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BEWARE THE DREADED "X" !

If an "X" appears after your name on the envelope in which you received this issue, it means that you will be ejected from our esteemed mailing list unless we receive a Free Will Love Offering type Donation from you within the very near future. Ace "Smear" cartoonist Matt Graeber has joined your impoverished editor in this year's effort to persuade you-all to renew your non-subscriptions. Graeber's work can be seen scattered throughout this issue...

RE-HASH OF THE 33RD ANNUAL NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE HELD IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, OCTOBER 5TH & 6TH:

As most of our hard-core readers know, the National UFO Conference (NUFOC) has been holding conventions in various parts of the country annually since 1964, when the organization was begun by a small group of UFO enthusiasts in Cleveland, Ohio. Your humble "Smear" editor has been Permanent Chairman ("President-for-Life"?) since 1970. This year the local chairman was Prof. Cope Schellhorn, an author & publisher who is an expert on some of the more bizarre aspects of the Unknown (i.e., the Chupacabras, weird UFO events in Brazil, etc.) Although Schellhorn lives in Wisconsin, the location chosen for the convention was Minneapolis.

An outstanding group of speakers was obtained by Schellhorn, including all three of the current socially-acceptable experts on the infamous Roswell Incident - Stanton Friedman, Karl Pflock, and Capt. Kevin Randle (Ret.) - in alphabetical order. Unfortunately, none of the three focused his convention lecture on Roswell, having perhaps "run out of steam" on this controversial subject. Friedman spoke on "Deceit in Ufology", and gave an unusually interesting presentation in which he knocked contactee Mel Noel (alias Guy Kirkwood); Bob Lazar; Don Schmitt (who now claims to be a fulltime agent of the DEA!); Phil Klass; Carl Sagan, and inevitably, the U.S. Government's alleged UFO secrecy policy.

Pflock, carefully avoiding mention of the Mogul Balloon project that probably explains the Roswell Incident, talked about several well-known & lesser-known early UFO cases, roughly from 1947 to 1960. And Randle's topic was "Cultural and Folkloric Traditions of Abduction by Creatures of the Night". This kind of thing doesn't really go over any better than

Project Mogul at a gathering of hard-core UFO believers. (But we enjoyed it!)

UFO historian Jerome Clark lives in Minnesota, and was therefore persuaded to make one of his relatively rare public appearances. He spoke well, in regard to various historical details of ufology, but some people wanted something more sensational. At the banquet dinner, Clark was given the NUFOC's coveted Ufologist of the Year Award, and veteran UFO/psychic author Brad Steiger was given our Lifetime Achievement Award. Speakers at the dinner were Steiger and your humble "Smear" editor, raving about various UFO & psychic experiences we have had in the course of a lifetime.

Abductionist Budd Hopkins was another of our speakers. His new book "Witnessed", about the famed Linda Napolitano (not Linda Cortile!) abduction case, is just out, after an unexplained delay of several years. In the course of the convention, Mr. Hopkins was gentlemanly enough to shake hands with your editor, with an offer to "bury the hatchet" regarding our well-known posture of not speaking to each other at all. Thus, in the interests of detente, we will not review "Witnessed" herein. We have bought it (\$23 plus tax!) and although we have not actually read it, we fear that we will be no more likely to believe the Linda story now than in the past. The publisher is Pocket Books, a division of Simon & Schuster - a prestigious outfit indeed.

Another major speaker was Colin Andrews, a leading expert on England's continuing wave of crop circles, which get more and more complex in their designs as time goes by. Interestingly, Andrews stated that quite a number of people claim to have seen crop circles actually being formed, but they all give different descriptions of what is seen and heard. There is a video that has been made, showing the actual formation of a crop circle at Marlboro, England, on July 12th of this year. However, this wonderful-if-real video has come under serious question, and some in the field, including Erik Beckjord, believe it to be a fake.

Other speakers included: Curt Sutherly (shown at left on P. 3), author of the just-published book "Strange Encounters - UFOs, Aliens & Monsters Among Us"; Col. Wendelle Stevens of Pleiadean fame; Robyn Quail, abduction researcher from Atlanta, Ga; Dr. Frank Stranges, lifetime pal of the space entity Val Thor; Prof. Cope Schellhorn; Randolph Winters, another devotee of the Pleiades; Al Bielek, a time-traveler from the Philadelphia Experiment; and someone named James Courant. Our friend Tim Beckley was present but did not lecture, although he was on our Abduction Panel briefly.

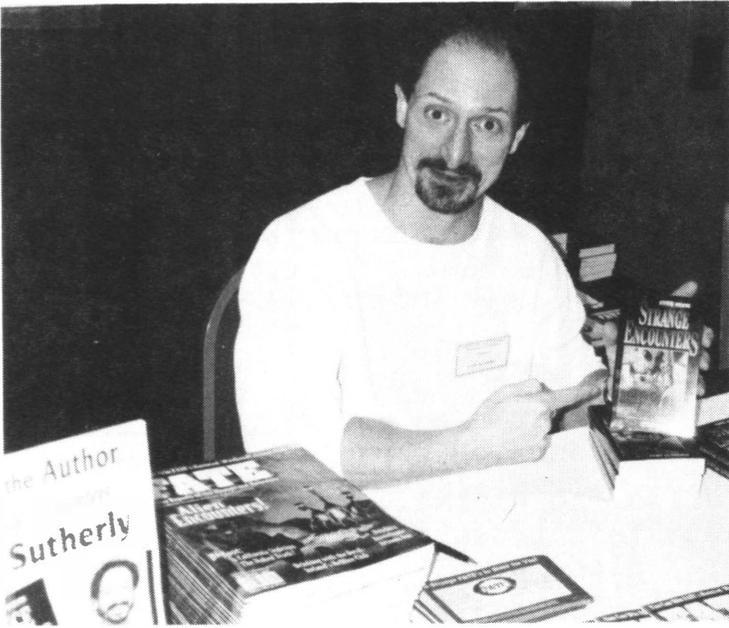
In all, the 1996 NUFOC went off quite well, and Prof. Schellhorn is to be congratulated. The hotel was very nice, the crowd was larger than expected, and nothing went terribly wrong. As for next year's NUFOC, we do not yet have a local host or a city picked out, although we have received several "bids".

Finally, the photo at the right on P. 3 shows Karl Pflock with Kevin Randle. If all goes well, your editor may be co-authoring a UFO book with Pflock in the near future. More details about this anon...

REVOLT OF THE MUFONites: CONTINUED ONCE AGAIN!

Well, Kelly and Henry Owens, MUFON co-directors for the state of Georgia, have resigned their high posts, but the former MUFON hard core in that state, which had resigned in protest over the Owens, still has not returned to the fold. Their new organization, called ISUR, will use the Internet to immediately post UFO cases in a way that all can have access to them. This, of course,





is in contrast to MUFON, where the persistent complaint is that information goes in but is often not seen or heard about again!

There is a lot more to be said about ISUR - short for International Society for UFO Research. For further information, write to: P.O.Box 52491, Atlanta, Ga. 30355. The web site address is: www.isur.com.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

Here's an update on last issue's lead story about the Penthouse Magazine alien photos. We have heard again from Jun-Ichi Takanashi of the Japan UFO Science Society, who provided us with information about the true origin of the pictures. The flaw in his "expose" was that the date on these alien photos, taken at the International UFO Museum at Roswell by another Japanese named Takano, was Jan. 1st, 1990 - long before the Museum ever opened. It turns out that the incorrect date was caused by a flaw in Takano's camera's dating mechanism. The correct date is now known to be June 18th, 1995.

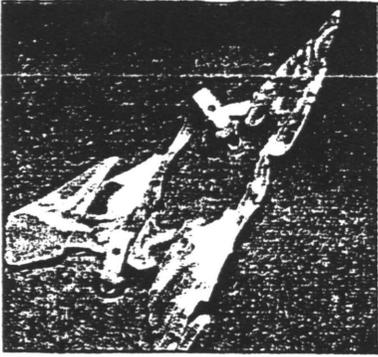
Takano claims he didn't try to fool anyone. Three pictures he took of the alien dummy were picked up by various media, but a 4th picture - clearly showing Takano standing next to the dummy and the stuffed doctor which goes with the dummy, at the Museum - was not picked up by anyone! Takanashi has kindly sent us a copy of this 4th picture, but it is too dark to reproduce here.

Still mysterious is how these pictures fell into the hands of Bob Guccione of Penthouse.

Incidentally, Mr. Takanashi is the MUFON Director for Japan. It would be a wonderful thing if all state and national MUFON directors were as open-minded and as interested in the truth about UFOs as Mr. Takanashi obviously is!...

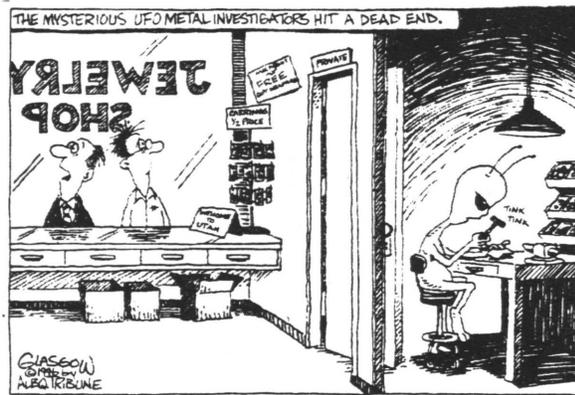
Here's another Roswell follow-up: The copper & silver alleged UFO fragment described in our April 25th "Smear" has now been carefully studied by the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, N.M. To make a long story short, this isotopic analysis fell within the normal range, meaning that the fragment has no unusual characteristics to suggest it was not manufactured on Earth.

Also, the specific origin of the fragment has now been determined. It is a metal scrap from a jewelry shop in St. George, Utah. Its unusual appearance is the result of an ancient Japanese metalworking technique which is rarely seen in this country. When the artist, named Randy Fullbright, originally tried to tell the International UFO Museum people the

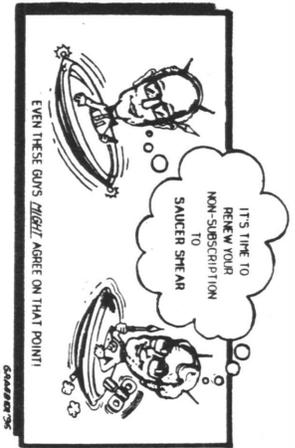


THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This piece of metal was offered to the Roswell UFO museum for possible verification as a piece from a 1947 crash of a flying saucer.



"SO THIS IS WHERE THE TRAIL ENDS. HOW DISAPPOINTING."



truth about the fragment, he was rebuffed, he claims. Now the Museum's Board of Directors has agreed to accept this prosaic explanation, but the fragment will still be displayed there, along with the story of the work that went into debunking it - as a testament to the institution's research skills. (HA! - Editor.)

Our thanks to Prof. Charles Moore of Socorro, N.M., for most of this information. Prof. Moore, of Mogul Balloon fame, had a hand in the isotopic analysis of the fragment....

David Huggins of Hoboken, New Jersey is an artist who was "discovered" by Linda Moulton Howe, lambasted by Dr. Rima Laibow, and then rescued from ufological oblivion by "Saucer Smear". We have featured his paintings in past issues, and invited him to speak at a couple of our NUFOC conventions.

Now David is among the artists whose ufologically-oriented paintings are featured (Sept. 12th to Oct. 26th) in an art show in New York City called "Visions of Space & UFOs in Art". He is possibly the only artist anywhere who paints realistic scenes from his own abduction experiences.

The prestigious New York Times had this to say about Huggins' work, in their Sept. 12th issue: "...David Huggins, another self-described abductee, paints graphic and disturbing images from a lifetime of supposed encounters, including babies he fathered with alien mothers. The women have the bodies of Playboy centerfolds and the familiar gray alien heads with sloe eyes..."

So - paintings that would have been offered for a couple of hundred dollars not so long ago are now priced in the "couple of thousand" range. Ufology moves on, ever Onward & Upward!...

We know a psychic lady in Key West named Lea Boldt, whom we have mentioned in this zine previously. She can bend forks, letter openers, etc. into weird "swirls" and such, using psychic power which she says flows out through her fingers for very short periods of time. We tried to interest James ("The Amusing") Randi in Lea's Powers, with an eye on the \$740,000 which the Randi Foundation supposedly has lined up in the form of pledges, in case anyone ever proves psychic powers to the Foundation's satisfaction. To make a long story short (again), Randi has forced us to reluctantly admit that such "swirls", etc. can be made by normal physical strength alone. So we'll have to think of some other way to grab that award! (Our sincere thanks to Dr. Gary Posner of the Tampa Bay Skeptics for much help in regard to the above matter.)....

Milk Drinkers Turn to Powder

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

Erik Beckjord of crop circle fame has just opened a "UFO, Bigfoot & Loch Ness Monster" museum at 709 Union St. in North Beach, San Francisco. Appropriately, the Grand Opening was on Hallowe'en!... Elaine Douglass of "Operation Right to Know" and some other ufologists are on a campaign to help John Ford, the Long Island (N.Y.) researcher who was recently jailed for plotting against public officials in his county. These helpful people think that Ford may have been "framed" because he Knew Too Much....Well, Timothy Green Beckley is "Mr. UFO", Pat Marcatileo of New Jersey has declared himself to be "Dr. UFO", and now your "Smear" editor proclaims himself to be PROFESSOR UFO, topping these other two clowns. We have, you see, just been awarded a PhD by the Celestial Visions School of Metaphysical Arts of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Certificate available for inspection on demand!... A British UFO zine reports erroneously that Budd Hopkins is about to marry his abductee friend Linda Cortile (alias Napolitano). This is not likely to happen, as both are currently married to other people!...

From famed Roswell pioneer Bill Moore we learn that Ruth Norman, also known as "Spaceship Ruthie", has died at the age of 92. She was the co-founder of the Unarius Society of El Cajon, California. Also departed is Carl Allen, alias Carlos Allende, who for years went around the country raving about the Philadelphia Experiment. (We met him once with Gray Barker.) ...Millionaire Las Vegas businessman John Bigelow has bought a mysteriously "haunted" 480 acre ranch in Utah, on behalf of his new research organization called The National Institute for Discovery Science. Our olde pal John Alexander of non-lethal weapons fame is also involved in this venture. Details in our next issue.

BOOK REVIEWS:

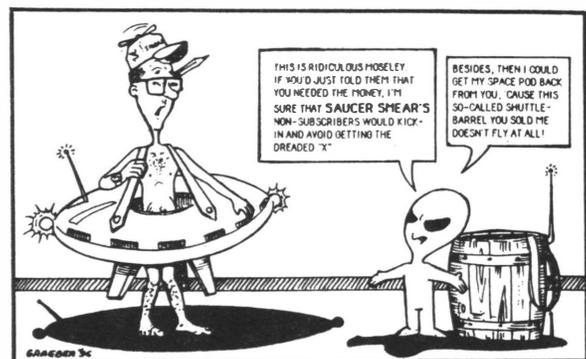
We have here a fascinating little-known book, just out, called "FSR - Flying Saucer Review, 1955-1994 - An Index", compiled by Edward G. Stewart. Flying Saucer Review is a leading British UFO zine which has been around almost as long as "Saucer Smear", and this index, over 600 pages long, is a monumental task for which Stewart should be sincerely complimented. His address is: 3624 Jonathan Way, North Highlands, Ca. 95660.

Just at press-time, Ed Stewart has sent us another monumental work, entitled: "Mutual UFO Network's MUFON UFO Journal & Skylook, 1967-1996 - An Index".

Several other interesting UFO books have crossed our desk since the last issue of "Smear", but we have No Space to review them until next time.

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

STANTON FRIEDMAN - who needs no introduction - writes as follows:



"...Thank you for the plug for my book and for what I presume were intentional misstatements of fact, to test the powers of observation of your readers - some of whom, like me, are getting on in years. It was even more clever to use the word facts mixed in with the false statements.

"(1) 'TOP SECRET/MAJIC is only available at this time in hardcover, not soft cover. The price is indeed \$22.95.

"(2) The best place to buy it is not Marlowe and Co., 632 Broadway, 7th Floor, NY, NY 10012 (an incomplete ad-

dress was given.) Try Barnes and Noble, Borders, etc. For those who want to order an autographed volume by mail, send \$25.00 to UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, Maine 04730-0958. This includes postage and handling.

"(3) Since I know several leading American ufologists who accept some of the Majestic 12 documents as genuine...and since a number of participants in an unscientific poll being conducted by an Internet UFO interest group also think some are genuine, I know you have no data to support your strange (obviously intentionally false) claim that I am the only one who thinks some are genuine. Of course you were clever enough not to define 'leading'. Perhaps you meant all those who reject the MJ-12 Documents, such as those who take Just Cause, which has been carrying false claims about the documents for years??..."

CHRISTOPHER ALLAN of England writes as follows:

"...I have read Stan Friedman's TOP SECRET/MAJIC. Let's give him credit for being a truly dedicated man. Unfortunately he is dedicated to a completely lost cause (in fact two lost causes - Roswell and MJ-12).

"His Appendix C about 'Insider Information' looks convincing to a newcomer. Yet each & every item therein can be decisively refuted by anyone who cares enough. A whole book could be produced to knock Stan's points down one by one; but such a book would not sell a single copy!...

"Stan constantly parades Blue Book Special Report 14's statistics as proof of ETH, but never mentions Allan Hendry's decisive refutation of them 15 years ago.

"Research on the hilarious 'Group Operations Manual', we are told, 'awaits funding'. Which sucker is going to be the benefactor this time?"

Famed researcher BILL MOORE writes:

"...I am not a 'fan' of the MJ-12 documents and never have been. I know little more about them today than I knew when Shandera and I wrote our report on the subject six years ago, and my opinion concerning them remains the same as it was then - i.e., I still consider the matter an open question. As for Friedman, I think he is in this thing way over his head, and I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see him get badly burned by it. It troubles me greatly to see the money-grubbing showman side of him dominating his once respectable scientific acumen.

"I have said it before (most notably at Las Vegas back in '89) and I'll say it again: Most of those who dominate ufology today do not seek to SOLVE the mystery, but rather to PERPETUATE it; because once the ultimate answer is found, they're all out of business. My sincere advice to those few who are truly seeking answers: Stay away from the circus. It will only take up your time and distract your attention. (In case you haven't noticed, I've been assiduously following my own advice these past several years.)"

DR. ELLEN CRYSTALL, author of "Silent Invasion" (about Pine Bush, New York) writes as follows:

"I wasn't going to write you again, but since Lee Walsh made the crack about me making money from UFOs, I couldn't help responding. I've made the equivalent of maybe two months of a good salary from all these 20+ years of doing UFO research...Only books that go Hollywood and turn into movies make money, and even then sometimes not..."

TONY LOREDO of Snellville, Georgia, writes:

"Kelly and Henry Owens are two of the nicest people I've ever met. They host the monthly MUFON meetings at their home. Kelly prints the Ga. Skywatch newsletter at her own expense. They have resurrected a group that had been moribund for a long time. All of this on top of the fact

that they own two businesses and have four children.

"This is the first I've heard of these slanderous allegations, and I find them very difficult to believe..."

Kelly & Henry Owens have now resigned, as mentioned earlier in this issue.
- Editor.

Researcher BILL KNELL, who has a long-standing feud with John Ford of Long Island, writes as follows:

"In your Vol. 43, No. 6 issue of your publication 'Saucer Smear' you printed a number of slanderous and libelous statements against me. I am not a 'gun nut' and was not arrested for selling 'unlicensed handguns'.

"In addition, it might interest you to know that Mr. Ford never filed any lawsuit of any type against me. He sent me a letter from a lawyer. He had it delivered to the house that I was renting, after my family and I had already moved to Florida. He did this on purpose, hoping that no one would find the papers and he would win by default.... After checking all branches of all civil courts in Suffolk County, the Clerk wrote back to me saying that 'no suit was on file in Suffolk County and no judgments had been entered against you by anyone'....

"Ford shot out the back glass on my mother's car in New York shortly after I moved here to Florida. Witnesses saw him and my mother identified him; but he has so many other charges against him I doubt that will come up unless it has to..."

TOM HACKNEY, who gave us the meteorite story on Page 4 of our last issue, writes:

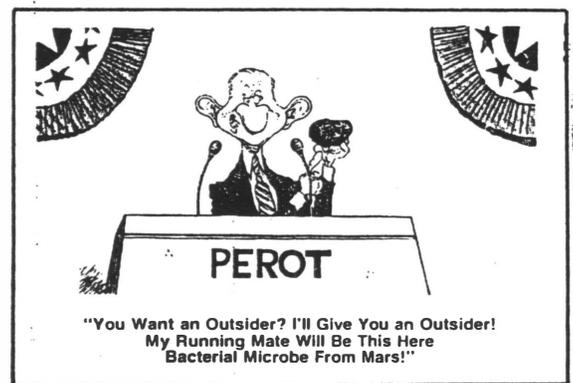
"...You didn't mention the other reason that the owner of the car was picked to receive her valuable prize. October 12th was her birthday, too. Like all the rest of the 'coincidences' surrounding this event (about 25 in all!), this made perfect sense (too) because it helped underscore the crucial flaw in NASA's choice of SETI launch date..."

PROF. ALVIN LAWSON, known for his "birth trauma" theory about UFO abductions, writes:

"...You are the same as you were, but I hereby pronounce that you are no longer a mere boil on the ufological yonderparts; rather, an ageless force still erupting in volcanoes of common sense, vicious good humor, and literate prose. Part Chomsky, part Kafka, part Momma Teresa - perhaps ufology's Mark Twain. But I wish you'd stop inhaling. The miserable and - as one of your correspondents put it nicely - fratricidal UFO gang needs you more than it knows!"

KRESKIN, who calls himself the world's foremost mentalist, writes:

"Just a brief note to tell you I am really delighted to receive your 'Saucer Smear'. I liked the fact that, as you said, you are really not into extremes; you remain open minded regarding saucers, the paranormal, etc; you are not gullible and you oppose the extremists in both the 'pro' and 'anti' camps....I really love the use of humor. It is a weapon that seems to have disappeared amongst the 'elite' in the saucer area and also in the parapsychological area probably, because the people in both areas have simply taken themselves too seriously, and I am not sure anybody is in a position to do that..."



ROBERT ANTON WILSON writes:

"I found the latest 'Smear' amusing, as usual, and also as usual, the most hilarious letters come from the people with the least sense of humor or intent to make me laugh.

"First law of Ufology: Since anybody with enough know-how can doctor a photo, photos prove nothing, unless they can seem to support your Belief System (B.S.) or to refute somebody else's Belief System (B.S).

"First law of ley hunting: Any group of ancient megaliths and/or medieval churches will form a symbol of some sort if you use a small enough map and a thick enough pencil.

"First law of debate: Those who shout loudest that they represent objectivity and rationality generally prove to be the most subjective and pig-headed..."

ED STEWART, author of the two Indexes reviewed briefly in this issue, writes:

"...I enjoy 'Saucer Smear' - the lines and the in-between lines, the cartoons, and the insights. It helps to put things into context when we are able to laugh at ourselves. 'Smear' may well be one of the most important UFO publications around from a sociological point of view, especially if one is willing to consider that the sociological aspects of UFO phenomena may well turn out to be the most important aspect of this puzzle, if we ever get to a future stage where real answers may become available."

Researcher CHRIS ROTH writes:

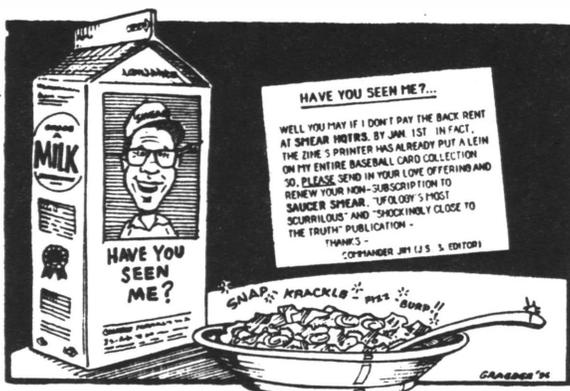
"Thanks for the last 'Smear'. First Bob Guccione attempting ufological journalism, and now you running that photo of Simone Mendez - are 'Penthouse' and 'Saucer Smear' slowly converging? Maybe in the next issue your front-page quote from John Keel about being 'a boil on the ass of ufology' will be accompanied by an illustrative photo!..."

GENE BUCK, a mad publicist from Seattle, Washington, writes as follows:

"...I had to have two teeth ripped out of my head last Monday. I think they took out the one (#28) that had the C.I.A. transmitter inserted in it, while I was in the Navy, in Honolulu, back in 'ought-52! Actually, I think it was a sending AND receiving device. I'm going to miss the messages from Headquarters! And, hell! THEY are going to have to start renting videos to take the place of my daily ravings!..."

DICK FREEMAN, editor of "Batteries Not Included", writes:

"...If Bob Guccione is willing to pay \$200,000 for a pig in the poke, I think he might pay me some upfront money to sneak onto Wright Patterson AFB & get into that Hangar (or meat locker, whichever) for some photos of what the USAF has hidden!..."



**THE GOLDEN YEARS HAVE COME AT LAST
I CANNOT SEE, I CANNOT PEE.
I CANNOT CHEW, I CANNOT SCREW.
MY MEMORY SHRINKS, MY HEARING STINKS.
NO SENSE OF SMELL, I LOOK LIKE HELL
MY BODY'S DROOPING: GOT TROUBLE POOPING.
THE GOLDEN YEARS HAVE COME AT LAST.
THE GOLDEN YEARS CAN KISS MY ASS!**