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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

We seldom publish book reviews (as we seldom read books!), but this is a slow month, so we do want to tell you a little about a wonderful new tome called "UFOs in the 1980s, Volume One", written and edited mainly by Jerome Clark. Clark, as most of you know, is the former editor of FATE Magazine and currently is vice president of CUFOS, thus making him a powerful farce in the UFO field.

Of the nearly one hundred entries to be found in Volume One, our favorite, of course, is the one for "Saucer Smear" (Page 195), which we quote in part: "...There probably was a time when James W. Moseley, the editor, was interested in actual UFO reports and theories, but that was not recently... 'Smear' is...far more interested in the personal foibles of UFO buffs and debunkers, sparing nobody. Although hardly anyone will admit it, 'Smear' is just about the only UFO bulletin everybody reads from cover to cover."

Way to go, Jerry! We look forward to Volume Two, which, we are told, will contain various entries pertaining to your humble "Smear" editor's ufological activities over the years. There will also be a Volume Three eventually.

We have not read the whole book (naturally!), but we were amused to see the entry for "UNICAT Project" (Page 211), which of course is the pet UFO investigative effort of Dr. Willy Smith. Quoting directly from a professional-level article published in 1989 in the International UFO Reporter, Clark states: "...Unless UNICAT adopts a more representative sampling procedure, the existing method of selecting cases introduces all kinds of bias which distorts or masks real quantitative variations between explained and unexplained events. Even if UNICAT was adopting a random sampling procedure, the method by which UFO reports come to the attention of ufologists still introduces statistical bias into the UNICAT database which at present we are unable to evaluate. For this reason alone any current database of UFO reports cannot be used to infer characteristics of UFO reports in general, let alone one that introduces all manner of additional bias into the sampling procedure."

The amusing aspect here is that Clark has recently been harrassed by a series of very disagreeable letters from Smith, which understandably may have caused a bias of his own. Clark is not the only ufologist who has clashed with the temperamental Smith in recent months.

"UFOs in the 1980s" is published by Omnigraphics, Inc., Penobscot Building, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Although no price is given in the book, it is rumored to cost sixty five dollars for Volume One. (We received a free review copy, fortunately.) Alas, wisdom does not come cheaply!....

We were intrigued by a recent newspaper article about Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, the astronomer who discovered the planet Pluto back in 1930. Tombaugh, who is now 84 years old, believes that, although many inhabited planets exist throughout the universe, it is highly unlikely that any of these life forms are visiting us now. In other words, he does not believe that UFOs are interplanetary vehicles.

This is the same view that Dr. Tombaugh expressed to your editor when we interviewed him in his Las Cruces (N.M.) home back in 1953. What is not mentioned in the current news article is that Tombaugh himself witnessed a rather spectacular nighttime UFO over his home, in August of 1949. (This is why we interviewed him.) The object, though at a high but undetermined altitude, could be seen by Tombaugh and his wife to have "ten rectangular lights arranged in a geometrical manner". There was no sound. Tombaugh had no explanation for his sighting, which had already been printed in LIFE Magazine in 1952, but when we spoke to him he did express an interest in the works of Charles Fort....

The weekly Gulf Breeze Sentinel of October 18th contains a huge, weird 2-page advertisement, laid out in a strangely disorganized way. Something to do with Nazi saucers, drugs, and a Congressional investigation of UFOs. The ad was apparently paid for by one Michael Wales, a wealthy ne'er-do-well from Palm Beach, Florida, who has spent a bundle on his far-out ufological theories. He has long been on the fringe of the Gulf Breeze scene, and now appears to be in league with Betty Cash, of the famous Cash/Landrum UFO case in Texas many years ago. Duane Cook of the Sentinel should be embarrassed to run such a trashy ad, but apparently money talks!...

We don't ordinarily comment on (ugh!) run-of-the-mill UFO sightings, as we find them boring; but the October 10th issue of the Wall Street Journal carries a front page story about a very interesting "flap" in Belgium that has been going on for almost a year. The object seen is a silent triangular thing with three huge lights. It has the ability to hover, and apparently is seen only at night. There have been some 2,600 sightings, and various investigations have been launched, both official and amateur. To us, this one really sounds like a semi-secret earth-made aircraft of some sort. Maybe Phil Klass can find a picture of it for us in some recent issue of "Aviation Week"!.....

Do you want to make an easy half million dollars? If so, simply supply "solid evidence of aliens or alien spacecraft" to a strange group called Al-Trad. Say they: "This solid evidence must be in the form of a live or dead alien (we prefer alive), and/or a crashed or fully functioning spacecraft." Are they serious, or are they a CIA front of some sort?? Probably the latter, in our humble opinion. Write to: Mr. Kim J. Mikules/CEO; Al-Trad; P.O. Box 5125; Security, Colorado 80931. Egads!...

Non-subscriber Bob Schiller, an avid reader of scientific journals, has sent us a thrilling story from the Weekly World News of Oct. 30th. The front page features a screaming headline "ALIEN CAPTURED BY U.S. AGENTS", together with a picture of some gruff government types hussling a weird-looking guy into a black Cadillac or some such car. The text reveals that the alien speaks English "both forward and backward", whatever that means!

The controversy over the Gulf Breeze photos taken by Ed Walters a couple of years ago drones on. Remember the model of a Gulf Breeze type UFO found recently in Ed's former home? Ed claims the blueprint found in the model is relevant to a house he planned to build in late 1989, and thus the model could not have been used for his famous UFO photographs, which were made in 1987 and 1988. However, Phil Klass has fiendishly linked the blueprint to a house Ed built in early 1987. Ed counters that the notations Klass found on the blueprint are standard for all of his preliminary figuring when dickering with a house customer regarding various available options. Thus the argument once again ends in a draw.

Gulf Breeze debunker Zan Overall remains obsessed with the question of whether or not Ed knew how to make double exposures, back in the days when he used to give strange parties for his teen-aged son & friends. Over-

all claims that Peter Neumann, News Director for WEAR-TV in Pensacola, Florida, has stated that Ed Walters told him at the time that he did indeed use the double exposure technique in creating his "ghost demon" photos at these parties. However, Neumann refuses to sign a statement, for some reason. Ed Walters has not chosen to comment on this particular matter.

As for debunker Willy Smith and his esteemed "mouthpiece", we have not heard further from them, as of this writing.... (SEE ALSO BOTTOM OF PAGE 8!)

TIDBITS OF TRASH: The mysterious circles of England have now spread to Japan as well as various parts of the United States and Canada. The aliens must be working overtime!...Mark Opsasnick (114 Rosewood Drive, Greenbelt, Md. 20770) is seeking information on a 1960s contactee named Tom Monteleone. This is the guy who claimed to have been to the same planet Woody Derenberger went to, but stated he had seen different stuff there, and later admitted his story was a hoax....Once again, be ye informed that the 1991 National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will take place in Cleveland, Ohio on Sept. 13th and 14th of next year. For details, write to UAPA, P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134....Incidentally, your editor was unable, after all, to get back to Arizona this month (November) to attend a regional CSICOP meeting in Tucson and a state MUFON meeting in Phoenix. But we will be attending another Tim Beckley extravaganza next March. This one will be held in San Diego, California, on the weekend of March 15th-17th. See you there?

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

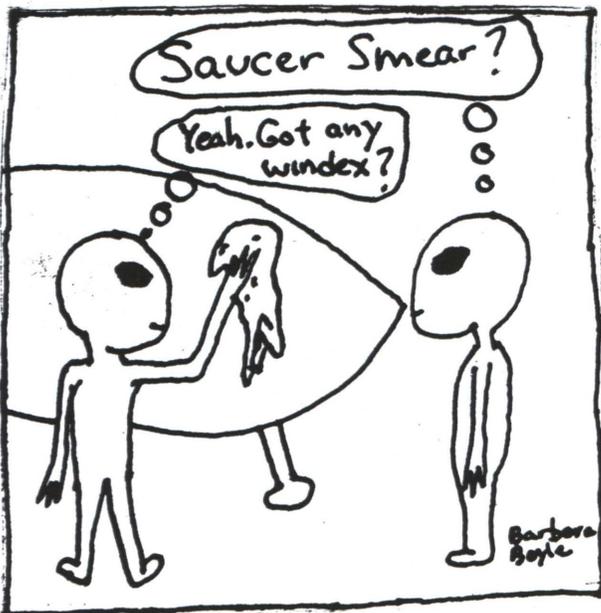
DONALD MICHAEL KING, editor of FATE Magazine, writes as follows:

"Thank you for the card that came with the latest issue of 'Saucer Smear'. Here at the glamorous and exotic offices of FATE Magazine, your newsletter happens to be one of our favorites. We almost fight to see who gets to read it first. The shrieks of laughter follow.

"One of the sad aspects of all paranormal research is that many of the people involved take themselves (at least in writing) too seriously. Certainly the topics - be it UFOs, Bigfoot, ESP or whatever - deserve to be taken seriously. It would be more interesting (and more fun), however, if some people (and journals) took themselves a little less so.

"By the way, we are always interested in publishing well-written and well-documented articles. If any of your readers is interested, please have them send a SASE for our guidelines. (Mailing address: P.O. Box 64383, St. Paul, Mn. 55164-0383.)

"So, Supreme Commander, keep giving 'em hell and keep doing it with a



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sense of humor. When people can laugh about themselves it shows that they are confident in their research and their subject, and it makes it more likely that people will read it."

BILL MOORE writes:

"Et tu, Brute?"

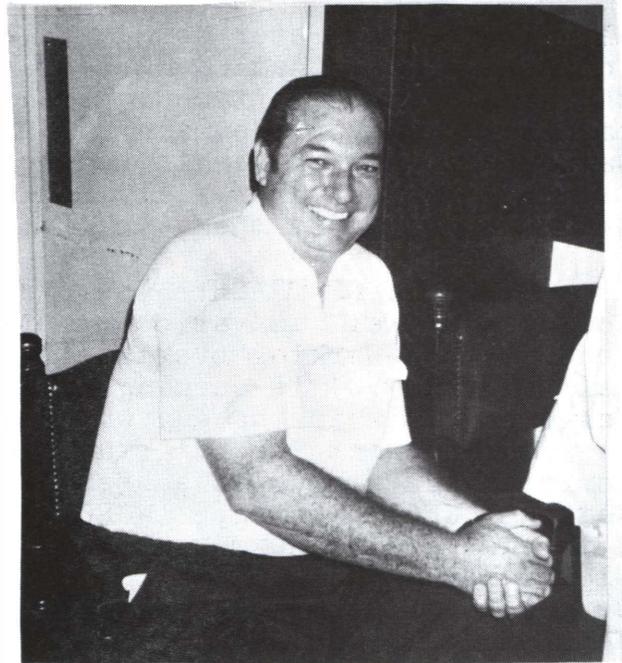
Si! - Editor.

DICK FREEMAN writes as follows:

"Commander:

"If Willy Smith tries to tell you that he played lead alto sax with Jimmy Lunceford (?), Harry James, and Duke Ellington (replacing Johnny Hodges) - please do not believe him. That was Willie Smith.

"Do not give Willy's lawyer my name or address!"



BILL COOPER, pictured at Beckley's recent convention in Phoenix. A friendly-looking guy, but the question is: Would you buy a crashed saucer from this man??

We have the following letter from non-subscriber BILL ENGLISH, one of the Big Three who spoke at the famous special Sunday morning session of last year's MUFON convention in Las Vegas.

(The other two were John Lear and Bill Cooper.) INTERGALACTIC DISCLAIMER: The letter below is printed verbatim, in the interest of Public Awareness. (Part of the letter has been omitted.) This letter does not (repeat: NOT) necessarily reflect the opinions of "Smear", its editor, his family, friends, enemies, hangers-on, or any other earthling:

"...I noticed the comments that you made in 'Smear' concerning Bill Moore and the Roswell stuff. Just as a point of interest I have it from a reliable source that ol' Bill, in his arrogance, has decided that Schmitt and Randle couldn't have possibly done any kind of investigation, and copied everything from his and Berlitz's book. He of course has failed to take into account that the two interviewed many of the same witnesses that he and Stanton Friedman initially did, and that they said essentially the same thing. I think that it is also important to make the observation that it was Stanton Friedman that did most of the investigative work to begin with. As for Charles Berlitz - well, I met Berlitz in England on one occasion several years prior to my own UFO experiences, in relationship to a non-related story that he was supposedly writing, while doing some of my own research. He is one of three people in this world that I have classed as a four star putz. Bill Cooper and Bill Moore being the other two, but Bill Cooper being the top putz. God! What a distinction!

"As for 'Willy the Weasel' Cooper - I state it personally and with experience - (me, chicken-lips. Not Jim Moseley) - that he is a liar. He has not only lied about his personal background and experiences, but he has also told lies about me and several others. At one point I was in the process of filing suit against the shithead for slander, for comments and claims he made on a national/internationally syndicated radio show, but I withdrew the suit when my attorney and I decided that he didn't have anything to take and that it would be better to discredit him with his own words, which we did successfully, using statements obtained from the very people that he claimed were witnesses to my supposed nefarious activities. In short we slammed ol' Billy Cooper's penis in the door. OUCH!! Hehehehe!

"With regard to Vicky Cooper: Vicky and I agreed a long time ago that as far as my own story is concerned, she has her right to her opinion and I respect that. Even though she may disagree, I like to consider her and Don Ecker my friends, and I support her whole-heartedly. Cooper has a habit of taking facts and innuendo and twisting them to suit his needs and purposes. As for his comments concerning government and drugs, AIDS and the like - well, I have seen material that would lead us to believe that this may in fact be a possibility, but the simple fact of the matter is that Bill stole that from others, including myself, which I suppose makes him a thief as well as a liar..."

Egads! - Editor.

GEORGE HANSEN writes as follows:

"...I'm working on my paper on CSICOP and have come across a few tidbits....The New Yorker Magazine (May 29, 1989, p. 30-31) carried an article on a skeptics' meeting. Phil Klass presented, and the article describes how the organizers practically had to drag him off, to end his talk. He just wouldn't shut up!

"There may be some trouble for the Southern California Skeptics. There are rumors that one of the leaders does not have the degrees he claims; There are also rumors of financial irregularities."

And Bigfootologist ERIK BECKJORD writes as follows regarding this alleged scandal with the Southern California Skeptics:

"CSICOP is hiding its face of late, due to a scandal regarding the Executive Director of the (Southern California) group, who has been scheduling lectures on the UCLA and CALTECH campuses at \$8.00 admission for the past several years. Various famous anti-ufologists have lectured for the group, including Uncle Phil Klass and Cousin Bob Sheaffer. It seems that good ol' Al Seckel has been found out by other members of CSICOP who responded to the whistle blown by yours truly. They checked his claim, made on a talk program in the Los Angeles area, that he is a 'physicist'. This claim was made on the Tom Lykis Show on station KFI. The KFI people challenged him, as did I, and he admitted he only has a B.A. degree, from Caltech. (Others say he said Cornell.) He said that he was working on a Ph.D. at a local university, and that he has a Master's degree in physics, but he would not say from where. Calling UCLA, USC, and Caltech, none of them had ever heard of him. No B.A. either. Now, according to a former secretary for the group, national CSICOP has gotten into the act, and has found out that our boy never got a B.A. degree even, from anywhere, much less Caltech or Cornell.

"Furthermore, there is some question of a missing \$8,000. (I saw Al Seckel at the Klass lecture, driving a brand new red Datsun 300ZX.)

"You will remember the great scam of Williard McIntyre of MARCEN fame. Well, now CSICOP has one of its own. CSICOP debunks phoney psychics. WHO DEBUNKS CSICOP??"

Famed UFO photographer AUGUST C. ROBERTS writes:

"I read your latest 'Smear' with interest, especially where you wrote, 'Stranges has tried to maintain a close friendship through the years withRoberts'. If Dr. Stranges, in all the years I have known him, would give me positive proof regarding the photos I took at Howard Menger's in the 1950s - when Howard said to the assembled group that there is a space-man among us - and I took the photo series which Dr. Stranges claims is 'Val Thor' from the planet Venus - his words, not mine - then I would believe him. But in all the years that have passed, not once has he even given me one iota of a shred of proof that his 'Val Thor' story has any basis of fact.Until this positive proof is available, I can only consider Dr. Frank



E. Stranges as a mere science fiction writer! His glowing terms about a 14-mile space ship that can be made invisible, with trees, water, etc. on it, sure sounds like science fiction - fantasy, of the type of stories I read as a child.

"As he is a minister, sometimes I wonder if he flipped his cork. His stories are so far out. Instead of working with God, maybe he is working for the 'other guy' down below!? My 'friendship' with Dr. Stranges could be termed a love-hate type relationship. I have some respect for him as a person, and, like it or not, he is involved with UFOs; but I wonder about him as a minister, because many of his so-called truths are questionable, to say the least.

"I'm surprised that no one in the UFO movement during the years has yet challenged some of his wild stories. He goes around the world telling all these far-out stories. I'm amazed he has lasted so long. Is it possible that people are afraid to question his science fiction stories??...."

ROBERT ANTON WILSON, noted guru, writer, philosopher, etc., has recently re-joined our humble mailing list, and writes as follows:

"...Being accused of working for the CIA is not something unique to you. I think it happens to every controversial writer, sooner or later. One nut in Atlanta was sending out Open Letters about my CIA activities twice a week for over 2 years, circa 1980-1981. I haven't heard anything about him lately, but maybe he doesn't know I'm back in the country. (I lived in Ireland 1982-1988.)

"If you're working for the CIA and don't know it, they call you 'a useful idiot'. That's the real slang, not something from a spy novel. I sometimes wonder if I have become a useful idiot, without knowing it. (Well, by definition I wouldn't know it, right?) I'd rather know I was working for them, because then I could put in a claim for back pay they owe me, dating back to the 1960s according to one anonymous and therefore infallible source.

"...Lucky me - I asked for the Gulf Breeze info, and in the issues you sent, I found also an interesting item about three libel cases against James Randi. After checking, that will make an item for my own mag...."

A lesser-known philosopher & armchair radical drop-out named MONTY CANTSIN honors us with the following:

"Well, the Chinese (or is it the aliens?) say: One picture is worth a thousand words, and is it ever true! I guess I'm just as curious about Roswell as any other ufologist. So you can imagine my happiness & surprise

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to find not one but four (count 'em!) photos of the wreckage of the famed Roswell UFO in the September MUFON Journal. And it's a kite! There is no doubt about it. The next question is: What were the aliens doing flying a kite at Roswell? And how did they die? My guess is that they were doing the old Ben Franklin experiment, trying to use a kite with a lightning rod to draw electricity from lightning. Who knows what superconductive alien alloy they must have used? But I guess they must have been surprised by a huge ball of ball lightning that knocked all four of them out of this and all other possible worlds! People mistook the ball lightning for a saucer as usual. Then when the Air Force found the wreck of the kite and the alien bodies, they thought it was the wreck of the UFO. But the aliens' saucer was still parked in an underground base....

"And the aliens want it made VERY CLEAR that they are NOT responsible for the death of D. Scott Rogo. They say Bigfoot did it. If the cops hadn't missed the 18 inch footprints under the windowsill, they would have realized who the culprit was. But tracking him into the 12th dimension is another story....

"Well, I just saw Ed Walters, the UFO model, and the Smith kid on 'Unsolved Mysteries' on TV, and I must admit that each version of the story seemed absolutely true - the miracle of television! But the fake photos did look more authentic than the 'real' ones!..."

Cheery JIM DEARDORFF writes:

"Here's a check for \$18 for one more year of 'Saucer Smear'. Let me know if it is too much, as I do not wish to support the freeloaders."

No, no! It's not too much! - Editor.

Former MUFON N.J. State Director TOM BENSON, who identifies himself as "Bombardier, 'Par None', Order of the Batu Khan", writes as follows:

"Dear Besieged Supreme Commander:

"Your vast empire is rapidly deteriorating and crumbling like Rome once did. Lately, 'Saucer Smear' appears to be forever wrapped up in mud-slinging, misinformation campaigns and possible hoaxes. 'Smear' has lost its olde Ka-boom, zaniness and pizazz. 'Smear' non-subscribers now mostly appear to be a group of decrepit, lecherous malcontents, ass-lickers, paranoid idiots, money grabbers and candidates for the psycho ward. An example of this is the loathsome collection of photos exhibited in the current issue of 'Smear'.

"However, I must enlighten the few remaining sane members of your zine's readership with my terrific new theory on the cause of the 'circles' phenomenon. The theory indicates that the circle impressions are caused by mass droppings, like angel hair, from airborne fairies, dancing all night in a circle, that quickly dissipate soon after impact. Thus, the astute UFO researcher must acquire a fairy residue sniffer device to fully evaluate the phenomenon..."

Yes, we in Key West, Florida, are very familiar with fairies, though most of them down here are not airborne! - Editor.

DAVE REISSIG writes as follows:

"I haven't been following Gulf Breeze because it looked complicated. But now it does look like it's getting interesting. Maybe I'm missing something....

"Here's a joke, to fill the page: A woman went to the police and told them she had been raped in a dark alley by a Polack. The police said, 'How do you know it was a Polack?' She said, 'Because I had to help him.'

"I'll bet you're glad to hear from me!"

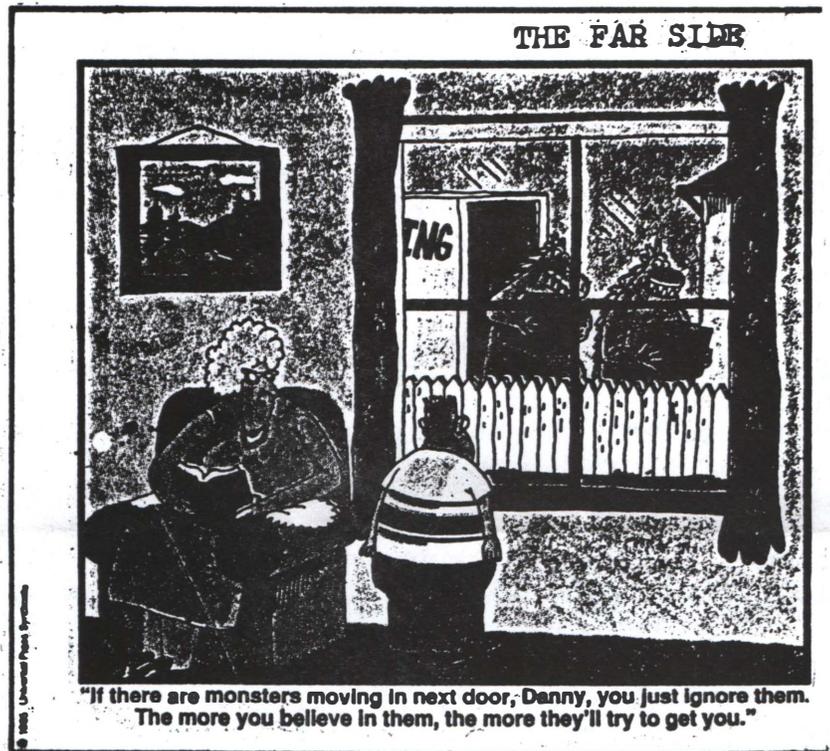
Lie Detector Tests Unreliable, Unconstitutional Hearing Told

The Hartford Courant 11/16/77

DR. LEON DAVIDSON, creator of the controversial "Earth Theory" (late 1950s) & proponent of many conspiratorial hypotheses, writes as follows:

"THE NAME GAME: There is some evidence that the Intelligence Agencies or their 'off-the-books' offshoots like to play with names and words in carrying out their operations. Some examples: Chief Justice Earl Warren was succeeded by Warren Earl Burger; Philadelphia 'MOVE' group fertilized lawn with feces (old ethnic joke: 'Did you MOVE yet?' 'Got to MOVE, house full of shit!'); 'U.S.S. CARD' (like the 'Maine') was sunk at dock in Vietnam (5/1/64) so 'Remember the CARD' could be non-motto of sleight-of-hand non-war planners; First Trident submarine, 'U.S.S. OHIO', was first submarine named for a state ('round at the ends, high in the middle, that's O-HI-O');

Eisenhower's retirement home had a 'Gettysburg address'; Chester Plummer Jr., brandishing a piece of steel pipe, shot dead trying 'Plummer' break-in at White House on 7/25/76; George Polk awards remind newsmen: 'Don't POLK around our covert projects!'; Etc..."



PRESS-TIME OOZE OF NEWS & VIEWS:

In a rather startling move, Rex and Carol Salisbury, who live near Gulf Breeze, have just come out with a very negative "interim report" on the Ed Walters case. Theirs was a re-investigation of the case caused by the model being found in Ed's former home and the testimony of Tom Smith Jr. The Salisberrys went beyond these two issues in their re-investigation, and they comment at length on several additional matters in their report.

The interesting thing here is that the Salisberrys are not debunkers by any means, but are MUFON State Section Directors for Pensacola, Fl. They also jointly won a special award at this year's MUFON convention for being the outstanding MUFON investigators of the year, having catalogued over 200 cases. We have always thought of them as part of the MUFON hierarchy. Now they have broken ranks, and are clashing with the MUFON officials who still believe in Ed's story - notably Florida State Director Charles Flannigan, Eastern Regional Director Donald Ware, Director of Investigations Dan Wright, and Supreme MUFON Commander Walt Andrus. It is hard to say how many other MUFON members support Ed, but the number seems to be decreasing!

Ed states that the timing of the Salisbury report, which was headline news in the Pensacola newspaper on Oct. 27th, is politically motivated, as Ed is running for the Gulf Breeze City Commission, and the election is coming very soon (Nov. 6th). Ed also says that the Salisberrys are working with the well-known debunkers and with Gulf Breeze Mayor Ed Gray, who intensely disbelieves Ed's UFO story.

So, the burning issues we face as of this writing are: (1) Will Ed win his seat on the Commission? (2) Will the Salisberrys be ejected from MUFON, as were Willy Smith and Bob Boyd? And, most importantly, (3) If Ed Walters is a hoaxter, what the hell is all that other weird stuff being seen in the Gulf Breeze area? Stay tuned!