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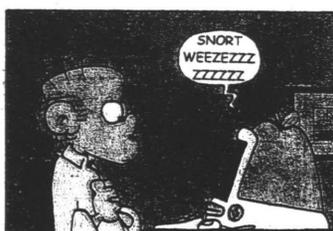
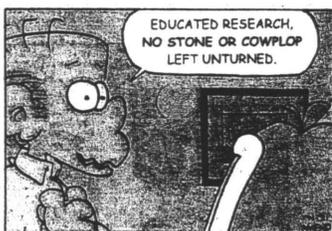
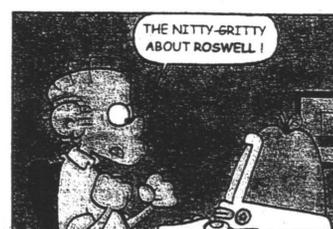
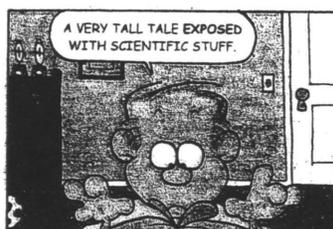
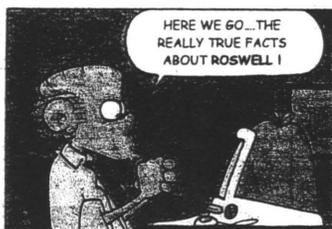
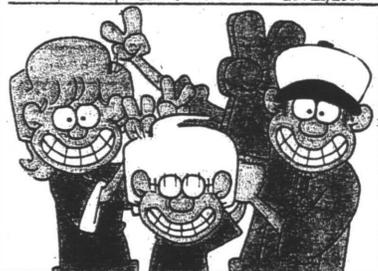
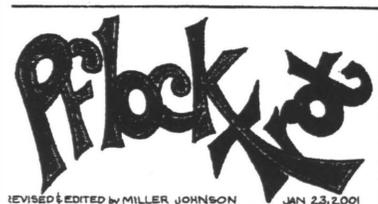
WILLIAM MOORE DOES IT AGAIN!

In a recent letter marked "Highly Confidential", famed UFO researcher Bill Moore revealed (as we had already heard via the Grapevine), that he has spent the past seven years or so as a "ghost" on a highly controversial research project involving the Mormon Church. A "Press Kit" - hopefully not Confidential - which Moore enclosed with his letter, starts with the heading: "The Spalding Enigma: Who Really Wrote The Book of Mormon? Newly Released 1,100 Page Academic Study Offers Startling Historical Evidence That the Mormons' Holy Scripture is a 19th Century Fraud".

Marked "For Immediate Release", this press document was issued by a group called Spalding Research Associates, 1315 18th Street, Manhattan Beach, California 90266. (Phone: 310-704-9252.) The details of this complex matter are way beyond the scope of a non-religious zine like "Saucer Smear", but the whole 1,100 pages can apparently be obtained in electronic form (CD-ROM) via the internet, at thedigitalvoice.com/enigma.

Moore's connection to this anti-Mormon project, as a "ghost", is one of the reasons he is reluctant to appear as a speaker at the glorious forthcoming NUFOC Convention to be held in Austin, Texas on the weekend of September 14th-16th. As of this writing, Moore still has not made up his mind as to whether to speak for us or not.

Meanwhile, we have asked a nationally recognized authority on Mormon history & documents to review the material Moore has sent us. This



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gentleman, named Steve Barnett, happens to be a personal friend of your "Smear" editor, and is a man whom we have known for over thirty years. Barnett's letter of comment on this matter can be found at the beginning of the Letters section, further along in this issue.

THE MANY MINOR MISDEEDS OF MUFON:

As of this writing, the MUFON Journal still hasn't published a follow-up regarding John Carpenter's alleged Sin of selling confidential abductee information to Bigelow's NIDS organization. When will MUFON face up to this scandal? There's a strong rumor out there that Carpenter, who is MUFON's esteemed Director of Abduction Research, has quietly resigned from the organization. Will this fact appear in the April MUFON Journal? ...And another thing: Our March issue of the Journal came with a renewal form, describing MUFON as having "more than 4,000 members worldwide". This is wrong! They used to have over 5,000 members worldwide, but it's now less than 3,000. Why lie about it??...Finally: In our last issue we commented favorably on an article in the January MUFON Journal by one Paul Thompson, in which he knocked the infamous MJ-12 documents as not being authentic. Now we learn that MUFON took this article from a web site called "Parascope" without permission! We have talked by phone to the author (Paul Thompson), and he is really furious about the whole thing. Will he sue? We warned him on the phone that MUFON has little if any money!

NEWS BRIEFIES:

Timothy Green Beckley of Global Communications, also known as "Mr. UFO", has just published a new 30-page catalogue of wild saucer and New Age material of all sorts. This unique booklet is called "Conspiracy Journal", and is available FREE by writing to: Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903. Or, on the Net: MRUFO@webtv.net....Physicist Bruce Maccabee is coming out soon with a novel called "Abduction in my Life". You may remember that Maccabee was a strong supporter of Ed Walters' Gulf Breeze photographs, several years ago...Former Army sergeant Robert (Bob) Dean somehow made it onto Fox Network News on the evening of February 18th, raving about photos of alien bodies, alien autopsies, and four alien races that are WATCHING US! Dean is well known on the saucer lecture circuit, and not taken very seriously by most ufologists.

MORE BLASTS FROM THE PAST:

Technically, the oldest flying saucer group in existence may well be Borderland Sciences Research Foundation (BSRF), founded way back in 1945 by the late esoteric philosopher Meade Layne of San Diego, Ca. Over the years, BSRF has had a succession of directors, including one Riley Crabb,



who for some reason was really paranoid of your "Smear" editor. (Crabb eventually moved to New Zealand to end his days, as he was convinced the U.S.A. was doomed!)

The current BSRF director is a pleasant fellow named James Borges, who edits their "Journal of Borderland Research". As he states in his letter further along in this issue, BSRF got off UFOs back in the 1970s - so, is it really a UFO organization at all? We would like to think not, as this would spoil our cherished belief that the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (S.A.U.C.E.R.S.), parent body of "Saucer Smear", is the oldest UFO research group in the country, if not the whole world! Of course, the number of active researchers in S.A.U.C.E.R.S. is actually only one person (guess who?), recently increased to two people with the addition of Karl Pflock as Contributing Editor to "Smear".

If the above sounds confusing, the situation with APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization) is even worse. Founded in 1952 by Jim and Coral Lorenzen, it pretty well died with the Lorensens, years ago. Then, in 1998 your editor talked by phone to a minister (?) in Illinois named Dr. William Heft, who claimed to be running the legitimate successor to APRO, even though he admitted that he does not have their files. He also told us that he was fed up with ufology and was quitting, for reasons he did not make clear. But now Heft has surfaced again on the Net, again claiming to represent the real APRO. We have not been able to obtain further information from or about Heft as yet...

And, we have had further contact with Carol Honey, George Adamski's co-worker during the latter part of Adamski's career as a UFO contactee. Honey still believes that the picture of a "scout ship" on the front page of the Special Adamski Expose Issue of "Saucer News", is an authentic spacecraft rather than a model. Until we recently talked him out of it, Honey also still believed that R.E. Straith, who wrote a notorious letter in 1957 supporting Adamski's contact claims, really was an authentic employee of the U.S. State Department. (Actually, Straith was the late Gray Barker, aided by Guess Who.) On the other hand, Honey now realizes that most of Adamski's claims were bogus.

Honey has informed us that there still exists a George Adamski Foundation, at P.O. Box 1722, Vista, California 92085. This group has accused Honey of "stealing" some of Adamski's material for his own. After much effort we have managed to make contact with this group, and we will have more to say about them in our next issue.

Also from Carol Honey we learn that Desmond Leslie of England, who was the co-author of Adamski's first book, "Flying Saucers Have Landed" (published in 1953) died this past February in France at the age of 79. It is interesting that though most of the book was written by Leslie, it was Adamski's short (ghost-written) section that received all the attention, because it described alleged actual current interplanetary events. Leslie's part of the book simply listed a large number of apparent UFO incidents through the ages, somewhat as Charles Fort had done in his series of books, many years earlier...

Our 20-page Special Adamski Expose Issue of "Saucer News" (1957) is still available, but only through Tom Benson, P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606. The price of this out-of-print classic is ten dollars.

STOPPING LIGHT IN ITS TRACKS:

The *Seattle Post Intelligencer* for 1/18/01, reported that physicists have "slowed light to a dead stop, stored it and then released it as if it were an ordinary material particle." The achievement will pave the way for "vastly increasing the speed of computers and the security of communications." Light was slowed and then stopped in a medium of specially prepared containers of chilled gas. In this medium, the light became fainter and fainter as it slowed and then stopped. By flashing a second light through the gas, the original beam could be "revived." The beam then left the chamber carrying nearly the same shape, intensity and other properties it had when it entered. (Credit: Stan Brooks)

Connie Tied, Nude Policeman Testifies

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

On March 17th your editor traveled to Tampa, Florida, to speak to the first-ever joint meeting of the Tampa Bay Skeptics, led by CSICOPer Dr. Gary Posner, and Tampa Bay MUFON, led by Lorraine Gerber. Although these philosophically-opposite groups had existed in the same area for approximately a decade, they had had little if any contact with each other in all that time!

Our topic was "True Weird Experiences of a Skeptical Believer", which is our standard lecture, as given at many conventions around the country in recent years. A crowd of nearly one hundred people showed up, and although it is unlikely that anyone actually changed his/her mind about anything, nevertheless there may have been a small amount of Enlightenment.

Our next appearance will be at a mini-convention in Clarksburg, West Virginia, on the weekend of April 28th. This event is centered around the collected books & UFO-related papers of the late Gray Barker, which is housed in the Clarksburg - Harrison County Library. A few of us will also make a side trip to Point Pleasant, W.Va., home of the legendary "Mothman", as chronicled by Gray Barker, John Keel and others, many years ago. Those who wish more info about this unusual event should call David Houchin at said Library - 304-627-2236...

Here's another example of "ufology" in action: On a recent television show, famed astronaut John Glenn made the following startling statement:

"Back in those glory days, I was very uncomfortable when they asked us to say things we didn't want to say and deny other things. Some people asked, you know, were you alone out there? We never gave the real answer, and yet we see things out there, strange things, but we know what we saw out there. And we couldn't really say anything. The bosses were really afraid of this. They were afraid of the War of the Worlds type stuff, and about panic in the streets. So, we had to keep quiet. And now we only see these things in our nightmares or maybe in the movies, and some of them are pretty close to being the truth."

Pretty startling, eh? But in passing on this information on the Net, ufologist Richard Hoagland neglects to mention that the statement was made as part of the TV show "Fraser", which is a scripted comedy. Skeptic Jim Oberg therefore comments, "Thus it appears that public comedy - things the common people are relating to - is one of the main vehicles through which the (UFO) disclosure is finally being realized." Egads!...

But we can top that one! An article in the latest newsletter of the Roswell (N.M.) International Museum, written by one Donald Burleson, Ph.D., begins with the question: "Did Marilyn Monroe die because of the Roswell UFO incident?"

Herein, in a complex way, the author links Roswell, Marilyn Monroe, and the late President John F. Kennedy. Yes, Kennedy told Marilyn secrets about the Roswell crash, which she wrote down in her diary and might some day have revealed in public. That's why she had to be killed!

The only element here now known to be true is that JFK did have an affair with Marilyn Monroe. (At least he had much better taste than Bill Clinton!) Maybe Kennedy carelessly told her some interplanetary secrets, just as Richard Nixon is said to have shown comedian Jackie Gleason dead alien bodies at Homestead AFB, Florida. One never knows for sure, does one!...

We close on a truly sad note: Phil Klass, arch UFO skeptic, debunker, and all-around unspeakable person, is seriously ill at the age of 80 or so. His voice and his ability to move have become very bad recently in spite of two operations, for various complex medical reasons. No matter what one thinks of Klass, every religion must have its "devil", and the religion of ufology is no exception. What would we do without him? The most recent issue of his skeptical newsletter (SUN) may be the last!

PFlock PTalk / MJ-12 FOLLIES, PART ONE: MJ-CONDON
by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist

I've uncovered startling evidence that the infamous "Condon Committee" (University of Colorado Unidentified Flying Objects Project) was a front for the even more infamous MAJESTIC-12, the shadowy group of military-scientific-intelligence insiders that's kept the secret of the saucers under wraps since 1947.

Since 1995, this bombshell has been lurking in plain sight on page xxi of "UFOs: An Insider's View of the Official Quest for Evidence", Dr. Roy Craig's account of his adventures as a

Condon Committee investigator-debunker. It's Craig's project identification card, reproduced here. Look closely. Do you see what I saw? No? Look at the issue date. Still don't see it? It's the comma, stupid..uh ..Dear "Smear" Reader.

"1 January, 1967." This is the odd date format used in the so-called Eisenhower Briefing Document, the controversial item that launched the MJ-12 debate. It's also the style ex-ufologist Bill Moore used in his correspondence for years before the MJ-12 papers surfaced publicly in 1987, having arrived in the mailbox of Moore crony Jaime Shandera three years earlier. Klass seized on these interesting coincidences (?) as proof Moore hoaxed the documents. The ace anti-ufologist underscored this by asserting that such a format had never been used in the U. S. government.

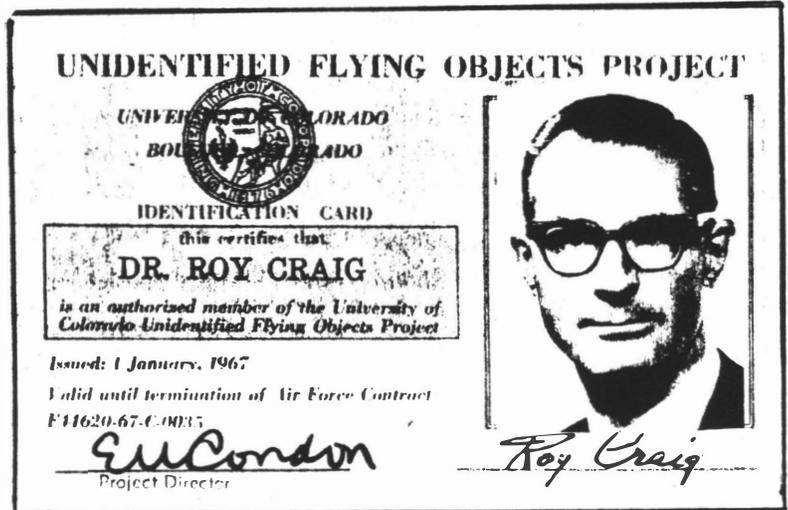
Soon MJ-12 boosters were waving around genuine government documents that included the MJ-12/Moore date style. However, until this "Smear" exclusive, none was revealed that had anything to do with UFOs.

Now a smoking comma links the much maligned Condon project with the dreaded MJ-12. The conventional ufological wisdom is that the hidden agenda of the Condon Committee was to give the U.S. Air Force an excuse to get saucers off its back. Was the real aim more subtle?

In 1966, things were getting out of control. The Great Swamp Gas Flap had influential members of Congress demanding answers about UFOs, raising questions about what the military might know that it wasn't telling. MJ-12 had reason to fear exposure, but also saw an opportunity. Its

agents quietly influenced the process leading to the contract with the University of Colorado and selection of Dr. E.U. Condon as project director. Condon had long hoped for an opportunity to restore himself with the Military-Scientific Establishment after his McCarthy era humiliation, and he wasn't one to suffer fools gladly, making him a natural antagonist of ufology. MJ-12 took full advantage of both factors.

This explains the Colorado project's self-contradictory final report, in which Condon's saucer pooh-poohing conclusions and recommendations weirdly contrasted with the data. The report both burst the saucer-excitement bubble and kept alive the hopes (and suspicions) of the ufological hardcore, helping to pave the way for the day when MJ-12 would allow the president of the United States to reveal



KARL PFLOCK

The Truth.

Isn't Saucer Logic wonderful? A comma here, a comma there, and pretty soon it's A Conspiracy!

Next time: MJ-Menzel.

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MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

Mormon historian & document expert STEVE BARNETT writes as follows:

"...I am somewhat familiar with the Solomon Spalding story from older sources, but apparently the authors have found new documentary evidence I have never viewed concerning Rigdon's knowledge of Spalding's manuscript. Most of this research is not included in the summary you sent me, so I can't comment on accuracy. However, what I see here seems to be quite accurate as far as I can tell.

"Of course, Moore's job wasn't research but organizational and editorial; and this sample would indicate that he did his job well. I sympathize with his fear that his work with saucers might be used by the church to discredit the book. The church has used this tactic almost since the very beginnings of Mormonism, and even used it against Rigdon and Cowdery when they disagreed with 'the powers that be'.

"If I ever publish my history of Mormonism I am sure they will find someone to tell them about my interest in things that go bump in the night, despite the fact that church founder Joseph Smith was a treasure hunter, a 'glass looker' (crystal ball variety!), and claimed to have talked to numerous angels and both God and God Jr. (Jesus).

"I will attempt to check their website to see further documentation, to try to ascertain how credible the documentation is, as well as how well the entire manuscript is organized and edited (= Moore's job), and get back to you..."

Nuclear Physicist, Lecturer, etc. STANTON FRIEDMAN writes:

"I guess the major difference between us is I do my research by investigation, whereas you now (after finishing off Adamski) do yours by proclamation. The article about MJ-12 in the Jan. 2001 MUFON Journal, which you tout so highly, is grossly inaccurate and a splendid example of propaganda and research by proclamation. Anybody who wants a full copy of my 2 page critique of this, can send me an SASE at POB 958, Houlton, Maine 04730-0958. Or email me a fax number at fsphys@brunnet.net, or fax me at 506-450-3832.

"In the previous issue there was a comment in 'Smear' by some character unhappy with my using the title nuclear physicist. Does he know how I have earned a living for the past 20 years? Or is this another proclamation? Phil Klass years ago published a claim that I was a full time UFO lecturer. He then admitted he knew nothing about my income and admitted he was wrong when I provided tax records establishing that the majority of my income then was from technical consulting work. I realize it is not popular anymore, but it seems to me one should have facts in hand before putting typewriter in gear!

"That you don't want it to be true that Menzel could have been a member of MJ-12 doesn't make it so, as I demonstrated in TOP SECRET/MAJIC, Final Report on Operation Majestic 12, and my 1988 article in 'International UFO Reporter'. Menzel had a previously unknown Top Secret Ultra clearance with the CIA, a longer continuous association with the NSA and its Navy predecessor (30 years as of 1960) of any American; he did classified work for 30 companies, told Jack Kennedy he could tell him more about the NSA when they were properly cleared to each other; he taught cryptography, etc.

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"Menzel certainly could have been an MJ-12 member. Remember the names Philby, Burgess and McLean, who were Soviet spies while working for British Intelligence? Mr. Hanssen was a Soviet Spy for 15 years, surrounded by FBI professionals who didn't suspect him. How many more are there we don't know about? That Menzel was a discrete Loyal American was clear from his Loyalty Hearing. Try reading what I wrote..."

We disagree with just about everything in the above letter, but we thank Friedman for having written in. - Editor.

JAMES BORGES, current director of the ancient & honorable Borderland Sciences Research Foundation (P.O. Box 6250, Eureka, Ca. 95502), writes as follows:

"Thanks for the 'Saucer Smear'. One can make a career out of the silliness that goes on in ufology. It seems like you have. Good job, too. Just the reaction from Mr. Paul Fisher in the Jan. 10th issue shows that you are doing good work.

"BSRF moved away from UFOs in the 1970s, and we have tried to focus on experimentation. The religion of technology is now fading too, except in the corners of the 'True Believer'. I see a return to basic investigation of simple principles to be of the greatest value at this time. Experimentation grows the brain!

"While I admire the skeptics groups, I feel that they too tend to fall into the 'True Believer' category, except maybe call them 'True Unbelievers'. Critical thinking, put to the test through experimentation, is the middle road as I see it.

"Well, enjoy the BSRF journals I sent you."

Famed skeptic ROBERT SHEAFFER writes:

"...Congrats to you and your unindicted co-conspirator on reaching Authordumb! You'll find that Prometheus isn't so irremediably evil, even though they are CSICOP-linked. After all, since they publish all that stuff on sex films and pornography, it's not too great a stretch for them to stoop to publishing the kind of stuff that you write. They've sunk almost that low already!

"I hope that you're not losing your shirt on the stock market. I'm out except to try to catch Bear market rallies, on which I have actually made more than I've lost. But the Nasdaq Bear is fierce. The average stock has lost over half its value - and there's no reason to think that it's over yet!

"According to the word around Silicon Valley, Joe Firmage's 'March First' and 'Intend Change' are not doing well at all. In fact, the former company (which was formed by the merger of Firmage's 'U.S. Web' with 'CKS Systems') is featured prominently on the famous website 'FuckedCompany.com - the Dot-Com Deadpool'...Its stock has fallen from 52 to its current 1 17/32, a 97% decline!..."

Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes as follows:

"...Amongst the other insightful ufoological gems offered in your February issue is John Schuessler's piece on 'Stress Management for Ufologists'. Perhaps 'support groups for ufologists' will someday replace 'support groups for abductees'. Mr. Schuessler's concerns for the well-

being of Saucer researchers seem to be genuine, and one wonders what (or who) prompted him to speak out on the problem. Perhaps Valium or Prozac capsules should be issued with the next edition of the MUFON Journal!..."

Hard-core "Smear" fan DENIS COREY writes:

"...I see what you mean by Todd Zechel going 'over the Edge'. From the letter on Page 6 of your current issue, it seems like he might be kidding with you, but I guess not, eh? At least Wisconsin isn't exactly around the corner from Key West!..."

Recently-retired UFO researcher ROBERT TODD writes:

"While I still think 'Saucer Smear' is one of the two best publications in the UFO field, I can't believe you managed to sucker me into spending another five bucks on anything related to the UFO subject. But, here it is."

Todd is surely one of the last of the really big-time spenders: - Editor.

B O O K R E V I E W S :

Jerome Clark, doubtlessly the foremost historian in the UFO field, has sprung forth with still another encyclopedia, entitled "Extraordinary Encounters - An Encyclopedia of Extraterrestrials and Otherworldly Beings" - published by ABC-CLIO of Santa Barbara, California. According to Clark's letter in our last issue, the price is an incredible \$75; so we don't think "Smear" readers (especially Robert Todd!) will be buying many copies!

The book consists of about 350 well-written entries of a few hundred words each, covering major UFO contactees & events; occult groups & entities bordering on ufology; abductions, etc. One of our favorites is the famous case of the Cottingley fairies - photographs taken in 1917 by two young English girls, who thereby created a storm of controversy that lasted many, many years. Sadly, the pictures are undoubtedly fake.

Our main interest is in what the author thinks of all this. His introduction rambles on for six pages, so we asked him for a synopsis, which he has kindly sent. It reads in part as follows:

"In my view the contactee stuff that isn't the product of conscious fabrication arises from psychological processes, some understood, others poorly so if at all. I'd say they were the result of a benign form of multiple-personality disorder, if MPD were not itself disputed and controversial. Essentially, however, these sorts of things are subjective and have nothing to do with a larger 'objective' reality. Even aside from their inherent implausibility, it ought to be obvious to any sensible observer just how inconsistent these claims are, which we may assume they would not be if they actually represented cosmic truth. What general similarities there are - and I stress general - has to do with the common pool of occult literature and belief from which contactees, visionaries, and channelers have always drawn..."

"There is also the consideration that the allegedly superintelligent entities communicating from other planets almost always come across like idiots and windbags, too dimwitted to get themselves out of a paper bag, much less across deep space.

"Less susceptible to these kinds of explanations, of course, are instances in which we have the testimony of multiple and/or independent witnesses, as in CE3s, which to every appearance are a different class of experience and which are difficult to dismiss as purely psychological. My friend Gordon Melton has always noted that flying saucers are one thing, UFOs another. Contact claims are the former, CE3s the latter. My book is mostly about flying saucers and the related occult tradition that gave rise to them..."