

"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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## REVOLT OF THE MUFONites!

This past June, a group of prominent southeastern members of MUFON drew up a list of 36 comments and recommended improvements in the way that organization conducts its UFO research. This list was sent to all who receive the "National UFO News", which is the new, confusing title of the newsletter published by the Florida MUFON organization. Most of the members in all other states were left in the dark!

Leaders of this in-house revolt include Charles Flannigan, Florida State Director, as well as the State Directors for Louisiana and Alabama, and Tim Brigham, editor of the highly influential "Devil's Advocate", which is published in Gulf Breeze, Florida.

Many of the suggestions would involve increased paperwork by MUFON officials. Among the other comments and recommended changes: Provide a current list of Executive Committee members and their addresses to State Directors, and copies of the MUFON by-laws; Delete all advertising in the MUFON Journal; Address potential lawsuits against state leaders and subordinates; Remove membership status from individuals who have their own agenda and operate outside of MUFON's objectives; Relocate MUFON International Headquarters from a residential subdivision (i.e., Walt Andrus' home) to a commercial office; Eliminate carnival atmosphere at MUFON symposium exhibit rooms, specifically New Age, Voodoo, shirt & coffee mug vendors (We've never seen Voodoo there! - Editor); and - MUFON appears to have similar problems that led to the demise of APRO and NICAP; etc.

To our way of thinking, the most severe problem at MUFON, re the last item mentioned above, is the Cult of Personality, in that there is no process set up, as far as anyone knows, to replace International Czar Walt Andrus should he ever move on to a Higher Plane.

When we asked Walt recently what he thinks of the list of criticisms, he seemed unenthusiastic about it. As a mere Journal Subscriber (J.S.) in the vast MUFON organization, we do not know what, if anything, has been done or will be done to implement the items on the list. We would have a few rather severe recommendations of our own, were anyone to ever ask!....

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1996 MUFON CONVENTION:

This year's MUFON conclave was held July 5th-7th in a very nice convention center in Greensboro, North Carolina, enabling your "Smear" editor to attend the festivities and also visit with grandchildren who live nearby.

Perhaps MUFON's biggest problem is its habit of accepting pro-UFO evidence which does not even remotely meet scientific standards. A case in point is that of artist Budd Hopkins, who has finally obtained a publisher for his "Case of the Century" (1989), involving Linda Napolitano of New York City - whom he still insists on calling Linda Cortile. This notorious case, in which Linda was actually floated out her apartment window by aliens late one night, is now one of the subjects of a book just out by Hopkins, called "Witnessed".

Hopkins' speech at the Convention was called "The Sixth Witness", referring to a recently-discovered woman who saw the alleged abduction while driving her car on the night in question. Her name is said to be Cathy Turner. The other five witnesses apparently are: Linda; pseudo-government agents Dan and Rick, whom no one has met; "the woman on the Brooklyn Bridge", who has since died; and Perez de Cuellar, who was at that time the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Perez de Cuellar was once interviewed and denied any knowledge of the incident; but in his lecture Hopkins claimed to have a letter from the man, negating this denial. We'd sure like to see that letter!

The tragedy is that Cathy Turner has also died, and thus would be difficult to interview. The only witness readily available is Linda herself, and indeed, she was at the podium with Hopkins, answering questions. As time passes, Hopkins has become increasingly bitter at those who simply cannot swallow this story!

Another questionable lecture at the Convention was "Medical and Surgical Aspects of the UFO Abduction Phenomenon", given by a real M.D. named Dr. Roger Leir. We might have given Leir the benefit of the doubt, had he not mentioned that he works closely with Derrel Sims of the Houston (Texas) UFO Network (HUFON). We have been provided with an in-depth expose of Sims published in the May 30th, 1996 issue of "Houston Press". The gist of this article is that Sims has the credibility of a snake oil salesman. (We will lend this long article to selected "Smear" non-subscribers if asked to do so.)

The most enjoyable lecture, in a purely non-scientific way, was the one by A. J. Gevaerd, MUFON National Director for Brazil. This centered around an alleged UFO landing in Brazil this past January (discussed further on in this issue). Though the evidence for this landing is purely anecdotal, Gevaerd expressed great enthusiasm, and even your sour "Smear" editor was swept up by enthusiasm (not belief). John Carpenter, MUFON Director of Abduction Research, calls it "a damn good case, equal to Roswell", and Harvard psychiatrist John Mack says he would stake his career and license on the story being true. Both Carpenter and Mack were speakers at this year's MUFON Convention.

If Gevaerd's talk was the most popular, the least popular "paper" was the one given by famed Roswell researcher Kevin Randle. Though he told us in private conversation that he still swears by the Roswell case, he mysteriously chose to give his talk on the subject: "Does Pop Culture Affect our Views?" The implied answer is yes; and Randle went on to show that prototypes for various forms of aliens may well come from science-fiction. Of course no one wants to hear that, as it is "negative". Amusingly, since MUFON convention speeches are published in advance, and since Randle



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nappened to be the first on the Convention program, several other speakers included emotional rebuttals in their speeches!

Other "papers" included one by Philip Mantle of England, an excellent speaker (whom we largely disagree with), who admitted that the famous alien autopsy video is not connected with the Roswell crash, as the date is wrong.

The program was rounded out by: Our friend Antonio Huneeus, MUFON International Coordinator; Carlos Rojas of Mexico; Chris Styles of Canada; Jeffrey Sainio; Vincent DePietro; John White; and Dr. Bruce Maccabee of Gulf Breeze fame. Nuclear Physicist Stanton Friedman was conspicuous by his absence.

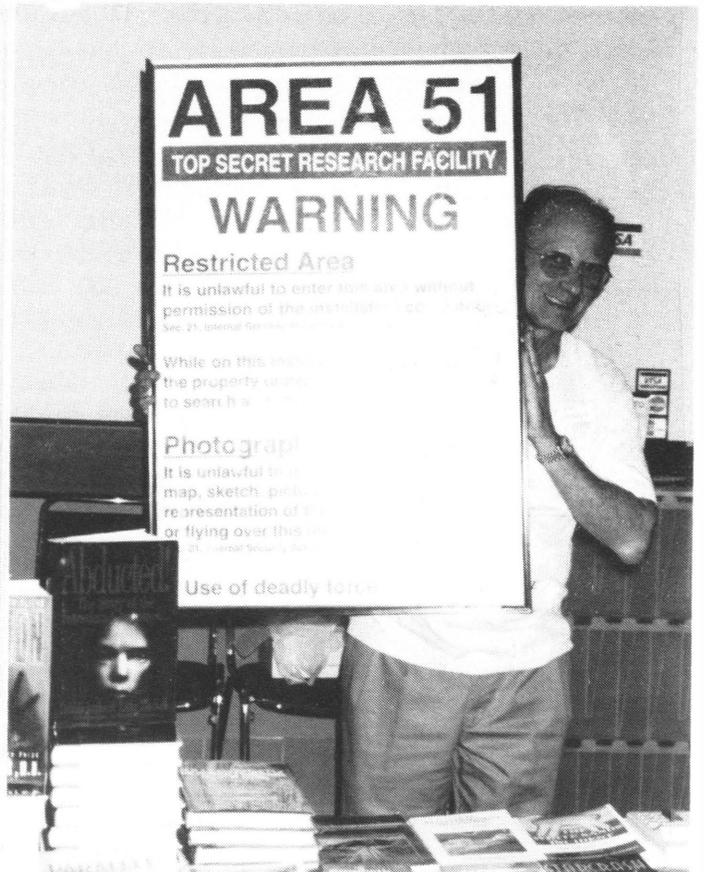
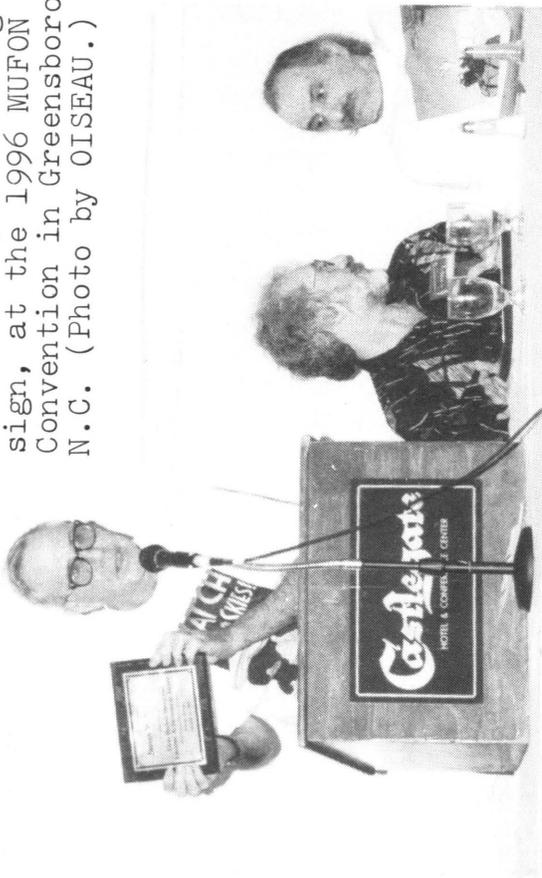
There were no Voodoo items for sale at the Convention, but we did buy lovely "grey" alien dolls for two of our scientifically-minded grandchildren, aged 4 and 8.

Our most enjoyable experience was infiltrating the private party that Walt Andrus gave on Saturday evening for the lecturers and other "Inner Circle" people. We tried hard to behave, but we couldn't resist saying hello to Richard Hall of FUFOR, with whom we have not been speaking for well over thirty years. (Long story there!) We now know that Hopkins is hopelessly humorless, so we didn't even try to talk to him. Walt Andrus was pleasant to all. He may not be a scientist, but he is a gentleman.

**A HOT TIME IN OLD BRAZIL!**

Throughout the years, Brazil has been a country that, for whatever reason, has had UFO events that are more utterly bizarre than those occurring anywhere else. We are thinking of abductions, attempted abductions, deaths apparently caused by UFOs, etc. These strange happenings have been documented in the writings of Jacques Vallee, Bob Pratt, and others who have taken the trouble to go to primitive areas of Brazil to make first-hand interviews.

**BELOW:** First available photo of your humble editor receiving the "Lifetime Achievement" Award at last year's NUFOC Convention in Atlanta, Ga. (Photo thanks to Marc Ausmus.) - **FAR BELOW:** Book seller Jim Greenen pushes a supposed replica of the real "Area 51" warning sign, at the 1996 MUFON Convention in Greensboro N.C. (Photo by OISEAU.)



Now we have a landing story said by some to equal the Roswell case, as described in the June 28th Wall St. Journal & elsewhere: In a rather tongue-in-cheek manner, the Journal recounts how, last Jan. 20th, 3 young women in the town of Varginha spotted a creature with oily brown skin, "rubbery limbs", and three rounded protrusions spouting from an oversized head. Just like this story, one ghastly whiff of the creature was enough to weaken the knees!

The women ran off in panic, and that should have been the end of it. But somehow, largely due to the efforts of a local UFO investigator, the sighting became linked to unusual military activity in Varginha that occurred at about the same time. No UFO was seen when the creature was encountered, but because of Brazilian paranoia about their armed forces, it is now believed that a flying saucer was retrieved, plus several alien bodies, and that the United States military intervened to make sure the evidence was sent to our country so that the eternal cover-up can continue!

By co-incidence, an international UFO conference took place in Brazil this past June, with John Carpenter, Stanton Friedman, and other leading MUFONites in attendance. John Mack of Harvard made a separate trip to Brazil at his own expense. All this plus the MUFON conference in July means that the Varginha case will take its place as a classic item in UFO lore. More on this in forthcoming issues.

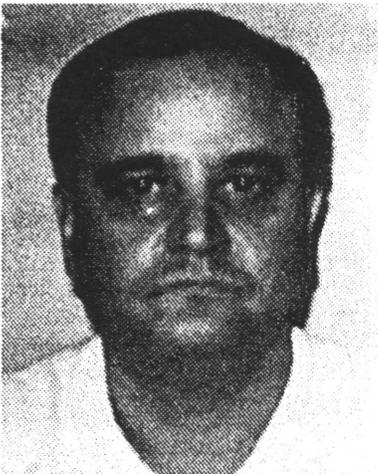
#### TIDBITS OF TRASH:

Your "Smear" editor will be MOVING in the next few weeks, to a new location here in Key West, Florida. The mailing address and phone number (for those of you clever enough to call Information) will remain the same. We have sold our beautiful guest house, Rose Lane Gardens, which a handful of you have been lucky enough to visit. We are now going into something of a Retirement Phase, though we will continue to publish this glorious rag on into the foreseeable future...

We don't have much of a "follow-up" to our story in the last issue about the arrest of John Ford, President of the Long Island (N.Y.) UFO Network, together with a co-worker named Joseph Mazzuchelli. Both are accused of plotting to kill several local government officials by poisoning them with radium and by other means.

Now a third member of the group named Edward Zabo has also been arrested. He was an electrical inspector at Northrop Grumman on Long Island and is suspected of stealing radium and other material from Grumman, possibly to pay a federal tax debt plus local fines for drunk driving. Mazzuchelli also has a criminal record. All three are being held without bail.

Can this mean that the next issue of John Ford's UFO newsletter will be unavoidably delayed for an indefinite period of time???.



John J. Ford, accused of leading a plot against Suffolk officials.

The cute little animal on our masthead (Page 1) is apparently the dreaded chupacabras, who migrated from Puerto Rico into Spanish-speaking areas of American cities, and now seems to be causing a whole lot of trouble in Mexico. According to the May 11th Washington D.C. Post, the creature "has the fangs of a vampire, the wings of a bat, and the personality of an extraterrestrial", whatever that means. Egads!...

WALL STREET JOURNAL,

### *Aliens Land in Brazil In Desperate Need Of a Good Shower*

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Tale of Stinky Extraterrestrials  
Stirs Up the UFO Crowd,  
Which Smells a Conspiracy

BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE FOR A MERE ONE DOLLAR EACH!!



According to a rather amazing item in the July 25th Philadelphia Inquirer, Bob Guccione has forked over between \$50,000 and \$200,000 for "the first photos of an actual space alien," which will be published in the September issue of Penthouse Magazine. Says Guccione: "I am absolutely convinced of their authenticity", and he compares his literary coup to that of obtaining "an actual photograph of Jesus Christ hanging on the cross". Apparently he is strung out on some of the still pictures taken from Ray Santilli's alien autopsy video of recent fame....

From Erik Beckjord (remember him?) we learn of a spectacular crop circle formation that appeared on July 7th almost instantaneously in a field adjacent to Stonehenge in England. This is not one but an intricate pattern of 151 circles of various sizes! It is not clear, however, whether this peculiar occurrence happened in day-

light or at night. In any case, the crop circle phenomenon is obviously getting weirder as time goes by!

Beckjord can be reached at - UFObfmuseum @ value.net....

I guess it's inevitable that we at least mention the movie "Independence Day", the modern update on "War of the Worlds". The old virus with which we earthlings destroyed the invading aliens has now been replaced with a computer virus, which is a cute twist. Amusingly, we found a very favorable response to the movie in Louis Farrakhan's weekly magazine, "The Final Call". Anything - even fictional - that threatens to wipe out the white man's civilization is good news to the Nation of Islam!...

Cattle mutilation guru Linda Moulton Howe has been ejected from MU-FON's Board of Directors for failing to show up at Board meetings and failure to take any interest in same...

We neglected to mention it at the time, but an article by your editor entitled "The Dawn of the Flying Saucer Era" appeared in the Spring 1996 issue of Tim Beckley's "UFO Universe". It was, if we do say so ourselves, a nice rundown of events in the far western U.S. in the 1953-1954 period, and involves interviews we had with many of the leading voices in ufology of that era (none of whom ever mentioned the Roswell Incident, by the way!) The article was originally offered to FATE Magazine, but was turned down for obscure reasons....

See the bottom part of Page 8 for Book Reviews, shortened because of lack of Space.

#### MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

DR. GARY POSNER of the Tampa Bay (Fl.) Septics, writes:

"Dear Reliable Observer:

"As pre-announced in your June 1st issue, I had the great honor of roaming the State University of New York at Buffalo campus (packing a large bent spoon in my pocket) during CSICOP's June 20-23 World Skeptics Congress, in search of an explanation of how Uri Geller could have caused the spoon to, in your words, 'bend on its own for...perhaps thirty seconds without being further touched'....

"I did show the deformed utensil to several 'magical' CSICOPpers for their expert opinions. They included Chip Denman, Ray Hyman, Jerry Andrus, Joe Nickell, and James Randi. None of the aforementioned magicians could come up with any explanation for how the spoon could possibly have con-

tinued to bend on its own, as you believe you witnessed. None was aware of any metallurgic technique that could have been employed. All believed that, with Geller's expert guidance, your eyes/brain had deceived you. A couple of them mentioned some weird substance (it sounded something like 'alk-uh-hawl') that could have somehow been involved but, not being a magician myself, I couldn't quite follow..."

We are amazed that the Learned Elders of CSICOP can't even admit that there could be a trick they are unfamiliar with. Total Knowledge must be a boring state of mind! - Editor.

DR. BRUCE MACCABEE writes as follows:

"...In your last 'Smear' you published my letter in which I had mentioned that Col. McCoy (chief Intelligence officer at ATIC in 1947-1949) had said that, as of March 1948, there were 'over 300' sightings by 'very competent people' which had not been publicized in the news media. This number by itself is interesting, but it is not the point I wanted to make.

"A look at the Blue Book file shows that the AF had collected a paltry 135 or so sightings by that time...The implication of McCoy's statement combined with the Blue Book record is that over 160 sightings never made it to the Blue Book file. The natural questions which arise are - why aren't they in the BB file, who were these witnesses, and what did they see?"

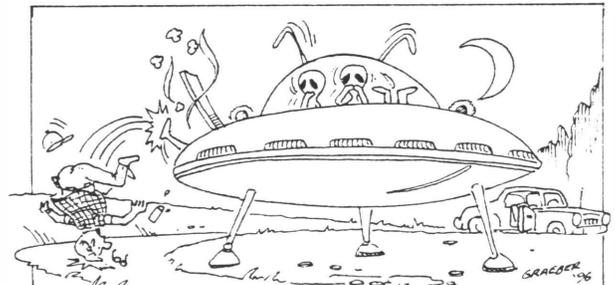
"Assuming McCoy was telling the truth when he stated his wish for one to crash, which implies that none had crashed (or at least that he wasn't aware of a crash), then he was probably also telling the truth when he provided an approximate number ('over 300') of sighting reports. McCoy's statement provides the first quantitative evidence that the Air Force withheld sightings from the Project Blue Book file."

Roswell researcher HERBERT TAYLOR writes:

"I finally did it! After 22 years I just couldn't take CUFOS and its IUR ('International UFO Reporter') outlet any more, so I quit. Enclosed is my CUFOS resignation letter and Jerry Clark's response to it. His remarks show that he just doesn't get it! Jerry, et al, simply refuse to face the real issues re Roswell. It's a damn shame. The pro-Roswell articles in IUR are pure garbage. The circus rolls on!"

And, Roswell researcher KARL PFLOCK writes:

"Unfortunately, in quoting my remarks in 'The Jim Ragsdale Story' about the two versions of Roswell 'witness' Jim Ragsdale's tale, you blended them together in such a way as to confuse what I actually wrote about what. It was the story as originally reported by Randle and Schmitt which I found 'internally contradictory', with 'all the earmarks of barroom tall tales', and situated in a most unlikely place for a tryst - the desolate high desert 35 miles NNW of Roswell. As for what Ragsdale told me on Sept. 9th, 1994, this is what I wrote in the book: 'While in some respects (e.g. the location) the story...is more plausible than that originally attributed to him, in many others it is equally suspect or more so...The Jim Ragsdale story, as interesting and entertaining as it is, remains just that, an interesting and entertaining story and nothing more.'"



STANLEY DIDN'T KNOW IT AT THE TIME, BUT THAT PEPPERONI PIZZA AND TWO EXTRA BREWSKIS HAD SPARED HIM FROM AN ON BOARD ORDEAL.

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than to mess with religion.

The semi-mysterious JOHN ALEXANDER writes:

"Sorry, but I can't let this one go by unchallenged. George Hansen's remarks (in 'Smear') about my mentor need addressing, and I'll throw in a few of my own:

"Elisabeth Kubler-Ross did have a brief relationship with the Barhams but distanced herself as soon as she learned the facts. The fact is, the entire hospice movement in America was brought about by her efforts. She is internationally renowned for her work in helping people through extremely difficult transitions. As a result of my work with her, I was involved with Ann Dailey in establishing Children's Hospice International, dedicated to helping children facing life-threatening illness and their families. For that work President Reagan awarded me a National Award for Volunteerism. (I'm sure GH has similar ones!)

"As for my non-contributions to science, Aviation Week did make me an Aerospace Laureate, and last year the Department of Energy presented an Award of Excellence for contribution to specific programs. (Surely GH has similar recognition.)

"I do note that Walden University, a fully-accredited institution, advertises as stated. Of course that's alongside schools such as Penn State. Unfortunately, I was tied up on other matters for thirty-some years and didn't have time to devote exclusive effort to school. (Again, GH doesn't seem to have done so, either. Also, I didn't find him listed in my copy of 'Who's Who'.)

"GH comments about 'those in the know'. Here an old saying applies, 'He who knows not, but knows not that he knows not, is a fool. Shun him!'

And the above-mentioned GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"Many thanks for publishing my letter on Alexander. A number of people are pleased that you didn't chicken out! I've received some very positive feedback on it.

"By the way, a small point: I am not a psychologist. Some of those who are would probably become extremely irate if I didn't write you to set the record straight."

Publisher TIMOTHY GREEN BECKLEY ("Mr. UFO") writes as follows:

"I think that Jerry Clark shows shades of envy in the Summer issue of IUR when he condemns Carl Sagan for reading 'Timothy Green Beckley's collected works'. Since I started editing 'UFO Universe' and 'Unsolved UFO Sightings' in 1988, we have presented every angle of this mystery, often pro and con.

"Perhaps it was easier for Dr. Sagan to find my 'collected works', since our publications have a readership of 50,000 as opposed to the less than 1,000 copies of IUR that get into circulation. Of course, FATE Magazine had tons of subscribers (way into the tens of thousands) and boasted a wide newsstand circulation before Jerry's editorship. By the time he left the job, FATE's readership had declined considerably. Perhaps it had something to do with the fact that he was so busy attacking skeptics with features like the 23-page 'Starbaby' article he ran, that he didn't realize that FATE readers might be more interested in true ghost stories and exciting close encounters, and eventually might seek out other sources for their information.

"Jerry seems to have plenty of time to make snide comments about me - and others! - in print, but he fails to mention his 'roots', which were at the feet of the 'Master'. Back in the 1960s he was the assistant editor of my 'Interplanetary News Service Report', his 'job' being to type the stencils of the first publication I published (which, by the way, later

merged with SAUCER NEWS.)

"Now our dear friend doesn't want to 'dirty his hands' and fails to mention me in the text of his rather one-sided self opinionated 'encyclopedia'. Mind you, I'm not in the index of the third volume, but in plenty of the footnotes, when he chooses to use my source material in his 'collected works' to fill in the blanks.

"Frankly, I don't care what J.C. (does he perhaps take these initials too seriously?) thinks of my 'collected works'. He doesn't pay my bills. Ironically, I've published books by some of the authors he likes to praise so highly (i.e. Jenny Randles, Kevin Randle). I don't believe I've ever attacked anyone in print; its not my style. I've always been one for wanting to see the field progress. Perhaps we'd all get somewhere in our 'search' if we cut back on the name calling and spent our time in a more progressive manner.

"It's funny that a lot of the Ufological matters that used to occupy so much of Jerry's time (including some rather mystifying Men in Black activities around his own home) he likes to sweep under the rug in order to give his 'collected works' a more scientific appearance. But where exactly are his degrees? I have just as many as he does - NONE!

"As far as I'm concerned, J.C. can take all those stones and sticks he likes to toss about and - - You get the picture!"

DR. ELLEN CRYSTALL, author of "Silent Invasion", writes:

"...An author has no control over how a publisher decides to print a book. If they want to do a lousy photo section in a book - defeating the purpose of concise information - they have the right....I would have wanted a color photo section, since my photos are clear and in brilliant color (as are many of the hundreds of other photographs taken by other people at Pine Bush)..."

"The reason why I didn't buy a quartz or plastic lens should be obvious - money! A quartz lens costs close to \$2,000; a plastic lens would have to be made up specially by Kodak, and we were once quoted an approximate price of \$600. If anyone would like to give me the money I'd be glad to acquire these lenses..."

"If you would have read the literature on 'Silent Invasion', you would know that as of Jan. 1st, 1966, the book was put out of print by Marlowe & Co., to make way for the mass paperback coming this Fall from St. Martin's Press, with a redesigned cover. People can get the book from me at 1442 Hemlock Farms, Hawley, Pa. 18428..."

#### A VERY BRIEF BOOK REVIEW:

Long-time UFO researcher Stanton Friedman has finally hit us with his long-awaited new book, "TOP SECRET/MAJIC", published by Marlowe & Co. - a publishing house that apparently has a weakness for UFO books (see above). We have an "uncorrected proof" here at "Smear" Headquarters - but never mind, we've had no time to read it as yet.

All we know for sure is that Friedman alone among current leading American ufologists chooses to accept the validity of the notorious "MJ-12" documents, which are the subject of this book. (Of course, Stan is now Canadian.) His legitimate background in Nuclear Physics makes his credulity all the more amazing! In our next issue we'll have more to say about all this. In the meanwhile, let's get to the really important facts: The book is available, soft cover, for \$22.95 from Marlowe & Co., 632 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

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THE 33RD ANNUAL NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE (NUFOC) will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on October 5th and 6th. For details WRITE: P.O. Box 55185 Madison, Wi. 53705 or PHONE: 608-537-2383. Speakers include James Moseley, Stanton Friedman, Kevin Randle, Karl Pflock, Jerry Clark and many others!