

"...(UFOs) are no more (and no less) than one manifestation of a Reality that has many manifestations. It is this reality to which New Ufology must turn its attention. Those who hold to the Saucer Cult, who have taken to UFO buffery to escape the problems of this world, will find this idea distasteful and offensive, but let them, for they have nothing to offer us or anyone. The rest of us, our attention long on the distant stars, must now draw our attention slowly earthward, where the answers are and always have been."

- JEROME CLARK, writing in England's "Flying Saucer Review" in 1969 (as quoted in a recent issue of "Magonia".)

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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

We are pleased to report that a 105-minute documentary film about the life & times of the late ufologist Gray Barker is now available to the public on video tape. Single copies cost about \$38, and can be ordered from an outfit called Videoactive Releasing. The phone number there is: 800-666-2627.

The name of this epic is "Whispers from Space". It had its world premiere in Charleston, West Virginia in March of 1995. Your humble "Smear" editor is seen prominently in the film, and was present at the world premiere. Gray Barker was one of our best friends, and although he is portrayed in the film as something of an eccentric (which he was), true fans of the history of ufology will certainly want to see this unique presentation. The film was made by a Hollywood lighting expert named Ralph Coon.

Coon also publishes an artsy zine called "The Last Prom". It was just a couple of years ago, while researching a UFO-related story for his zine, that Coon first heard of Gray Barker. Now he has a new issue coming out shortly, which will be mainly about William Fuld, the man who invented the ouija board in 1894.



This time Coon says that the research is easy, because all the information is coming to him through his Board! Coon can be reached at 120 S. San Fernando Blvd., #243, Burbank, Ca. 91502.

In the picture on Page One, Gray Barker (right) is shown with ufologist Allen Greenfield, at a UFO convention many years ago....

Just when we thought that Ray Santilli's alien autopsy film could finally be buried, we read an article by Michael Hesemann in the Oct.-Nov. 1996 issue of "Nexus" Magazine, from Australia. Hesemann, a well-known European UFO researcher, tries to make a case supporting the authenticity of the film, though he admits it is from some saucer crash other than the alleged crash at Roswell.

Hesemann makes many mistakes in the article, but the worst one, to our personal knowledge, is in considering New York City's Colman VonKeviczky as a photographic expert. He promotes VonKeviczky from Major to Colonel, and then calls him, among other things, "a member of the audio-visual department of the United Nations in New York". Unfortunately Colman was never more than an employee of a photographic firm in the United Nations building. He has petitioned the U.N. endlessly over the years on the subject of UFOs, with slightly positive results at times, but this is his only connection with that august body - though obviously the confusion pleases him....

James ("The Amusing") Randi is fighting it out on the Internet again, with his old enemy "Riley G", an alleged retired New York City cop & psychic detective, and also with a new enemy named Earl Curley, who is a Canadian psychic. Someone recently sent Curley, anonymously, the infamous "blackmail tape" that Randi has been trying for years to suppress. Says Curley, "I listened to the tape recordings which many have heard and which have been transcribed and distributed around the world, with James Randi soliciting sexual favors from young boys, some not even out of high school yet". This, of course, is Curley's interpretation of the tape, not ours. Randi claims, among other things, that he made the tape at the request of local police and the phone company. He also is suing Curley. - More on this in our next issue.

Earl Curley has put the first part of the "blackmail tape" verbatim on the Internet - something that has never been done before. We have two slightly different versions of the transcript of this tape, and Curley's offering matches one of them almost perfectly.

Meanwhile, another Internet item seems to endorse the alleged supernatural powers of Randi's arch-enemy, psychic Uri Geller of England. A man named William Scanlan-Murphy spent eight years and over a million pounds searching for a certain sunken submarine, rather than follow a clue given him by Geller. It turns out that Geller marked a map within four or five meters of where the submarine was eventually found, but Scanlan-Murphy preferred to search by conventional means, and now is embarrassed at the results!

Made bold by the above apparent success, Geller now claims to know the exact location of a missing fuel pump which might solve the mysterious crash of TWA Flight 800. Geller also claims that Flight 800 was brought down by a bomb placed in an overhead compartment, and he gives other specifics. Gosh, maybe the guy really does have psychic powers! (Our thanks to several shadowy figures for contributing the above items.)

....We are fascinated by the story, mentioned briefly in our last issue, of a "haunted ranch" near Fort Duchesne, Utah. The former owner, named Terry Sherman, claims that during the 18 months he was there, he saw several types of UFOs, witnessed lights emerging from circular "doorways" in midair, had three cows mutilated and several others disappear, and found unusual soil impressions and circles in flattened grass in a

pasture.

When millionaire Fortean investigator Robert Bigelow of Las Vegas, Nevada heard about this, he met with the Shermans and negotiated to buy the ranch for about \$200,000, for investigation by his newly-formed National Institute of Discovery Science. Some people believe that the ranch may be a "window" area into another dimension - sort of like Gulf Breeze, Florida; Pine Bush, New York; and Sedona, Arizona.

One of the people involved with Bigelow in this venture is our old pal John Alexander, the semi-mysterious non-lethal weapons expert. He now has some sort of shadowy role in the Bigelow organization, but neither he nor Bigelow are willing to give out details of just what they are up to. Stay tuned!...



Ed Walters of Gulf Breeze fame, author of two UFO books about his own experiences, is about to burst forth with a third effort called "UFOs Are Real: Here's the Proof". This softcover tome will be available from Avon about January 15th. Dr. Bruce Maccabee, who wrote the introduction for Walters' first book, will now be a full co-author. The book contains a Gulf Breeze update as well as the best of the UFO photos sent to Ed by various people over the years. Maccabee will contribute some technical stuff.

Ed phoned us personally to tell us all this, and says that "Smear" was the first to be informed. We wish Ed & Bruce well, though we remain riveted to our position of benign skepticism....

Your "Smear" editor usually goes to two or three UFO conventions every year, but we can't possibly cover all of them. That's why we are happy that our co-worker, ace cartoonist Matt Graeber, attended a major convention in Philadelphia recently, and sent us a report on it.

The sponsor was a new organization called CIRAEF (Council of Investigation & Research on Aerial/Earth Phenomena) (CRAP??), headed by an instructor at Temple University named Robert (Bob) Eure. Interestingly, another instructor there - sociologist & abduction researcher David Jacobs - was the most prominent detractor of the event. Sibling rivalry, or some such thing!

Graeber writes us that whereas about one thousand attendees were needed to break even financially, only 300 to 400 people showed up during the three-day event (Nov. 15th-17th, 1996). Among the better-known speakers were: Zecharia Sitchin; Travis Walton; Guy Kirkwood (alias Mel Noel); Richard Boylan (former psychologist, recently "defrocked"); and Al Bielek of Philadelphia Experiment fame.

Says Graeber: "Of what I did hear and learn at the gathering, UFO 'truth' can be objective, subjective, spiritual, or quite esoteric in nature - and Mr. Eure (unlike his counterpart at Temple University) is open-minded and conscientious enough to understand that it would be a truly boring world indeed if everyone marched to the beat of a 'dogmatic drummer'".

....We were both disturbed and amused by Richard Hall's "Reality Check" column in the Nov.-Dec. 1996 issue of California's "UFO Magazine". Mr. Hall, now a wheel in FUFOR (Fund for UFO Research) has been a rather arrogant member of the ufological elite for a vast number of years.

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In his current column, Hall lists his version of the ten worst UFO books of all time. (Actually, he only lists nine!) Heading the list is George Adamski's "Flying Saucers Have Landed", which of course was exposed by yours truly in "Saucer News", many years ago.

Second worst is Gray Barker's "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers". Hall calls Barker "a pure opportunist who engaged in hoaxes, fake feuds with James Moseley and other game playing, while he milked every dollar he could out of 'flying saucers'".

Other books on the list include John Keel's "Operation Trojan Horse"; which he calls "Large doses of fiction mixed with occasional alleged fact"; Howard Menger's "From Outer Space to You", published by Barker's Saucerian Press, which Hall calls "Moon potatoes and alien music brought to you by that entrepreneur of UFO trash, Gray Barker"; Frank Scully's "Behind the Flying Saucers", which he calls "Largely fiction overlarded with speculation"; and "'The Reverend' (hallelujah!) Frank E. Stranges' 'Stranger at the Pentagon'...Venusians at the Pentagon, et al. Proven fraud and convicted drug runner. Pure fiction".

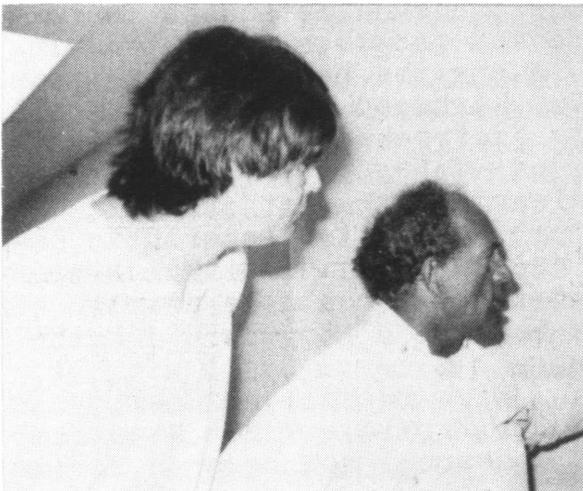
Extremely harsh talk from the arrogant Mr. Hall! We agree that most of these books suffer from an unfortunate amount of fictional content, but as ufological history, they are all superb! Pity that Hall does not have a more tolerant outlook on the UFO subject!...

"Smear" has become intrigued with a story we didn't bother to print at the time, about a 18-wheel truck driver named Devin Williams who disappeared mysteriously in May of 1995, at a location only five miles from the spot in Arizona where Travis Walton was allegedly abducted in the 1970s.

Williams drove his 18-wheeler off the main highway onto a winding unpaved road in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, and when it got stuck, he abandoned it there. Campers who saw Williams asked him why he had driven into this dense wilderness, and he replied, "I didn't do it. They did it", but he did not elaborate. The next day he was seen again, barefoot, disoriented, and "talking to a tree". That is the last time he was ever seen, and he is presumed dead. "Unsolved Mysteries" ran the story, MUFON investigated it, and two psychics tried their talents; but as of this writing, no one knows what really happened to this unfortunate driver!...

Below is a rare or possibly unique photograph of the entity known as Guardian, who will be remembered for his weird, paranoid writings which were part of the Carp, Ontario (Canada) UFO landing case a few years ago. Dr. Bruce Maccabee, writing in "Smear" and elsewhere, found reasons to endorse the Carp landing video, but he carefully ignored Guardian's strange writings which were an integral part of that case!

In the photo, Clark Schmidt is on the left, and Guardian, whose real name is Richard Gerrick, is on the right. Schmidt is co-director of the Celestial Visions School of Metaphysical Arts in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where your "Smear" editor lectured recently. Guardian was photographed when he spoke there, a year or two ago.



Your editor will be lecturing at Celestial Visions again on Saturday, Jan. 18th, in the afternoon and again that same evening. The address is 6021 N.W. 31st Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Phone: 954-979-0303.

BACK ISSUES OF "SAUCER SMEAR" FROM 1991 ONWARD ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR ONE DOLLAR EACH - WHILE THEY LAST!

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

We have learned the source of the ridiculous rumor that abductionist Budd Hopkins was going to marry Linda Cortile (= Napolitano). It all started with an ambiguous sentence that Bob Shell of "Shutterbug" Magazine put on the Internet. Actually, Hopkins recently married a woman named Carol Rainey.... (Our thanks to MUFON's "Houston Sky" for this item.)

Bigfootologist Erik Beckjord has printed a new business card which says, simply, "Erik Beckjord, M.B.A. - 'A legend in his own mind'" We couldn't have said it better ourselves. Beckjord's mailing address is: P.O. Box 9502, Berkeley, Ca. 94709....

Famed astronomer & science proponent Carl Sagan died on Dec. 20th after a long bout with cancer. Sagan was a brilliant scientist and an excellent speaker (we heard him once), but his opinions about UFOs were shallow and ill-informed....

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the modern UFO era, John White's Omega Communications will present "The UFO Event of the Year" during the weekend of June 21st-22nd, 1997. Stanton Friedman and John Mack of Harvard University are among the invited speakers. Write to: P.O. Box 2051, Cheshire, Ct. 06410-5051.

Your "Smear" editor will not be there, because we want to attend the Roswell 50th anniversary celebration, in Roswell, N.M. during the first week of July.

BOOKS TO WATCH OUT FOR:

This issue, the most important new book we want to mention is "UFO Danger Zone - Terror and Death in Brazil - Where Next?". This is written by Bob Pratt, a ufologically-oriented newsman whom we have known for many years. There is a foreward by famed UFO expert Jacques Vallee, and a glowing endorsement on the back cover from Prof. C. Cope Schellhorn. Says Schellhorn: "Absolutely the best UFO casebook I have read". Perhaps, but Schellhorn is the driving force behind Horus House Press, Inc., the publisher of the book, and therefore his opinion is likely to be biased!

If we are to believe Vallee, Pratt and others who have actually interviewed UFO witnesses in the back areas of Brazil, the UFO game is not as light-hearted there as it is in most other countries. Instead of benevolent Space Brothers, we have strange entities which have often led to injury or even death. Whatever is behind these weird incidents is something that cannot and should not be ignored. We highly recommend this book. (So does Prof. Schellhorn!) Write to Horus House Press, Inc., P.O. Box 55185, Madison, Wisconsin 53705....

Then there is "TOP SECRET/MAJIC" by Stanton Friedman, which we have already picked apart in our past two issues or so. We erred in thinking it is a soft cover book, because we were sent an "uncorrected proof" rather than the Real Thing. Pity, because "Smear" is usually kinder to books which add something nice to our non-existent library....

Next, we have received a new edition of John Keel's "Operation Trojan Horse", originally published in 1970 - one of the ten worst saucer books of all time, according to Richard Hall! The present edition is published by IllumiNet Press, P.O. Box 2808, Lilburn, Ga. 30226.

....Then there are two contactee sort of books, kindly sent to us by Tim Beckley of Global Communications (Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903). They are: "Alien Magic: UFO Crashes - Abductions - Underground Bases", by William Hamilton III; and "Earth Changes Bible" by Diane Tessman....

<p>The Roswell crash is here to stay It will never Die It was meant to be that way Though I don't know why. I don't care what the people say The Roswell crash is here to stay. (Apologies to Danny & the Juniors)</p>

Next we must mention a book which we have not seen, but from the propaganda we have received it does sound very interesting. The title is "UFO Healing", and the author is Preston Dennett. Here we find extraterrestrials who have quite a different attitude from their Brazilian counterparts, apparently, because we are told that these ETs have cured diseases ranging all the way from the common cold to cancer! The publisher is Blue Water Printing, Inc., P.O. Box 2875, Rapid City, S.D. 57709....

Finally, there is a booklet just out whose contents & purpose are given in the title: "UFO and Paranormal Phenomena Sourcebook of Old, Rare and Out of Print Magazines and Publications". This is available from: UAPA, Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134.

MAIL BAG:

PHIL KLASS writes:

"In his letter in the last 'Smear', Stan Friedman fails to give the names of 'several leading American ufologists who (allegedly) accept some of the Majestic 12 documents as genuine'. Why does he also withhold the identity of those MJ-12 papers which they consider to be counterfeit?..."

And, kind-hearted ROBERT TODD chimes in with:

"...Friedman's 'new' book on his paranoid MJ-12 phantasm proves that anybody can get published in the UFO field. Loaded with distortions, misrepresentations, half-truths and various and sundry other falsehoods, it's largely a rehash of his previously published bunkum, and is without a doubt the single most boring, poorly written pile of crap I've ever read! As Christopher Allan observed, a whole book or two could be written to destroy the twaddle Friedman feeds the ignorant and the gullible. He must get his 'science' out of comic books!..."

So - Todd obviously didn't like the book. But will he like the movie?- Ed.

Famed author & abductee CHRISTA TILTON writes as follows:

"...The All-Knowing Guru William Moore has come down from his Holy Mountain long enough to pass on to his most devout followers his instructions on how to survive the UFO mystery and come out spotless! According to Master Moore, money grubbers such as Stanton Friedman only perpetuate confusion in the field by trying to make a few End Time survival dollars. Moore claims Friedman has lost all respectability.

"One wonders how quickly Moore would trade places with 'Money Bags' Friedman if the shoe were on the other foot?

"Please excuse me as I must continue studying Master Moore's 'Universal Truths'. OM! OM! OM! OMMMMMMMM!"

Researcher PAUL FISHER writes:

"In a previous issue of 'Saucer Smear' you quoted from a Nov. 3, 1948 document by a Colonel McCoy that 'so far, no physical evidence of the existence of the unidentified sightings has been obtained'. You also stated that he was 'Chief of Air Force Intelligence'. You mentioned the above as evidence that no physical evidence of a UFO was recovered at Roswell.

"First of all, Col. McCoy was not 'Chief of Air Force Intelligence'. He was a ranking Intelligence officer of the Air Materiel Command. Secondly, his statement...is not correct. In a 1947 memo by General Schulgen, officers were told to be alert for material like 'metal foils' and 'balsa wood or similar material' when searching for UFO debris. This was the same description Major Marcel gave of the Roswell debris. This indicates that physical evidence recovered at Roswell was considered evidence of an 'unidentified' flying object.

"Finally, what is so amazing about a colonel not having a need to know?..."

JEROME CLARK writes as follows:

"A belated note to say it was nice to see you at the convention in Minneapolis a couple of months ago and to thank you for your role in securing for me the prestigious Ufologist of the Year Award, which has enriched my life immeasurably and given it new meaning and direction.

"The UFO Encyclopedia', second edition, is finished and will be published, probably in two volumes, in June. There's lots of new stuff in it, and I do hope that those who don't suffer severe back injury trying to lift it will find it useful. Now I'm off to work on new projects, about which more anon.

"I understand that our close mutual friend John Keel is saying all kinds of wild things about you, though so far he hasn't charged you (as he has me) with being a mental-hospital regular, and I don't think he's accusing you of complicity in the Kennedy assassination. No doubt, however, you've heard the rumor - this one not from Keel as far as I know - that you are currently drooling away in a nursing home. What would ufologists talk about if it weren't for each other? UFOs?"

Long-time researcher ALEXANDER MEBANE writes:

"...For the second time I have told FUFOR (Fund for UFO Research) that their Isabel Davis Award for services to Ufology ought certainly to go to Phil Klass, who (with you and Robert Todd) has obviously contributed the most to real knowledge in the past few years. Perhaps even Isabel herself would have endorsed that recognition.

"It is too bad about Hopkins' 'Witnessed'. Much as I admire his good sense, I simply can't believe that the subsequent ramifications of this case could possibly be authentic, and I am forced to agree with you (and Klass) that this has got to be a successful con job by a very plausible Munchauseness. I didn't mind seeing John Mack get taken by an impostress, because his credibility deserved what it got, but I am really sorry to see Hopkins in a similar position..."

ROBERT ANTON WILSON writes:

"I enjoyed the latest 'Saucer Smear' as much as usual....

"As I work on my book on conspiracy theories, I find that all of the really weird and kooky ones include UFOs somewhere in their interlocking phalanx of Evil Forces. In fact, I could almost generalize: The more rational conspiracy theories do not involve UFOs and the less rational ones always involve UFOs - and, usually, demons and Satan as well. As Nietzsche said, we are all greater artists than we realize. Every 'nut' has created an interesting work of weird art and the nuttiness consists only in offering it as science instead of as literature or poetry."

The semi-mysterious KARL PFLOCK writes as follows:

"I fear your claim to have topped Pat Marcatileo by calling yourself 'Professor UFO' is baseless, like so much else in UFOdumb. Now if the Celestial Visions School of Metaphysical Arts had not merely conferred upon you a doctorate of philosophy but had also appointed you to a professorship on its esteemed faculty, you'd have the right to call yourself 'Professor'. Sadly, Marcatileo * is still king of the hill of bogus honorifics. Sorry to be the bearer of such deflating news. (Gee, does this mean our book deal is off?)

* This is your spelling in 'Smear'. Is it correct?"

No. - Editor.



Alien Abduction Insurance — The London insurance brokerage Goodfellow, Rebecca, Ingrams, Pearson announced in August it would begin to offer policies to cover people worried about alien abduction. A premium of about \$155 a year would pay off about \$160,000 to an abductee (provided the abductor was not was from Earth) and double that if the insured is impregnated during the abduction. Since alien powers are unknown, men can purchase the impregnation rider, also. Said Goodfellow director Simon Burgess, "I personally would not buy this policy."



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JOHN MERRELL writes as follows:

"Matt Graeber's work has persuaded me to renew my non-subscription. All else in your rag remains highly questionable. Only his work remains above the level of 'Smear's' bottomless sinkhole of journalism. So keep it coming! Sink even lower in '97!"

Long-time researcher ANN DRUFFEL writes:

"The time of the dreaded 'X' has come around again, so please accept my enclosed Love Offering so I may be assured of continued non-membership for 'Saucer Smear'. It is one publication I read immediately 'cover to cover' the same day received. In fact, sometimes I read it before opening the rest of my mail! The info contained therein is useful in a negative sort of way, perhaps, but in the UFO field negative info (on sightings, implant claims, etc.) is often just as valuable as 'positive' info."

BILL HOWARD, editor of "The New Herald", writes as follows:

"Glad you liked the latest issue of 'The New Herald'. I had fun researching it. All fun aside, something did happen down in Varginha, Brazil. The real question is what....I am of the opinion that it was a super secret, burn-before-reading, experimental aircraft that the USAF flew out of Argentina....I have sufficient e-mail telling me that the U.S. Military is active in Argentina to believe that they are up to something down there!....

"South America is Ufologically active, if not sexually active. It must have something to do with the water. If you continue to make fun of the 'space aliens' in Brazil, I have it on good authority that they will break into your apartment some night and steal all your Night Train!"

Mad publicist GENE BUCK of Seattle has sent us a long treatise called "Was Aaron Burr a Gray?", and it begins as follows:

"Astonishing new evidence unearthed by the Aaron Burr Accord leads to the strong possibility that our nation's third Vice President was sired by alien seed in Outer Space. No 18th century American boasted a more distinguished ancestry than Aaron Burr. This fact, and his lineage of brilliant scholars and government leaders, attracted the grays to the Burr family, and to the remarkable Esther Edwards Burr, Aaron's mother. ...Viewing the Burr-Edwards family as the ideal environment for the birth of the first gray on earth, the grays, in June of 1755, abducted Mrs. Burr, and impregnated her with alien seed from a gene bank of highly developed intellectualism and individualism.

"The successful birth of a healthy child of the Burrs made conceivable the scheme to have Aaron Burr educate himself, distinguish himself intellectually and militarily, win the presidency of a new nation and, eventually, conquer the world (or most of it) for the grays. No family would have been more ideal for this scheme!...."