

"You are....a boil on the ass of ufology"

- JOHN KEEL, writing in the March 25th, 1977 issue of "Saucer Glues" (one of the former names of "Saucer Smear")

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THE ROSWELL CASE STAGGERS ON, EVER ONWARD AND UPWARD!

Again regarding the infamous Roswell Incident, a matter on which we do not claim expertise, it is interesting to note that at least three of the more important witnesses are currently in trouble:

Gerald Anderson, the newly-proclaimed witness discussed on Page One of our last issue, is apparently a fake, if we are to believe the second paragraph of Kevin Randle's letter in this issue. Randle, who is co-author (with Don Schmitt) of a forthcoming book about Roswell, states that "a diary Anderson supplied is on pre-1947 paper but used post-1970 ink". This is rather astounding even to the cynical staff here at "Smear":

Then, from the Jan. 1991 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal (Page 17), in an article by Jaime Shandera of the rival Roswell writing team of Moore & Shandera, we learn that another key witness, ex-Warrant Officer Irving Newton, has changed his story in recent years, for reasons that the author does not understand (nor do we).

Finally, from a very long, detailed Schmitt/Randle article in the Nov.-Dec. 1990 issue of the International UFO Reporter, we learn that J. Bond Johnson, still another key witness, "has consciously changed his account for unknown reasons". (Page 15).

Is it any wonder that people like Christopher Allan of England throw up their hands in disgust; or maybe they just throw up. (See, however, Schmitt's negative letter herein regarding Allan!)

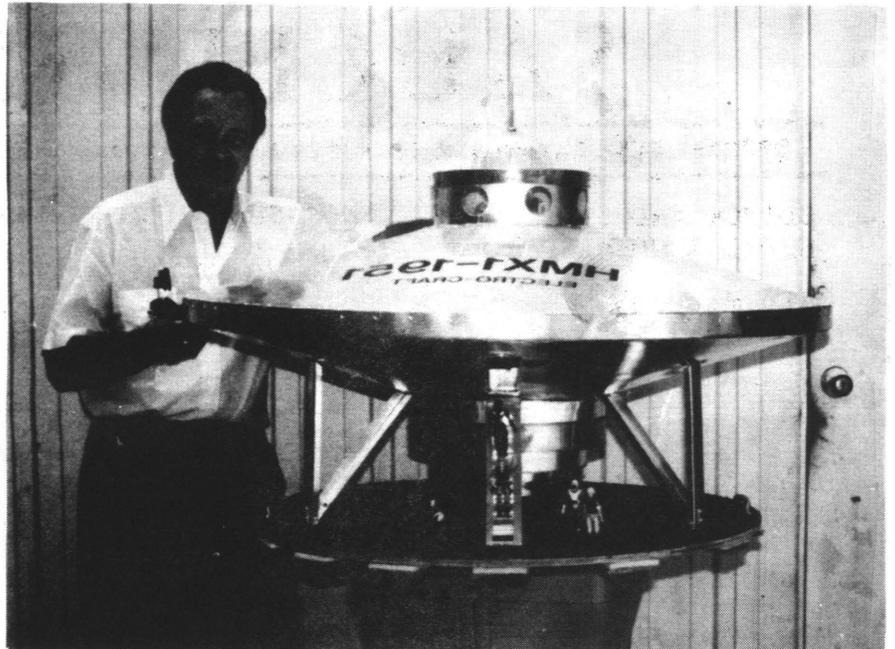
Incidentally, Stanton Friedman and former NICAPer Don Berliner are also working on a new Roswell book. That means there are now three current teams: Friedman/Berliner; Schmitt/Randle, and Moore/Shandera. The latter two teams are publicly at each other's throats, with lawsuits possible, etc. We await further developments with Baited Breath.

Meanwhile, the search goes on for a (mere) terrestrial explanation of Roswell. We still don't know just what Peter Gersten has in mind; and we admit that John Keel's Fugo Balloon Theory has been shot down. But now comes a new terrestrial theory from one Joe Kirk Thomas. Writing in the Jan. 1991 MUFON UFO Journal, he speculates that the strange amount of security and confusion at Roswell after the crash, was caused by the Military's belief that the object might be a Soviet attempt at balloon reconnaissance. Thomas is not saying that it was a Russian balloon, but he definitely does not think the object was extraterrestrial, either. Neither the "real" nor the "fake" object seen in the famous Roswell photos looks anything like an extraterrestrial craft, he insists. We agree!

12 on their way to cruise among dead in plane crash

The Dallas Morning News 4/3/77

In the photo below, 1950s contactee Howard Menger of Vero Beach, Fl., poses with a replica of a four-foot radio-controlled craft which he built in 1951 (without the toy soldiers). Currently Menger is working on a 40-foot-diameter man-carrying flying saucer, and he also has written a new book, called "The High Bridge (New Jersey) Incident," which supposedly tells details of his 1950s UFO experiences which could not be revealed at that time. Menger's original book was "From Outer Space to You", published by the late, great Gray Barker.



....As we have mentioned in a previous "Smear", there is in this great country of ours a truly strange UFO investigation group called AI-TRAD, standing for "Alien Information - Technology Research and Development" (P.O. Box 5125, Security, Co. 80931.) In the July-Aug.-Sept. 1990 issue of their publication "Extraordinary Science", they tell of a 32-minute videotape they have received, showing an alien crash site and such things as dead aliens being hauled away in bodybags by the Military. (No dates, names, or location are given in the write-up.) There is also a photo of an (ugh!) alien hand reproduced in the magazine along with the story. We can tell it really is an alien hand because two of the fingers are much longer than the other three. We would reproduce the picture here, but we can't be sure that all our readers are mature adults!...

UFO researcher Larry Bryant of CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) has lost what is probably the last round of his long (since 1986) and complex legal battle with the U.S. Government. This is in regard to his right to be a Government employee and at the same time pursue his UFO hobby - including his claimed right to place UFO ads in military publications.....

Now, by the way, because of a new law effective Jan. 1st of this year, things have suddenly gotten worse for all Government employees who wish to accept money for outside activities (speaking and writing), even when these activities have nothing to do with their Government work. Such activities are now prohibited. This has caused Larry Greenwood, editor of the magazine "Just Cause" (Box 218, Coventry, Cn. 06238) to resign his position with that magazine, which has been in the forefront of "Freedom of Information" UFO requests in recent years.

And, if we add in the new censorship and surveillance that is creeping into many areas of American life due to the Mideast War, we indeed see dark days ahead for freedom of speech in this country!...

We caught a glimpse of former non-subscriber James ("The Amusing") Randi on the TV news the other day. He, as an anti-psychic "expert", was the star witness against a lady named Penny Pellito, who claims she lost her psychic powers due to a construction accident. She was trying to collect damages from the lumber company involved. The defendant's counterclaim was that the woman can't prove she ever had any psychic powers to begin with. The verdict: \$1,200 for medical expenses, but no compensation regarding her alleged former powers....

It is becoming more & more clear that Al Seckel of Southern California Skeptics is, if nothing else, one of the most unpopular fellows around. - About a half dozen informants from his area have sent us information about his various (alleged) misdeeds. Some of this information has been passed on to you in recent issues of "Smear". For now we only want to add that a January 1990 revised edition of legitimate non-profit organizations, published by the I.R.S., does not include Southern California Skeptics in its listing. We have sent a copy of the appropriate page from this document to Phil Klass, Chief Defender of the non-Faith, but have received no comment from him whatsoever!....

Ed Walters of Gulf Breeze fame tells us that his intended monthly ufological newsletter called "The UFO Report", apparently isn't going to work out after all, for various technical reasons. Says Ed, "I'm still hoping, but hope is fading out." He will now go back to his former profession - the mundane but profitable business of building & selling middle-class homes.

But come to think of it - how does Ed know the Space People won't look him up again? He only lives a few blocks from where he lived when the many weird events of his book took place! Is there hope, after all, for more weirdness and maybe a sequel to the book?? Stay tuned!....

Bitter feud going on between abductee Christa Tilton and ufologist/author/illustrator Martin Cannon. Christa first promised her ufological biography to Cannon, then became disillusioned and switched to Tim ("Mr. UFO") Beckley of Inner Light Publications. Angry letters about all this now making the rounds. The emotional level of these letters is so high that it makes us wonder, once again, just who in this UFO field is really Sane (except for us, of course!)....

Well, a bevy of forthcoming ufological conclaves awaits the researcher with sufficient time and money to attend all these things! However, no amount of time or money can solve the problem of the unfortunate fan who wants to attend both Tim Beckley's San Diego convention and Pat Marcattilio's latest New Jersey gathering, for both are on the same weekend - March 15th. (Great planning, eh?) We have opted for San Diego, where your humble editor will be one of a nearly infinite number of speakers.

We will not return East till early April, and thus will also miss a convention on March 30th in Biloxi, Mississippi, apparently organized by contactee Charles Hickson with the cooperation of MUFON. We are told that Stanton Friedman, Betty Hill, Budd Hopkins, and other luminaries will be there.

Also not on our agenda is the "TREAT III" conference, sponsored by ex-non-subscriber Rima Laibow, M.D. This somewhat high-class event takes place in Kansas City on March 7th-10th. Last year we were invited to "TREAT II" but politely declined to attend. Later we printed the apparent fact - never denied - that Rima herself is a UFO abductee. This year we were not invited. Wheeee!

This year's Ozark UFO Convention will be on April 5th, 6th, and 7th. Then, the CSICOP anti-Fortean convention takes place near San Francisco, May 3rd-5th. The summer will no doubt include Wayne Aho's annual contactee-oriented conclave in the Pacific northwest, plus the MUFON convention in Chicago (July 5th, 6th, & 7th), as well as other UFO gatherings about which we do not yet have information.

But of course the most important event of the year (for us, at least!) will be the 28th National UFO Conference, which takes place on Sept. 13th and 14th in its town of birth - Cleveland, Ohio, sponsored by the United Aerial Phenomena Agency (UAPA), of which Rick Hilberg and Al Manak remain the Leading Lights. Advance tickets for the two public sessions sell for a mere \$14. No Space here for further details, so please DO write to UAPA, P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134. Your editor will be there!

LETTERS TO YE KINDLY OLDE EDITOR:

We are very pleased, at the same time that we are dismayed, at the large number of printable missives we have been receiving lately - many of them from Big Name Saucerers (B.N.S.'s). This shows that "Smear" has become a focal point for (heh! heh!) Negative Energy from all sides. This is just what we wanted, except that it leaves less room than we'd like for current news, cartoons, and our own egotistical ravings. But as they say in Show Biz - please do keep those cards & letters rolling in! If yours isn't printed, we hope you will understand why.

And now, on to the Mail Bag:

DON SCHMITT of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) writes as follows:

"The following is in response to Mr. Christopher Allan:

"I'm afraid that Mr. Allan suffers from that very human condition known as 'passing the buck'. As few may know, Allan was at one time a believer of George Adamski. Diagnosis: He loses his faith, i.e., Adamski; and now he blames God, i.e., ufology.

"This scoffer has yet to see our book; he, admittedly, has not interviewed one single witness related to Roswell; and still he is continually provided with a forum to perpetuate his uninformed, biased, long distance opinion. Allan attempts to blame everyone else for his own initial gullibility. As he typically demonstrates, he has nothing productive to contribute; only his myopic tunnel vision.

"One first-hand witness to support your position on Roswell, Mr. Allan? You habitually insult our 300 witnesses with your condescending attitude that they are uneducated hayseeds and hicks suffering from failing memories. You speculate about the actions of people in New Mexico; you profess to being an authority on the U.S. military in 1947 - for your part all baseless and totally unfounded. Until you can identify a witness to the contrary, you're like an attorney without a client. In other words you have no case."

Schmitt's co-worker KEVIN RANDLE writes:

"I didn't really expect you to print our long article, but you had expressed an interest in Keel's Fugo balloons. I wanted you to know that we had researched that carefully and had rejected it because of that research. We can do the same thing with the theory that it was a V-2 rocket, or any missile launched from White Sands, or with the idea it was a Skyhook balloon and most other balloons. We've found no evidence that it was Russian or an experimental craft, and we've looked for that sort of thing.

"I spoke to Gerald Anderson in February, 1990. I've got a long interview with him on tape, and I'm afraid that the information he provides does not track with that provided by others. For example, he said they watched Barney Barnett arrive, but Vern Maltais said that Barney was the first on the site. Anderson puts it in the wrong place; and a diary he supplied is on pre-1947 paper but used post-1970 ink. There are many other such discrepancies.

"I'm a little concerned about saying anything about the dispute with Moore and Shandera only because every time I do, Moore threatens to sue again. My attitude is simply, if you're going to sue, do it. Do it now.

"Anyway, thanks for adding me to the list of 'Smear' non-subscribers. It's an honor that I find impossible to believe."

Editor's Notes: (1) We ask: What the hell is Anderson's motive? A most curious case here! (2) Curiously, Stanton Friedman apparently believes Anderson! (3) We sent our only copy of the Randle & Schmitt anti-Fugo article to John Keel for his comments, if any, and clearly marked it "Please return". Keel tells us that he threw the article away! Bad form, John!

(BACK ISSUES OF "SMEAR" STILL AVAILABLE FOR ONE DOLLAR EACH!)

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

"I finally got a few minutes to really read through your most recent 'Smear'. It was great! I especially enjoyed your opening quote from Mr. Keel. Perhaps he had been spending too many hours riding on our New York City subways at that time? I heard that the Army once released some type of germ warfare experiment in there. Perhaps Mr. Keel was afflicted by some of the residue? Or, maybe he had inhaled too much Mothman CaCa in those good old daze? Anyway, if you are the boil (on ufology), who is the ass?....

"Of course, I could very easily find out. All I need do is ask our friend Monty Cantsin. I understand that he and the 'Aliens' are very close! Even if he doesn't know, he is really a very nice guy. He recently wrote me a kind letter and even donated some slides of his fire helmet - Oops, I mean UFO PHOTOS, to add to my lecture! That's really helpful right now because I have a lot of vacancies created by some silly Florida UFO photos I threw out after hearing they weren't any good!...

"P.S: The enclosed small donation isn't from me. It's from one of my past lives currently existing in a psychic black hole just a bit to the left of the fifth dimension of the third space/time continuum. (I think.)"

GEORGE EARLEY, a NICAPer of long ago who has recently moved his operation to Bigfoot Country (Oregon), writes:

"I say the biggest flaw in Keel's Fugo theory is the idea that the damn balloon would stay aloft for 2+ years after launch. Hydrogen doesn't like being confined, and I doubt rice paper would hold it in sufficient quantity to keep the balloon up all that time. Plus, given that the balloons were designed to ride the prevailing west-east winds, how many times would it have gone around the world before managing to self-destruct on/over Brazel's ranch? After all, the winds didn't stop blowing for 2 years!...

"I made the same comment to John Keel some weeks ago. No reply."

HAL STARR, Czar of Arizona MUFON, writes:

"...In regard to the Anderson/Roswell thingy, several points should not be overlooked: I, for one, remember much of what happened to me at age five IF it was sufficiently exciting or unusual. And, it apparently was to the witness (Anderson), if only because the sighting was undoubtedly the



Budd Hopkins: "I don't think it is an invasion"

subject of much conversation in dramatic terms. This would have established a much greater memory base for the witness. Also, this fellow had apparently all but forgotten the encounter until his memory was triggered by the TV show on the subject, a subject (UFOs) that seemingly held no interest for him until the show. Also, he came up with some facts NOT in the show and NOT known to anyone except investigators on the scene - never published. Ask Stanton Friedman!

"I look forward to the upcoming issue of 'Saucer Schmuck' with baited breath, 'cause there's always someone submitting something fishy!"

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

"Regarding the 'Purloined Letter' last issue from Whitley Strieber to Richard Capozzola, it appears to me that Mr. Strieber doth protest too much. He also displayeth in the process incipient signs of paranoia and self-imposed martyrdom. If Mr. Strieber is indeed 'a public laughingstock (and) a despised outsider both to the UFO and scientific communities', as he claims, he might consider what, if any, portion of his present status is attributable to his own actions and writings, rather than laying the full blame at the feet of others.

"No one held a gun to his head, for example, and forced him to endure the 'hundreds of media appearances' at which he gave 'careful witness' to his own experiences. (There are probably even a few cynical people within both the UFO and scientific communities who view at least some of those same appearances as also promoting Mr. Strieber's three UFO books, for which, by most accounts, he was handsomely paid.)

"Finally, I do agree with Mr. Strieber that 'few of the present "experts" have anything approaching the combination of intelligence, imagination and education that will be necessary if understanding (the origin of the visitor perception) is ever to be achieved.' The question is, do we dare count Mr. Strieber among the chosen few, given, as he says, that he is still 'facing the visitors alone in the middle of the night with hardly a clue'? If Mr. Strieber, with the benefit of repeated experience, has hardly a clue himself as to what's going on, then surely he has the largesse of heart to forgive those of us who lack that advantage, those of us who, in fact, are reduced to reading other people's books about the experience."

Excellent letter! - Editor.

On another topic, we have the following excellent letter from ROBERT TODD:

"Perhaps there is a language problem, but I'm not exactly sure what Jean Sider was trying to say (in the last 'Smear'.) Was he saying that, if Peter Gersten is able to prove that the 'Roswell Incident' has a terrestrial explanation, Sider isn't going to believe it? If so, Mr. Sider shows himself to be quite the fanatic. Proof, after all, is proof. Sider appears to have rejected the proof before anybody has even produced any. He seems to be saying that proof - and truth - are irrelevant to his devout belief in Roswell. His position is just one more sad indicator that Ufology has been transformed into something very much akin to a religious cult.

"Another indication of Sider's mindset is his labeling Gersten a 'debunker'. Sider - and other fanatics in the field - throw that title around as if it were a dirty word. Essentially, 'bunk' is nonsense. To be against debunkers is to be for nonsense. Is Sider a proponent of nonsense? His letter speaks for itself. He wants and will accept the truth only if it conforms to his beliefs. I'm surprised he didn't suggest that Gersten be burned at the stake."

Nixon To Stand Pat On Watergate Tapes



The semi-mysterious DR. RICHARD HENRY of (egads!) The John Hopkins Space Grant Consortium, writes as follows:

"I write to you, not in response to the 'dreaded X' (to which, by alien influence, I am immune), but in response to a remark in the latest 'Smear' that 'Lazar's story (about Element 115) is patently absurd'. You did the right thing, checking with a professional, but unfortunately, you picked a top-notch astronomer, not a physicist! Look in your local library at the May 1989 issue of 'Scientific American' magazine. On page 66: 'Problems have thus far prevented us from reaching the goals set in the late 1960's, when elements up to 114 seemed within reach.'

"Perhaps with a billion years technology advance on us - entirely reasonable - the aliens have succeeded. Element 115 is not 'patently absurd'. That billion (or several billion) year advance on us, in technology and biology, is what maintains my active interest in the extraterrestrial hypothesis for UFOs. And it is why UFO investigators like you (and most of your readers) who are scientifically not too literate, aren't much worse off (or maybe are better off!) than overeducated assholes who know all about Element 115!

"It's sure nice to have one journal where I can really express myself!"
Right On! - Editor.

Whereas GRANT CAMERON of the North American Institute for Crop Circle Research, writes:

"A few short words related to Mr. Lazar, Element 115, and Bullshit:

"There are a number of physicists who contend that elements 112 thru 116 may be stable. In fact there was an article in 'Scientific American' more than a year ago that discussed this whole issue. It was from this article that Bill Moore maintained Lazar may have gotten the whole idea for 115. I am surprised that Page is not aware of these discussions on super heavy elements in the scientific literature.

"More importantly, in regard to Lazar's 115 claims, I can assure you I followed up every lead. In the end, the 115 part of his story seemed to have the most evidence to support it...."

JAN MARZYGLOD, a leading former UFO researcher in England (or perhaps we should say a former leading UFO researcher) writes:

"....As you are most acutely aware, it's much more fun studying the ufologists than the subject itself. I wish you well...."

R. MAX PETERSEN of Scottsdale, Arizona, writes:

"Max, the Crystal Skull, who is definitely not of our space and time (we prefer space-time continuum) - or world! - is pleased to learn you will be 'revealing the Secret of the Universe' at Tim Beckley's San Diego 'CIRCUS' come next the Ides of March. 'May the Force be with you', Max says.

"Also Max says he now knows why Beckley's middle name is GREEN! Because Beckley's gonna charge FORTY DOLLARS per head for each Workshop at that there San Diego do. How does that grab you? I'm GREEN with envy!..."

ED KOMAREK JR. writes as follows:

"While I am sure most of the 'Smear' readership would be horribly offended if I were to pay someone a compliment, I must nevertheless say that Stanton Friedman stands head and shoulders above the squabbling pack of so-called Ufologists. While I fully expect to never see this letter in 'Smear' because of its offensive nature, I must write it. Because it is indeed the horrible truth that we are all dolts compared to Friedman! So there, I said it!!!"

YUK! Egads! (Choke, Groan!), Etc. - Editor.

Alas, it appears we spoke too soon on Page 8 of our last issue, regarding the solution to the giant Hindu Symbol in Oregon. DR. JIM DEARDORFF writes:

"From the phrase 'case closed' in your latest 'Saucer Smear', regarding the giant sriyantra etching in the S.E. Oregon dry-lake bed, it seems that you haven't looked into the case against the six 'confessors'. Would you be open to learning some of the facts of the case, instead of accepting what you read in the papers as being total truth?

"If you had ever talked to people who have been out to Mickey Basin in the summer heat and realize the effort necessary to scratch even a small groove in the ground with a stick, you would realize the impossibility of hand-pulling a garden cultivator through that dry sun-baked ground. Yes, July was a dry month there. It's like the Bonneville Salt Flats - you don't even leave footprints behind when walking. To go to the superhuman effort of constructing a sriyantra design there with its 13 miles of furrows, for the sake of an artistic work that the 'confessors' say they never expected anyone else to see, defies all credibility. Equally incredible is Witherspoon's claim that the constructors of this Hindu meditation symbol did it not because of its spiritual significance but because of its great beauty and complexity.."

In a second long letter, Deardorff says he believes the symbol may originally have been put down by "ancient astronauts" and that it has "spiritual significance" that the Government does not want us to be aware of. - Editor.

Non-subscriber LOUISE BRAISTED writes as follows:

"Dear Supreme Commander Moseley:

"There are times when I have the urge to get my own two cents worth in.

"Robert Anton Wilson mentioned in your Jan. 5th issue of 'Smear' that ball lightning might be the cause of malfunctioning electrical machines, poltergeist effects, hallucinations, etc., if humans get too close to the epicenter of the phenomenon. That would be a reasonable explanation if a percipient had only one such experience. Many percipients experience multiple strange occurrences over a rather long period of time - which would rule out the Persinger theory. Unless, of course, these people manufacture their own brand of ball lightning!

"This is an aspect of the phenomenon that most ufologists ignore - that odd things happen to many people who witness an unidentified flying or aerial object. Whitley Strieber understands this interrelationship because he's a reluctant draftee, rather than an enthusiastic and often very gullible enlistee.

"(No, I don't believe anyone can manufacture their own brand of ball lightning, spontaneously or otherwise.)

"The mystery continues."

Finally, UFO contactee MONTY CANTSIN writes:

"...You say that Victoria Lacas is such an up-and-coming figure. Why? Does Andrus lust after her figure?..."

"The only reason Klass doesn't believe in UFOs is that every time an alien makes a date for sex with him, he never shows up on time. Then when he gets there late & the alien lady has already gone home to Yuggoth, Klass says, 'See, aliens don't exist!'

"But if you must have sex with an alien, at least try to enjoy it. That way it's easier to remember...."

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