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MISC. RAVINGS:

This will be our last issue until long after Christmas, as your editor is going on a visit back to New Jersey in mid-December. We will also be making a pilgrimage to Clarksburg, West Virginia, on the weekend of Dec. 14th, to visit the Gray Barker Collection of UFO books & correspondence at the Clarksburg - Harrison County Public Library. This collection was opened to the public recently on a weekend when we were not able to attend. Accompanying us to Clarksburg will be UFO researcher Tom Benson of Trenton, N.J. and possibly others. Any of you who would like to meet us at the Library on the afternoon of Dec. 14th should phone Linda Cornett at 304-624-6512.

And so - a Cool Yule to all of you, friend and foe alike!....

A number of new books related to the UFO field have come to our attention lately, and we would like to discuss them briefly:

The first is the new tome by Timothy Good of England, called "Alien Liason - The Ultimate Secret". Good is a very decent fellow, but somewhat gullible. We'll admit that we haven't even seen his new book, let alone read it, but (naturally) we are going to knock it anyhow - especially the already-infamous Chapter Ten, which contains sensational information supplied to the author by researcher Bob Oechsler of Maryland. Recently, someone has sent us (legally recorded) transcripts of telephone conversations which show, beyond any reasonable doubt, that Oechsler was (ha!) somewhat less than accurate in the information he supplied to Good. We don't have Space for this 2½-page transcript here, but if all you Good and Oechsler fans will send us a mere dollar (each), we will mail a copy of the transcript to you.

Next there is the new book by famed British author Jenny Randles, called "From Out of the Blue - The Incredible UFO Cover-Up at Bentwaters NATO Air Base". This famous incident, which occurred in England in 1980, is also known as the RendleSHAM Case. The book is published in the U.S. by our olde pal and co-conspirator Tim Beckley of Global Communications, and sells for \$13.95 (= a special offer to "Smear" readers only, according to Beckley. However, send your money to him, not us. Beckley's address is: 11 E. 30th St., #4-R; New York, N.Y. 10016.)

Next there is a new book by famed French author/scientist/philosopher Jacques Vallee, which we have not yet seen. It is called: "Revelations: Alien Contact and Human Deception". Jerry Clark likes it with reservations, whereas Mr. Ed hates it, as it speaks ill of Gulf Breeze. Bob Girard of Arcturus Books loves it, and also happens to be selling it, for \$20. Address: P.O. Box 831383, Stone Mountain, Ga. 30083.

Next there is "The Bennewitz Papers", written by abductee Christa Tilton, and available from her for \$25. (Crux Publications, P.O. Box 906237, Tulsa, Ok. 74112.) Paul Bennewitz is the UFO researcher/scientist/eccentric who, it may be remembered, was "informed on" to the Government by Bill Moore - as per Moore's confession at the Las Vegas MUFON Convention a few years ago. The Bennewitz story is long and complex; but Christa has come up with a neatly-printed 75-page opus which deserves to be read by those who have the time - which we don't.

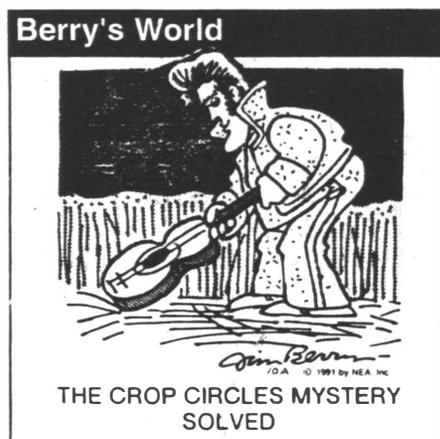
Next there is "Angels and Aliens - UFOs and the Mythic (no, not Mystic!) Imagination", by long-time "Smear" non-subscriber Keith Thompson. The book, we are told, offers a new, open-ended perspective which avoids the dogmatism of true believers and debunkers alike. (Thank god!) The price is \$19.95, and the publisher seems to have no address; so write to Thompson at: P.O. Box 104, Aptos, Ca. 95001. Incidentally, your editor and "Smear" are in the index, so this must be a great book!

Finally, we have a manuscript which has never been published at all, and probably never will be, as it is filled with libel. It is called "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". The author is one Lars C. Hansson, a semi-mysterious fellow who is involved with film making but makes part of his living as a handyman, and is suspected (falsely, he says) of being a Government agent.

The Hansson manuscript, which is about 118 pages long, is endlessly repetitive, but centers around a version of the famed Zapruder film of the John F. Kennedy assassination. In this version of the film, William Greer, the Secret Service man driving Kennedy's car, apparently turns and fires at the President! Although your editor is a Kennedy Assassination Conspiracy Fan, this twist to the plot is too fantastic for us - and Hansson now repudiates it, himself. But Bill Cooper continues to use the film to jazz up his lectures, in spite of all efforts by Hansson to get him to stop. As for Cooper, the author calls him a "fraud and a liar" on Page 60, but on Page 100 he admits that "some of Cooper's information is true and valid".

There are few kind words for John Lear, either, who Hansson exposes as a womanizer and a drunk (as if we hadn't heard this before!) Hansson believes that Lear, as a pilot for the CIA, may have been involved in unauthorized flights to Iran in 1981 and in an alleged 1988 CIA plot to transport the vast quantity of gold supposedly belonging to the Marcos family of the Philippines.

We actually read all of this 118-page tract, and then accidentally threw out our original write-up about it! But if the above tidbits titillate you, write to Hansson at Paragon Research & Publications, P.O. Box 981, Orlando, Fl. 32802. We have never contacted the man, and have no idea if he will send this material to anyone at any price. We received our copy from Mysterious Sources.



**UFO often seen
in Gulf Breeze.
Photographed by
Ed Walters, 1987.**

**UFO photographed
in Gulf Breeze by
P. Weatherford
on Nov. 5, 1991.**

THE JAMES RANDI STORY - PART THREE

Following publication of our Oct. 10th issue, and after the Nov. 5th issue had already been mailed out, we received a fierce letter from a Kansas City lawyer who represents Randi and who claims to be licensed in Florida, where we live. The letter, which he claims is copyrighted, threatens a lawsuit and demands, in order to avoid the suit - a full retraction of the Oct. 10th article; a sincere and unequivocal apology to Randi; the sum of \$10,000; and a promise to avoid any mention of Randi in future issues of "Smear". A Nov. 8th deadline was set for acceptance of this offer. We did not accept it.

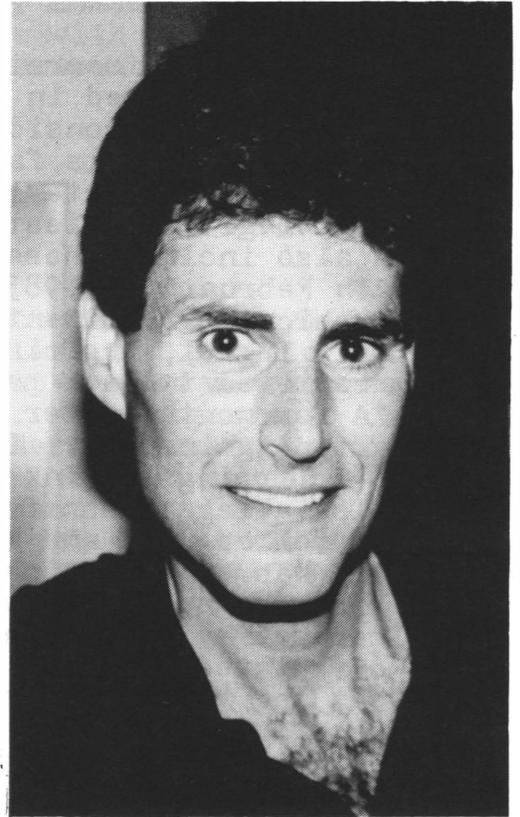
Another condition given by the Kansas City lawyer is that we publish a long statement by Randi expressing his point of view. This statement appears to be a general one, prepared for all critics, rather than a reply to our specific article(s). We are glad to publish it, and do so further along in the present article. However, we have omitted some parts due to a limitation of space, and we have eliminated other parts that may be libelous to other individuals. Anyone wanting Randi's full statement can write to him and request it. (We have no way of knowing whether he will honor such requests.) Randi's address is: 12000 N.W. 8th St., Plantation, Fl. 33325.

We should add that we telephoned Randi several times earlier this year, asking for his comments on the impending lawsuits by Geller and Byrd. He always refused comment. Back about 1986, a very favorable article about Randi was privately circulated by his friend Scot Morris of OMNI Magazine, but we had to obtain this from Morris rather than Randi. Then, very recently, there was a public statement widely circulated by Randi, telling of his alleged \$155,000 expense to date, in defending himself against Geller and Byrd. We specifically asked Randi for a copy of this, and he said he did not have one. Clearly, Randi never wanted any discussion about him in "Smear", whether it be favorable or unfavorable. Where, then, is Randi's dedication to "free speech", which he claims to be his legitimate defense against his enemies?

Now, to clear up a few points in our past two articles: Our use of the word "pederast" was unfortunate, especially as the legal definition varies from state to state. We regret any insinuation of moral misconduct based on unproven rumors!

Randi makes an issue of where he wanted the "blackmail packets" sent to by those people who received them by mail years ago. Randi may well have asked that they be sent to the U.S. Postal Inspector in Newark, N.J., as his lawyer claims; but we know of at least one recipient who sent his "packet" directly to Randi.

In regard to the Geller lawsuits, we were correct in stating that there have been a total of four, rather than three. (The fourth was recently filed by Geller in Japan.) In regard to the lecture in New York City on May 17th, 1988, in which Randi made allegedly libelous statements about Eldon Byrd, we erred in stating that the lecture was "CSICOP sponsored". Actually, it was sponsored by a technically independent group called New York Skeptics. However, Mark Plummer, then executive director of CSICOP, gave help and encouragement in the formation of the group, and Randi was, we are told, introduced by Phil Klass of CSICOP at the lecture in question.

URI GELLER

(Photo by Manuel Fernandez)

Here, then, is part of the statement Randi wishes us to publish. It is entitled "A Statement by James Randi (In Correction of Defamatory Allegations)":

"....It is no secret that I, James Randi, have for many years been very actively involved in investigations of paranormal claims. Some persons believe that I consider that parapsychologists and the 'psychics' to be my enemies. That is far from true. My enemies are those who try to prevent proper and complete investigations from taking place, and those who try to prevent legitimate test results from being made public. Of course, my enemies also include those who attempt to assassinate my character....

"In February of 1983, NBC-TV broadcast a special program about me and the 'psychics'. Prominently featured in the program was Uri Geller, a conjuror from Israel, who claims psychic powers and who was at one time popularly believed to have paranormal ability.

"A few months after the NBC broadcast, an anonymous blackmail campaign was started against me. Packets of vicious and scurrilous defamatory material - clippings, a fake 'rap sheet', and a cassette recording - which made false allegations of misconduct, were mailed to the media, my neighbors, my colleagues, and others. The material which was all lies and false innuendo, was of such a nature that it most certainly damaged my career and reputation. Also, at about this time, I received threats stating that unless I ceased my investigative work, the defamatory material would continue to be circulated.

"At the very onset of these events, I contacted the FBI, who turned the case over to the U.S. Postal Service Investigation Department, in Newark, New Jersey. An investigation was opened in 1983 and it remains open and active to this day.

"The newspaper clippings contained in the blackmail packet were edited to change their meaning. The intent of the blackmailer was to misrepresent the newspaper stories to my injury. In truth, I was successful in exposing abuse of office and misconduct in the Middletown, New Jersey police force....

"The cassette tape included in the blackmail package was alleged to be a recording from a wire-tap on my phone. In reality, it was a copy of a tape that was made by me in cooperation with the Rumson, New Jersey police department in 1968. I was specifically asked by the Chief of Police to make the tape in order to trace the person who had been making obscene phone calls to me at my home. At that time, a minimum of four minutes was required in order to trace a call. The purpose of my conversations with the obscene caller was to keep him on the line long enough to establish a trace, in accordance with instructions from the telephone company. That investigation resulted in a minor in a neighboring town being brought to court and charged with the crime.

"Another event referenced in the blackmail packet was that of a young man who accused me of being a pornographer. The man was being tried for breaking and entering and theft of a tape recorder from my home. In his frenetic attempt to create a defense, he claimed that my house was full of pornography - a dreaded crime in those days. He claimed that he had observed an article on pornography in my typewriter. That was true. The article was being prepared for Popular Photography magazine, and it was a spoof on what different cultures and eras believed to be pornographic. The thief was convicted. The reference to my 'pornographic' article became merely a funny anecdote....

"Blackmail is one of the most despicable acts of mankind. It tries to be an assassination of reputation and character. It seeks to silence the victim by frightening him into submission. It is done in the dark, from the protection of anonymity; It is a cowardly, detestable, malicious performance. I hope that you will recall this account when next you consider those who have chosen me as a target. I hope that when critics of my work make comments on it, they will remember this document.

"As for me, I have no intention of softening my attacks on nonsense.

Perhaps it is a futile hope that there will come a day when superstition and fear will no longer rule our minds, but if that day comes, I will be vindicated. Until that time, I can only hope that those with whom I disagree will at least press their arguments with me in a reasonable and honorable manner. It is not too much to ask.

- James Randi"

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LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

Arch-Skeptic JAMES OBERG writes:

"Before anyone misinterpreted my silence on the controversy, I wanted to make sure everyone knew I am a friend of Phil Klass and proud of it. Phil has provided me with advice and critiques for almost twenty years (usually he suggests I tone down the sarcasm in my letters). His doggedness in digging out technological puzzles, UFO-euphoric or otherwise, has been inspired, and the times when I've disagreed with him ('You're beating a dead horse this time'), he's the one who turned out to be correct.

"As with all thinking people, Phil's understanding has evolved and deepened, which is what experience does to the wise. I've benefited enormously from his sharing of the process. If Phil didn't exist, ufology would have to invent him, in exchange for 'Klass's Curse' on the whole nutty mob: 'You will never understand more about UFOs than you do now.' And when Phil is gone, he will be missed.

"Bob Sheaffer and I have bigger fish to fry than ufological jousting, especially now that the old 'astronaut UFOs' have been resurrected from where I thought I'd put a stake through their phony hearts. I no longer care if anyone is stupid enough to believe in them. Jim, you may soon be the most skeptical ufologist left. Want my seat on CSICOP?"

Long-time UFO researcher GEORGE EARLEY writes:

"According to the CSICOP journal 'Skeptical Inquirer', Phil Klass 'is working on a fifth'. Taken like that, out of context, it sounds as though our super skeptic is hitting the bottle. Now, while he may be doing that as relief from the Al Seckel controversy, the full 'Skeptical Inquirer' quote....reads: 'Philip J. Klass, technical journalist and chairman of CSICOP's UFO Subcommittee, has published four books on UFOs and is working on a fifth.' The image that comes to my mind is that of an elderly baseball player tottering up to the plate, aware that he has gone 0 for 4 in the game so far, and desperately hoping to get at least a scratch single in what may well be his last time at bat."

And, PHIL KLASS himself writes as follows:

"Crop circles Erik (Beckjord) erroneously claims (in your Nov. 5th issue) that he has 'now sent back ten (10) letters of Phil Klass....' Between May 13th of this year, when Erik himself renewed our intermittent correspondence, and my last letter of Sept. 18th to him, I had written him a total of

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GAZETTE, Kalamazoo, MI
Aug. 5, 1991
Therapy helping residents who encounter UFOs
FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
PONTIAC — Therapy for people who have had encounters with aliens includes individual and group therapy.

USELESS BUT INTRIGUING DATA
Number of nude males with visible penises in Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel frescoes at the Vatican: 19.
(From an article on growing censorship of the arts in America, LA Times 4/25/90)

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only seven (7) letters and postcards. He returned two letters unopened and one postcard, not 10 as claimed."

We will never know if Erik gave in to the temptation of reading the postcard before sending it back! - Editor.

The semi-mysterious AI-TRAD organization of Security, Colorado, writes as follows:

"...Jim Moseley, after a review of a (sic) investigative report, I would like to again say thank you for being such a 'clown' in the field of ufos. Your reputation of 'THE OLD MALICIOUS CLOWN OF UFOLOGY' is very fitting. You prove many beliefs and suspicions of the public to be correct. Keep right on badgering away. You do serve a purpose in showing how asinine people can be over the ufo agenda.

"Sorry, Jim. A review of your educational records indicates something very different from what you stated. Jim, you lack the knowledge and communication skills needed to participate on a different level other than your simple newsletter. Talk to your closest friends (can you really trust them) and ask them what they honestly think about your ravings and waste of time. Stop trying to leach off the work of others. Have you really contributed anything original (of your own work) to the UFO agenda? Stop trying to make a quick buck off of the hard work and personal sacrifices of other people. Repeat and rehash what others have said and try to make a name for yourself and grab the headlines. You are NOT PROFESSIONAL...."

Utter Crap! - Editor.

HAL STARR, a good friend & former Arizona State Director for MUFON, writes:

"Do you want to know why I've left the country, sold my Phoenix home, and bought one in Mexico, abandoning my active ties with Ufology?

"(1) I'm tired of paying higher and higher taxes for Big Brother to perform duties I didn't want in the first place, namely protecting me from myself, and then 'officially' snooping to make sure all is well by his standards.

"(2) I'm even more tired of the bickering and sniping within the ranks of Ufology. This succeeds in making us all look a little foolish.

"(3) What makes us look even more foolish are the charlatans out for a buck, and those whose elevators don't go to the top floor.

"You succeed admirably in pointing out the participants listed in items (2) and (3). Fortunately, the general public doesn't see your zine.

"It wasn't easy making this decision after more than 40 years of chasing UFOs. My wife is happy, though, because she says if I'd have continued much longer in this labor of love, we would have been bankrupt!"

Abductee CHRISTA TILTON, author of "The Bennewitz Papers", writes:

"This is in response to Bill Moore's wild and crazy insinuations that I was in any way a part of spreading around the recent jail rumor about him. Funny, I only mentioned it in passing to two other individuals, and that was the extent of my involvement. My original source was none other than our esteemed and humble editor of this paper!

"Maybe this is a ploy for Moore to gain more publicity for himself at the expense of others, but I can assure Mr. Moore that I have not spoken to CeCe Stevens since 1987, and Wendelle Stevens was in Mexico filming a UFO documentary at the time, and he has neither the time nor inclination to set Moore up.

"I believe that this false accusation by Moore shows how little he knows about what is really going on around him. It is as if he lives in a 'Bill Moore Disneyland' at all times. If he is such a top-notch researcher and investigator, then this accusation could never have been made...."

CHRISTOPHER ALLAN of England writes as follows:

"Why does Dennis Stacy think Bob Oechsler's story of being inside an earthbound anti-gravity chamber so outlandish? The whole point of this chamber is to cover up the real purpose of the Freedom Space Station, which is, of course, to watch for incoming UFO invaders (and to capture them up there, thus avoiding expensive underground tunnels & chambers to store them here on earth.)

"Surely we live in an age when absolutely anything is possible. We must have open minds, really open. We must be prepared to believe, believe, and believe again. Adamski, Meier, Strieber, Moore, Emenegger, Doty, Lazar, Stringfield, Palmer, etc., etc. have told us things that are truly astonishing but nevertheless real and factual. The evidence is surely incontrovertible. These things happen! Come to think of it, I came across a 3-legged biped the other day...."

MANUEL FERNANDEZ, New York photographer & UFO researcher, writes:

"Thank you for your nice letter. I'm really sorry about Randi's threatened lawsuit against you. It seems he is trying to get money any possible way. It is a shame that even if he is not going to get any money from you, you still have to spend some on a lawyer. The only good thing is that Randi also has to spend money on his lawyers. I hope that Uri Geller puts him in his place soon!..."

RILEY CRABB, MsD, DD, of New Zealand writes:

"....A Hollywood TV producer - ABC as I recall - really amazed the Amazing Randi years ago, by inviting him to accompany a crew to Sri Lanka to watch and film a Hindu Fire Walk ceremony. I can still see him kneeling beside the pit. The heat was so intense he had to shield his face from it, and a Kleenex, dropped onto the glowing coals, burst into flames immediately. The celebrants walked barefoot across the pit, contemptuously scuffing the red hot coals with their feet. All the non-plussed Randi could say was, 'Well, I'm buffaloed.' But in spite of such evidence, he continued his debunking career, so now he's stuck with it and deserves no sympathy...."

JOAN JEFFERS writes as follows:

"Do you mean to tell me that the Amazing Randi is broke? Whatever did he do with the grant money from the McArthur Foundation? Apparently he did not invest it!"

ED KOMAREK JR., who will host the 1992 National UFO Conference (NUFOC) in Tallahassee, Florida, has this to say:

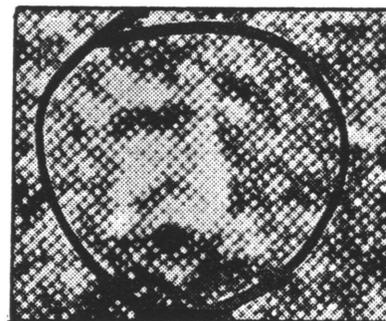
"I subscribe to and am a member of a number of UFO organizations, of which MUFON is my favorite. The reason for this is that MUFON is the most

The Martian Chronicles, continued

A new find has been added to Mars' geological rogues gallery, where spitting images of **Ted Kennedy** and **Tammy Faye Bakker** were previously discovered to reside amid the volcanoes and mountain ranges of the mysterious Red Planet. One **Jon Erik Beckjord**, curator of the Crypto-Phenomena Museum of Malibu, Calif., has discovered a mountain ridge that is the identical twin of **Saddam Hussein**. There are, of course, two possible explanations: One is the completely

absurd theory that the similarities are coincidental. Haw! Beckjord estimates that the odds of such a chance event occurring are a trillion, trillion, trillion to one. His more logical hypothesis is that millions of years ago, when Mars was subject to volcanic activities, "a theoretical higher intelligence" foresaw events on Earth and created these images for the future edification of Earthlings. The search continues for the mountain range that says "Mario in '92"

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inclusive and tolerant organization, accepting into its ranks those individuals with the most diverse of views toward the UFO phenomenon. I think this makes for a very healthy, progressive organization.

"However, of late I seem to detect the cold chill of intolerance from Upon High. Do other MUFON members feel the same? Let's hope those Upon High can handle success."

CAROL SALISBERRY, who, together with her husband REX, have been demoted in the MUFON hierarchy (just as your "Smear" editor recently was), writes:

"I'm sorry that MUFIA took away your territory. You should'a paid da tribute money!....Maybe all of us demoted, striped-of-duties MUFON Section Directors should have a convention of our own..."

"I think the real reason Duane Cook sold the Gulf Breeze Sentinel to Gannet was so he wouldn't have to publish any more stories about red lights in the sky. That sale got Duane off the hook with Ed Walters and the gang.."

Dreaded skeptic BOB SHEAFFER writes as follows:

"I just got back from the zany 'Phenomicon' conference in Atlanta, which brought together weird ufologists with weird conspiracy-ologists in what can only be described as mutually-reinforcing paranoia. Bill Cooper was there peddling workshops on 'the UFO cover-up', the Secret Government, the Illuminati plan for a World Dictatorship, FEMA, BilderBurger, etc. He claimed that this business about 'saucer aliens' is probably made up by The Conspirators to create an 'external threat' to launch a World Dictatorship under the control of the United Nations. However, the saucer technology is real, he insists, derived from saucers developed in secret by the Nazis, and captured by the Allied nations. Within two years, Cooper warns, the Bill of Rights will be suspended, and U.S. national sovereignty will be lost to a sinister New World Order under the United Nations Charter. I pointed out that if all this gloom-and-doom hasn't come to pass by Nov. 3rd, 1993, we'll know we can ignore Cooper's warnings in the future...."

"Also at Phenomicon, MUFON's Eastern Regional Director Donald Ware said that approximately six million Americans have been abducted aboard UFOs, whether they know it or not. The government is conspiring to use movies and TV shows such as 'Star Trek' to prepare the public for the inevitable shock of learning about the Zeta Reticulans.

"My debate with the highly-overrated Robert Anton Wilson actually went nowhere. Every time I pointed to some outrageous error he had written, or objected to some scurrilous attack on a skeptic that completely misrepresents his position, Wilson just laughed and said it was one of the 'unjustified inference tests' that he puts into his writings, to trap unwary readers like me. I sure am glad that banks, car dealers, and the like can't get away with the 'unjustified inference test' defense when somebody catches them trying to put something over on us!..."

MONTY CANTSIN (or whoever he really is) of North Merrick, N.Y., writes:

"Betty Hill seems like a nice lady. Still, I find the habit of many flakes calling other flakes flakes quite deplorable as a general practice all too prevalent in ufological circles. Ms. Hill has been confusing common objects with UFOs for some years now. It was a recent incident in which she failed to distinguish a salt shaker as being something other than a UFO that led to her decision to retire...."

DICK FREEMAN writes as follows:

"As a Jew, I must inform you that we (Jews) are from Outer Space and that everything you read about us is true. However, we (I) do not want to rule the world - we just want to have our letters published by our Supreme Commander. How else are we ever going to be able to receive letters from Phil Klass (which we will read and answer)?"