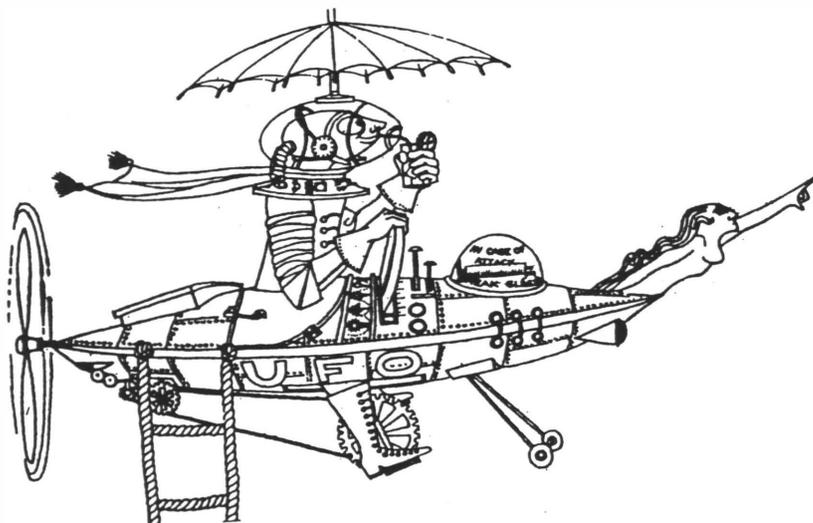


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Hi, gang, and welcome to another glorious issue of "Smear".

The whimsical drawing above appeared in several issues of the old Saucer News, which was the name of our publication during most of the 1950s and 1960s. It was drawn especially for us, but we can no longer remember by whom.

In 1967 the late, great Gray Barker came out with an anthology called "Jim Moseley's Book of Saucer News". It was about 80 pages long, 8½ by 11 inches softcover, and contained articles by many of the leading UFO researchers of that era. It originally sold for \$5 or \$10. Our own copy was wiped out by Hurricane Wilma in 2005, but we were astounded very recently to find out that a copy in good condition is now selling on the Net for \$500, no less. We can't even afford to buy another copy of our own book! (See below.)

But the purpose of this rant is to tell you that a spin-off of the above-mentioned book, using different material from the same reservoir, is now available. It is edited by publisher/researcher Rick Hilberg of Ohio and is called "Jim Moseley and the Saucer News Years".

This new tome is thinner than Barker's similar anthology forty years ago, and unfortunately has no table of contents. However, there are articles by several of the best-known researchers of that long-ago period, including John P. Bessor, Harold T. Wilkins, Frank Reed, Bob Berry, Lonzo Dove, and John Keel. Also by JWM, of course. It is interesting indeed to re-read Keel's paranoid ufological ravings after all this time.

The price of Hilberg's tome is a mere \$10, and (surprise!) we have copies on hand to sell you. Who knows - maybe in a few hundred years, or even sooner, this book might be worth the equivalent of \$500, or more! By then, printed books will be banned by some Bush-like world dictator of the future. All information will exist only in the 4th dimension, called pseudospace, and history can be re-written endlessly, as no original version will be available. Here we sound a bit like Bob Girard, the hard-pressed proprietor of Arcturus Books, who has been fighting with and on the Internet for 10 these many years. (We now learn he is not moving out of Florida yet after all.)

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James W. Moseley, Editor, Illustrated

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

We have here a notice about a 3-day ufological "multimedia celebration" scheduled to occur somewhere in New York City on June 22nd-24th. No address or phone number is given, but guest speakers include interplanetary artist David Huggins, as well as William & Nancy Birnes, publishers of UFO Magazine. Also Budd Hopkins, N.Y.C. publicist Michael Luckman, and MUFONite Harold Egel. The other twelve names on the list are not familiar to us. For more info., contact www.cultureofcontact.com...

A very interesting 4/5/07 "blog" by famed Roswell authority Major Kevin Randle Ph.D: Randle goes into detail about a unique taped interview that Roswell witness (Major) Jesse Marcel Sr. had several years before his death with UFO investigator Bob Pratt, who has also died fairly recently.

Thus the Roswell trail is getting cold, isn't it! The remarkable thing here is that pro-Roswell researcher Randle, though a friend of Dr. Marcel Jr., and though strongly inclined to believe Marcel Sr., nevertheless admits that Sr. apparently made claims about his career in this interview that he didn't make elsewhere, and that some of these claims are simply false. The details are tedious, but Marcel Sr. is one of the very few Roswell witnesses who has not been totally discredited for one reason or another, through the many years since the Roswell Incident took place (1947).

The late Robert Todd, mentioned in our last issue, also came to negative conclusions about Marcel Sr., based on the man's military transcript, which he somehow managed to obtain from the government. For some reason Randle does not mention Todd at all in his "blog".

The only important Roswell witness still alive is Glenn Dennis, the mortician, whose information came mainly from a certain Roswell military nurse. (Glenn Dennis is the only Roswell witness whom your "Smear" editor has interviewed personally.) Careful research by several people through the years finally proved that Dennis' nurse simply did not exist. This fact was what finally made the late Karl Pflock embrace the Mogul Balloon explanation. (See his 2001 book "Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe"..)

After so many years, the controversy about one-armed Swiss UFO contactee Billy Meier drones on. Now there is a U.S. "official spokesman" for the Meier camp. His name is Michael Horn, and he has a new DVD out on the subject. He also goes on radio talk shows a lot. He has managed to irritate many ufologists, because the photos and philosophical claims (from the Space People) that Meier proclaims are fantastically unbelievable.



KKK in the uniform of an unknown military unit called "S3".

On the other hand, Meier's most vocal critic Kal K. Korff is not very believable himself, and he has made outrageous claims of his own, on other subjects. KKK says he has his own reality-based TV show in Europe, called "Secret Wars". This may or may not be true. Kal and the above-mentioned Kevin Randle are currently engaged in a long-winded feud about Roswell, etc. on the Net.

The more we read the reams of Net postings sent to us by Vince Ditchkus, the more we realize, as he does also, that most of this material is simply a waste of time. But it does show us that the "science" of ufology is far from dead!...

An unknown (in America) but important ufological figure named Bob Taylor has died, age 89, many years after his very peculiar UFO encounter on November 9th, 1979. According to the obituary, his case is unique in British history as the only example of an alien (?) sighting becoming the subject of a criminal investigation.

In broad daylight, this Scottish forestry worker parked his truck and took his dog for a walk up a nearby hill. As he

emerged into a clearing he came across a strange metal sphere about 20 feet across, "like a spaceship, a huge flying dome." It appeared to be made from a dark metallic material with a rough texture like sandpaper.

As Taylor approached, two smaller spheres, each about three feet wide, with protruding metal spikes like naval mines, dropped down from the larger craft with a "plopping" sound, rolled toward him, and attached themselves to his trousers. There was an acrid smell that made him choke, and he felt the sensation of being grabbed by the legs and tugged forward. The next thing he knew he was regaining consciousness, with his head pounding and a bitter taste in his mouth, unable to walk or talk. His dog was running around barking furiously. Taylor calculated that he had been unconscious for about 20 minutes.

Fortunately Taylor managed to crawl back to his truck. The police later accompanied Taylor back to the site. There were strange marks on the ground. A doctor found grazes on his legs and chin, but no other signs of injury. However, the heavy trousers he had been wearing were ripped around the ankles.

The police admitted they were completely baffled, and the case remains open to this day. Apparently Taylor was never hypnotized, to recover his "missing time". He never sought publicity nor gained financially from the intense media interest at the time. As far as we know he never had any follow-up adventures, and he continued to stand by every word of his original account.

Weird indeed!....

Here it is, folks - the French translation - just out - of Karl Pflock's definitive 2001 book about the Roswell Incident. The title translates as (we think): "Roswell; The Ultimate Encounter".

In the original, the aliens are bright green. Note that they have no hands or feet. Somehow the scene does not look at all like the crash of a Mogul Balloon. Authors seldom control the cover art on their books, but we just wonder if our friend Pflock is spinning in his grave right now. Egads!...

Astronomers have finally located a planet not much larger than Earth, where the conditions for life may be adequate. The temperature range on part of the planet is 32 degrees to 104, which means that liquid water is likely to be present. None of the other approximately 200 other planets previously discovered have conditions nearly as favorable to life as this one does.

However, don't wait for the inhabitants to come hovering over your rooftop in their spaceships - unless they started out a very long time ago. The planet and its star, called Gliese 581, are about 20 light years away from Earth!...

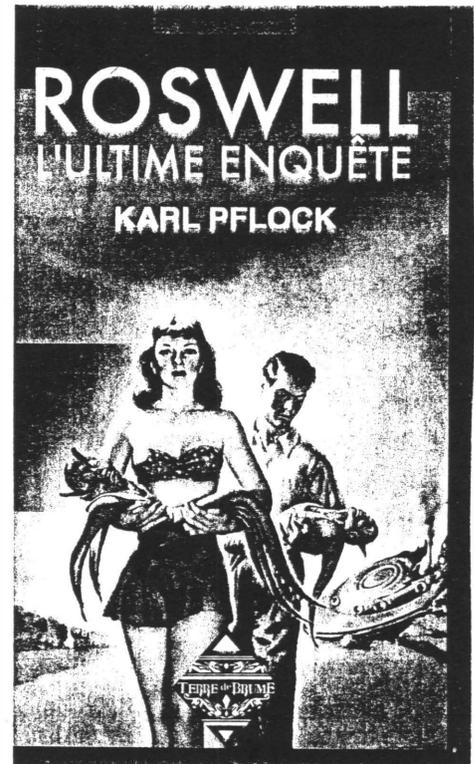
A Net article dated April 6th has a screaming headline "Satellite Images Reveal Mysterious Objects in the Dragon Triangle". The reference is to "USOs", - Unidentified Submerged Objects, which we have discussed previously.

The late Charles Berlitz popularized the famed Bermuda Triangle, but he also wrote about the Dragon Triangle, which follows a line from western Japan to a point in the Pacific at about latitude 145 degrees east. It then turns southwest past the Bonin Islands, down to Guam and west to Taiwan, then back to Japan.

The article shows satellite images of four underwater objects. Three of them are disc-shaped and about 60 feet in diameter. The fourth is rectangular, about 150 feet by 280. It is stated that, since World War II, more than 1,500 vessels and hundreds of aircraft have vanished mysteriously in the Dragon Triangle. Surely these figures are exaggerated, in our opinion.

One of the most famous disappearances occurred way back in 1920, when a schooner called Amelia vanished without a trace. Whether these disappearances are caused by USOs or some unknown earthly phenomenon remains to be seen.

The photographs accompanying this article do little to clear up the mystery (if any).



Who has more credibility?

	Votes
Billy Meier 1%	1
Kal K. Korff 2%	3
Steven Greer 19%	24
Linda Moulton Howe 9%	12
(the late) Phillip J. Klass 10%	13
Ray Santilli 0%	0
Michael Salla 9%	12
(the late) Phillip J. Corso 6%	8
(the late) George Adamski 2%	2
The Easter Bunny 41%	52
127 votes total	

Here are the results of another of Paul Kimball's improbable opinion polls. ("Smear" won one of them, so we can't complain.) Note that in a list of well-known ufologists, living and dead, the winner is the Easter Bunny. We feel sorry for Ray Santilli of alien autopsy fame, who didn't get any votes at all. Kal Korff didn't do too well, either...

The Raelian UFO cult is in trouble again, this time in Switzerland, which is noted for its religious tolerance. This is a liberal, peaceful cult, and we sympathize with their grievances. However, we do not endorse their belief that the human race was begun thousands of years ago by athiestic aliens.

Rael, the leader of the group, has been refused residence in Valais, Switzerland, and the Royal Hotel of Geneva has canceled their reservation for a meeting hall for a March 31st demonstration. Worst of all, this article tells us that Raelians have been refused service in Swiss bars. Their women are quite frisky, and maybe that is the problem. In any case, Rael has filed a lawsuit charging discrimination, and he says it will be brought to the European Court if necessary. Stay tuned!...

Lately we have been thinking more about the various areas of Fortean weirdness that we have overlooked, to a considerable degree, in the past.

One such phenomenon is spoon bending, popularized by the Israeli psychic (?) Uri Geller in the 1970s. About 1994, Geller put on a private demonstration for your "Smear" editor at a posh hotel in Miami. What Geller appeared to do with the spoon was absolutely unexplainable, but we will never know for sure whether or not it was merely a very clever trick. We still have the autographed bent spoon in our trivia collection.

We know a German lady named Lea Boldt, who learned the art of spoon (and fork) bending about ten years ago by taking a course in spiritual healing. We have seen her bend silverware many times, but it was hard to tell whether the results were due to psychic powers or physical strength.

However, one time at a San Diego saucer convention sponsored by our ufological friend Timothy Green Beckley, Lea put on a brief demonstration that we will never forget. We were at a private party, waiting for Beckley to arrive. When your editor finally introduced Lea to Beckley, she was very anxious to impress this saucer guru whom she was meeting for the first time. She took a fork (or was it a spoon?) and in a matter of seconds twisted it beyond belief. Her hands moved so fast that they were literally a blur. Beckley was indeed impressed, as were the others in the room who happened to witness this unplanned demonstration.

We still keep in touch with Lea Boldt. She never attempted to profit from her ability, and eventually got off the "spiritual powers" kick altogether, for some reason. She says that when conditions are just right, the metal suddenly becomes warm and soft, but this window of opportunity is extremely brief. We believe her...

Our friend Brian Boldman of North Carolina has just sent us a copy of his recent article for the Journal of UFO Studies entitled "Angel Hair Physical Analyses; A Review". Boldman also lectured on this topic at last year's MUFON convention in Colorado.

For some reason, angel hair cases are not nearly as common as they used to be, but they continue to occur occasionally. This mysterious falling substance appears to be very similar to a spider web, but for various reasons that is definitely not the answer to the riddle. UFO sightings accompany about half of the over 200 cases on record, and many of the others seem to be associated with "UFO activity", whatever that means. Sometimes the substance completely vanishes over a period of time, even in a sealed container!

This is a very interesting Fortean phenomenon, but its significance is unclear. We applaud Boldman for the way he has stuck to his research on this rather obscure topic...



Gary McKinnon.
Photograph: John
Stillwell/PA

Here's an update on British computer hacker Gary McKinnon, whom we have mentioned several times before. He's the guy who embarrassed & infuriated the U.S. military back in 2001, by hacking into hundreds of machines over a period of 18 months, thus endangering military secrets, etc., etc.

McKinnon says he meant no harm and was merely looking for information on UFOs. He claims to have found some, but he can't prove it.

Now McKinnon has lost his High Court bid to avoid extradition to the United States, where he might receive as many as 70 years in prison. He is now expected to apply to Britain's House of Lords for permission to challenge the High Court ruling. We have a feeling that this move may delay his inevitable extradition for quite awhile longer. Will the Space People intervene?

McKinnon must be quite a character. In a recent interview he said, regarding his shady past as a hacker: "I was a man obsessed. I spent two and a half grand in dial-up charges, trying to get into the U.S. military systems - eight hours a day, every day, over the course of a year. At first it didn't feel like addiction, but later I would not even bother washing or getting dressed."

Regarding his uncertain future he added: "I'm schizophrenic emotionally at the moment. The little boy inside me is shit scared, but the adult side wants to take it on and fight them...My advice to my younger self? Don't hack!"...

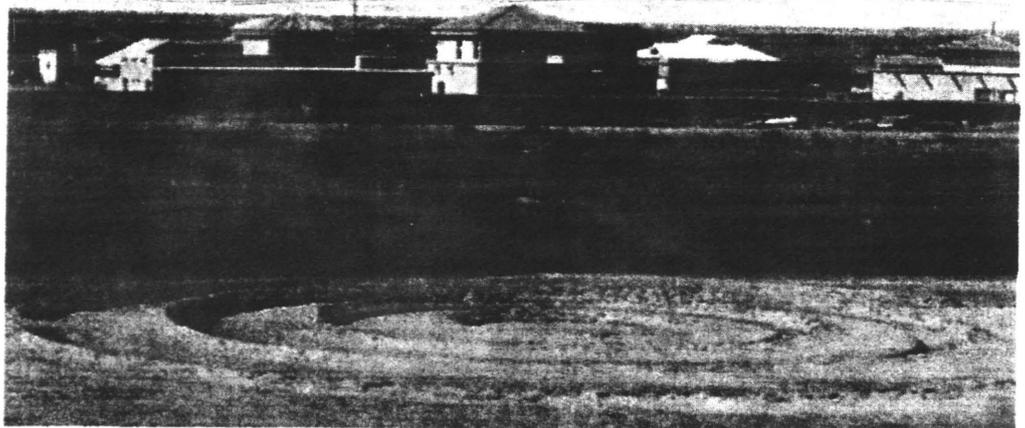
We have a very dubious item from "UFO Casebook" #252, of recent date. The title is "Artifacts with Extraterrestrial Writing Discovered Near Tunguska Site". This refers to the famous 1908 crash of a huge unknown object in this remote section of Siberia. Now, so many years later (2006), Russian scientists (?) claim to have found several quartz boulders with mysterious writing on them. The boulders themselves are said to be extraterrestrial, just like the writing! Our question is: How do they know this? The article contains no photos and gives no explanation whatever!...

Sean Feeney, director of something called The Anomaly Response Network, has contacted one of our web sites (saucer_smear@yahoo.com) to complain that the new director of MUFON, James Carrion, has threatened to sue him over negative remarks he recently posted about that organization.

Feeney's criticisms are long-winded and boring, with few specifics. He is correct in criticizing MUFON's endorsement of the notorious Gulf Breeze syndrome of the late 1980s. However, Carrion has obviously over-reacted to Feeney. We don't personally know Feeney or Carrion, but our opinion of MUFON has not changed much over the years. They do the best they can to please as many as possible of their members, who have widely divergent views about ufology. Absolutely nothing they could ever do would please everyone. They are basically honest, semi-competent, and entertaining. Nothing will solve the saucer mystery anytime soon, but it's fun trying!

Our biggest gripe is that your humble "Smear" editor pays the full MUFON membership

These circles, found about March 1st, turn out not to be a hoax or an alien manifestation, but merely an "artistic expression" by an artist named Michael Alford. He insists he did not intend to fool anyone. Case solved...



These mysterious sand circles in the river bed of the Rio Grande in West El Paso has residents curious. (Rudy Gutierrez / El Paso Times)

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fee, without getting any discount whatever for the free issues of "Smear" that we send them. Even Lou Farish of "UFO Newsclipping Service" is not as heartless as that. (He gives us \$20 off.)

O Mighty MUFON, may you continue to grope for Truth!...

After writing the above, we decided to phone old Walt Andrus of Seguin, Texas, who founded MUFON back in 1967. MUFON was a spin-off from Coral Lorenzen's APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization) group.

MUFON czar Andrus retired in 2000, at the age of 80, and we hadn't talked to him in quite awhile. Surprisingly, old Walt remarried last year, and also came back into MUFON as an Assistant State Director for his part of Texas.

We were surprised to learn that he admits to being as computer illiterate as we are!

We clashed with Walt occasionally over the years, but he's an okay guy. When he retired, he turned over the job to his long-time friend John Schuessler. Carrion took over the group last year...

It was a little scary when we received in the mail the other day a brand new book, co-edited and partially written by Karl Pflock, who has been dead over a year now. It is called "Encounters at Indian Head: The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Abduction Revisited". The other co-editor is England's Peter Brooksmith. There are also chapters by Pflock and Brooksmith, as well as Dennis Stacy, the late Marcello Truzzi, Thomas Bullard, Hilary Evans, super-skeptic Sheaffer, Walter Webb, and Martin Kottmeyer.

This tome is the outcome of a "secret" (?) meeting in New Hampshire in 2000, where most of the above-mentioned gentlemen met at the expense of former multi-millionaire Joe Fermage, who also financed the book. The Hill case, which occurred way back in 1961, is very complex, and all these contributors hold different views on it - all the way from total skepticism to total belief.

Karl Pflock was always more of a believer in the Hill case than is your "Smear" editor, though we do not believe it was a hoax. However, we join all these guys in feeling that Betty Hill's beliefs and activities in the years following the abduction did nothing whatever to add to her credibility. We knew her fairly well, and she lectured for us at the 1980 NUFON convention in New York City. She was a nice lady - recently dead of cancer.

All in all, we would have to agree with Robert Sheaffer, who states in the book (Page 201): "It would be most unwise to base any theories about the universe and what creatures it may contain upon Betty Hill's uncorroborated statements."

The publisher is Anomalist Books, 5150 Broadway, #108; San Antonio, Texas 78209. The price for this 300-page soft-cover tome is \$17.95. A lot of good men have put a lot of effort into this book, and (for what it's worth) we highly recommend it to our readers...

Last April there was an event near Landers, California, called "Retro UFO Two Space-ship Convention", this being the second annual attempt to revive the huge conventions that used to take place at Giant Rock in the 1950s and 1960s. Your editor attended several of these.

We have a nice photo of the scene at Giant Rock, but it would not reproduce well here. It shows some hard-core attendees with their hands on the Rock, trying to absorb its supposed Energy. Also shown is the relatively small piece of the Rock that broke off a few years ago because of a minor earthquake in the area.

Near Giant Rock is the famed Integratron, built by contactee George Van Tassel in the 1950s, based on instructions from friendly Space People. In spite of generous donations from the faithful, the Integratron was never finished before Van Tassel's death in 1977. After years of neglect, it is now being used again for special events, like "Retro UFO Two".

Among the speakers this year was Dr. Frank Stranges, one of the few remaining "experts" from the old days. Stranges authored the classic UFO book "Stranger at the Pentagon"



The photo above is said to be the oldest UFO photograph ever taken. It was taken in Mount Washington, New Hampshire in 1870. No further details are given.

WE AGREE WITH THIS WISDOM FROM THE NET!

Posted by: Eteponge | March 22, 2007 at 12:31 PM

I've always wondered what motivates a "super-skeptic" like Randi. As a child was he forced to watch his parents' death at the hands of an itinerant astrologer or something??? I can understand wanting to debunk a myth that one feels is harming others, but the vitriol, vehemence and dishonesty with which Randi pursues his goals is well, pretty amazing. Like, in a bad way.

PROFESSOR FLOORED

A stout 60-year-old Croatian mathematics professor, identified only as DK, fell victim to an occupational hazard that often threatens foretellers. He spent the three-day Easter weekend under a pile of books that fell on him in his apartment in Zagreb. He was trapped between a bed and a bookcase under 40 stone (254kg) of books and was eventually rescued by police after his wife called neighbours to see why he had not visited her in hospital. [AP] ABC News, 23 April 2003.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

O, these changing times! Here for the first time we print a letter that was not mailed to us but which was sent to us somewhat mysteriously (?) at saucer_smear@yahoo.com. Thus, "JOHN ROONEY" (a pseudonym?) writes:

"I stumbled upon your website by chance as I was trying to find out some information about the Roswell UFO museum. Of course I stopped and read, and laughed, and read some more.

"Your editor/ supreme commander is to be commended for his incredibly articulate, pointed dissections of the UFO community. We need more people that can think and ask questions objectively, rather than photograph every light in the sky and stick a label on it saying 'UFO Sighting 2007'.

"Sadly he is, as he puts it, 'computer illiterate' and 'intending to stay that way' - so if he does come into the office at some stage, please tell him that my grandmothers have both passed away so I can't ask them how to send real letters. Actually I'm in NZ and it's much easier to email...okay, I'm a tad lazy too.

"I am thoroughly enjoying this online treasure, complete with self-deprecating humor. I shall continue to visit this site..."

MIKE GENSLER writes as follows:

"I tried playing the 'UFO B.S. Bingo' game mentioned in the pages of 'Smear' and I never won. A few hits, a few blocked squares, but much to my chagrin, I was never able to bellow 'Bullshit!' at the top of my lungs. I think this might be a good sign. Keep up the great work.

"Back for a moment to the March 15th 'Smear' and a comment on Page 6: 'We have had our own psychic experiences, but that is a story for another time.'...C'mon, Jim, don't tease your readers with such ruthless skill. What's the story?"

Our own psychic (and UFO) experiences? They are no secret, and we've even lectured on them a few times. But they are too mundane & long-winded to go back into just now. - Editor.

Anthropologist CHRISTOPHER ROTH, future editor of "Saucer Smear", writes:

"In response to Michael Dennett's printed letter - no, I am not a stealth Skeptic. If anything, I am a stealth True Believer in Skeptic's garb. No, scratch that. Rather, each extreme accuses me of being a stealth version of the other, which I consider highly complimentary!...

"Today brings a bit of news for ETH aficionados: Astronomers' announcements of the discovery of a planet having the right properties - primarily, the right distance from its sun - to harbor life. It orbits Gliese 581, a red-dwarf star in the Libra constellation. I am not enclosing a clipping because I assume you have seen this already. It is a sign of the times that my first reaction on seeing this headline was not to think to myself, 'Oh! maybe that's where the aliens are coming from', or 'Maybe life can be found there'. but instead, 'Oh! Maybe that's where my grandchildren can move after we destroy this planet.' It's only twenty light-years away, after all!..."

German super-skeptic KLAUS WEBNER writes as follows:

"...Another non-stupid charlatan in the field of pseudo-scientific UFO research is the former teacher William Moore, who fooled the public with a never-occurred saucer crash incident at Roswell. In the 1980s Mr. Moore threatened me again & again with his attorney-at-law. One of my letters in which I explained the Roswell object as a crashed balloon was returned to me with a big written comment across my text; BULLSHIT! I think it's time now for Mr. Moore to confess the true background story behind the MJ-12 hoax - his 'Top Secret' potato seals and his ice cream eating 'alien' shot on video!..."

Skeptic JOHN MERRELL writes:

"In your Feb. 10th, 2007 issue, Robert Durant called my comments on my lawsuit against Court TV and FBI psychic Noreen Renier 'misleading'. First he states that a jury in Florida in 1985 found I had defamed her. Besides having the year and state wrong (it was county court in Oregon in 1986), the 6-member jury awarded 'general damages' in a libel case. However, recently new witnesses have publicly stated that lengthy testimony by Renier and her key witness was deceptive and untrue.

"Finally, Durant ended with 'In November 2006 the federal court found that Renier breached the 1992 agreement, but refused Merrell's claims for financial damages...He would have to prove that Renier's 2005 statements were false.' Well, Mr. Durant, on April 5th, 2007, a Washington U.S. District judge brought closure with an order forcing Renier to assume all of her own legal costs (near \$35,000), plus pay me \$39,558. Additionally, based on the lawsuit, her book publisher has banished her book and her estimated uncollected royalty losses are near \$28,500, plus her own estimate of \$7,000 in promotional fees. Total it up and one gets about \$110,000. That's called a home run! But given the number of errors Mr. Durant made, perhaps he would call it a foul ball..."

Ace UFO cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"Thanks for sending a copy of the French edition's cover of Karl Pflock's Roswell book. (See Page 3 of this issue.) Ya know Karl was on the right side of history on the Roswell Incident, but the wrong side of popularity of the Roswell myth. I do not think Karl would have endorsed or appreciated this cover. Those little aliens look like mini-creatures from the Black Lagoon. The missing hands and feet are quite unusual, but the little antennae on their heads are kinda cute, I suppose..."

Researcher ED GRABOWSKI writes as follows. It was he who correctly identified "THE FACT", as mentioned at the very end of our book "Shockingly Close to the Truth!" For this he received a free lifetime (our lifetime, not his) non-subscription to "Smear". Naturally "THE FACT" is not mentioned below, for the Secret Cannot Be Told! - Editor.

"...I don't think that there's the same amount of serious interest in the UFO phenomenon now that there was prior to 1970. In those days it seemed there was serious scientific & governmental interest in sightings that might actually lead to a resolution of the mystery. It seemed that if enough effort and research were expended, that something of value and scientific irrefutability might be uncovered.

"Nowadays the whole field seems to be a P.T. Barnum snake-oil-selling enterprise, with con men like Stanton Friedman, Whitley Strieber & Budd Hopkins conning the Rubes out of their hard-earned money. People of integrity like Dr. Hynek just don't exist anymore, or choose not to enter the field. After reading most of Hopkins' last book 'Sight Unseen', (yes, forgive me; I couldn't resist once I read reviews showing just how absurd it was), I wouldn't be surprised to see these guys lugging around the Fiji Mermaid and Cardiff Giant to their lectures!

"Even the cable TV stations like the History and Discovery channels keep covering the same old tired incidents over & over, i.e. 'Roswell', 'The Day After Roswell' (was Lt. Col. Philip Corso in such financial straits that he had to issue this pile of nonsense before he died?), 'The Russian Roswell', 'The Pennsylvania Roswell', etc., etc., etc...The shows about all the Mexican sightings are the only ones that have any new material, but I get the feeling that they're as legitimate (and as amateurishly produced or 'faked') as Mexican wrestling!..."