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"SMEAR" EDITOR HOPS ACROSS THE "POND"
TO LONDON'S FOURTH ANNUAL "UNCONVENTION":

On the weekend of April 19th & 20th, your humble editor attended the 4th annual "UnConvention", held at the Institute of Education in downtown London, England. The reason for our invitation was apparently "50 years of Ufology", as no one can deny that "Saucer Smear", under one title or another, has been around for most of those fifty years!

The event was sponsored by England's Fortean Times, a beautifully printed 64-page monthly newsstand magazine edited by Bob Rickard and Paul Sieveking. Circulation is about 60,000 - far higher than any similar magazine on either side of the "Pond"!

The other ufological speakers at the UnConvention were Phil Klass of CSICOP; American science writer Patrick Huyghe; British researcher Hilary Evans; prolific UFO author Jenny Randles; and (ugh!) abduction researcher Budd Hopkins. Each gave an individual lecture, and then on Sunday afternoon, all were invited to participate in a UFO panel discussion.

Unfortunately, Budd Hopkins left a written message explaining why he is unwilling to ever appear in public with Phil Klass, so Hopkins did not appear. In the top left photo on Page 3, we see a styrofoam alien head (similar to the head seen in the notorious alien autopsy video), which was placed in the empty seat next to Klass. This was done in full view of hundreds of people in the live audience, and naturally was the cause of some highly refined chuckling.

Ian Simmons, who also gave a lecture on circus freaks, was the moderator of the UFO panel. At the end of it, he gave a blistering condemnation of Hopkins' antics, which brought cheers from the audience. We don't think Hopkins will sell many copies of "Witnessed" (the Linda Napolitano abduction story) in England!

The top right photo on Page 3 shows Phil Klass kissing the alien head, in the press room, following the panel discussion. Note that he wears a button with "abductee" written on it.

Klass was a hit at the UnConvention, but in our presentation we tried to distance ourselves from his totally negative viewpoint. We spoke concerning half a dozen or so unexplainable experiences we have had over the years, both in the UFO and psychic fields. We then went to questions, but time ran out, and we did not have the chance to lambast all of the

American researchers who deserve it! Maybe next time.

In the bottom left photo, we see (left to right) MUFON's Dennis Stacy (who was not on the program this year) and Hilary Evans. They just happen to be co-editors of a brand new anthology published by Fortean Times and called "UFO - 1947-1997 - Fifty Years of Flying Saucers", which contains a contribution by your "Smear" editor. (More details about this book further along in this issue.)

The bottom right photo shows Bob Rickard of Fortean Times, posing under a saucer-shaped UFO. In an Internet text written just after the close of the UnConvention, Rickard wrote: "...Phil Klass, the great ogre of ufology, came across as a charming and witty man, and we enjoyed his company. Jim Moseley was a real cracker too..." Now, if we only knew what "cracker" means in British slang!

We should emphasize that most of the speakers at the UnConvention delved into topics other than flying saucers, as Fortean research includes just about everything & anything that is peculiar. Among the topics: The Indian Rope Trick; crop circles; The Creeping Coffins of Barbados; lake monsters; the Green Children of Woolpet (a weird 12th century chronicle); Satanic abuse cults; Remote Viewing; Who Really Wrote Shakespeare's Plays & Poems?; Earth Lights; Haunted Heads and Screaming Skulls; Cold Fusion; and Conspiracies.

We heard few of the lectures other than our own, as it was just too cozy to sit in the spacious press room, where one could drink endless coffee, smoke cigarettes, and give interviews to the many real and semi-real press representatives who were there.

On the Thursday before the UnConvention, Patrick Huyghe and your "Smear" editor sat in one London location all day and did nearly twenty radio interviews that had been set up for us by the Fortean Times' publicist. One interview had to be canceled at the last minute because the IRA had just set off a bomb in the town (Leeds) where the radio station was located!

All in all, the UnConvention was a well-attended (about 1500 people) and extremely well organized event. Our compliments to the chefs!

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Following the UnConvention, we spent three days sightseeing in southern England, hosted by Paul Fuller, editor of "The Crop Watcher" and co-author with Jenny Randles of a 1990 book entitled "Crop Circles - A Mystery Solved". Our sincere thanks to Paul Fuller for his kind hospitality!

POSSIBLE INTERPLANETARY SPACESHIP IN SKY NEAR KEY WEST, FLORIDA!

On April 15th, a mysterious unidentified object was seen in broad daylight making strange maneuvers in the sky over Big Coppitt Key, just a few miles from your editor's home in Key West. It was observed by several people driving on U.S. Route One, and was photographed for our local newspaper. The picture, too faint to reproduce here, shows a round object in the sky; but "experts" at the newspaper claimed the blue dot on the film is "most likely a film defect". But how can a film defect be seen in the sky, we wonder!?

Several years ago, your "Smear" editor was appointed by MUFON to be their Section Di-

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY 'FORTEAN'?



CHARLES HOY FORT
(1874-1932)

FORTEAN TIMES is a monthly magazine of news, reviews and research on strange phenomena and experiences, curiosities, prodigies and portents. It was founded in 1973 to continue the work of Charles Fort. Throughout his life, Fort was sceptical about scientific explanations, observing how scientists argued according to their own beliefs rather than the rules of evidence and that inconvenient data was ignored, suppressed, discredited or explained away (which is quite different from explaining a thing).

Fort, born of Dutch stock in Albany, New York, spent many years researching scientific literature in the New York Public Library and the British Museum Library. He marshalled his evidence and set forth his philosophy in *The Book of the Damned* (1919), *New Lands* (1923), *Lo!* (1931), and *Wild Talents* (1932).

His dictum "One measures a circle beginning anywhere" expresses his philosophy of Continuity in which everything is in an intermediate state between extremes. He had ideas of the universe-as-organism and the transient nature of all apparent phenomena. He coined the term 'teleportation' and was perhaps the first to speculate that mysterious lights seen in the sky might be craft from outer space. However, he cut at the very roots of credulity: "I conceive of nothing, in religion, science or philosophy, that is more than the proper thing to wear, for a while."

rector for Monroe County, Florida, where Key West is located. We made a vow to ourselves that during our tenure in this high post, the Monroe County skies would be safe from all interplanetary intruders - and as far as we know, this was the case. Then we were fired from our high post by the Florida State Director, for not doing enough to help their Cause. Now that we are merely a "Journal Subscriber" (J.S.) in MUFON, we no longer have any obligation to keep the skies here safe from invasion, and thus you really don't know what terrible things may appear in the Monroe County skies in the future! (Shudder!)



TIDBITS OF TRASH:

Again we hear, as previously reported in "Smear", that pilot Kent Jeffrey, author of the "Roswell Declaration", has changed his opinion completely and now believes that the Roswell Incident was definitely not an interplanetary event. His change of heart will be described in detail in a future issue of the MUFON Journal...

We knew this would be an outstanding issue of "Smear" when we came across the story of the levitating frog! Ain't science grand!? In mid-April, British and Dutch scientists succeeded in floating a small frog in midair, by using a magnetic field a million times stronger than that of the Earth. Plants, grasshoppers and fish have also been made to float, and these scientists say it is possible with a human being, as well. Anti-gravity is finally upon us. Wheee!...

The latest issue (#7) of Greg Bishop's zine "The Excluded Middle" has some really good stuff in it, including a mostly favorable review of the Gray Barker documentary "Whispers from Space". There is also a fascinating article about UMMO. UMMO was the longest, most complex hoax in UFO history, centering in Spain and France in the 1960s and 1970s. We have long been intrigued with this case, and we urge you to send for this zine at: P.O. Box 481077, Los Angeles, Ca. 90048...

The Heaven's Gate cult mass suicide apparently has put a damper on plans for the Roswell (N.M.) Festival, planned for the first week of July. An all-night rock concert and a two-hour television special are now both in doubt, due to the fact that potential sponsors incorrectly connect the cult suicides with UFO study in general. The Festival will go right on, however, and your humble "Smear" editor will be there!...

Perhaps it was the shadow of Heaven's Gate that also put a damper on Dr. Steven Greer's Washington, D.C. conclave, last April 9th & 10th, in which he attempted to present to the carefully-screened press a parade of pro-UFO witnesses, in hopes of bringing about Congressional hearings on the subject. By "carefully-screened", we refer to the fact that Phil Klass, whose press credentials are far more authentic than most peoples',

was physically barred from the press conference. What madness on the part of Greer and his followers! As if a hostile word from Klass could send our interplanetary visitors scurrying back to their home planet!

INTERPLANETARY LOVE, AMERICAN STYLE:

At the right you see a black & white drawing by artist & abductee/interplanetary lover David Huggins. In our March 20th issue, we tried to reproduce a Huggins painting that did not have enough contrast for proper photo offset reproduction. This time, the basic subject of the drawing is abundantly clear, we feel. In fact, perhaps children under 40 years of age should be warned against reading this issue of "Smear".

Regarding the drawing, Huggins writes: "...While I was in the country this woman showed up (at night). I was not totally 'out'. I was allowed some control in the situation. We made love. (We) heated up the bed a few degrees. I remember feeling my climax. After we were finished, we stood looking at each other. She was at least a head taller than me....A month and a half went by and one night there was the woman and she was holding a baby!..."

Huggins has several showings of his interplanetary paintings scheduled during the next few months.

YE OLDE BOOK BAG:

In this the Year of the Saucer, nearly everyone in the Field has a book just out or a book about to come out. Who is going to read all this stuff, we ask! Our own book, co-authored with Karl Pflock, is called "Shockingly Close to the Truth!", and should be available some time early next year (hopefully).



KNOWN as an 'Easter Island' humanoid, this stony-faced alien was said to have hitched a lift with a car mechanic in Buenos Aires in 1972. The silent 6ft tall passenger suddenly vanished when a bright light appeared in the sky.

In the meanwhile, there is the new book already referred to, "UFO - 1947-1997 - Fifty Years of Flying Saucers", with contributions by James Moseley; Karl Pflock; Jerome Clark; Michael Swords; Jacques Vallee; John Rimmer of England's "Magonia" magazine; Raymond Fowler; Richard Haines; Patrick Huyghe; (ugh!) Richard Hall; Robert Durant; Jenny Randles; Hilary Evans; and several others. Just published by John Brown Publishing Ltd., London...

Next, "The Field Guide to Extraterrestrials - A Complete Overview of Alien Lifeforms - Based on Actual Accounts and Sightings". Written by science writer Patrick Huyghe and published by Avon Books (see illustration at the left). Says Huyghe, "I have done the same thing for aliens as other people have done for birds." Right On!...

Next, Kal K. Korff comes forth with another book from Prometheus Books, the publishing arm of the dreaded CSICOP organization. (Last year they published Korff's expose on contactee Billy Meier.) This new tome by Korff is called "The Roswell UFO Crash - What They Don't Want You to Know". It will be followed later this year by a somewhat similar anti-Roswell book by Phil Klass, from the same publisher...



Finally, a re-issue of Gray Barker's 1956 classic "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers", with an insipid new introduction by John Keel. Of course, your humble "Smear" editor is one of the main characters in this fascinating semi-fictional book, and we urge you all to read it! Published by IllumiNet Press, P.O. Box 2808, Lilburn, Ga. 30226...

There are still more new UFO & related books here at our Headquarters, but no more Space to write about them till next time!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

KAL K. KORFF writes as follows:

Just a short note to share a few things with you: I have a new book that just came out called "The Roswell UFO Crash: What They Don't Want You to Know" and it represents 16 years worth of research. For the first time ever the true nature of what was recovered near Roswell is DEFINITELY proven, the book is loaded with "smoking guns."

The book breaks my silence on many issues that I have held inside me for 16 years, remember, people like Stanton Friedman and Bill Moore USED to be mentors of mine. Now, for the first time ever, I reveal new insights into their methods and claims, the details of which will shock many people. I really wish Friedman, for example, would quit DUCKING the research of Robert Todd, whose conclusions are independently VERIFIED and VINDICATED in my new book. Also Friedman has called me a "Johnny come lately to Roswell" on his WEB page. I expect Friedman to APOLOGIZE and CORRECT this mistake, because he KNOWS BETTER! (I first started investigating Roswell when I used to visit Friedman at his home in Union City when I was in high school, a fact Friedman conveniently "forgets"!)

My new book also corrects the numerous errors in other Roswell UFO books, especially the up-and-coming hilarious tome penned by Michael Hesemann and Philip Mantle. While they call their work "Beyond Roswell," a more accurate title for it should be "Beyond Gullibility."

Speaking of Hesemann, I am reminded of Eduard "Billy" Meier. Hesemann is licking his wounds here, too, since yes it is TRUE that Kalliope Meier (Meier's Greek wife) has DIVORCED him now and has told the Swiss courts UNDER OATH that she NEVER BELIEVED her husband's claims of "Pleiadian" contact! She's even ADMITTED to the courts of helping her husband LIE about them and FAKE material and photos! Of course, NONE of this has detoured either Hesemann or Wendelle Stevens, the latter of whom has remained curiously SILENT about the Meier case ever since my expose book came out last year.

Back to Roswell, I interviewed everyone from the Mayor of Roswell to the late Dr. Donald Menzel's widow and daughter for my new book (so yes, it even addresses MJ-12). The inside "scoop" is also presented on Bill Moore being a "disinformation" agent, and there's a chapter on alien autopsies and some behind-the-scenes info there.

The book is in hardcover format, has dozens of photos in it, some of which have never been published before, and has hundreds of footnotes. It is available in bookstores across the country or from services like Arcturus, and has already been mentioned on MSNBC and in U.S. News & World Report magazine. The book's ISBN number (if anyone wishes to order a copy) is: 1573921270. Of course, Supreme One, you are mentioned in the book and in the index as well.

Editor's Note: A long, bitter blast from Billy Meier's Web page attempts to refute Kalliope's statements against Billy.

666 - the number of the Beast
 800 666 6666 -- the toll-free number
 2 x 4 x 666 -- the lumber of the Beast
 668-- the neighbor of the Beast
 666a -- the tenant of the Beast



London's Institute of Psychiatry has been treating 'George', a shy 20-year-old who fell in love with his Austin Metro. Its front end reminded him of a smiling child and its rear aroused him; he would crouch by its smoking exhaust and masturbate. The Institute is trying 'orgasmic reconditioning', encouraging 'George' to masturbate with photos of cars, switching at the last moment to pictures of naked women.

ROBERT TODD writes as follows:

"Thanks for your recent postcard, and for all of your kindness (and especially your tolerance) over the past several years. Enclosed please find \$10.00 in cash to renew and/or extend my non-subscription to 'Saucer Smear', perhaps the best publication in the UFO field.

"I am - finally - winding down my operations, with the hope of being out of the UFO field in the very near future."

Author & researcher PATRICK HUYGHE writes:

"Robert Todd is the best researcher in the entire UFO field - bar none. But I don't believe for a second that he 'can't wait to be finished with the UFO subject', as he states in his last letter to you. I've known him for almost two decades, and he's always threatened to quit the UFO field. Trouble is, he's hooked. As you and I well know, UFOs are a drug.

"In the same vein, Todd says he's waiting for the fat lady to sing at the Roswell opera house. I think he's in for a long wait. The day Roswell gets an opera house is the day aliens will land on the White House lawn (to get a presidential injunction against fat ladies singing at....)"

Roswell star KEVIN RANDLE writes as follows:

"Enclosed is a page from Don Schmitt's most recent issue of 'Roswell Reporter' (though dated Summer 1996, it was actually just published). Also enclosed is a copy of a brief letter that I sent on to Stanton Friedman about this. I find it interesting that Schmitt is publishing a letter today that was sent to him more than six years ago. If you read it carefully, you will see that it had to be sent before the publication of my first Roswell book. And, as you can see, there is no date on the letter, so the impression can be left that it is something that Friedman just recently sent to him!

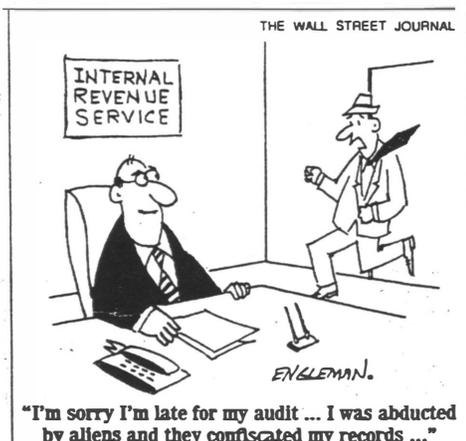
"Given what we now know about Schmitt, I'm not surprised by this tactic. I find it interesting that he is using praise from six or seven years ago to bolster his position today. What does that tell us about the man? Why not ask Stan Friedman for a new letter about how he feels today? How would Stan address the issues of Schmitt denying he worked at the post office when he does, and his claim that he holds academic degrees when he does not?"

PHIL KLASS, the hottest vaudeville star in London, writes:

"This letter is prompted by Bill Moore's denial that he might have created a counterfeit General Schulgen Draft Collection Memo (SDCM). IF it is counterfeit, as Robert Todd's rigorous analysis indicates, let Moore study Todd's analysis and issue a statement as to whether he agrees that the SDCM he first made public in 1986 is indeed counterfeit. Then we can consider who might have created the counterfeit document.

"My own list of possible suspects includes the following: Dolly Parton, Sgt. Richard Doty, Richard Nixon, Bill Moore, Pope John Paul, Boris Yeltsin, Sir Edmund Hillary, and you. I did not visit the National Archives from mid-1976 until mid-1987 (following release of the MJ-12 papers), which disqualifies me as a suspect...

"Jean Sider ought to check the facts before he pontificates about debunkers. This debunker 'emerged' more than three years before the USAF shut down Project Blue Book, not afterwards as Sider claims."



JEFFREY KING writes:

"Does Bill Moore expect anyone to take seriously his wild accusations regarding who faked the Schulgen draft collection memorandum that he published? If Moore is really interested in getting to the bottom of the mystery, why doesn't he accept Robert Todd's challenge in 'The Spot Report' and name the source for his copy of the document? This would at least allow an independent check of Moore's sources..."

Roswell researcher JERRY LUCCI writes:

"...Let me start by complimenting you on another great non-issue of 'Smear'. I think your latest non-issue proves beyond any shadow of a doubt that Ufology has become the study and research of the individuals who claim they study and research UFOs. As a matter of fact, perhaps the two greatest sources of information are 'Smear' and 'SUN'. (Would anyone have believed thirty years ago that in 1997 Moseley and Klass would provide the major forums for the truth?)

"I'm sure that by now you have heard or seen 'The Alien Interview'. Just in case you haven't, there is a video allegedly taken at Area 51 showing a live alien, Grey type. I have seen about thirty seconds of footage, and while it is very impressive, it's nothing we haven't seen on the 'X-files' or 'Independence Day'. However, Whitley Strieber, famous fiction writer and abductee, has endorsed this as showing one of his beloved 'visitors'. In any event, we will be hearing lots more about this in coming months.

"By the way, just what is Bill Moore doing or not doing these days? And have you heard anything from our old friend Todd Zechel?"

Zechel is apparently in well-deserved ufological retirement. Moore writes us that he will be traveling semi-mysteriously for the next few weeks.- Ed.

KARL PFLOCK, co-author of the forthcoming book "Shockingly Close to the Truth!", writes as follows:

"John Alexander's letter (in the April 20th 'Smear') re Lt. Colonel Phillip Corso is interesting both for what it does and does not say: Taking the latter first, in a March 24th telephone conversation, John told me he not only had checked out Corso's military career but had extensively researched the histories of earthly technologies (e.g., transistors, computer chips, lasers) which Corso claims are the spawn of alien artifacts recovered from (which?) one of the many alleged Roswell 'crash' sites and provided to American industry by himself and his conveniently late boss General Arthur Trudeau, beginning circa 1961.

"John told me his investigations confirmed what he (and I) thought to be true: (1) The historical record of these technologies is clear, complete, and unambiguous, establishing without a doubt that they are products of good ol' homo sap skull sweat, with no help of any sort from al-



IMPORTANT NOTICE: This year's NUFOC convention will take place in Springfield, Ohio on September 6th. Co-hosts: Don Weatherby & Wendy Ban. Speakers: Jim Moseley; Stanton Friedman; abductionist Dr. David Jacobs; Long-time researcher Rick Hilberg; Roswell expert Robert Galganski; Harley Rutledge, author of "Project Identification"; and abductionist Dr. Mindy Kopolow. (Yes, some new faces here!) E-mail to laputa@worldnet.att.net. Mail: Don Weatherby, 1226 S. Mountain Ave., Springfield, Ohio 45506. - Make your plans NOW, while it's on your mind!

alien know-how; and (2) Some were developed before Corso claimed he and Trudeau gave American industry a jump start with alien goodies. Why John didn't include this information in his letter, along with his 'character reference' for Corso, only he can tell us.

"As for Corso's alleged heroic exposure of sordid and secret Cold War activities concerning POWs and decades of U.S. incursions into Soviet airspace with significant losses of aircraft and aircrews - baloney! Most of what Corso had to say to Congress was old news, and much of the rest was highly questionable. And Project Horizon, the Army's moon-base plan? Anyone who has paid any serious attention to U.S. space programs since the 50s has known about it for decades. I think I first heard of it from the late science-fiction great Robert Heinlein in the mid-60s, and somewhere in a box in my garage, I have a fairly lengthy, unclassified summary of the Army plan.

"And as for Corso being a 'fine gentleman' and 'no bullshit artist', well, I guess we all have our own standards. In January 1993, my wife and I had the 'pleasure' of spending several hours with the good colonel in and around Roswell, and, as I noted in an earlier missive in 'Smear', at best he's Frank Kaufmann with credentials!

"A final thought: If Corso was such a big deal, why is it he retired from the Army as a dime-a-dozen lieutenant colonel after only 20 years of service?"

And, DR. BRUCE MACCABEE writes:

"Thank you for giving the book by Ed Walters and me the most valuable endorsement: 'Buy this book!' However, your comment, 'We are astounded that Dr. Maccabee has signed on as co-author, though his reputation for scientific objectivity is not likely to decrease any further than it already has', puts into doubt your 'scientific objectivity'. It indicates to me that you still don't 'get it'.

"Perhaps this is because you didn't read the book before you made your comments, or perhaps you didn't believe what you read, or perhaps your mind is made up and you don't want to take the chance that your opinion might be swayed by the analyses presented therein. I have carefully described the controversy over some of Ed's photos and demonstrated how they are not simple double exposure hoaxes, as loudly claimed by the skeptics. In 1988 the skeptics, which included me, were quite correct in proposing the double exposure method as a potential explanation for Ed's photos. However, since 1988, photographic evidence and analyses have shown that there are photos which could not have been made by this method. Moreover, any other more complex method (Hollywood-level techniques) would be far beyond Ed's capacity. In other words, there are photos which are definitely not hoaxes!

"And then there are hundreds of other sightings...Of the photo/video cases, 25 are from Gulf Breeze (including 9 non-Ed cases) and 9 are from other states and countries. There are a total of 91 Gulf Breeze sightings (only 25 by Ed) which include my sighting and your sighting. Of the 91, 33 are analyzed in detail. 45 non-Gulf Breeze sightings are also presented....

"I can be reached by E-mail at: 72326.3625@compuserve.com."