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## Dr. J Allen Hynek

Scientific Consultant to Blue Book



"When the long awaited solution to the UFO problem comes, I believe that it will prove to be not merely the next small step in the march of science, but a mighty and totally unexpected quantum leap."

On Camera shortly before his death in 1985

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Our friend DR. TIM BRIGHAM of Florida & Georgia has just joined our small but growing staff. See Page Eight for details. →

There's new hope for hard-core fans of interplanetary saucers! After having discovered about 500 planets not very hospitable to life, astronomers have finally come up with one which is definitely "life-friendly", according to the headline.

This planet, lovingly called "Gilese 581g", is not too far from its star, and not too close. Thus it may contain liquid water. The planet is neither too big nor too small for the proper surface temperature range, gravity, and atmosphere. It also is in Earth's "galactic neighborhood", which strongly suggests that plenty of Earth-like planets circle other stars.

What we find fascinating is how scientists can discover so many details about a planet without ever seeing it directly, even through a telescope. They apparently go by a complex interpretation of its effects on its star.

Even more fascinating is the fact that a possibly artificial signal was received from the vicinity of 581g in December of 2008. This only happened once!

Of course, our "galactic neighborhood" is a lot larger than you might think. Gilese 581, the star in question, is 120 trillion miles from us, = about 20 light years. Traveling near the speed of light, it would still take more than one generation for a spaceship to get there - or for one of their spaceships (if any) to get here. But considering the vastly greater distance to other stars, one of the astronomers involved has described Gilese 581 as "right in our face - right next door to us". We are sure that old Stanton Friedman can tell us exactly how to get there, though he doesn't have enough money to build the spaceship himself.

Now, this subject is all very complex. It is, in our opinion, only common sense to believe that some forms of very primitive life are common here & there throughout the universe. But intelligent life is probably much harder to find. It is even hard to find on planet Earth!

Our definition of a highly advanced planet is one on which the inhabitants have found some way to be aware of the contents of every issue of "Saucer Smear". Of course it would be too much to expect them to make Free Will Donations, as our Earthly non-subscribers are asked to do!

Your editor wishes he could live another fifty years or so, to see what marvels of science are yet to come!...

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Very recently deceased people include: (1) Jean Misner, a nice lady from Michigan, who was a "Smear" non-subscriber for many, many years; (2) Dr. Berthold Schwars, a real psychiatrist who was a kindly, gentle soul and a True Believer, who seemed to uncritically accept almost all UFO and paranormal phenomena. He too received "Smear" for many years; (3) Dr. Alvin Lawson of Cal/State, Long Beach (California), who believed in UFOs but explained abduction experiences as distorted memories of their own birth trauma. This viewpoint obviously made him unpopular with most ufologists. Sadly, he was not one of our non-subscribers, at least not in recent years.

If deaths continue at this pace, we may change the name of this zine to "The Ufological Passing Parade"...

Your editor has been a hard-core member of MUFON (the Mutual UFO Network) since it was founded in 1969 by the now-retired Walt Andrus. And, we receive and eagerly read their monthly print zine "The MUFON Journal". We find much there that we don't agree with, but it is a sincere effort by decent people.

In recent years the only monthly columnists have been George Filer, who contributes short summaries of current sightings, most of which are merely "raw data" not having been investigated by him or anyone else. Then there is former physicist Stanton Friedman, whose columns are more repetitive & predictable than the Pope's renditions of Catholic dogma!

Now a long-time ufologist named Ted Phillips will join the group. We have never known him personally, but he has a very good reputation. For over forty years he has been researching "physical trace" UFO cases, i.e., incidents in which some kind of residue is left behind to be studied. He says he now has 4,700 such cases from 93 countries. Obviously he has not researched all of them personally, but he does keep detailed files.

Phillips' column will be called "Outside the Box", and the first one is headlined "It's time to quit ignoring the paranormal aspects connected to many UFO cases." He gives several good examples of this, but the thing that interests us is that this "nuts & bolts" ufologist has reluctantly come to the conclusion that there really is a very important paranormal aspect to this subject.

Here (to save us the trouble of copying it) is the last part of Phillips' first MUFON Journal column, cut with scissors from that esteemed publication: →

The screaming "Yahoo" headline reads: "Retired NORAD Officer's New Book Predicts a Tentative Worldwide UFO Display on October 13th, 2010". (No landings however.)

On that "tentative date", "a fleet of ET vehicles will hover for hours over the Earth's principal cities ...to avert a planetary catastrophe resulting from increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere".

The book is called "Challenges of Change", and although it is described as "newly published", further along this article calls it the third edition. The author is named Stanley A. Fulham. For some reason his rank at the time of retirement is not given. However, his alleged life-long association with an (unnamed) senior NORAD Intelligence officer has provided him with a wealth of data relating to NORAD's experience with the alien/UFO reality. This information has been suppressed, "as the public is not yet ready to accept an alien reality".

We have heard this kind of thing many times before! Nevertheless, we found this story interesting and possibly believable until we read: "For a decade, through the services of a world-renowned channeler (italics ours), the author has communicated with an ethereal group of entities known as the Transcendors. These are 43,000 "very old souls" who combine their vast experience and knowledge through eons of incarnations, to provide

In closing I'd like to quote a friend's statement made 31 years ago. I believe Jacques Vallee to be the foremost expert on UFOs. This is from his *Messengers of Deception*. "I propose: that the UFO we see is a device which creates a distortion of the witness's reality; that it does so for a purpose, which is to project images or fabricated scenes designed to change our belief systems; and that the technology we observe is only the incidental support for a worldwide enterprise of subliminal seduction."

It has taken me a great many years, but I now agree. We must get outside the box. ■

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helpful advice to earthlings in their time of need, = now.

Your editor tries very hard to keep an open mind concerning almost anything beyond the normal, but channeled info is just too far out for us to seriously consider. To take this kind of thing as Truth would be as bad as using remote viewing to make military decisions. (However, we do think remote viewing does work sometimes, somehow, but very unreliably.)

Anyhow, be sure to keep your Eye on the Sky on October 13th, especially if you live in or near a major city. And, if nothing at all unusual happens that day, remember that Fulham has already charted a fall-back position by describing the date as "tentative"...

Written on October 14th: Last night we watched the TV news carefully, to see if there would be any mention of UFO sightings over major cities around the world.

The news was filled with commentary on the rescue of a group of miners in Chile. Either this story completely overshadowed the UFO story, or else (alas!) the "tentatively" promised events simply failed to happen. What more can we say??...

#### THE PASCAGOULA UFO ABDUCTION CASE REVISITED:

For those of you who are new in the Field, Pascagoula is not the name of a person, but rather the name of a town on the coast of Mississippi. (Your editor visited the shipyard there once, many years earlier.)

On October 11th, 1973, two men were fishing near Pascagoula at about dusk when they saw a low flying craft of some sort. Three humanoid-looking creatures, with movements like robots, exited the craft and carried the two terrified earthlings aboard. Like the Travis Walton case in 1975, this event occurred long before UFO abduction stories became commonplace.

The names of the fishermen were Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker. Hickson is still alive as far as we know, and he lectures occasionally on his weird experience. Parker, on the other hand, was hospitalized with some sort of nervous breakdown about three weeks later, and has not been heard of since. Some energetic UFO researcher definitely should try to find out just what happened to Parker after that. Seriously, inquiring minds would like to know!

Unlike most contactee and abduction cases, there was no communication, either verbally or telepathically, between the earthmen and the visitors. Nevertheless, Hickson later became convinced that they are not to be feared, and that they will make themselves known to us within a few years. Obviously this did not happen. Hickson also was going to write a book, and he was apparently involved with a book on this subject that was eventually published by the late Wendelle Stevens.

Hickson had no watch, and was so frightened that he does not know how long he and his companion were aboard the craft. The entities in question were a little over five feet tall, covered with wrinkled skin. (There is no mention in the article we recently read as to whether or not they wore clothes.) They had ears, pointed noses, and "sort of slits for mouths". (This strange characteristic of the aliens' mouths is noted in many other cases.)

After they were released by the aliens, the two men contacted local authorities to tell their story.

The article from which we are taking this write-up is from a newspaper in Fort Smith, Arkansas, dated Oct. 18th, 1975. Hickson was then in town to lecture to a UFO group. He had agreed to take a lie detector test while there, but backed out for reasons that are not clear. The late Phil Klass claimed that Hickson had earlier taken such a

#### MAN SAYS ALIENS TARGET HIM WITH METEORS

A Bosnian man says that the six times his home has been struck by meteors since November 2007 could not have possibly occurred naturally. The chances of that happening to one home within such a short period of time are literally astronomical, says Radivoje Lajic. He says he sold one of the stones from space to a Dutch university to help pay for reinforcing his roof with steel. Experts at Belgrade University have reportedly confirmed that all of the rocks he has shown them are meteorites. Lajic says all of the meteor impacts have been during heavy rainstorms, so he now huddles in fear every time it begins to rain. He says so many people have visited to see the remaining meteorite collection that he plans to put a small museum in his garden.

"I am obviously being targeted by extraterrestrials. I don't know what I have done to annoy them, but there is no other explanation that makes sense," Lajic said. Source: Rick Newman, *Earthweek Cleveland Plain Dealer* July 24, 2010.  
(Lifted from Rick Hilberg's "Weirdology")

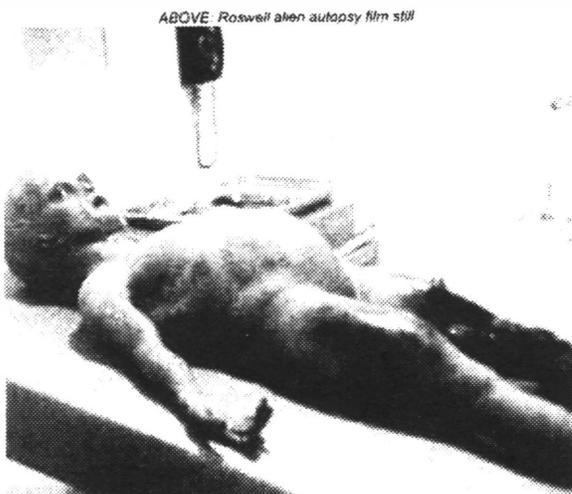
test in New Orleans and passed it, but the examiner was "uncertified and inexperienced". We do not know if Hickson eventually took another test. In any case, most experts agree that such tests are not infallible, and they are seldom if ever accepted in court.

We met Hickson once, at a UFO conference, somewhere. He was still lecturing occasionally at that time. He told us that he had become more spiritual as a result of his experience (as have many other contactees/abductees). He seemed to be a genuine Christian gentleman, and we were very favorably impressed...

The Travis Walton abduction, reviewed in our Aug. 30th 2010 issue, occurred in 1975, two years after Hickson's. We met Walton once also, and were very unfavorable impressed by him. It turns out that famed researcher Jerry Clark feels very strongly that the Walton incident is authentic, though we disagree.

On the other hand, Jerry has called our attention to a very recent posting on the "UFO Media Matters" website that purports to be from Travis Walton himself. This article contains info contradicting much of what we printed in our August issue, which had been put on the Net by someone claiming to be a nephew of an Arizona sheriff of that era. Apparently that writer was an imposter, but, on the other hand, how do we know that the new writer is really Walton? Says Jerry Clark: "It appears the latest Internet hoax claim is itself just another Internet hoax"....

### ROSWELL ALIEN AUTOPSY A 'MONEY-MAKING SCAM'



ABOVE: Roswell alien autopsy film still

ABOVE: The Roswell alien autopsy



Dave Hogan/Getty Images  
"Alien Autopsy" executive producers and real-life subjects Gary Shoefield and Ray Santilli

Hard-core Roswell fans will remember the notorious Alien Autopsy Film, which surfaced in England in 1995, in plenty of time for the July 1997 Roswell 50th anniversary extravaganza - which your editor attended.

The story was that a British film producer named Ray Santilli made contact with an aging American cameraman who had been sent by our government to Roswell, to film an autopsy performed on one of the aliens who (allegedly) died near there in the crash of a spaceship. Many rolls of film were taken, and somehow the cameraman managed to walk off with a few of them, which he finally decided to sell many years later.

Of course, it is utterly absurd to believe that Security for such a monumental event would be so lax!

The autopsy takes place in a tent somewhere near Roswell, and anyone at all familiar with such matters would notice immediately that standard procedures are not being followed. The most gruesome part is where the "doctor" scoops out the guts from the alien's stomach area, apparently using a spoon!

Santilli and co-conspirators soon admitted that the film as we see it now, has been "restored", as the original had been so badly damaged over the years by heat and humidity that it is almost useless. However, to this very day no one has ever seen what's left of the original. The only rational conclusion is that neither the original film nor the aging cameraman actually exist.

It is said that in the original, then-president Harry S. Truman can briefly be seen outside the tent, pressing his nose against a plastic window. Strangely, this scene does

not appear at all in the "re-creation".

We mention all this now because the production is currently in still another incarnation, after having been sold in video form and seen several times on television over the years, at great profit to the producers, no doubt. Now it is in the form of an admitted fictional comedy, in which Santilli and his sidekick Gary Shoefield are portrayed by well-known British comic actors. This is the story of how the film was obtained in America. Even now, the duo do not actually admit that the whole thing is a hoax, but anyone who doesn't realize it is just that, simply has an incredibly strong Will to Believe!

Truthfully, the Autopsy Video has, all along, made the alleged Roswell ET crash seem even more ludicrous than it actually is. It is for this reason that serious Roswell students, especially the True Believers, never even talk about it!

But Santilli & friends continue to have a well-paid ball with this, and they insist that they really do believe in aliens. Says Shoefield, "Both of us have had some experiences of meeting some very cool and strange people about what really goes on with aliens and humans, interactions with governments and God knows what else". He gives no specifics.

There is little doubt that, after all these years, these guys are still laughing all the way to the bank. What a wonderful thing it must be to make big money and have real fun at the same time!...

This is a mercifully brief "P.S." to our story on Page 4 of the last issue, about CSI (Center for Skeptical Inquiry) and its recently exiled founder & CEO Dr. Paul Kurtz. In that article we wondered why Kurtz was "put out to pasture" by his Board of Directors. An interesting article in the 10/2/10 New York Times tells us more. (Our thanks to Chris Roth for this):

In brief, the Board brought in a new man named Ronald Lindsay to partly replace the now 84 year old Kurtz, and there were clashes - about office discipline but more importantly, whether or not to promote atheism aggressively. Kurtz was apparently in favor of moderation and the new CEO was not. Finally Kurtz resigned completely but kept an office at Headquarters. Recently Kurtz stopped by Headquarters and noticed that the locks had been changed. The new guy told the Times that Kurtz did not need a new key, as "he has no connection with us."

From the above, we would tend to agree with Kurtz more than with the other guy. "Smear" readers probably don't much care one way or the other, and we really don't blame them...

ODE TO YE DRUIDS! (See the current newspaper article below):

Your editor is not a deeply religious person. But once in our misspent youth, we were hauled into a police station on some sort of drunk/disorderly charge. We can't remember why, but we were asked to fill out a form that included the question "Religion?" We arrogantly wrote "NONE". The officer became angry and sneered, "Everyone has to have a religion" - so we wrote "DRUID", and that was okay.

We don't really practice this religion, but it sounds like it is relatively harmless. At least the Druids have never started a modern war. (yet).

Several years ago there was a news article about a Druid princess seen dancing naked on top of one of the huge stones of Stonehenge, during one of their annual summer solstice ceremonies. Of course the police were watching, but they really couldn't do anything about it until she decided on her own to come down. Stonehenge is considered a delicate national heritage, and the British were really horrified.

That may be why, when your editor visited Stonehenge as a tourist in 1997, there was no smoking allowed even on the walkway around this historic relic, which is several yards away from it on all sides. Certainly Stonehenge must be carefully preserved, but we wonder if this isn't kind of overdoing it!

Long live the Druids!

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##### DRUIDS' FAITH RECOGNIZED AS RELIGION

LONDON — Druids have been worshipping the sun and earth for thousands of years in Europe, but now they can say they're practicing an officially recognized religion.

The ancient pagan tradition best known for gatherings at Stonehenge every summer solstice has been formally classed as a religion under charity law for the first time in Britain, the national charity regulator said Saturday. That means Druids can receive exemptions from taxes on donations — and now have the same status as such mainstream religions as the Church of England.

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LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR

Famed UFO historian JERRY CLARK writes as follows:

"I was aware of Wendelle Stevens' passing owing to news to that effect on 'UFO Updates', the major e-mail discussion list for UFO geeks. I encountered Stevens only once in my career but don't recall any conversation. I have a mental picture of him standing by the bar at some conference I attended, and that's about it.

"I have no doubt that the authorities arrested him for, and convicted him of, a serious crime of which he was indeed guilty - at least I have seen no evidence that would persuade me to the contrary. Anyway, it's not an issue I followed closely - but inevitably, some earnest souls are insisting that he was a victim of a Certain Intelligence Agency. If so, I have a hard time figuring out why it would bother, unless publishing really bad, virtually illiterate books has become a national security issue. Maybe, come to think of it, it should be...

"I was just reading, in the newly-arrived 'Smear', your remarks about John Stuart's 1963 book 'UFO Warning'.

"Actually, Stuart was not writing what he regarded as science fiction, as you speculate, nor did Gray Barker do much more than routine editing of the original manuscript, a copy of which I have in my possession. Years ago, New Zealand ufologist Murray Bott sent me all kinds of primary materials, including Stuart's correspondence with Barker and others, which demonstrate Stuart's sincerity. I don't know what to make of his story, which is really out there, but there is no question that he believed it.

"As I read through the materials, it occurred to me - as it does on occasion when I'm trying to piece together a bizarre episode - that only a literary (as opposed to a science) fiction writer could make sense of this stuff. Whatever else it may be, Stuart's is undeniably a human story first. Nor, I might add, a 'hilarious' one, as you have it, but in fact a rather sad one. The two individuals at the center of it, Stuart and Doreen Wilkinson, were clearly unhappy, tortured souls.

"A detailed reconstruction, based on both published and unpublished sources, appears on pages 834-838 of 'The UFO Encyclopedia', second edition"...

THE BIG CASHEW, a.k.a. GARY HEMPHILL, writes:

"Dear Commander Jim:

"Hope you are well. I have not noticed any reviews of 'Shades of Gray' in your cutting-edge periodical. 'Shades of Gray' is available at NETFLIX. You and Rick Hilberg are movie stars! I hope this sudden rise to stardom will not affect the high moral and ethical standards in reporting the ultimate Truth that readers of 'Saucer Smear' have come to expect. I will be watching for you at the OSCARS! Good luck!"

"Shades of Gray" is indeed a worthwhile effort, and we believe that our friend, the late Gray Barker, would be pleased by it. - Editor.

DR. CHRIS ROTH writes as follows:

"I have read with much interest the new 'Saucer Smear'. I was, for some reason, particularly interested in David Huggins' update, since I have always followed his story closely. He is among the contactees that I feel are sincere, even if what they are experiencing may not physically be what it appears to them to be. However, I must say that what he said to you is a bit worrying. Did it sound like he was resigned to this, that it was his way of announcing a planned suicide? It just sounds a little too Heaven's-Gate-ish for me! It is worth keeping an eye on him and keeping in touch with him...

"Your obituary for Wendelle C. Stevens was, I thought, thorough and balanced. I agree with you that too much was made of his sexual indiscretions, although, to be fair, we may never know exactly what went on there, and it could have been much worse for the girls than they let on..."

"'Robert the Haunted Doll' is going to be giving me nightmares!..."

"I have slightly more clippings for you than usual. The first is an obituary for Alvin Lawson, an English professor who was among the most outspoken with their skepticism

over the 1980s and '90s wave of UFO abduction reports...

"The National Press Club press conference of UFO whistleblowers is a story I have not been following in great detail, even though it has been picked up by Reuters, the Washington Post, and others, mostly because my eyes just glaze over whenever I hear about another of these press stunts from the naive 'disclosure movement' folks...

"I'm also enclosing a news article on Gliese 581g, the new 'Goldilocks' planet that has some of the right conditions for supporting some kind of life...

"Last is a review, from the Financial Times of London, of a book called 'Mirage Men' by Mark Pilkington, which is a more in-depth look at Richard Doty's disinformation campaign. The overall story is not new to those who follow the UFO topic, but this book looks as though it might have much more detail than has been published to date. I don't often buy brand-new UFO books, but I may just spring for this one..."

Our olde friend CHRISTOPHER ALLAN from beyond the Pond writes:

"You remarked about the Levelland, Texas, sightings of Nov. 2nd, 1957, and whether there was any 'weird connection' with the launch of Sputnik One, four weeks (not 'a very few days') earlier. In fact the first Levelland report occurred a mere one hour after the launch of Sputnik Two, with the first space dog, named Laika. Sputnik Two was actually launched on Nov. 3rd Russian time, but they did not announce it immediately, so there was no way anyone in the U.S. knew about it when the Levelland reports began. Laika survived only a day or two in orbit.

"You may recall there was some consternation and ill feeling toward the Russians from dog lovers. What I find interesting is that within a few days there were two or three UFO reports of 'dognappings' in the U.S. These were weird tales of UFO occupants wanting to kidnap domestic dogs from their owners. But after a very brief flap, they died out and have never occurred again since.

"I have often wondered if these strange stories were linked in some way to the general feelings about the dog aboard Sputnik Two. We shall never know! Several stamps were printed honoring Laika, but it was fifty years before the Russians finally built a small monument to honor the first dog in space.

Extremely interesting letter! We wish we knew a small fraction as much about British UFO events as Chris Allan knows about ours! - Editor.

RAY X of "the Ray X X-Rayer" ([www.xrayer.blogspot.com](http://www.xrayer.blogspot.com)) writes:

"Another ripping great read with the latest issue of 'Saucer Smear'. Keeping in mind that I'm a bad speller (or a good misspeller), I noticed this statement on Page 5, third paragraph from the top:

"'Arizona is a very harsh right-wing Law & Odor state.'

"Indeed! What kind of odor? Inquiring minds want to know..."

The odor of Repression! - Editor.

In one of his recent blog-rants, GENE STEINBERG of "The Paracast" writes as follows:

"...It appears that private citizens may have been complicit in advancing government UFO fakery. Take 'Saucer Smear' editor Jim Moseley, who, working with Gray Barker many years ago, spread all kinds of silliness designed to keep the UFO field alive when sightings apparently declined.

"Barker was the major force behind the growth of the 'Men in Black' legend, which later became fodder for a graphic comic book series and two popular movies. Neither Barker, who died in 1984, nor his estate, could claim rights to the MIB concept, however. After all, weren't they real people who went around silencing people who knew too much about the flying saucers?

"I remember one typical Moseley prank, back in 1966, when he telephoned the police department in a small New Jersey community and reported a sighting. Imagine our surprise when supposedly real UFO events occurred in the same region, Wanaque Reservoir N.J., several days later.

"At the time, some people regarded Moseley, the son of a well-known military figure who rose to prominence before World War II, as some sort of government plant who infiltrated the UFO field. However, it was also true that Moseley, a rebellious playboy who left Princeton long before he could get a degree, was not someone who tended to listen to authority. Or maybe that was his role to play, although, having known Jim for many years, I don't believe any of it..."

Your editor has never before been described as a "rebellious playboy". Egads! - Editor.

Roswell devotee JERRY LUCCI writes:

"As always, the new 'Smear' was a breath of musky air - the smell of ufoology growing old and more insane. Witness the new book by Nick Redfern. His new theory on Roswell is that this was a Trojan Horse planted by Satan. I kid you not!

"As for saucer spies, add Nick Pope to the growing list. I think in the coming year we will see more revelations concerning planned government deception, stretching back to the 1940s, and that the list of true unknowns will shrink significantly.

"As for Roswell, I am fairly certain that the craft was some type of secret project - Us, Soviets, Germans?? I think the smoking gun is the Schulgen collection memo (not the William Moore forgery) of October 1947, post Roswell. A careful reading will enlighten all to the fact that this was not an ET craft, but an advanced aircraft of some type. I have attached a copy of it for your use. Let me know what you think.

"In closing, a question for the great minds and readership of 'Smear': If our government believed or suspected that some UFOs were ET but were not threats, why issue shoot down/intercept orders? Were we really prepared to wage war with aliens?"

The October 1947 (General) Schulgen Memo says nothing at all definitive. As for Redfern's latest book, it is called "Final Events", and concerns "The Collins Elite", which was some sort of intensely Christian group within the government. Roswell was a staged event. Redfern tells us that he does not believe this information himself, and neither do we! Ed.

→ DR. TIM BRIGHAM writes as follows:

My thanks for your offer to serve as Smear 'co-editor/scientific consultant.' It is truly an honor, my old friend. To give your readers some idea about who I am, I present the following:

I received my PhD in Cognitive-Experimental Psychology from The University of Georgia. In the past my research work has focused on, among other areas, cognitive neuroscience and brain activations associated with memory (and errors in memory) and measures of altered states of consciousness (i.e. Persinger's 'Sensed Presence'). As you know, I have been intrigued by unusual phenomena since a young age, even briefly running my own 'zine with the now sadly deceased Brian Boldman. The first issue included an interview with the Supreme Commander himself! I studied Psychology because it is my firm belief that whatever unusual phenomena out there have some basis in reality outside the human mind (and though I am a reasonable skeptic, I do believe that some unusual phenomena indeed might) it will not be explained with a simple 'nuts and bolts' theory. To ever truly explain such phenomena, including Saucers, will require a much greater understanding of how our brains and minds are capable of producing such unusual consciousness states and interacting with external 'things' we do not as yet understand. For example, intriguing research on the Hallucinogenic DMT and (separately) Persinger's research on the medial temporal lobe of the brain, have well demonstrated that experiences outside of what we would consider normal, many of which are similar in ways to the Saucer phenomenon, can be caused by the complex interaction between our minds' and whatever may be out there acting as the catalyst. As we continue to explore such strange phenomena, we must adequately understand the way in which they seem to be capable of directly inducing the unusual experiences reported by so many.

Actually, Tim is a Contributing Editor. Welcome Aboard! - Editor.