

The Ravagers of the Extraterrestrial Orthodoxy

- by Paul Kimball -

I favour the ETH as the most likely of the paranormal theories - but, unlike Stan and many of his colleagues, I understand that it is just a theory, and I don't assert it as a fact. As a result, I keep an open mind about the other theories on offer - because no matter how much someone like Jerry Clark might try to dismiss Jacques Vallee, or J. Allen Hynek, I don't, because, unlike Clark, imprisoned as he is in his need to be accepted by "science", they understood that the UFO phenomenon was a mystery - perhaps even one that our science could not solve.

And that's what *really* bothers them - they are unable to face the prospect that there is something "out there" that is far beyond our comprehension, that might resemble "religion", at least in terms of our relationship to it, because they are avowed secularists, and any hint of something "divine", whatever the manifestation, is beyond their self-imposed intellectual walls. To them, it simply *has to be* nuts and bolts craft from another world that behave pretty much exactly like we do, because that's what they *need* it to be.

As a result, they are unable to say, without equivocation, that "we just don't know", which runs against everything my dad taught me about the nature of true wisdom.

In their failure to grasp this, to admit it, they forget that the science they claim to adhere to is a method, not an end in and of itself.

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E D I T O R I A L :

THE ALIENS ARE TOO STUPID TO GET HERE FROM THERE !

Every once in awhile we have a few thoughts which are new (to us, at least) and which we therefore wish to share with you. This time the little light bulb in our head tells us that our "alien visitors" simply don't seem intelligent enough to have gotten here from a far-off planet. As skeptic Curtis Peebles has said, they are too much like us. That means (to us) that they do exist but are somehow a permanent part of our own earth's environment.

Not only do these supposed space travellers crash here frequently, after successfully navigating millions of miles of interplanetary space - but also; they make predictions that never come true; they never tell us anything specific that we don't already know; almost all of their spaceships look very different from each other when seen up close; they give contradictory information on a variety of topics; they act irrationally in meaningless ways; and best of all, they are obsessed with Sex and reproduction - just as we are!

UFO historian Jerry Clark believes, correctly, that rejecting the ETH makes the mystery much more complicated, and opens the door to demons and all of the various kinds of entities that the human mind can imagine. So be it. The terminology doesn't matter, so we'll still call it our "3½-D Theory". The key point is that the entities, whatever they may be called, come from here, not somewhere else. With that in mind, feel free to solve the UFO mystery for yourselves. We have now given you all the clues we possess.

TWO IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR "SMEAR" READERS

Your "Saucer Smear" editor has just signed a contract with Tim Crawford, CEO of UFO-TV of Venice, California. This outfit



bills itself as "the world's leading publisher of fact-filled UFO documentaries for television and DVD". They are at www.UFOTV.com.

They will be selling "Smear" on the Net for download to your computer (if you have one!) at the low price of only \$1.99 per issue. You can also buy an archive of all past issues of "Smear" spanning the years 1994-2006, available on CD disc or for download, for a mere \$29.95.

Previously, "Smear" was available free on the Net at a different site, but this will no longer be the case. Your humble editor will receive a portion of the proceeds from the above-mentioned sales. We plan to use this windfall to build a gigantic welcome center for visitors from the planet Xerex, with whom we are in constant communication. (Yes, sure!)

UFO-TV is located at 2321 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, California 90291. Phone: 800-350-4639, extention 222...

Of course, we hope that our loyal non-subscribers will continue to prefer the print version, which will continue to exist, just as before! All the info on our "Smear" mast-head will also remain the same....

Now the revelation we have hinted at, regarding a young-ish intellectual who is interested in carrying on the print version of "Smear" when we are no longer able to do so. He is a Ph.D. named Chris Roth, whose letters to the editor grace many of our non-scheduled issues, including this one. He writes:

"As for how you want to describe me, you can say that I am an anthropologist who has been interested in the UFO subject all my life and has recently started to publish on the subject, and that I am a former host of a radio show on UFOs. You can add that my possibly permanent state of semi-employment puts me in an excellent position to devote the necessary time to 'Smear', and that I am also young enough to carry 'Saucer Smear' boldly into at least the middle range of the 21st century (or longer, if longevity technology starts accelerating quite soon.)

"I have agreed to take over the reins when the time comes and I am enthusiastic and committed to maintaining the features that make 'Smear' distinct; a 'non-subscriber' system, stubborn adherence to the print medium, irreverence, a healthy skepticism that still recognizes the existence of true mysteries in the UFO phenomenon, and a focus on the personalities in the biz - both for investigative purposes (truth-seekers need to know who the frauds and loons are) and for, well, entertainment purposes."

We have only met him once, but Chris Roth is a very special long-distance friend, & we are sincerely honored by his agreed-upon participation .

M I S C E L L A N E O U S R A V I N G S

A surprising number of non-subscribers sent us an unusually interesting daylight UFO report from Chicago's O'Hare Airport, which is one of the world's busiest. About a dozen workers for United Airlines reported seeing the object, but their superiors took little interest, and the object apparently did not show up on radar. Cynics insisted it was just a "weather phenomenon".

The odd thing is that, though the sighting occurred on the afternoon of November 7th, it did not appear on the Net till about January 1st. We caught the story once on the TV news, and the airline employee telling the story was photographed in deep shadows to protect his identity. Apparently we have gone back to the days when reporting a UFO incident is a great embarrassment!

Romancing the Raven. Rob MacGregor (Beachfront Publishing)

Romancing The Raven is a stunning, love and fantasy story that connects the past to the present in the persons of Edgar Allan Poe and Destiny Douglas as they find their lives fated and their futures at risk in this page-turning thriller. Providing insightful fact about one of America's most prolific writers, MacGregor weaves mystery, time-traveling sci-fi, and a romantic tale in one hell of an imaginative and entertaining book. Rave reviews and the rumors of possible sequels give this novel enough momentum to win over even the hardest of skeptics. Count this guy in.



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The alleged flying saucer hovered about 1500 feet above the airport for several minutes before belting through thick clouds with so much energy that it left an eerie hole in overcast skies. The object was well-defined but unlit, and was somewhere between 6 and 24 feet in diameter, according to various estimates.

Perhaps it is our post-9/11 panic about terrorism, especially at airports, that made the UFO so unwelcome. Said one aircraft controller: "To fly several million light years to O'Hare and then have to turn around & go home because your gate is occupied is simply unacceptable".

One United Airlines employee was emotionally shaken by the sighting and "experienced some religious issues over it" - whatever that means...

The longest and most interesting article in the Dec. 2006 MUFON Journal is called "Claim of Two UFO Crash/Retrievals Lacks Evidence". It is written by Ronald Regehr, MUFON's co-director for the state of Utah, and concerns two sets of statements made by far-out researcher Linda Moulton Howe on her website www.earthfiles.com.

The first claim is about an alleged incident in 1953 that took place at a huge facility in Utah called the Desert Experimental Range (DER), established in 1953. This is a basically uninhabited area in a remote section of the state. Linda visited the site six times in the past ten years, with a fellow researcher named Steve Jones. Never did they bother to interview the site manager to find out if there was a plausible explanation for the anomalies they found.

The details are long and tedious, but a truly dedicated ufologist should read Linda's Web version of this case, and then read this article which refutes her statements point by point!

We have met Linda at UFO conventions several times. She is a pleasant woman, not bad looking for her age. But she is just a bit too gullible for our taste...

Some of you will remember the legend of Snippy, the horse that died mysteriously near Alamosa, Colorado, back in 1967. This was the start of the U.S. animal mutilation craze, just as Kenneth Arnold's sighting in 1947 started the modern flying saucer craze (although Arnold has now been forgotten, thanks to the Roswell Incident, just a week or so later.)

Snippy's damaged bones were later wired together and displayed in various locales over the years. The ownership of the bones is in dispute, but the current man claiming ownership recently put the skeleton briefly on eBay, asking \$50,000 as a minimum bid. But the Alamosa Chamber of Commerce and various area residents objected. They don't want this icon to leave the valley!

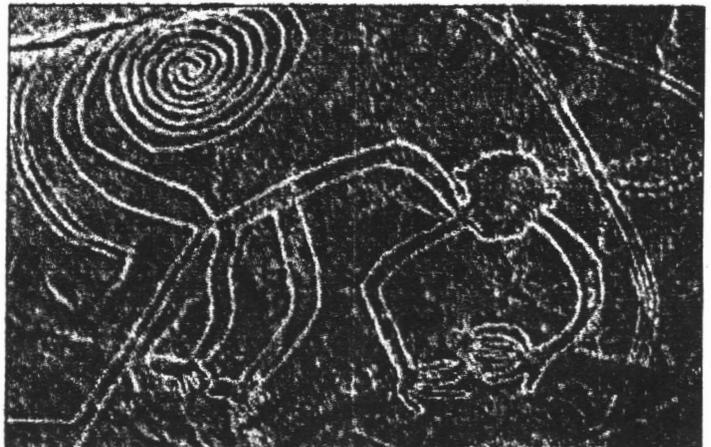
We must say that in all our days of Peruvian grave robbing we were not aware of anything as ghoulish, or foolish, as this story.

To make matters worse, two bullet holes were found in the horse when the skeleton was reconstructed in 1968. The shots came from a .22 caliber rifle, and were in the left pelvic bone and the right thigh bone. They probably were not fatal, but they were not mentioned in the original story!

All through the years there have been endless arguments nationwide about whether "surgically precise" wounds on mutilated animals - mostly cattle - are artificial or the work of predators. The San Luis Valley, where the Snippy incident occurred, has ever since remained a hotbed of alien encounters and other weird events...

Under "Life/Travel" we find another Net article on the Nazca Lines of Peru, which Erich Von Daniken popularized in the 1960s in his best-selling book "Chariots of the Gods?" Obviously he believed that these long thin lines, easily carved out of the desert floor, were some sort of landing field for spaceships.

It is true that the hundreds of



COURTESY / 'ARRIVAL OF THE GODS — REVEALING THE ALIEN LANDING SITES OF NAZCA'

Writer Erich Von Daniken says that the huge drawings of animals and abstract shapes in the desert in Nazca, Peru, could indicate the influence of aliens. Historians say his conclusions are pseudoscience.

If you went back in time and met your teenage parents, you could not split them up and prevent your birth - even if you wanted to, a new quantum model has stated.

Researchers speculate that time travel can occur within a kind of feedback loop where backwards movement is possible, but only in a way that is "complementary" to the present.

In other words, you can pop back in time and have a look around, but you cannot do anything that will alter the present you left behind.

The new model, which uses the laws of quantum mechanics, gets rid of the famous paradox surrounding time travel.

territory. We don't believe anyone has ever tried very hard to explain this extremely strange ability.

Recently your editor moved a mere two blocks within Key West, and one of our two cats refused to make the adjustment. She kept going back to the old location, so now we feed her there. Obviously the distance is very short, but previously she had probably never gone more than one back yard away, on either side of our house. So how did she know how to go back to it?

The recent "Fortean Times" #218 has a very interesting page of horse stories, of which the best is this very recent account: "Some 50 years ago, while I was out hunting with the Essex Union, I became separated from the field and started for home, only to find that a thick fog had descended before I had gone far. I was in a part of the country that neither my pony nor I had ridden over before. Remembering what I had been told to do in such a situation, I dropped my reins and let my mount take me home - which she did."

This kind of beats our cat story, doesn't it!...

Another area of mystery seldom discussed is merely a subdivision of the over-all flying saucer subject. We refer to underwater UFOs. These are called USOs, = Unidentified Submerged Objects. The fun is that if even one genuinely strange solid object is ever proven to have emerged into the sky from a body of water, we will really have something concrete to base our beliefs on. (Going into the water doesn't count, as that could be almost anything!)

Many fine examples are given in the Net item we recently received from (guess who?) Vince Ditchkus. As we have read elsewhere, Puerto Rico is a hotbed of such activity, and has been for quite a few years. Possibly the U.S. Navy is involved. (Most Puerto Ricans hate the U.S. military, which further complicates the situation.)

Our favorite item from the above-mentioned article is one that we can almost guarantee you have not heard of previously. "On October 11th, 1492, the ship carrying Christopher Columbus, the Santa Maria, passed over what we now know is one of the deepest parts of the Atlantic Ocean. It is also inside the infamous Bermuda Triangle. Strange lights were seen flashing deep under the water. Then a large, disc-shaped object rose out of the water and sped off into the night sky. A few short hours later, Columbus would discover the New World."

The above is (hopefully) based on Chris's log....

Finally, there is one category of UFOs that even your (yes!) somewhat gullible editor won't touch with a ten-foot barge pole. That's Flying Humanoids. According to an article on pages 14-15 of the January issue of (ugh!) UFO Magazine, many of these are seen & videotaped in Mexico, where the notorious Jaime Maussan holds sway. This is the bad news. The good news here is that none of them appear to be hostile, though Maussan might get hos-

tile if he knows what kind of stuff we've been writing about him lately!...

During Ed Walters' ufological activities in Gulf Breeze, Florida, 1987-1989, a persistent critic of Ed's claims & photographs was a Pensacola reporter named Craig Myers. Your editor came to know him during our several trips to Gulf Breeze to investigate the well-publicized UFO activity there.

Myers said that he would one day write an anti - Ed Walters book, but we felt that it would never sell unless he got the book out immediately. Now, so many years later, Myers has finally come out with the book, called "War of the Words" - a reference, no doubt, to "War of the Worlds". We wonder if it will sell, as Ed Walters is now pretty much forgotten, except by the ufological hard core.

Myers' main contribution to the investigation was in regard to a small saucer model found accidentally in a wall of a house Ed Walters had recently owned. A complex argument arose as to whether Walters had been framed, or whether he was stupid enough to leave behind such incriminating evidence.

Our belief is that Ed left it behind on purpose, thinking that it would not be found until many years into the future, so that he could then have the last laugh. As we explain in our book "Shockingly Close to the Truth!", Walters had a weird sense of humor. He also made a lot of money on two UFO books. He then deliberately dropped out of sight when he had had enough of it all.

Shamefully, then-MUFON czar Walt Andrus accepted the Ed Walters hoaxes at face value. MUFON's investigation was ludicrously biased, in our opinion and that of many other researchers.

T I D B I T S O F T R A S H

Famed counterculture (whatever that means) author Robert Anton Wilson died on January 11th at his apartment in Capitola, California. He had been ailing for some time, apparently from the long-term after-effects of childhood polio. He was 74 years old.

As mentioned in a recent "Smear", we never really met Wilson, but we did hear him lecture once, and we corresponded quite regularly for a period of several years. UFOs was not his main focus, but he did have very interesting irreverent opinions.

A cryptic note on our e-mail info about this sad event says: "No more pretending for him; he was completely and openly a mess. Meanwhile the rest of us go on pretending."

Just a few months ago documentary film maker Paul Kimball of Canada conducted polls on the Net that showed "Smear" to be the best UFO publication and its editor to be #5 in all-time ufology, following Dr. Jacques Vallee, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Stanton Friedman, and Dr. James MacDonald.

That ego trip has been ended by Kimball's recent list (= not a poll) of "The UFO Phenomenon: The 50 Most Influential People of All Times". Alas, your humble editor didn't even make the list! Our friendly (?) enemy Jerry Clark is #34, and the late debunker Phil Klass is #35. We think these numbers should be reversed.

William Moore, at #36, is listed as "Co-author of 'The Roswell Incident' and perhaps the MJ-12 papers". Well put!

Other than that, we have no comment. However, we are crushed not to be on the List of Fifty. Not crashed, as when a Mogul balloon crashed at Roswell, but crushed, as in "I need more crushed ice for my drink!"...

Last December a U.S. company launched a sub-orbital rocket over Roswell, N.M. and offered its contents to any lurking alien abductors; but none took advantage of the opportunity. The 12-foot rocket carried the cremated remains of a rabbit, for some obscure reason, and also carried such things as poetry and hair samples.

The company is called Beyond-Earth Enterprises, and its president stated that they sent out a radio signal in advance, giving the launch time for the rocket. If any aliens were nearby, they were urged to "come and get it". But none did.

The Beyond-Earth company plans 12 Roswell launches in 2007, in partnership with the International UFO Museum, which sells retail kits in which to put one's personal effects for the flight.

Commenting on the above, Vince Ditchkus says: "Just when you think the Roswell UFO Museum can sink no lower..."

BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY!

THE INTERVIEW PROCESS FOR NEW MEMBER PLANETS TO OUR SOLAR SYSTEM... CERES. GOOD LOCATION BETWEEN MARS AND JUPITER. GOOD REFERENCES WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN TEN YEARS?



RULING ALL THE PLANETS FROM THE MIND-CONTROL TOWER WE PLAN TO BUILD. BWAH-HA-HA-HA!



I'M SORRY, BUT YOUR AREA ISN'T ZONED FOR MIND-CONTROL TOWERS.



TIM RICKARD

DANG!
WHAT ABOUT A DENNY'S?



James Randi's notorious Education Foundation has tightened the rules, re claimants for its million dollar prize for proof of the paranormal. No longer can just anyone even apply!

Starting on April 1st (why this particular date, we wonder?) the Randi Challenge will be closed to undiscovered psychic talent. To submit an application, the aspirant will have to demonstrate a "media profile" consisting of previous publicity the person has already received. Says a Randi spokesman; "Prove your ability to someone else first. Then bring (your talent) to us."

Also, the applicant will have to get an academic suitable to Randi to endorse his or her claims before bothering Randi's organization at all!

Pure arrogance!...

Urgent! The Church of the SubGenius has announced that the end of the world will take place on Thursday, July 5th, 2007. This is an annual prediction. On the weekend following July 5th, the Church will have its annual Festival in upstate New York, which apparently is a sex, rock, & drug orgy of some sort. Your editor is a member of the Church, but has never attended, sadly.

The Church is seen by unbiased observers as a parody of religious and UFO cults. They used to have a hilarious newsletter called (if we remember correctly) "The Stark Fist of Removal". The Church's leader is an entity named J.R. "Bob" Dobbs, who probably does not exist in the real physical world. It's all harmless but crude fun, & we send our best wishes to this year's Festival.

There is no connection at all to Roswell, which holds its annual conclave at about the same time. The Roswell people make the terrible mistake of taking themselves seriously.

More info at www.subgenius.com...

Bob Girard of Arcturus Books has been in business since the 1970s, selling all sorts of UFO & related books - even ones that he himself chose to brutally knock in his own book list. Some of his negative reviews of his own wares were hilarious. Unfortunately, the print version has been eliminated in recent years.

Thus the infamous negative book reviews are no more, but Girard lurches on, on the Net, which he dislikes even more than we do. Now he faces an uninsured expensive operation and possible bankruptcy. He's not asking for handouts, but wants to sell his stuff - even his own collection - at bargain prices. We don't have his web address, but his phone number is 772-398-0796. His earthly address is: 1443 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952...

The recent death of former president Gerald Ford reminds us of his small but significant contribution to the over-all UFO saga.

In early 1966, spectacular UFO sightings in Ford's home state of Michigan resulted in an in-person investigation by the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who was the Air Force's scientific consultant for many years. When Hynek came out with his famous "marsh gas" explanation, Ford called for Congressional hearings on the subject. These were held, but accomplished little.

After he became president, Gerald Ford had a lot less to say about flying saucers than before, unfortunately. As for Dr. Hynek, he left his Air Force employment and became a pro-

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Esteemed British researcher CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes:

"Just a quick comment about that supposed 'alien artifact' discovered in Eagle Crater by the Mars Opportunity Rover on March 13th, 2004:

"This same photo appears in 'Astronomy, Special Issue' (collector's edition, early 2006) on page 87. Opportunity was examining certain 'blueberries'. These are small rocks rich in hematite where water once flowed, so it is believed. The circular 'alien artifact' claimed by Robert Morningstar (in your last issue) is a genuine artifact though certainly not alien. It was carved by Opportunity's rock abrasion tool out of the clean bedrock to help determine the composition of the blueberries.

"You can see this by contrasting the photo on page 87 with that on page 85. The latter was taken 3 days earlier and shows no sign of the 'alien artifact'. Presumably Morningstar has not seen these photos or has chosen to ignore them. The article, with many photos (showing other holes cut by the same abrasion tool) is by David Chandler and occupies 16 fascinating pages. There is another very similar article, also with many photos, on the Spirit Rover in the same issue. Mystery solved!

"Where did you, or Morningstar, get the idea that NASA was covering it all up to avoid panic? Just another baloney yarn!"

Esteemed researcher & Roswell proponent ROBERT DURANT writes:

"I'm not sure why the John Merrell - Noreen Renier dispute is ufologically relevant, but I feel obliged to give a factual synopsis of the affair. Merrell's account in 'Smear' was misleading...

"In 1985 skeptic John Merrell wrote to an Oregon newspaper denouncing psychic Noreen Renier as a charlatan. She sued, and a jury in Florida found that Merrell had defamed her. This means that Merrell's statements were false, and he knew or should have known they were false, and that he acted with malicious intent. The jury awarded Renier \$25,000.

"For the following seven years, Merrell and Renier continued to attack each other and to litigate. In 1992, they settled with an agreement never again to 'attempt to diminish and/or disparage each other's reputations'. That is, to call off the pissing contest. Also, they agreed to keep the terms of the settlement confidential.

"In 2005, Renier published a book titled 'A Mind for Murder', in which she included two chapters recounting her battles with Merrell. Charging that Renier had violated the agreement, Merrell sued. The case was taken to a federal court.

"In November 2006, the federal court found that Renier had breached the 1992 agreement, but refused Merrell's claims for financial damages, though it left open the possibility that he could sue again for damages on certain very narrow grounds; but he would have to prove that Renier's 2005 statements were false."

CHRIS ROTH, the "Smear"-friendly intellectual described on page 2 of this issue, writes as follows:

"...I am enclosing the sad news, e-mailed to me yesterday, that Robert Anton Wilson had died a few hours earlier, yesterday morning. Very sad. He was one of the first guests on my early-1990s radio show, 'In Advance of the Landing'. I did not do the interviewing that day, since my co-host Chris Holmes was by far the huge Wilson fan of the two of us. I came to know his stuff only later.

"As for the Mothman Death Curse, mentioned in the latest 'Smear', which I have just received, please fill us in on other aspects of this Curse. The principal actors, to my knowledge, are doing well. One associate producer's death does not a movie Curse make. Now, John Wayne's 'The Conqueror' and the Christopher Reeve 'Superman' film - those were real curses!

"As for Dean Warwick - that is an extremely indiscrete way for a covert operative to bump someone off. If he really used something super-sophisticated, why not do it from a neighboring hotel room and avoid the risk of being spotted and followed? I wonder if any of this report can be confirmed. Warwick's 'planned American Holocaust' narrative has been picking up steam among the paranoid since the days of the 1990s right-wing militias and seems to be reaching fever pitch in some UFO circles. This case will increase that trend!

"It's a shame to hear of the closing of Erich von Daniken's theme park, though my father (my family is from Switzerland) visited it some years ago and was not terribly impressed.

"I'm currently reading Susan J. Palmer's book 'Aliens Adored', about the Raelian cult. Quite entertaining. At 65,000 members, this must be the most successful UFO religion ever..."

We happen to like the Raelians' attitude toward (gasp!) Sex. Their other dogmas are secondary: - Editor.

Researcher ED MITCHEL writes:

"I hope this finds you able-bodied and rosy-cheeked. I certainly don't want to miss your interpretation of the weird events of 2007. I see that your agents are now scouting the Internet for you, looking for choice UFO bits. You wisely accept their input and then share your thoughts on the matter with us. This is the best of all worlds. I notice you got burned on a hoax or two. But who cares? That's what the Internet does best, and a good hoax is almost as good as a landing!

"I am enclosing my Love Offering of \$30.00. Best wishes for 2007. I hope we both have many an occasion to shake our heads at all the weirdness, real and concocted, while staying clear of the nastiness the Fates sometimes send our way."

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UFO advocate until his death in 1985. Hynek is, in fact, one of our very few heroes in the UFO scene...

A recent Greg Bishop / Nick Redfern "blog" tells us about an actual phone number that you can (maybe?) use to connect yourself to the legendary Mothman himself! Mothman has never answered, but the caller used to get strange meaningless recorded messages. We tried the number ourselves & got nothing at all. Maybe you will have better luck. The number, in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, is 304-675-5352.

Let us know if you make the connection!...

Here's an unusually interesting real sighting report, dated January 19th: "A retired Air Force colonel named Bryan Fields, who photographed mysterious colorful lights hovering over western Arkansas last week, has ignited a frenzy of interest. We (<http://www.wnd.com>) have received numerous reports of similar sightings all across the U.S. - while a digital expert has filtered the pictures to reveal startling images of what he says could be the pilot of the unidentified craft."

The pilot part is dubious, in our humble opinion, but there is no doubt that a serious "flap" of similar incidents did occur. Unfortunately, "Smear" does not have the Space to give you the details at this time...

Finally, England's most famous computer hacker, Gary McKinnon, is now waiting for the outcome of his appeal against extradition to the United States. "Smear" readers may remember McKinnon as the bright young man who broke into U.S. military and NASA computer systems in 2001 and 2002 - not for espionage but merely to try to learn the truth about UFOs - or so he says. He claims that he did find some UFO evidence, but he can't prove it.

If & when he is extradited, he will almost surely face very harsh penalties here.

My Rant with UFO believers

- by "Vincent" -

The difficulties in space travel range from psychological, to relativistic effects on mass, as well as physical affects on would-be travelers. There isn't any evidence of any would-be travelers (ergo E.T) that are able to overcome these difficulties; speculation just isn't enough to confirm that alien beings are definitely visiting us. If these difficulties pose an obstacle for us, why wouldn't they for them? I'm not denying that alien life exists elsewhere in the universe, but E.T visiting us is not likely.

