matter, which is that Ed shot the six UFO photos alone, but with Smith's camera.

Now let's get back to the infamous "Ghost Demon" picture, which has become a central theme with debunkers Overall and Willy Smith. Just as we were re-establishing contact with Nick Mock's mother (named Lina Chepult), there appeared on the scene Zan Overall's book, entitled "Gulf Breeze Double Exposed". This 50-page booklet is published by CUFOS, and oddly enough was on sale in the vendors' room at the MUFON convention.

Never before in the history of publishing has a book had such a limited objective. In it, Overall proves to his own satisfaction, through a series of convoluted assumptions, that the Ghost Demon picture is a double exposure. We would comment: Even if this is true, it does nothing to prove that Ed's UFO pictures are also double exposures, though it does cast suspicion in that direction.

More serious to Ed's case, however, is the accusation made by several of the teenagers from Ed's parties and confirmed to us by Linda Chepult (as told to her by her son Nick) that Ed engaged in having himself and some of the party guests read parts of the Bible backwards, specifically the 23rd Psalm. Particularly in a Bible Belt community, this would definitely be considered crossing over into a definitely "no-no" type of party fun, whether or not any hoax pictures were made. Ed and Frances deny the charge; but

if it is true, Ed either has a warped sense of humor, or else possibly a genuine interest in the Occult.

This would tie in with Ed's truly bizzare behavior in a 40-minute video tape he showed us the first time we visited his home (1988), in which he curses and raves wildly while driving his truck to a hoped-for rendezvous with a UFO. Duane Cook of the Gulf Breeze Sentinel is sitting next to Ed and doing the filming. Your editor is among the few to have seen this strange video tape in its entirety. Anyone seeing it would probably conclude that Ed is either doing a great job of overacting, or else is under what occultists would call "demonic possession". No other UFO case that we know of has the "victim" carrying on like this.

We are also told that Craig Myers of the Pensacola News Journal, who is definitely antagonistic toward Ed, is working on an occult angle of his own, which, if proven, would be very detrimental to Ed's case. We do not know any more than that about Myers' information, and since he knows we are friendly toward Ed, he is not likely to tell us anything.

There are apparently four people who have taken pictures of the Gulf Breeze phenomenon. The best-known, of course, is Ed. Another gave the pseudonym "Jane" to the newspapers, and nothing is really known about her, if she exists. The third is Tom Smith Jr. (according to Ed); and the fourth is "Believer Bill", obviously a pseudonym. Many people think "Believer Bill" is really Ed, but there are several other theories. One theory has it that it is a former neighbor of Ed's named Ray Griffin, but Griffin has denied this to us, even though he admits being into UFOs and the paranormal. As a matter of fact, Griffin moved to Gulf Breeze awhile back from the vicinity of Fyffe, Alabama - a hotbed of weird events, as already noted. There he was known as "Believer Phil". (We kid you not!)

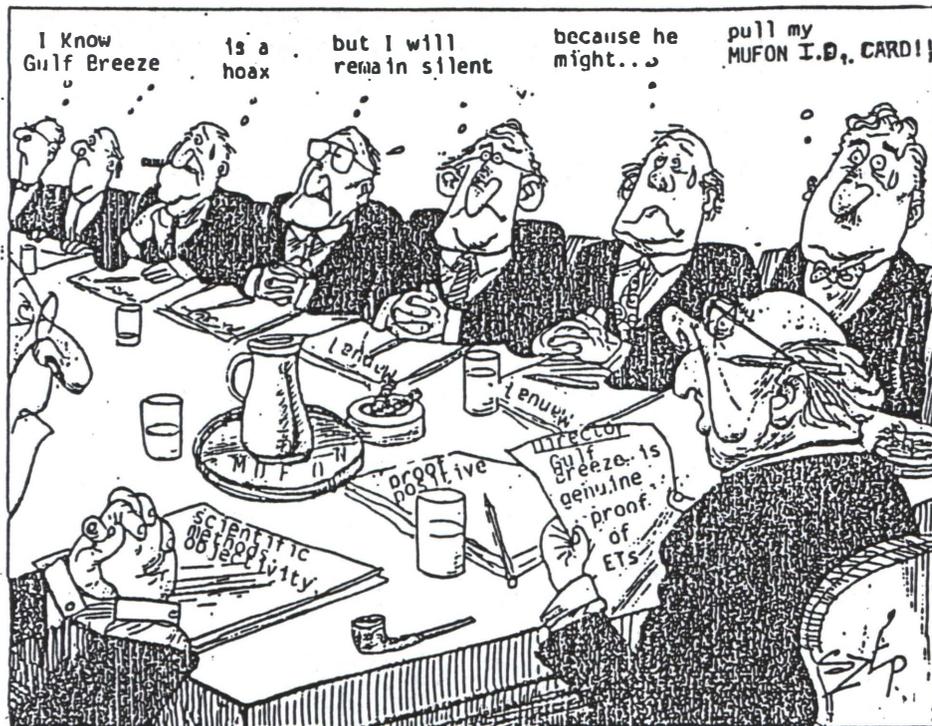
Then there are those Gulf Breeze residents who have made close-up sightings independently of Ed, but without photographs. Of these, the most intriguing is an elderly lady named Billie Zammit, wife of a retired military officer named Captain Joseph Zammit. Her sighting, which included a blue beam from the craft, was made less than 24 hours before Ed's November 11th, 1987 sighting, which also included a blue beam. It would be rather far-fetched to assume Ed patterned his story after hers!

While we have little use for the MUFONites who parrot the Gulf Breeze

"party line" as a dogma of belief, we have even less use for debunkers who introduce irrelevant issues. Phil Klass is not only unimpressed by Ed's full pardon regarding past crimes from the governor of Florida, but he goes on to accuse Ed of committing a new crime by having handled firearms while still an ex-felon, as Ed admits in several passages in his book. Ed's answer to this - paraphrased by us - is that if you don't believe the rest of the book, why believe the incidents of gun-handling?

When we first visited Ed in late 1988, he took us to the site of his final UFO experience

Our thanks to "Orbiter" for this cartoon.



1990 MUFON State and Assistant State Directors meeting.

- the big one of May 1st, 1988, in which he experienced "missing time". He told us he was abducted; that he was aware of four previous abductions; and that there are painful aspects of all this which he does not want to discuss in detail. But now, in talking to us and all others, Ed only admits to the "missing time", and says he doesn't really know if he was abducted or not. Could the abduction scenario be the subject of a second book? We have suggested to Ed that it should be, and he tells us that, although there is nothing definite yet, a second book may well be in the works!

There is much, much more, but Space limits us. (Send us Big Money and we'll expand to sixteen pages!) We'll leave the last word to Ed, for now: Sayeth he: "The only people who know the real truth (about the Gulf Breeze case) are the witnesses". Amen!

FLASH! Just at press time, a strange possibly cult-related incident, involving six AWOL soldiers, occurred in Gulf Breeze. There is a link to UFOs in the story, but probably not to Mr. Ed. STAY TUNED!

### LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

LOUISE BRAISTED (Bless Her!) writes:

"...I have enclosed another small contribution to 'Saucer Smear', as I muchly enjoy reading it. I'm just a little ole lady in sneakers who has long been an avid birdwatcher, and ufology's flock is amazing! But don't you find it difficult to identify them properly? They cover their markings so well."

TOM BENSON, former N.J. State Director for MUFON, writes:

"Re your current issue: I was thrilled to the gills to see Frank Bruckman got kicked in the ass by Bigfoot and came back into our dimension. I was beginning to think he went to the big ballroom in the sky. Frank, an award-winning ballroom dancer, even kept a map of New Jersey on the wall of his outhouse door, not pinpointing UFO or Bigfoot sightings, but sites where he balled broads. I wonder if he took his map to his new address or left it in the olde church he used to live in?....

"Victoria Lacas...levitated herself in her recent 'Smear' letter to the point that there are definite indications she has gone over the brink far enough to get a job reporting for one of those supermarket tabloids..."

TOM BURCH, a hard-core UFO researcher, writes as follows:

"In the past several years I have developed a greater degree of contempt for Dr. (?) Carl Sagan than for Phil Klass. The attached cartoon accurately depicts my opinion on Sagan's stature as the 'great certifier' of the scientific community.

"Carl Sagan is the Jesse Jackson of Science."

ERNIE BUD GRACE



DAVE THESPAZZ of radio station WFMU in East Orange, N.J., writes:

"Can you please tell me if this is true or not? Did alien beings land in the Southwest U.S. in 1949 and one of the few non-classified personnel to see their corpses was Jackie Gleason? Didn't Nixon take him on a trip there?...."

No, it was Nixon who landed in the UFO! - Editor.

KEITH THOMPSON writes as follows:

"...In the interests of compassion, I am indeed sorry to learn from John Keel's letter that you have been up to your neck in feces for the past 25 years. This must limit your attendance at parties. On the other hand, it may make particular parties available to you for which you otherwise might not qualify as a guest...

"I note that Mr. Keel previously termed you 'a boil on the ass of ufology'. I assume that both claims are amenable to confirmation or disconfirmation on a straight-forward empirical basis..."

DENNIS STACY, editor of the MUFON UFO Journal, writes:

"...The most recent issue of 'Smear' was one of the better in modern memory. Maybe actual investigating and reporting suits you, after all.

"Knowing you're only in the business, however, for laughs and money, while remaining in the dark as to which means most, I enclose two items you'll hopefully find completely devoid of either possibility. The first is the offer of a 5,000-Pound reward by the Koestler Foundation of England for the solution to the Crop Circle Mystery....Given current exchange rates, we're talking almost \$10,000 here, which would buy a lot of Scotch in almost any currency...."

Stacy's second enclosure is in regard to the six soldiers AWOL in Gulf Breeze, about which much more in our next issue! - Editor.

And, DENIS COREY writes as follows:

"...The current 'Smear' is a definite ass-kicker - one of the best issues ever, I believe! Gulf Breeze gets weirder and weirder, and you've done a great job of keeping up with it all. Congrats!

"MUFON and P. Klass sound like total bozos to me. Who are they to be ordering you (or anyone else) around? Talk about your 'exaggerated sense of self-worth'. At this rate, we'll ALL go to our graves not knowing anything for sure!..."

JIM MELESCIUC of "Orbiter" writes:

"...With all respect, I find (Tom) Smith's testimony believable - particularly regarding Walters' mystery circle. Regarding the trampoline matter, one only has to take an object such as a basket or barrel and place it over a grassy area, especially where the grass receives a lot of sun exposure. If you leave it there for an extended time, it will create a matted area in the shape of the object used. The trampoline method would be perfect to create such an effect. The jumping on the trampoline would not only create a matted area in a spherical form, but essentially would break and split the grass to kill much of it. If the trampoline was left upside down on the grass for a lengthy period of time, it would cause a mystery circle effect, simply by cutting off the sunlight and/or oxygen...."

PHIL KLASS enlightens us with:

"If you had read Bruce Maccabee's 1988 FUFOR report on the Gulf Breeze case, you would know that at least three different UFO designs appear in Ed's photos.

"It is not surprising that Ed Walters selected UFO Photo #13 for you to publish alongside the model discovered in his former residence. As Macabee noted on p. 137 of his report, the 'UFO' shown in Photo #13, allegedly taken Dec. 17, 1987, 'is clearly of a slightly different shape (i.e., design) than in the earliest (earlier) photos'....

"I regret that you misinterpreted our telephone discussions of the legal obligation of any writer to investigate potentially libelous claims before publishing them. During our discussion, I cited things you had written about others - not myself. I was only trying to help you disprove that old adage: 'A Fool and His (inherited) Money Are Soon Parted'."

Nonsense! - Editor.

Non-subscriber JERRY LUCCI writes:

"...Re polygraph tests: For the record, there are several proven ways to beat a polygraph test, including the use of a mild tranquilizer a short time prior to the test...Anybody wishing to research this aspect should spend a little time in their nearest library, and they will discover the reason why four or forty such tests don't mean much if you know how to beat the machine...."

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For all you Kenneth Arnold freaks out there, an artist named Jim Dallmeier has come up with a "full-color art print" somehow inspired by the Arnold sighting of June 24th, 1947. The painting, whose size is not given, shows a mystical sort of Arnold floating in the sky above a group of nine bird-like objects, which in turn are floating above Mount Rainier. The price is \$6.95 unsigned or \$9.95 signed. Address: 9047 Aero Drive, Pico Rivera, Ca. 90660....

A rumor recently surfaced, apparently started by Wendelle Stevens, that ufologist Bill Moore had been arrested in California for a serious crime. We checked this story out carefully, and learned that it is not true. However, Moore seems to be in dire financial straits, as both his phones have been "temporarily disconnected"....

A national UFO museum is scheduled to open in Reno, Nevada, in 1991, designed to educate the public about "all aspects of the UFO phenomenon". According to the literature, it will display the world's largest collection of UFO-related material of all sorts. It will be open to the public at a modest fee, and will include (strangely!) a book store and gift shop. For details, write to P.O. Box 20593, Sun Valley, Nevada 89433....

Ace New York publicist Michael Luckman informs us that the nation of Sierra Leone has issued a set of postage stamps featuring the alleged Spinx-like "face on Mars", a face which is obvious to Erik Beckjord and a few others with great psychic insight. Luckman is selling these stamps; I mean, he's definitely not giving them away! Write to: 134 West Houston St., Suite One; New York, N.Y. 10012....

And speaking of faces on Mars, our 4-D Bigfootologist pal Beckjord has discovered NASA photographs of two additional face-like structures that are somewhere between one and two miles in diameter. More on this in next ish. Also, Erik has come up with his own unique theory about Ed Walters' "Ghost Demon" picture, which is said by Ed's enemies to be a deliberate double exposure. Erik does not think the picture is a deliberate hoax of any sort, but he does see a number of 4-D faces which "crept in afterwards"; possibly from a parrallel universe, due to Ed's psychic personality. Beckjord is currently on his way to jolly olde England, to crash a meeting of the International Society of Cryptozoology. Let's hope he stays out of trouble over there!