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Our sincere thanks, as always, to those of you who have sent us material, and may we encourage all of you to continue doing so. Not being on the (cursed) Net, we would miss a lot of good stuff if it were not for your help. Our technology may be from the Stone Age, but we still want to remain - along with Dr. Roger Leir, on the Cutting Edge of Ufoology!

"SMEAR" EDITOR'S PERSONAL "POSITION STATEMENT":

In our last issue, Contributing Editor Karl Pflock devoted his column to explaining "Where I Stand". Whereas he prefers 3-D "nuts & bolts" saucers & space people, we prefer 3½-D, 4-D or 4½-D entities. But we really only disagree about one thing: Pflock believes that our Visitors were around for a few years and then went away, whereas we feel that, whatever this phenomenon is, it has been a permanent part of the earth's environment at least since the dawn of recorded history, and remains here now.

Our skepticism is caused by the fact that our supposed Visitors are just too much like us - physically, emotionally, and intellectually. They never seem to tell us anything we don't already know. Their technology is only a very few years ahead of our own.

Granted that intelligent life probably exists throughout the universe, it is still a weird coincidence indeed that we are being visited by creatures who are almost precisely at our own stage of evolution. If they were a little less developed, they couldn't get here at all, and if they were much more developed, we might not even recognize them as intelligent life forms. After all, evolution has been going on for billions of years and hopefully will continue for a few billion years more!

It is absurd to believe that a highly de-



veloped race would engage in silly genetic and sexual experiments with earthlings. These creatures seem to be obsessed with sex - just as we are! Abductions apparently have some sort of reality, but it is definitely not a 3-D physical reality. Just what is involved, we do not know.

What is really happening, in our opinion, is that we are having occasional contacts with another realm of being - another dimension, or whatever. There is a vast spectrum of weirdness that includes saucers as well as the paranormal. One cannot be separated from the other, as tempting as it might be to do so. The reality behind the saucers is the ultimate reality behind science and religion. At our present stage of knowledge, we cannot understand it at all well, but hopefully someday we will. Don't hold your breath!

SEX AND SAUCERS - AGAIN!

Speaking of sexual experiments with earthlings, the Spring 1999 issue of the International UFO Reporter (IUR) has a story that makes David Huggins' life history sound run-of-the-mill.

It seems that a young Australian gentleman named Peter Khoury was in bed early one morning in 1992. He had been injured at work and was on strong pain medication and other drugs, but it is doubtful these caused any hallucination, as he has had contact/abduction type experiences at other times.

In any case, two somewhat unusual-looking naked women appeared in his room from out of nowhere. When he woke up they were both sitting on his bed. One, who was tall and blond, tried to force him to put his face on her breast, but he resisted and bit off a piece of her nipple, in a Mike Tyson sort of way. The woman apparently felt no pain, but both women vanished shortly after that.

Then, when he went into the bathroom, he found two human hairs wrapped painfully around his penis. He placed at least one of them in an envelope, and years later, when the opportunity arose, he gave it to an unnamed group of Australian scientists to analyze, regarding DNA. The result, in long-winded technical language, seems to be that these women are hybrids of some sort, with DNA very close to human, but not quite close enough. Weird!

Here, finally, is an abduction-type story with alleged physical evidence. This article is 16 pages long, so we have only given you the highlights. It is written in a sober, sensible manner by one Bill Chalker, who is described as one of Australia's leading researchers.

JAMES RANDI UPDATE:

When we briefly mentioned James ("The Amusing") Randi and the infamous "Blackmail Tape" on Page 4 of our May 5th, 1999 issue, we did not yet realize that the whole mess has started up all over again. Randi's version of events, going all the way back to 1968, is given in a 7-page rant dated April 1999, with a "To Whom It May Concern" covering letter dated May 3rd, 1999. These documents can be obtained presumably for free by writing to: James Randi Educational Foundation, 201 S.E. 12th St., Fort Lauderdale, Fl. Include stamped self-addressed envelope.

Back in 1991-1992, "Smear" printed a series of articles regarding the lawsuits brought against Randi by psychic Uri Geller and by another (alleged) psychic named Eldon Byrd. We also discussed the "Blackmail



JAMES RANDI VS. URI GELLER

Saucer Smear

One of the finest examples of "in your face" journalism that I've ever seen, James Moseley's *Saucer Smear* mercilessly trashes UFO friend and foe alike. His magazine has gotten published continuously for 35 years now. You can subscribe by E-Mailing slm@well.com.

Reprints of most issues are up at www.mcs.com/~kvg/smear.htm. Or click on my *smear* button at www.tinaja.com.

Tape" and related matters, and we included long anti-CSICOP articles by parapsychologist George Hansen and UFO historian Jerome Clark. In addition, we published at that time part of an earlier incarnation of Randi's version of events. These articles are in "Smear" Vol. 38, No. 8, 9, and 10 (1991), and Vol. 39, No. 1, 4, 5, and 6 (1992). They may be obtained for a reasonable price from Tom Benson, P. O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606.

A true student of this complicated subject might want to read all of the above, in order to understand both sides of disputed matters.

What has happened recently is as follows: Within the past few months, someone has started sending out the "Blackmail Tape" again, together with other material which Randi considers to be obscene. The old "Blackmail Tape" was on an audio cassette, whereas the new one is on a CD disc.

We have the audio cassette and several copies of the written transcript of same. We have very recently written to Randi asking his permission for us to send to interested parties just the transcript together with his April 1999 rant, so that unbiased people can read both and decide for themselves just what the truth of the matter may be - i.e., under what circumstances was the "Blackmail Tape" made, and how did it get out to the public in the first place? Randi and your editor are in partial disagreement on these matters.

The other Randi event that has happened recently is really strange. A Caltech (California) graduate student named Conrado Cano wrote a letter to Randi and/or his Foundation, threatening to publish expose material about Randi unless the Foundation pays out its approximately one million dollars in prize money to psychic(s) who deserve it. A deadline of June 1st, 1999 was set for this - the date being the anniversary of the late Carl Sagan's marriage to his wife! Apparently Cano was not even familiar with the "Blackmail Tape" and was referring to other negative material. Incidentally, we are told that Cano is an admirer of far-out UFO guru Dr. Steven Greer.

Because of these apparently unrelated situations - the recent mailings of the Tape and the very peculiar threat by Cano, Randi did a very unexpected thing: When it came his turn to speak at a May 21st-22nd meeting of the Skeptics Society, of which Randi is a leading member (having resigned from CSICOP, the rival skeptical group), our Amusing friend chose to read his above-mentioned 7-page rant, rather than give the speech that everyone expected.

Worse, Cano was actually in the audience at that time. We are told that when Cano heard Randi's emotional defense of his position, he (Cano) went to the opposite extreme and apologized profusely, including in writing - but Randi refused to accept his apology and still considers Cano to be "The Enemy". This is how things now stand.

In the Letters section of this issue we have printed personal letters we have recently received from Randi's current lawyer and from the Amusing One himself. However, at press time we still have no answer to our challenge re distributing the "Blackmail Tape" transcript. Stay tuned!

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

It's hard to listen to Art Bell without a radio. The only radio we currently own is a portable one, which won't be pulled out of the closet till the next hurricane hits Key West - and it will!

We have seen Bell once on CNN, and he seems to be bright and articulate. Other than that we know little about him, except for the items our

friends send us from the Net.

One such item states that Bell has been off the air a lot lately, with Whitley Strieber and others filling in for him. Another story implies that he may be in trouble with his network because of some of the things he has said on the air. Still another tells us that there are lawsuits being threatened back and forth between Bell and two of his most persistent critics - reverse-speech guru David John Oakes (whom we heard lecture in Laughlin, Nevada last year) and a NASA supporter named Robert Stephens. These threatened suits are, in part, in regard to a possible pornography charge against Bell back in the 1970s, which Bell vigorously denies.

The most serious matter is the revelation of Bell's "big secret" regarding something terrible in his personal life. It seems that about two years ago, his son Art Bell IV, then 16 years old, was sexually assaulted by a teacher who was infected with the HIV virus. The boy was taken from Nevada to California bound in chains, and was forced to commit sex acts on this substitute teacher, named Brian Lepley, who is now serving life in prison for the crime. Because of the trauma of this incident, the boy later attempted suicide. His father is suing the school district in question, because of the physical and emotional injuries suffered by his son.

Art Bell is heard on over 400 radio stations, when he is heard at all....

As many of you know, "reverse speech" is the art of playing a tape recording backward and finding a group of words that form a meaningful commentary on the original statement.

Anagrams are somewhat the same. In an anagram, a word or phrase is made by transposing or rearranging the letters of another word or phrase. Some of these can be very clever and apparently meaningful. Someone has come up with this one: "PRESIDENT CLINTON OF THE USA" becomes "TO COPULATE HE FINDS INTERNS". We kid you not! (Our thanks to anti-Clintonite Karl Pflock for sending us this one!)...

Recently we told you of a heart attack suffered by Mars enthusiast Richard Hoagland, and we also mentioned that some of his friends thought this might have been brought on by the stress of having to listen to his critics.

Similarly, podiatrist & abduction researcher Dr. Roger Leir has now had a very serious heart attack, and he has a history of heart trouble in the past. Leir is the gentleman who extracted a couple of alleged alien implants on a TV Special not long ago.

The most interesting part of the Leir story is the fact that, immediately following Leir's high-profile activities in the UFO field, a malpractice lawsuit that had been dormant for several years was suddenly revived by the Medical Board, and the eventual outcome was that Leir was put on probation for three years. He claims that this was the first and only malpractice complaint he had in 34 years of practice.

Leir's lawyer believes that the timing of the Board's action is "highly suspicious". He goes on to say: "I believe that if Dr. Leir had not been involved in the NBC TV show about alien implants and had not written a book published in January 1999...his medical license would be secure from attack by the Medical Board".

In any case, it was just one month after this alleged persecution that Dr. Leir fell ill. Coincidence?? We really don't know...

Careful observers may have noticed that another person has been added on the masthead to the vast "Saucer Smear" staff. This is a young man named Randal Raydon, who helps us with the mailings and is therefore entitled to the title of Office Manager, which he now assumes...

Professional-quality research by ufologist Bill LaParl Jr. has prov-

en that the so-called CIA/Hillenkoetter memo of April 12th, 1949 is a fake, and thus is not one of about 550 pages of FOIA documents sent by the government to researcher Timothy S. Cooper. The document in question is one of the gems of the new MJ-12 series, because of the fact that distribution of the memo to "MJ-12" is indicated at the lower left corner of the page.

Thus we must live on with no proof as yet from any source that MJ-12 ever existed...

The weekend of June 5th-6th saw New Jersey saucer personality Pat Marcuttillio ("Dr. UFO") host his latest convention, billed as "the 9th Great UFO/ET Alien & Abduction Congress". It was held at the Days Inn in Bordentown, N.J., which is the same place that last year's National UFO Conference was held. Unfortunately, we are told that the Con was a "Bomb" this time, as Pat failed to do much advance publicity at all! Last year we drew about a hundred people, but this year less than twenty people attended, not including the speakers themselves.

There were about eight speakers at Pat's Congress, including Bob Durrant, Derrel Sims, and Bob Teets of West Virginia. The last speaker on the Sunday afternoon program was supposed to be a lady known as Anna Hayes, but by then the hall was almost empty, and she therefore refused to go on. Pity!

BOOK REVIEWS :

We have a surprisingly pleasant book called "UFOs Over Topanga Canyon"; referring to a sparsely-populated hilly area several miles north of metropolitan Los Angeles. This tome is written by Preston Dennett, who is identified as a field investigator for MUFON. The publisher is Llewellyn. and the price is \$12.95.

It seems that in Topanga Canyon there have been many UFO sightings over the years, peaking in a "flap" on and following June 14th, 1992. For instance, on that date a couple identified only as Daniel and Katherine had a series of very unusual sightings. Over a period of approximately two hours, they witnessed a total of some two hundred lights or small craft move about in close proximity to their Topanga Canyon home. Over a period of weeks, another couple had close-up sightings of craft of different sizes, some of which appeared to hover or land just a few yards from their house. (But they were never curious enough to go outdoors to learn more details!) In all, the author has investigated 82 incidents, mostly from 1992, but some going back as far as the 1940s and 1950s.

WOULD YOU LIKE PEANUT BUTTER WITH THAT?

A woman who bought a tube of contraceptive jelly from a drugstore in Memphis, Tenn., became pregnant and announced she was suing the drugstore for \$500,000. The woman explained she had unprotected sex because she thought she was safe after eating the jelly on toast, admitting, "Who has time to sit around reading directions these days, especially when you're sexually aroused?"

CAUGHT IN THE NET: An Italian who spent the greater part of three days surfing the Internet was hospitalised in Rome, suffering from hallucinations, delirium and mental confusion. Psychiatrist Dr Tonino Cantelmi claimed that several hundred people had overdosed on the Net in Rome alone. [AFP] 3 Mar 1999.

What we like about this book is that Dennett sticks to the facts, as told to him by the witnesses. He doesn't go off onto any tangents as to what the meaning of all this may be. On the other hand, few real names are used, there are no photographs, and all we really have is the unsubstantiated word of various people who seem to be a reasonable cross-section of Canyon residents. Thus the bottom line is - lots of intriguing evidence, but no proof of anything.

Is Topanga Canyon a "window" area, like Gulf Breeze and several other areas are claimed to be? We surely don't know, and neither does the author. But this is a worthwhile read....

14 Are Indicted On Obscure-Film Charge

PFlock PTalk / GARBAGE IN, GARBAGE OUT
by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Last "Smear", it seemed I'd made a hair's-breadth escape from a howling mob of true ufological and ufoological believers. Let's see what's doing now on the ramparts of embattled Fort Erehwon...

Whew! The mob is cheering - except that drooling remnant of Operation Right to Know over there. No, friends! Don't... Eeeww! Too late. While I appreciate your enthusiastic support, please remember loons have a constitutional right to be loons.

Uh, oh! Here comes another mob - waving copies of Skeptical Inquirer and works of Phil Klass and Robert Sheaffer. Who's that geezer in front, wielding a cane and tape recorder? Barker save us! The Klass himself! Oh, woe. Now what?! Maybe...

In a letter last ish, fellow Ufologist of the Year Robert Galganski took issue with my characterization of his analysis of the Roswell debris field "data" as silly. He's right. His analysis isn't silly. In fact, it's good, solid work. What's silly is the data on which he chose to base it.

Galganski assumes the anecdotes in which it is asserted the debris covered a large area of New Mexico high desert are true. He conveniently ignores the vast weight of testimony on the other side of the question, not the least being that of rancher Mac Brazel and his daughter Bessie, who helped her father round up the stuff. Then Galganski applies his considerable technical skills to his selective data and, wonder of wonders, comes up with answers comforting to those who still desperately cling to the dream of a saucer crash/retrieval near Roswell.

As I pointed out in IUR about a year ago, Galganski and others in The Field would do well to heed this point made by my old friend, the late, great Robert Heinlein: No matter how much effort, skill, talent, knowledge, and love - not to mention wishful thinking - are applied to the making of mud pies (or out of this world debris fields), the end product is still mud (or silly ufological pipe dreams). GIGO - garbage in, garbage out!

The whole issue of data selection is one which plagues ufology across the board. What data is good data? What data really is ufologically relevant as opposed to just anomalistic - e.g., do Bigfoot, crop circles, chupacabras, and most alleged abductions really apply? A ufologist's garbage may be a cryptozoologist's treasure, and vice versa...

Next time, the future of ufology - is there one?

UPDATE ON THE GLORIOUS FORTHCOMING SAN ANTONIO UFO CONVENTION:

The 36th running of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will be held on the weekend of September 25th & 26th at the Seven Oaks Hotel and Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. (Phone: 210-824-5371.) The local host is former MUFON Journal editor Dennis Stacy, who can be reached at 210-828-4507, or: P.O. Box 12434, San Antonio, Tx. 78212

Confirmed speakers include Whitley Strieber, Joe Firmage, Walt Andrus of MUFON, Kevin Randle, Karl Pflock, and Jim Moseley, who will also serve as Master of Ceremonies. A 2-page flier will be available shortly with further details.

The hotel rates are a real bargain - only \$45 per night for a room, or \$75 for a suite.

We of "Smear" really believe that this particular convention will be a truly unusual and exciting event. We hope to see many of you there!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

BRENTON N. VER PLOEG of Miami's prestigious law firm of Ver Ploeg & Lumpkin, P.A., writes as follows:

"You may recall your promise of years ago to place me on the 'Saucer Smear' mailing list, but your agreement to do so must have slipped your mind. In any case, my sole interest was in monitoring your temptations to get yourself in trouble with respect to our client James Randi.

"The summary of the material which you very aptly describe as the 'blackmail tape', contained on page 4 of your May 5th, 1999 newsletter, seems to omit the fact that Randi turned the tapes over to the police for purposes of prosecution, and that the police asked him to record them in the first place, which might be seen by reasonable minds as an unusual step for someone intending private solicitations.

"In any case, you're certainly welcome to publish your perception of the truth as long as you comply with your obligations under the law, but that means you have an obligation to act responsibly. I cannot imagine what your motivation was for bringing this subject up again, but unless you want to start a checklist as to the number of times you've actually been sued, we suggest that you cease these references."

And, JAMES ("THE AMUSING") RANDI himself writes us as follows, in sending us his 7-page rant mentioned on Page 2 of this issue:

"Perhaps this document will enlighten you about the silly canards you insist on perpetuating. But I'm sure, based upon your behavior to date, that you will enjoy giggling over them, regardless.

"I really don't know what happened to you, Jim. For some reason, you decided to turn on me, and you believed every bit of crap that the nut-fringe turned out. It's hard to figure, really."

Bullshit! - Editor.

Psychiatrist & parapsychologist BERTHOLD SCHWARZ writes as follows:

"Thanks for the dandy review of my book and in particular the sentences that put the critical question to Randi - a put up or shut up situation, if he were not so agile with the media. Someone someday might have a thriller if they cared to look into his career and prepare a mini-series. Perhaps not quite as he might wish or expect!...

"You are to be commended for keeping up 'Saucer Smear'. It is a lot of work and you have to wade in muddy waters. But isn't that the stuff of which much of Ufology is? Great that you still have maintained your excellent sense of humor..."

Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"I'd like to address the rather serious ufological problem of the ever-mounting number of reported large game abductions (i.e., elk, moose, wild horses, domesticated bovine and donkeys too.)

"Alarmingly, these creatures may also be used by the unscrupulous little grays for cross-breeding experimentation; and while it may be somewhat difficult to imagine exactly what these weird hybrids might look like (i.e., large heads, dark oval eyes, blond wispy hair and antlers!), from a purely 'sexual attribute' point of view, the males of the hybrid species should grow up to be very popular on their home planet, and right here on terra firma too!

"If I may, I'd like to suggest that these



well-endowed hybrids be called 'Gianticus Erectus', or 'Phalli Robustus', which would serve to immediately identify them from the much smaller variety of hybrid creatures being reported by Strieber, Hopkins, Jacobs and Dr. Mack.

"P.S: They may even have little black, wet noses!?"

Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"Many thanks for the latest 'Smear'.

"How many illegitimate children does Phil Klass have?? I've lost count!

"Kudos to Carlos Mentira for his exceptionally subtle humor.

"George Filer has talked with Firmage. Firmage told him that he has spent time talking with Richard Doty. It looks like ufology will be inflicted with yet another millionaire eccentric. Wheee!!"

Our olde pal CHRISTOPHER ALLAN from Beyond the Pond writes:

"I do agree with you about that pathetic 'Roswell Revival' attempt by Tom Carey & Don Schmitt. That they could be considering to examine 'rodent holes' in the desert, after half a century, is laughable. The same goes for that other equally pathetic effort - namely the so-called 'computer analysis' of the memo in General Ramey's hand in the Fort Worth photos. The Roswell diehards will never give up, and their fantasies will likely continue forever...

"Bob Galganski tells us the debris field was a circle 600 feet in diameter...The whole concept of the shape and size of the debris field is based on guesswork; and no amount of higher mathematics, be it double integrals, error functions, alphas, betas or gammas is going to prove anything - anything at all. It may look good on paper but it is practically worthless..."

Another old-timer, PARIS FLAMMONDE, writes as follows:

"...Joe Firmage's quote (re Harry Truman), 'I can assure you that flying saucers, given they exist, are not constructed by any power on earth', need not have been borrowed from Berliner and Hunneus (1995), since twenty years earlier it served as an epigram for Chapter One ('The Renaissance') of my book 'UFO Exist!' (G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1976) and, of course, in Ballentine's paperback edition, as well as the German & French versions. To wit: There were many accesses to the text and the quote...I originally found it in a news magazine, I believe, but it resides or hides among ten thousand cuttings, and I haven't the four years required to excavate it.

"I continue to admire your stamina in sticking by the wheel of the earthbound newspace ship, as it plows through the rough seas of both belief, maybelief, and disbelief. One peruses (especially the ruses) every issue, excepting, perhaps, some of the auto-oriented missives of the soi distant experts on everything..."

What?? - Editor.

The semi-mysterious HAL RUSSELL of the Naval Air Warfare Station at Point Mugu, California, writes as follows:

"...Basically, I'm a skeptic who would love to believe. A scientifically trained skeptic - a degree in physics, and my records DO exist - a skeptic familiar with aircraft from various countries, including some black projects; a former pilot and a certified Navy photographer...I, personally, want to find some UFO evidence that will stand up on its own without a lot of suppositions and speculations having to be proffered, plus I want to find sightings that defy explanation, and I have - Cash/Landrum and Socorro, New Mexico. Those are 'keepers'...."