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WILD RUMOR ABOUT SAUCERER BILL MOORE TURNS
OUT TO BE UNTRUE. SEE PAGE 8 FOR DETAILS.

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

This time we have given the "Dreaded X" to a new group of non-subscribers. If an "X" follows your name on the envelope in which you received this issue of "Smear", you will be ejected from our esteemed mailing list unless we hear from you shortly, preferably with a Love Offering of some sort.

And, let us remind you that back issues of "Smear" are still available for a mere one dollar each. Furthermore, our book, "UFO Crash Secrets at Wright Patterson Air Force Base" (actually written by Gray Barker & others) is still available for a mere \$12. Please make checks payable to the editor, not to "Saucer Smear".

THE LAWSUITS AGAINST JAMES RANDI (Part One)

Herein we take up one of the most delicate matters we have ever tackled. First let us explain that although the following information really has nothing at all to do with UFOs, it does have something to do with the notorious CSICOP organization, which is dedicated to debunking parapsychology as well as UFOs and other allegedly unscientific beliefs. When James Randi ran afoul of alleged psychic Uri Geller and others, he was a leading member of CSICOP, even though they claim he was not a spokesman for them. (He has since resigned, under pressure.) CSICOP perceives itself as the ultimate arbitrator of Truth; yet we find that leading members of CSICOP, such as Al Seckel on the one hand and James Randi on the other, have apparently been less than wholesome in their activities and statements. CSICOP deliberately chooses to ignore these situations, which is the height of hypocrisy!

Secondly, we consider Randi to be a friend whom we have known for over 25 years, and we certainly bear no malice whatever toward him. However, "Smear" is dedicated to the Truth, within our humble abilities.

With the above in mind, let us turn to the multi-million dollar lawsuits that exist against Randi. From various sources we learn that there are four suits by spoon-bender Uri Geller, two of which have been dismissed on technical grounds, unrelated to their merit. One of the remaining Geller suits recently had a preliminary court hearing, and as a result, there is now an ongoing print, radio, and TV discussion of these suits - often taking the form of public statements by Geller and Randi, placed side by side, each expressing his point of view.

What has been lost, however, is the fact that these suits have very little to do with spoon bending at all (or Geller's other alleged psychic powers), and they have nothing whatever to do with freedom of speech, in our opinion. The issues involve alleged libel and slander by Randi, which obviously are not covered by freedom of speech. If the issue was freedom of speech, we would be on Randi's side 100%; but this is not the case.

Little-known is the fact that the most potentially damaging lawsuit outstanding against Randi is not by Geller at all, but by a parapsychologist named Dr. Eldon Byrd, who is a friend of Geller, and by Judith Byrd, his wife. Their suit, filed on March 2nd, 1989, is for a total of \$39,000,000, and consists of ten counts, involving libel, invasion of privacy, slander, and "injuries to marital relationship".

The defendants are James Randi (plus five aliases), CSICOP, and TZ Publications, publishers of Twilight Zone Magazine. The court document is entitled "Complaint, Demand for Jury Trial and Exhibit A". We have a photostatic copy of this document (and also of two of Geller's suits), and will quote from it below:

In an interview for the June 1988 issue of Twilight Zone Magazine, Randi made the following statement: "Eldon Byrd was the one - along with Geller - who launched a blackmail campaign against me and accused me of being a child molester. Byrd is now in prison in Washington, D.C. - for child molesting, and is going to be there for the next six years". As far as we are able to learn, Byrd has never been arrested for child molesting, nor was he in prison when Randi made this statement.

The document goes on to state (Page 8): "The Plaintiff alleges that the Defendant Randi has in the past threatened to injure the Plaintiff. This publication...carried out previously existing unwarranted threats to the Plaintiff, further evidencing the malicious and reckless conduct and state of mind of this Defendant. A copy of correspondence from the Defendant Randi to the Plaintiff Byrd is attached hereto..." The reference is to Exhibit A, which we will discuss further along.

The court document goes on to mention a CSICOP-sponsored public lecture that Randi gave in New York City on May 17th, 1988. The document claims that Randi "did make the following statements, on his own behalf, and in his capacity as agent, servant, employee and/or representative of the Defendant CSICOP":

The court document further states: "At said public gathering, the Defendant, James Randi, stated that the Plaintiff, Eldon Byrd, had been sought after by the Washington (D.C.) area police for ten years, and was known as the 'shopping market molester'. He further indicated that the Plaintiff, Eldon Byrd, would utilize his wife's children to attract other small children into his car, after which he would molest the children and free them. He further indicated that Eldon Byrd had pleaded guilty to the charge of child molestation and is presently out on probation for same." Again, our sources fail to confirm any such conduct on the part of Byrd.

Now we turn to "Exhibit A", and we will see that Randi's problems are more complex than one is likely to imagine. "Exhibit A" is a personal letter from Randi to Byrd, on his letterhead, dated June 18th, 1986. Being a private letter, it is not actionable, but is included in the lawsuit papers because it sheds light on Randi's state of mind regarding Byrd.

In the letter Randi refers to "blackmail packets", about which more further along. Randi also calls Byrd "a sleazy and not-too-bright villain, an unprincipled liar, and an incompetent, pretentious Dumbo, who is an em-

barrassment to those who suffer from association....A clown and a buffoon.....A despicable, cowardly character assassin". We do not know Byrd at all, but these are certainly very strong remarks.

Then Randi goes on to say, in the same letter, "How Geller must enjoy the dilemma he has created for you. He dragged you all the way out to a little town in New Jersey (Rumson, N.J., where Randi used to live. - Ed.), and used your minor credentials to obtain spurious information on the one person he really fears, got the blackmail plan going, then faded away, leaving you to face the music...."

Now, about the alleged blackmail plan or "blackmail packets", as Randi calls them: Actually, blackmail is probably the wrong word, since no money was demanded by the anonymous sender(s) of these infamous packets, which were mailed in about 1985 to dozens of people in the parapsychology field, and to others. Because your editor is not in the parapsychology field, or perhaps because we were perceived as friendly toward Randi, we did not receive a "packet", nor have we ever seen one. However, the contents have been described to us by several of the recipients over the intervening years.

There was a covering letter in the "packet", to the effect that the sender(s) would have more to say if Randi did not "lay off" parapsychology, i.e., stop his well-known exposes of people in that field of study. The main item in the "packet" was an audio tape, running 20 to 30 minutes, consisting largely of Randi speaking on his telephone, at his home in Rumson, N.J., to various males, whom he was apparently soliciting in regard to sexual acts. This of course would tie in with the (unproven) rumors over the years that Randi is a pederast.

Here the story gets confusing. Randi claims he was merely trying to entrap teenagers who were trying to blackmail him. But apparently it was the Rumson police who made the tape, and somehow the tape was improperly given by the police to Randi's enemies in parapsychology. Whatever the truth of this matter may be, Randi does not seem to have proof that the mailing of the "packet" involved Geller, Byrd, or any other specific person(s). He simply lashed out imprudently at his prime suspects, apparently on the basis of false information given to him by a New Jersey postal inspector who was involved in the case. All this happened many years ago, but the repercussions are still being felt, as is evidenced by the lawsuits.

Some concluding comments: (1) Randi has made so many enemies that theoretically the list of suspects re the "packet" is almost endless. (2) Geller is known to be a multi-millionaire, whereas Randi claims to be almost broke. Why has he never counter-sued Geller or Byrd? (3) We recall that when Randi learned that the "packets" had been mailed out, he strongly urged everyone to send them back unopened, so that he could look for fingerprints on the packages. Many people, of course, did not do this, and in any case we heard nothing more about fingerprints after that point in time.

The above remarks are based on information from various sources, and our own recollections. Unless Silenced in the meanwhile, we will have more to say in our next issue about the four Geller lawsuits, and further comment about the whole situation.



"OOO-KAY, LET'S SEE. IF WE CAN ALL REMAIN CALM AND STOP ACTING CRAZY, I'M SURE I'LL EVENTUALLY REMEMBER WHAT NAME I FILED THE ANTIDOTE UNDER."

Beating Witness Provides Names

Quad-City Times (Davenport, Ia.) 8/2/78

Child teaching expert to speak

Birmingham Post-Herald 3/28/77

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

We were delighted to learn recently that the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library, in Clarksburg, West Virginia, has opened to the public a collection of the late Gray Barker's books, UFO magazines, and correspondence. It is a large collection, representing Barker's more than thirty years in the UFO field, and was donated to the library by his executor.

As olde-timers in the UFO field know, Gray Barker and your editor were close friends, and we still miss him as much as ever....

We've been UFO convention-hopping again, and attended still another Tim Beckley conclave in Phoenix, Az., on the weekend of Sept. 7th. There were about thirty lectures, including an inspiring one by your editor, and also a number of "workshops", where people come for \$40 each to hear some of the same speakers expound on their material at greater length.

"Max", the Crystal Skull, was there again, as was the late scientist Nikola Tesla (via mediumship); but the speakers who interested us the most were former Air Force Captain Kevin Randle, speaking on the Roswell Incident; Larry Warren, speaking on the 1980 landing (?) at Bentwaters, England (also known as the RendleSHAM Case); Howard & Connie Menger, who drove all the way from Florida to be there; Bill Cooper; and Harley Byrd (no relation to Eldon Byrd, hopefully). More about these last two:

Bill Cooper is, if nothing else, one of the best speakers we have ever heard. He can talk for hours on end without notes, without repeating himself, and usually without getting angry or excited by doubters in the audience. (Your editor succeeded in giving him an Excedrin headache at the bar, however.)

Cooper predicts that within five years, but at different times, U. S. troops will occupy the Soviet Union and vice-versa, by United Nations consent. This, he feels, will set a precedent for a "One World" government in which the U.S. will give up part of its sovereignty, at which time our Constitutional Bill of Rights will go down the drain. Interestingly, Cooper insists that there is no proof that extraterrestrials have ever visited this planet, either now or in the past. (We agree.) Cooper also insists he is not anti-Semitic or a "super-patriot". There are, however, strong religious and mystical overtones to his spiel. But he does seem like a likeable guy, from what little we have seen of him. His audience appeal is tremendous.

Then there is Harley Byrd, about whom we have a much more Negative impression. It is unclear from Byrd's lectures or from private conversation with him whether he is Admiral Richard Byrd's son, grandson, or nephew - or perhaps not related to the famous polar explorer at all! We attended his "workshop", which began with everyone singing a weird "hymn to peace" twice, under the direction of Byrd's eccentric wife. The "vibs" went steadily downhill from there. Many of the slides were shown backwards, and some people who came to hear about the Inner Earth were annoyed that Byrd kept talking about secret alien-controlled underground bases in the U.S. southwest - until Byrd explained that underground bases are technically a part of the Inner Earth (if they exist at all!) Unfortunately we left the "workshop" just minutes before a fist fight broke out in the back of the room, where we had been sitting. We are told that the little old ladies in the audience bolted for the exit door while bolder people tried to separate the combatants....

Exactly one week later, your editor attended the 28th annual convention of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC), held this year in Cleveland, Ohio, where the organization was founded back in 1964. The program was on a far less grandiose scale than Beckley's production, but it went very well and made a modest profit for the local sponsoring group, which consists mainly of Rick Hilberg and Al Manak. The speakers, in addition to your inevitable "Smear" editor, included Antonio Huneus ("the man of a thousand slides"); Curt Sutherly; Richard Dell'Aquila; Floyd Murray, and Klark Kent. No Space for more details here, but a good time was had by all!..(Continued to Page 8)

Twenty witnesses see UFO "portholes"

Over the past year many local residents and visiting tourists have reported seeing a strange red light hovering in the skies over Gulf Breeze. Truly enough, this red light puts on some spectacular aerial displays, but it never really measured up to the *Sentinel's* First UFO Rule, which is: Did you see the "portholes"?

A great deal of time and equipment has been used in an effort to identify this red light UFO but until a few days ago all that could be said by the witnesses was "I saw a light." On Friday, September 6, 1991, 20 people gathered at the south

end of the Pensacola Bay Bridge. Most were hoping to see anything and the red light was high on their list of possibilities. (It has been seen over 70 times since January 1991.) Witness, Vicki Lyons said, "On this night what we saw was stunning. It has changed my life!"

This is a summary of what a few of the witnesses listed below had to say: In the sky over Gulf Breeze at approximately 60 degrees, a UFO appeared, "portholes" blazing and traveling from south to north. It was so large and close enough that the ring of "portholes" were distinct separate lights.

As it crossed the sky, the main body of the object blocked the stars. At one point, two minutes into the four minute sighting, the UFO slowed to a hover and performed a 360 degree barrel roll. It then proceeded to the north, turned vertical and rapidly accelerated up and out of sight.

Two nights later, Sunday, September 8, 1991, another crowd of residents gathered at the Bay Bridge and were treated to a "porthole" lighted UFO. Many photos were taken along with a video.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

Our apologies to all those whose fine letters had to be cut or omitted because of lack of Space. Some will appear next time. - Editor.

Famed British UFO researcher & author JENNY RANGLES writes:

"....I cannot accept the gross untruths offered by Stanton Friedman in his letter to you, where he claims that I 'totally deceived (my) friends'. Actually, the BUFORA council was told the FULL story of what occurred BEFORE the lawsuits. They also received straight away the disputed letter that I sent prior to publication of the article. This letter actually went personally to a journalist whom I happened to know, not to the Manchester Evening News as such. He had a positive attitude on serious Ufology, but unfortunately did not write the article.

"I offered to resign from the BUFORA council if its dozen members felt I had acted badly or against the interests of the group and/or serious UFO research. I came 100% clean from the start....Not only did they consider my actions were not detrimental to Ufology or the group, but they backed me up, appealed with me to remain, and gave me the honour of later awarding life membership after settlement of the lawsuit out of court. It is totally false to allege that these people were in any way wilfully misled by me...."

I trust Friedman will be prepared to rapidly withdraw his unwarranted allegation that I cheated my friends by hiding the truth in order that I might win their support...."

Whereas STANTON FRIEDMAN writes:

"....In regard to Anderson: I am enclosing my detailed critique of Bill Moore's treatment of the Gerald Anderson story in 'Focus' and also John Carpenter's treatment of the Randle-Schmitt 'Roswell Report' G.A. article. The diary has to stand on its own. Gerald was given a Xerox at the time of his father's funeral in 1978. He has never said it proves anything other than being very interesting. His story in no way depends upon the diary.... Moore, Randle, Schmitt, and others have been busy jumping to conclusions!...."

"In regard to defamation: The lawsuit was NOT based on the letter. It proves that Jenny Randles was guilty of defamation of Harry Harris and me to the newspaper, even though our names aren't mentioned often. The newspaper didn't bother to check anything, and realized that they had been, to say the least, careless. They and she apologized and settled, with their

payment being far higher than hers. We had no way of knowing where the blame lie until after obtaining the letter. Obviously we are well aware that newspapers have misquoted people on the subject of UFOs. The paper has a circulation of almost 300,000. The forthcoming lecture was mine. Jenny attributed to us crazy views that were not ours. Freedom of speech does not mean one can shout fire in a crowded theatre in which there is no fire, nor incite a riot, nor bear false witness, nor reveal state secrets, nor defame - without taking the consequences, and she almost got away with the poor victim approach...."

Lead Story

● In June, the most sophisticated air defense radar mechanism ever deployed, the \$1.4 billion OTH-B, located in Maine, was downgraded from 24-hour operation to a 40-hour work week (one shift, five days a week) because of budget cuts. Its 29 computers first account for all known objects in the sky, and when an unaccounted-for blip appears, military bases are alerted.

KEVIN RANDLE, Roswell Authority, writes as follows:

"Since Friedman has taken his 'private' review public, I thought you'd like to see our side....Friedman makes much of the lie detector test that Anderson passed. But Anderson was asked if he had ever seen Buskirk after 1947 and he answered, 'No'. Friedman admits (as we claimed) that Anderson attended the Albuquerque High School in 1957. Buskirk taught there in 1957. That clearly puts both individuals in the same school at the same time, and probably into the same classroom, given the classes Anderson took. Doesn't that tend to negate the results of the test?

"....We have a great deal of information that refutes the Anderson story. We have a copy of the diary Anderson submitted and there are all sorts of things in it that are wrong. John Carpenter, for example, has to change the descriptions that Anderson gave us, to make them conform to what he is saying now. Unless Anderson can come up with some independent corroboration, I'm afraid that the only conclusion is that Anderson's tale is little more than fabrication...."

ERIK ("GASHAWK") BECKJORD writes:

"I now join with George Earley in asking formally that Phil Klass no longer send me anything. Over the years he has gotten less and less amusing, and more and more vicious. At the Ron Reagan TV show taping (on UFOs), he approached me in the 'Green Room' in front of four other people and called me a jerk. Then he feebly tried to make a joke of it and sluff it off. He similarly insults me in letters....At the Show, a man in a white suit in the audience jumped up and said: 'Klass - you are past it. Just retire and leave us alone.' EVERYBODY CLAPPED AND CHEERED!"

And, the inevitable PHIL KLASS writes:

"Dear Capt. Jim:

"One of my top-level intelligence sources....has revealed why Cedric Beckjord (often referred to as Erik Beckjerk) has been so successful in spotting previously undiscovered 'faces on Mars'. It is an inherited skill, from his father. According to my source, Beckjord's father was an EBE (Extraterrestrial Biological Entity), recovered in 1947 in New Mexico, and his mother was a Sasquatch, which was captured alive in 1948, in northern California. The CIA hoped that the cross-breeding would yield a giant humanoid with a super intellect. Understandably, they were extremely disappointed in the result, which they called 'EB' for short. When the CIA decided to release EB, it was given the name Erik Beckjord. My source says that the CIA will never again repeat the experiment."

Science writer DAN COHEN writes as follows:

"....I suppose I can't resist responding to two points in Klass' letter. He says he wrote no letters after I requested we sever relations. My request was nowhere near that polite. After I told him in no uncertain terms to piss off, he sent me a package. I presume it was not a letter

bomb but the tapes of our phone conversations, which I had told him quite clearly I didn't want. It was not the content of the tapes that I was angry about. I recall telling him he could play the damn things for anyone dumb enough to listen....What ticked me off then and now is the fact that they were made at all. When a conversation is being recorded and only one party knows or even suspects, that is inherently unfair. If we have to suspect that every time we pick up a phone we are being recorded, the world will be even a more dreadful place than it already is. I will not participate in or approve of such activity. To retrospectively edit the tapes, or even to listen to them, would imply approving of secret taping. The issue of privacy and trust was, and is, far more important to me than the Rawlins controversy - most of which I have already forgotten. Klass is such an ethical eunuch that he seemed unable to grasp that simple fact. I returned the package to him unopened...."

CHRIS RUTKOWSKI of Ufology Research of Manitoba (Canada) writes:

"....I had wondered why the local Manitoba Skeptics' group adamantly denied they were a branch of CSICOP when they were on a radio program recently (contradicting earlier statements). Now that we hear about Randi's resignation to save the coffers of the group, it makes more sense. The local group here runs a badly-contrived-and-produced TV show on a community cable channel, and they have been preaching to the converted about various silly 'pseudosciences'. However, when they made known their intent to do a show on Scientology, the TV station and the group each received letters from a Scientology lawyer. The show was never aired!..."

Skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"....My comments in the last 'Smear'....were not really intended for publication. My statement about Al Seckel 'not being a bad guy' was based on my own interaction with him....I certainly did not intend my comments to be viewed as condoning any type of deceit. The fault was entirely mine in that I gave a subjective evaluation instead of a clear and detailed statement of my interaction with him. I believe that people who claim credentials they don't have are fooling themselves as much as they are fooling other people. Ultimately they suffer from this type of self deception even if they are not uncovered."

ROBERT ANTON WILSON writes as follows:

"Just a brief note to say I'm still enjoying every issue of 'Saucer Smear'. And congratulations on having joined the elite company of those of us who are accused of being CIA agents - although actually I don't think it's so elite at all, on second thought. Every controversial writer has had that honor by now, I imagine. It would be an interesting task to make up a list of controversial people who have not been accused of being CIA agents. I'll bet the list would be very close to 0.00, or, if higher, could still be counted on the fingers of one hand....

"As Alan Watts said to the hot dog vendor, 'Make me one with everything'...."

And, conspiracy researcher MARTIN CANNON writes:

"....'The Protocols', allegedly the 'secret minutes' of an 1895 Judaic congress in Basle, has long been exposed as a total forgery. A number of 19th century anti-Semitic (and anti-Masonic) diatribes inspired the hoax. But one source stands out: About half the text of 'The Protocols' was cribbed - often word for word - from an 1864 satire called (in translation) 'A Dialogue in Hell Between Machiavelli and Montesquieu'. In this work, Machiavelli describes how he, if still alive, would plot to subvert Europe.... The unknown forger of 'The Protocols' simply re-wrote the piece, ascribing

Machiavelli's schemes to mythical 'Jewish leaders'.

"Some time around the turn of the century, a Theosophist named Yuliana Glinka...discovered 'The Protocols'. (Indeed, she may have written them.) She sent them off to the court in Moscow, in order to foment pogroms. The Czar saw through the hoax. But the forgery attracted the attention of a mystic named Sirgius Nilus, who published it in 1903 - and the damned thing has lived on ever since, despite a complete exposure....in 1921!...."

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS: (Continued from Page 4)

The Fall issue of Dr. Frank Stranges' magazine, called "UFO Journal", has a large swastika drawn on the cover, with a drawing of Adolph Hitler inside it, plus a bunch of UFOs and rockets. Weird cover indeed, especially as Stranges is a Man of the Cloth. The whole thing turns out to be harmless, however, as the cover merely pertains to the fact that there is an article in this issue by Bill Moore, about the "Nazi flying saucer legend"....Incidentally, Stranges did a fine job, as usual, as M.C. of Tim Beckley's recent Phoenix UFO convention.

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

Just before press time, we received from one of our Secret Sources a strange document with a long, strange title: "Affidavit: UFOs, Aliens, and 'Ex'-Intelligence Agents: Who's Fooling Whom? The Inside Story of John Lear, Bill Cooper, and 'The Greatest Cover-Up in Human History'. Part One: Lear and Loathing in Las Vegas". This 117 page typed document is written by someone named Lars C. Hansson. We have not had time to read it yet, but we hope to have a summary for you in our next issue....

Our olde pal Hal Starr of Phoenix, Az. and elsewhere, has retired as MUFON's Arizona State Director and moved to Mexico into retirement and oblivion. He has chosen one Ray Maurer to succeed him, as Assistant State Director Ed Biebel was not interested in the post. We will miss Hal, but we hope to visit him in Mexico occasionally....A great deal of publicity has been given to two elderly Englishmen who have confessed to having hoaxed many of the British crop circles of recent years. They even gave reporters a demonstration of their abilities. However, many crop circle "experts", including our own Erik Beckjord, are unimpressed, and we all wonder: How did these two guys get around to other countries where circles and other more complex designs have also appeared???....As the press clipping on Page 5 indicates, some really weird stuff is still being seen in Gulf Breeze, Florida! DON'T COUNT MR. ED OUT! Rex Salisbury is unimpressed, but here at "Smear" we still have a (somewhat) Open Mind....

Non-subscriber Jerry Lucci has located an obscure video game near New York City called "Majestic/MJ-12", copyrighted in 1990 by a Japanese firm. This is not just fun and games, folks. One would like to know how the Japanese heard of MJ-12, and when. Lucci is pursuing his research on this.... In late July, astronomers apparently located the first known planet outside our solar system. This event is of tremendous importance, because if many stars throughout the Universe have planets, there is hope that some have intelligent life. (Earth does not!)....Skeptic John Merrell, who is described as a "loose cannon in the skeptics' movement" in a skeptical zine we have read, has lost a \$25,000 lawsuit to alleged psychic Noreen Renier of Florida, but has made some progress in regard to a counter-suit of his own. Stay tuned!....

Finally, REGARDING BILL MOORE (See Page 1), "Smear" came fearfully close to libeling him unintentionally, due to a rumor that he was and is in the County Jail in Prescott, Arizona, on two counts of burglary plus three counts of forgery. To make a long story short, the jailbird turned out to be a different Bill Moore! We knew the rumor was wrong when our Bill Moore answered the phone at his new pad in Hollywood, Ca. - a much nicer place than Prescott. Way to go, Bill!