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## MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

We write of the plight of an aging humanitarian-minded friend named Harold Salkin, who has been a UFO & New Age enthusiast for many years. He has given freely of his time, energy, and limited funds to countless New Age ventures, and among many other things, he was the publicist for our 1967 and 1980 NUFOC conventions in New York City.

Now, for a combination of physical and psychological reasons, Harold is wasting away in a fleabag hotel in New York, with little or no contact with the outside world. Even if you don't know him at all, drop him a line so that he can realize that some people still care. His address is: Hotel Kenmore, #1407; 145 East 23rd St., New York, N.Y. 10010....

We think we owe our readers a brief and belated update on two inter-related subjects which we have tended to ignore lately, due to our preoccupation (some would say obsession) with the Gulf Breeze case: We refer to the Roswell Incident of 1947 and the MJ-12 papers discovered (or created?) a few years ago by Bill Moore and Jaime Shandera.

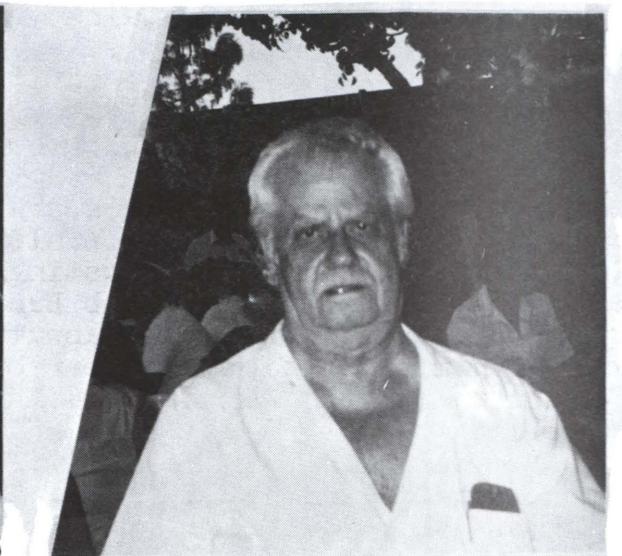
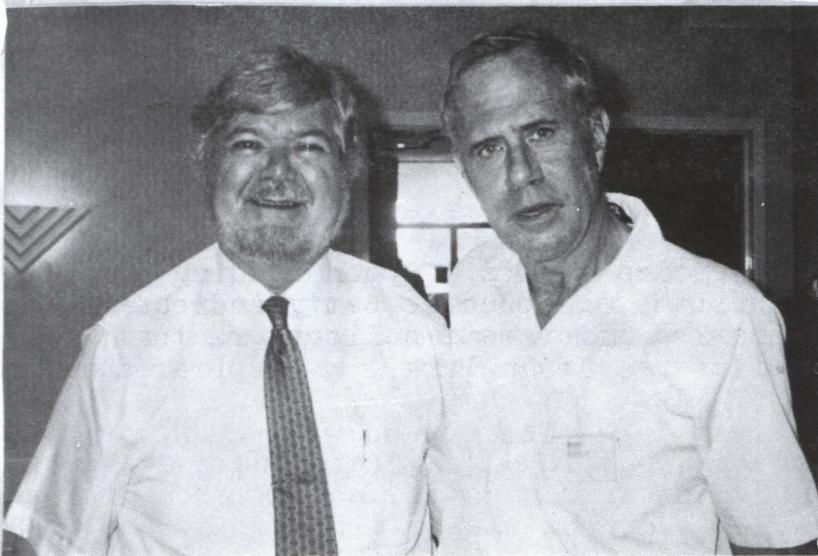
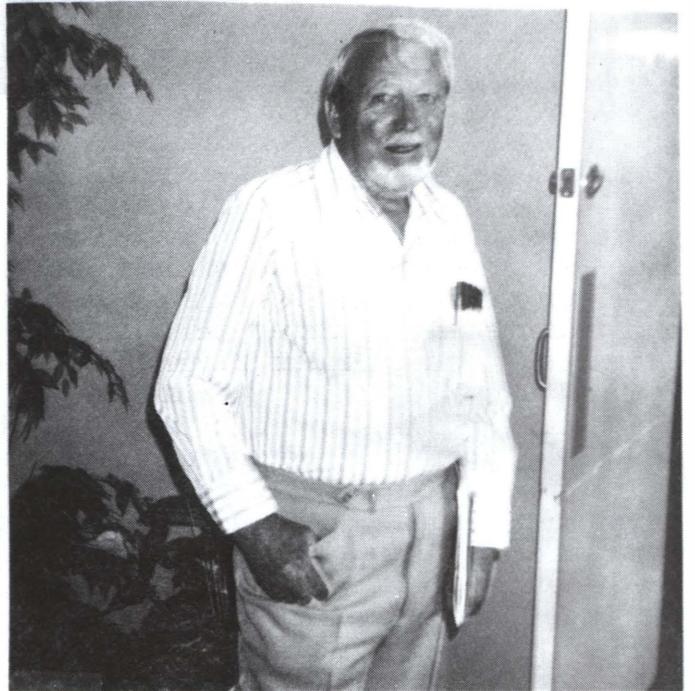
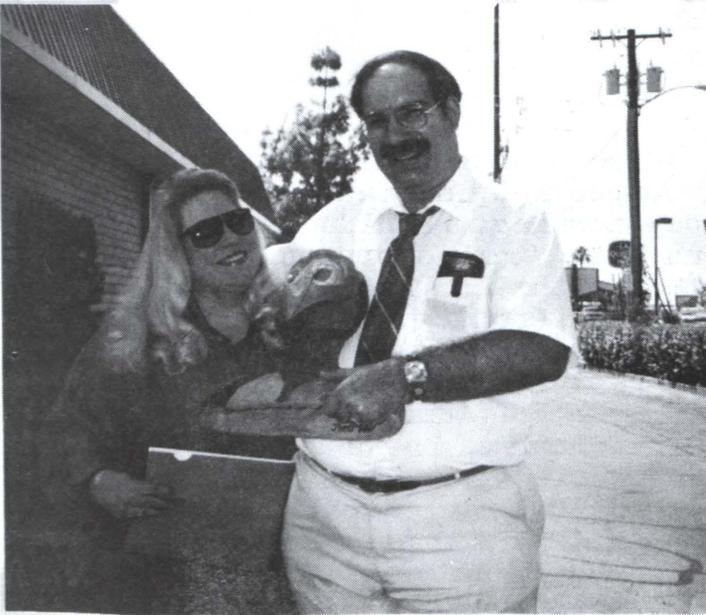
Regarding the Roswell Incident, a re-investigation at the site has been made by CUFOS, and a book on this is due out shortly by Don Schmitt and Kevin Randle. We heard Schmitt speak on this subject at the Pensacola MUFON convention, and as stated in "Smear" at the time, your editor was very favorably impressed by his presentation. However, Moore and Shandera claim that the CUFOS investigation is incompetent or worse, and have written long, boring papers discrediting it. In short, a veritable ufological feud is running between these two supposedly professional investigative teams. Result: More confusion than ever as to what really happened at Roswell so many years ago.

As for the MJ-12 documents, a definitive defense of them has been published by Stanton Friedman (as noted in a previous "Smear"), while a definitive put-down, called "The Crashed Saucer Forgeries," has been published by CUFOS, authored by skeptics Joe Nickell and John Fischer. These two men imply in their article that Moore wrote the MJ-12 papers himself, though they offer only circumstantial evidence.

Put this together with Moore's confession last year that he has been an unpaid government informant, plus his threatened lawsuits against several ufologists, and one can conclude that Moore is either the most maligned, misunderstood man in the whole UFO field, or else he is possibly not playing the UFO game with a full deck. We do not follow these complex matters carefully enough to draw a conclusion. In person we have found Moore to be bright, articulate, and likeable, but at this point we can do no better than to damn him with faint praise!....

On the Gulf Breeze front, things seem to have quieted down a bit. The arguments regarding Ed Walters' UFO photographs continue, but without resolution. The "Gulf Breeze Six" have faded from the headlines. Ed has, mean-

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM TIM BECKLEY'S NEW AGE CONVENTION IN PHOENIX LAST SEPTEMBER:

First let's give you the captions for the photographs on Page 2: Top left shows veteran contactee Wayne Aho waving the Flag and showing his honorable discharge papers, just before the beginning of his convention lecture. Aho is still alive and kicking, in spite of a recent premature obituary in "Smear". - Top right shows Jerry Willis, an unusual contactee, in that he claims to be reincarnated from one of the four dead aliens allegedly found in 1947 at the UFO crash site near Roswell, New Mexico. - Middle left shows abductee Christa Tilton (formerly Christa Stevens), together with Ed Biebel, a member of our NUFOC board of directors & Assistant MUFON State Director for Arizona. Biebel is holding a weird alien-looking head which your editor mysteriously found on the bed in his motel room during the convention. (A crude hoax.) - Middle right is a candid shot of retired Air Force Lt. Col. Wendelle Stevens, Christa's former husband, who is a prolific publisher of UFO books. Not long ago he completed a five-year stretch in an Arizona state prison on a morals charge. - Bottom left shows the esteemed Dr. Frank Stranges, well-known contactee and UFO lecturer, together with your "Smear" editor. Stranges has tried to maintain a close friendship through the years with UFO photographer August C. Roberts of Wayne, N.J. - Finally, at the bottom right, we see Hal Starr, the genial MUFON State Director for Arizona, and also a member of our NUFOC board. Starr looks unimpressed by Beckley's festivities!

As to the Con. itself, it was a smashing success, with an overflow crowd attending most sessions. The festivities started early Friday evening (Sept. 14th), and the "workshops" (at \$40 per person per session) continued till late Monday night, with Wild Bill Cooper keeping the crowd on the edge of their chairs till about 1 a.m. Tuesday morning! Incidentally, Bill Cooper is currently engaged in a bitter feud with Vicki Cooper of UFO Magazine, with libel and slander flying freely. (Maybe that's why Bill wouldn't let anyone tape his talk.) We aptly call this the Cooper vs. Cooper controversy!

Among Bill Cooper's charges: Illegal drugs come into the U.S.A. on Air Force planes to help finance the "Black Budget". AIDS is a virus deliberately manufactured by our own government to reduce the population of homosexuals, blacks, and Hispanics. The UFO threat is being used by the government to hasten the advent of a "One World" government and the end of the Bill of rights in our constitution.

We believe little of Cooper's ravings, but we have evolved a new ufological theory suggested by his ideas: There is no alien menace, and, in fact, no aliens at all; but our government wants us to believe there is, and is engaged in a disinformation campaign to that effect - the purpose being to unite the world against a purely mythical interplanetary enemy.

But back to Beckley's New Age convention: There were so many speakers (about 30) that we won't even list them all. Of course one of the most outstanding was your humble editor, who spoke for a half hour on the Gulf Breeze case, also discussing the similarities and differences between the stories told by Ed Walters and the 1950s contactee Howard Menger. Tapes of all lectures except Cooper's are available from Beckley at: 11 East 30th St., Apt. 4-R, New York, N.Y. 10016.

Among the most interesting Convention events: Spoon bending by former astronaut Brian O'Leary; Bob Luca (husband of abductee Betty Andreasson, the guest of honor), who spoke about unmarked government helicopters that harassed him on & off over a period of years; Joann Parks, who appeared with "Max", an ancient crystal skull with alleged psychic powers; and the "appearance" by the late, great scientist Nikola Tesla, who was "channeled" by two earthlings. - All in all, an entertaining, well done circus!

**Teen-age prostitution problem is mounting**

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while, announced that he will run for the Gulf Breeze City Council this Fall, and has also announced that he will, rather than write a sequel to his book, start a professional-scale UFO newsletter of his own. The newsletter will be advertised on nation-wide television, and the first issue will appear in December. Interestingly, Ed has given up the guaranteed advance he would have received from a book, in order to risk a bundle of his own money on the newsletter. Apparently he is sinking into the quicksand of the so-called UFO Field, along with the rest of us!



Ed's newsletter will be called the "UFO Reporter", and will appear monthly. \$29.95 gets you a year's subscription and a "free" video tape.

Finally, we urge you to read, in the letters section of this issue, a weird letter from a lawyer hired by Gulf Breeze debunker Dr. Willy Smith to intimidate his critics. We are not intimidated!....

Here's a sizzling exclusive from the pages of the Weekly World News (Oct. 2nd, 1990): It seems that an Italian biologist named Dr. Gaetano L. Messina has discovered a 7 by 7 inch pile of extraterrestrial Shit, consisting (of all things!) of pinkish triangular-shaped pellets that are flecked with golden glitter. Says Messina, "I don't think it's going too far to say this is a scientific discovery of the first magnitude. The specimen not only proves that extraterrestrials exist, but it will also tell us something of their digestive systems and what they eat." Messina found the specimen near an alleged alien landing site near Modena, Italy. Just how he connected the specimen with the landing or how he knew it was alien Shit is not made clear in the article....

As usual, there are lots of ufological & related conventions coming up soon, for the jet-setting saucer addict such as your editor. On the weekend of Nov. 16th-18th, the dreaded CSICOP will hold an expensive "workshop" at the Ramada Inn Airport Hotel in Tucson Arizona; and the following Saturday, Nov. 24th, Hal Starr will host a MUFON Arizona state meeting in Phoenix.

Your editor will attend the above two events, but will miss all those listed below: The Long Island UFO Network will hold "Conference III" on Oct. 27th and 28th in Middle Island, N.Y. (an obscure location on Long Island); The annual Fortfest will be held on Nov. 10th-11th at the Tysons Westpark Hotel in McLean, Va; Another convention by Pat Marcattilio at a Holiday Inn near Trenton, N.J. on Dec. 1st and 2nd; and a conference called "The UFO Phenomenon in the 1990s" will be held in Santa Barbara, California, featuring Jerry Clark & a host of other ufological luminaries on 11/3.

A brief comment on the recent murder of D. Scott Rogo, an internationally-known author & authority on the paranormal: Rogo, 40 years old, was found stabbed to death in his Los Angeles home last August 17th. Police said there was nothing found that would link the killing with Rogo's work.

Rogo, who authored about 30 books during his lifetime, was also linked with FATE Magazine, and was a lecturer on parapsychology at California

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## UFO Fiction Convinces Strieber

British writer David Langford was surprised to find a two-page condensation of his book *An Account of a Meeting With Denizens of Another World, 1871* on pages 46 and 47 of Whitley Strieber's 1989 novel *Majestic* (Putnam 1989).

Langford's novel, a tongue-in-cheek account of a Victorian UFO incident, was published in the U.K. by David & Charles and in the U.S. by St. Martin's as by William Robert Loosely, edited by David Langford (sole copyright holder). The novel is in the form of a

"rediscovered" narrative, with authorship attributed to a principal character.

Strieber was completely taken in after reading a write-up on Langford's book and wrote it into *Majestic* as a genuine historical incident (although Langford's dates were altered to fit Strieber's plot). No permission was asked or fee paid for the use of the work.

Langford contacted both Strieber's U.K. and U.S. publishers, and future editions will carry an appropriate credit. Strieber has also apologized for the mistake.

State University. Unfortunately, we did not know him at all....

It's still almost a year away, but Hark the word about the 1991 National UFO Conference (NUFOC), which will take place in Cleveland, Ohio, under the seasoned grip of Rick Hilberg and Al Manak of the United Aerial Phenomena Agency (UAPA). Details will be provided later, but we can tell you now that our 28th annual convention will take place at the Airport Holiday Inn at I-71 & West 150th St., during the weekend of Sept. 14th-15th. For more details, write to: UAPA, P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134.

We should also remind you that the NUFOC has a governing board (formerly called the Permanent Organizing Committee) consisting of nine people. From time to time this board is updated - not according to anyone's personal whims, but according to whether these people remain active in the UFO field. They are chosen in the first place because they represent various aspects of what we call "Middle Ufology". The present board consists of: James Moseley, Permanent Chairman; Ed Biebel; Timothy Green Beckley; Hal Starr; Bill Moore; Tom Benson; Al Manak, replacing Charles Wilhelm; Rick Hilberg, replacing Ron Schaffner; and Antonio Huneeus, replacing Jim Speiser....

With the aid of someone named Ryan Wood, our olde pal Stanton Friedman has come up with a new kind of UFO Hotline. We like the Sex hotlines a lot better, but dig the menu above! Like Sex, this stuff does not come free. It's \$2 for the first minute and \$1 for each minute thereafter. And if you are under 18, you should get your parents' permission. So says Mr. Friedman in his cheery recorded introduction!

### LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

JERRY CLARK, in a letter dated Aug. 17th, writes:

"...This has been a deeply unhappy day for me. This morning Scott Rogo's mother called to tell me that on Wednesday evening Scott was murdered in his Northridge, California, home by an intruder who broke into the house. Mrs. Rogo said she didn't know much more than that, since the police aren't letting anyone into the house as they conduct their investigation. Scott was a great friend and a wonderful writer, and I will miss him dearly."

PETE TATE of England writes:

"...Phil Klass's comment on your being parted from your money (by a lawsuit) was, in my opinion, in bad taste - even in the realm of Ufology, and taken with some of his other behavior lately, indicates he may be feeling his back against the wall. Perhaps it is time he shut up. There are limits, even in this game!..."

MICHAEL KRAMER, a lawyer in Longwood, Florida (Willy Smith's home town), writes as follows:

"Please be advised that I have been retained by Dr. Willy Smith to represent his interests in this matter.

"My client has provided me with a copy of your correspondence dated August 25th, 1990. In that correspondence, you indicate that you will be publishing more on my client's 'hoax photos of a UFO by Fernandez'. It has also come to my attention that Manuel Fernandez may now be claiming that my client solicited (sic) hoax photos of a UFO and paid him for same. Be advised that this is untrue.

"Mr. Fernandez prepared the Gulf Breeze photographs on his own, without any solicitation or involvement by my client. Be further advised that at no time that my client has ever paid any sums of money to Mr. Fernandez for the Gulf Breeze photographs or any other photographs. As further proof of my client's lack of involvement in the Gulf Breeze photograph matter, I have attached a copy of an original Affidavit dated August 23rd, 1989, executed by Manuel Fernandez.

"The August 23rd, 1989, Fernandez Affidavit is a notarized, sworn statement under penalty of perjury. Any subsequent conflicting statements issued by Manuel Fernandez should be viewed with the utmost caution. You are now put on notice by the representations that I make on behalf of my client and the sworn Fernandez Affidavit, that my client was not involved in any manner with the preparation of the Gulf Breeze photographs.

"Be advised that your publication will be reviewed to verify that no untrue statements regarding Dr. Willy Smith are published. In the event that any untrue statement regarding Dr. Willy Smith is published after you have been put on notice by this letter, that I have been retained to pursue a defamation action!"

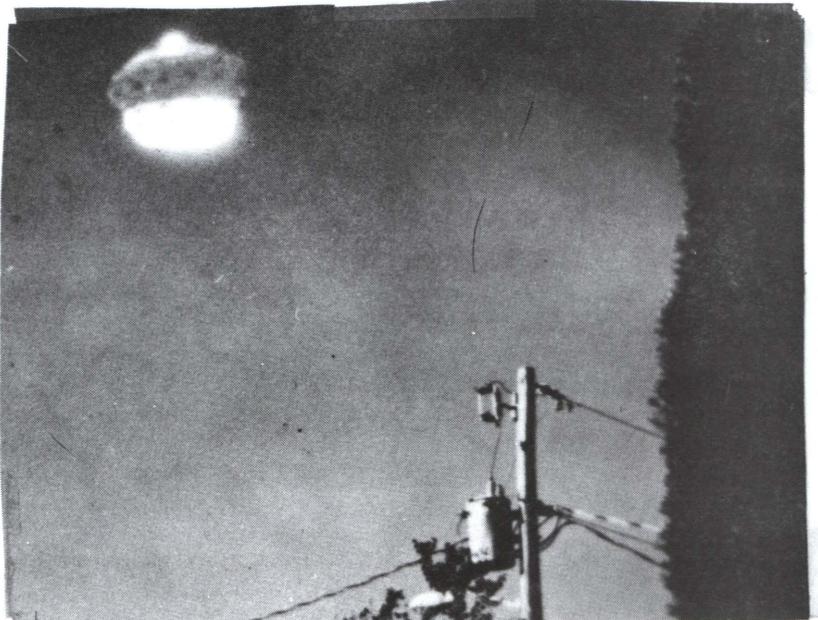
Kramer deliberately raises a false issue. We never said that Smith paid Fernandez for photos. Below is the Fernandez statement of Aug. 23rd, 1989:

"To whom it may concern:

"Please be advised that the photographic imaging performed on the Gulf Breeze case was intended solely to demonstrate that other objects with similar compositions and material context can be reproduced to create an original impression. However, these photographs by plain observation by the trained eye of a photographer can be determined to be a mere reproduction of the original.

"As a personal curiosity of my own, I undertook this endeavor without any monetary remuneration from Mr. Willy Smith or anyone else.

"It should not be construed in any way or form that my photographs will render any type of opinion or critique toward the authenticity and/or methodology



In early 1989 Willy Smith sent to Manuel Fernandez a picture he had taken of Ed Walters' yard in Gulf Breeze, and asked Fernandez to put a fake Gulf Breeze type UFO in it. The above is one of twelve pictures which Fernandez then made. He then sent the best three to Smith. With full knowledge of the photos' origin, Smith then told people they were sent to him anonymously. (The above picture is reproduced from the August 15th, 1989 issue of "Smear".)

employed in Mr. Edward Walters' photographs, since in all probability different methods were employed."

We do not see any contradiction between the above statement by Fernandez and the following letter, also from MANUEL FERNANDEZ, dated Aug.18,1990:

"A few weeks ago, before the last MUFON conference, I called Mr. Phil Klass, to listen to the other side of the story in reference to the Gulf Breeze case. We spoke more or less 15 minutes, and later in the week he sent me copies of the latest articles published about the model they found and the mysterious comments of Mr. Tommy Smith. Mr. Klass was very kind, but unfortunately neither the picture of the model nor the story of Mr. Tommy Smith convinced me at all. I was surprised when the first question Klass asked me was whether or not I did a photo composition for Mr. Willy Smith at his request, of the Gulf Breeze UFO. It is absolutely true (that I did), but I thought he already knew about it!

"At this time I believe I owe an explanation to your readers...Thanks to Mr. Ed Walters, I had the opportunity to make a short speech during his time at the last MUFON conference, trying to clarify my connection with the case regarding the hoax photos I made. As I was leaving the stage, the public yelled out questions. They wanted to know who was the scientist that used my photo hoaxes in an improper way and later denied it.

"'I think it is wrong to mention the sin and not the sinner.' These words were said by Dr. Willy Smith during a telephone conversation with researcher Antonio Hunneus on August 21st, 1989. I second the motion!

"Unfortunately I don't have a slide with the name of the person who asked me for the photo hoaxes with the purpose of sending them to different researchers as originals, but I must tell you that this person is none other than Dr. Willy Smith...."

Fernandez has sent us copies of his complete correspondence with Smith, in Spanish. We have these letters in our files, and also an explanatory tape from Fernandez in English, as well as other evidence! - Editor.

HENRY BAUER, Professor of Chemistry & Science Studies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, writes the following letter which we happen to agree with:

"In 'Saucer Smear' Vol. 37, No. 7, you cite Zan Overall: '...examine whether Ed was lying....If he's proven a liar....' If one lie makes a person a liar, then of course we are all liars and no one should believe anything that anyone says. I don't think it is as easy as that to decide whether unorthodox claims have a real basis. Habitual liars may sometimes tell the truth, and one who never deliberately tells a lie may nevertheless say something that isn't so.

"For people who seek proof - evidence compelling enough to convince other people - the question has to be, IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE, what is the truth of the matter? Given the vagaries of human perception, memory, and moral stance, human testimony alone cannot constitute proof. I don't ask anyone to share my belief in Loch Ness monsters just because hundreds of eyewitnesses over the years have attested it. I ask them to look at Dinsdale's film, and the report on it by Air Force experts, and at the records of sonar echos. With films or photos in support of extraordinary claims, where extraordinary standards of proof are called for, it is sufficient to ask, 'COULD this be a double exposure (or something of the sort)?' If so, then it just isn't good enough.

"Each one of us, of course, forms opinions partly under the influence of how we judge the credibility of various people; so it can be helpful to interested parties to learn about such things as mentioned by Overall. It's just not the central issue."

One witness told the commissioners that she had seen sexual intercourse taking place between two parked cars in front of her house.

The Press (Atlantic City, N.J.) 6/14/79

Regarding the "Gulf Breeze Six", CAROL SALISBERRY writes:

"I am a friend of Anna Foster. Anna is not being mysterious. She feels that the entire episode has been blown out of proportion, and she does not want this negative publicity or any publicity at this time.

"I wish that the media and the 'UFO nuts' would just accept the fact that this situation has become one of those 'myths' that keeps idle minds grasping for more paranoia to feed their government cover-up frenzy. Much ado about nothing!"

BILL KNELL of Island Skywatch (164-22 77th Road, Flushing, N.Y. 11365) writes as follows:

"...If you feel 'Smear' would be enhanced by printing that I was fired as Assistant MUFON State Director for New York, feel free to do so. This is not something I am ashamed of. I did my best for MUFON, and spent over \$1,200 on them last year. I investigated their sightings, sent them referrals, mentioned them in every media shot I had, distributed over 3,000 of their flyers, etc....

"I think we both know that the last thing the UFO Community wants is objectivity. MUFON has become a classic example of this. I wonder if Walt Andrus knows what a laughing stock MUFON has become because of Gulf Breeze? I talk to investigators who have been in this for years, and they all, from day one, have laughed at Gulf Breeze. The rest of the paranormal research community (especially the eggheads from Harvard, UCLA and some others I know,) think Bruce Maccabee is nuts!..

"Hey, will we ever read in 'Smear' that Donald Ware talks to the Aliens? Hmmm?"

No, that is one thing you will never read in "Smear"! - Editor.

Bigfootologist and "Circlesologist" ERIK BECKJORD writes:

"You asked for more data on the appendages of the crop circles in England. What has been found is that the Phenomenon responds to theorizing by getting more complex, thus screwing up all previous theories (except mine). First we had circles, then rings around circles (with opposite rotation), then rings around rings, then rings around rings around rings around circles, then side-bars and rectangles next to central connecting bars, then dumb-bell shaped circles with connecting bar (which I saw near Winchester), then multiple circles, satellite circles with rings connecting the outer ones, then bars connecting the centers of all; then, finally, 'spurs', i.e. stubby arms with two or three fat fingers each, coming from the edge of each circle. The last issue of 'Smear' showed the biggest and most complex group to date, at Alton Barnes, Wiltshire....

"In the Vale of Pewsey, hard by the Salisbury Plain, where every studly investigator longs to be, under the gaze of the Wiltshire White Horse, lies - LO! - the image of CHARLES FORT! Where lieth this image? The image of the head of Charles Fort lieth on the right edge of an otherwise perfect ring around a perfect circle, circle no. three of the series of six-in-a-row crop circles at Alton Priors. The gentleman is complete with sideburns, a dark mustache, and dark hair, looking very much like a Victorian hold-over. Fort has obviously hitched a ride with the 'Intelligence' that is making the crop circles, and he must relish the thought that many sincere Forteanians are trampling all over his august face in the wheat, not knowing how close they are to TRUE FORTEANISM!

"If you want to know more, order the video - 'Mystery Crop Circles, the Video' - for a mere \$24.95 from the Cryptophenomena Museum, Box 6534, Malibu, California 90264. And may the Fort be With you!"

Erik is perfectly serious, but unfortunately the photo he sent of Fort's face would look like a meaningless blob if reproduced here. - Editor.