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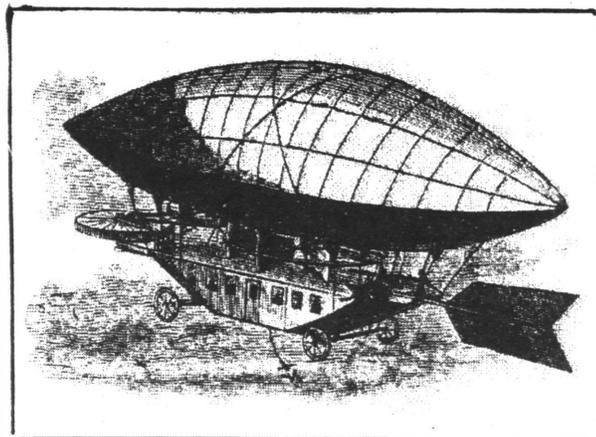
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**MYSTERY AIRSHIP FROM THIS COUNTRY'S
FIRST MODERN UFO FLAP. (See below).**

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TIMOTHY GREEN BECKLEY DOES IT AGAIN!

Tim Beckley's long-time Global Communications (a catchy title!) continues to grind out UFO-related literature, mostly in the form of 8½ by 11 softcover books.

The latest, which runs well over 200 pages, is called "The Secret Space Program: Who is Responsible? Tesla? The Nazis? NASA? or a Breakaway Civilization". Contributors include Beckley and his usual stable of assistants; Sean Casteel, Tim Swartz, and the mysterious "Commander X".

This book purports to answer questions such as: Did the Nazis land on the Moon and Mars during the final days of World War II? Have astronauts planted the Masonic flag on both these interplanetary (sic) bodies? Was the super scientist Nikola Tesla involved in the early development of this secret space program?

Although the answers to these questions is probably a resounding no, you will have to read the book in order to find out for sure!

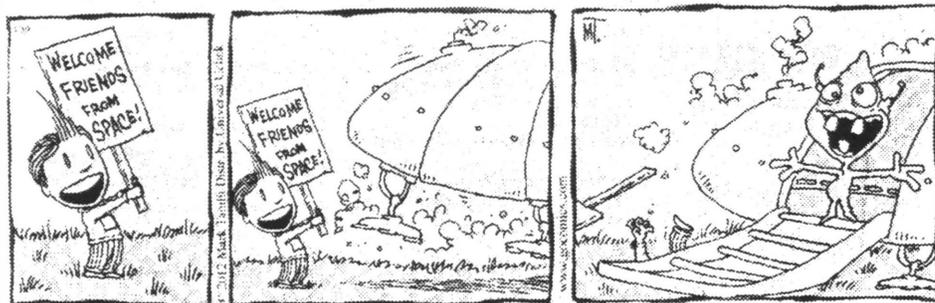
The illustration above is a drawing related to the famous 1896-1897 UFO flap, which began in California and gradually moved eastward across the country. We believe (as do Jerry Clark & many other researchers) that a lot of these sightings really happened and were truly mysterious.

This book can be obtained postage-free for a mere \$20 from Global Communications, P.O. Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903...

RANDI'S COMPANION BEATS THE RAP - SORT OF;

The following is an update on the article in our last issue about magician James Randi, who is also a well-known debunker of the psychic, etc. He and his Educational Foundation are headquartered in Plantation, Florida. This update was sent to us by Dr. Gary Posner of the Tampa Bay (Fl.) Skeptics.

LIO MARK TATULLI



MARKET RESEARCH SOURCE

TODAY'S NUMBER: 1,226
-- billionaires in the world as of March 2012, which set a new record both for number of billionaires worldwide and for their total net worth (\$4.6 trillion).

Procrastination day deferred

(Mishkin) Sunday, Aug. 27, Mar 2011

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Actually, our story was mainly about Randi's long-time companion, whose real name is Deyvi Pena, but who lived in the U.S. for many years under the stolen identity of a man named Jose Alvarez. Eventually Pena was caught and charged with identity theft. Randi helped get him out of jail on bail. Pena's trial was held last May 29th.

Instead of being sentenced to prison for two years, as the judge originally intended to do, Pena was let off with six months of house arrest followed by probation. Randi among others made passionate pleas in his behalf. However, Pena still faces eventual deportation as an illegal immigrant from Venezuela.

We of "Smear" approve of the light sentence. The government puts far too much energy into prosecuting relatively harmless illegal immigrants and "druggies", while large-scale financial crimes go relatively unpunished!...

"FATAL FLAW" AND OTHER PROBLEMS REGARDING RANDI'S "MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE";

Vince Ditchkus has kindly sent us a 4-page Net rant which gives all the complex rules & regulations that an applicant for the "Challenge" must comply with.

This "Challenge" was recently withdrawn for quite awhile, partly because well-known psychics were too smart to apply for it. As we understand it, the only applicants have been well-intentioned crackpots who sincerely believe they have psychic powers, but unfortunately really don't have any - at least not to any significant degree. Randi has a Preliminary Test that applicants must take and pass before going for the Big One. It appears that so far no one has passed this test. So it seems very probable that the money is forever safe!

The "Fatal Flaw" referred to above is this: One of the rules states: "If the prize is awarded, this would not mean that the James Randi Educational Foundation (JREF) acknowledges the existence of the supernatural. However, the JREF would publicly acknowledge that the claimant has met the Challenge". And, you do get the money (hopefully) at this point.

Thus, even in the extremely unlikely event that you win, the Foundation still won't admit that you have proven what you intended to prove!

Furthermore, there are two factors that really complicate the whole situation. First, "supernatural" is the wrong word, perhaps deliberately. The claimant is hopefully trying to prove the paranormal, which, if it exists, is within the limits of the natural world, rather than being a power that exists only in the context of unprovable religion.

Also, if we understand it correctly, the types of paranormal powers being tested here can theoretically never really be proven, by passing Randi's test or in any other way. If you "beat the odds" by a billion to one, any rational person would say that you have proven your point. But a cynic could say, "How do we know that if you continued long enough, you won't eventually go back down to what the "laws of chance" predict?" Thus, you would have to keep performing till the end of time (if there is one) to absolutely prove that your "billion to one" performance was not just a fluke, or temporary lucky streak, or whatever. Obviously, no one could ever live that long!

We have mentioned before that your Editor has personally experienced several fascinating examples of the paranormal. But, for various reasons, none of these could ever formally be proven. We strongly believe that the paranormal, as we of Planet Earth experience it, does exist, but not nearly reliably enough to ever win Randi's "Challenge", and he is intelligent enough to realize this!...

IS FAMED UFOLOGIST NICK REDFERN BEING PERSECUTED BY THE DREADED "MEN IN BLACK"?

A May 29th posting in "UFO Phenomenon - by Nick Redfern" tells us of recent frightening (?) incidents of having telephone interference whenever he tries to talk about the mysterious "Men in Black" UFO-related phenomenon.

The latest incident was during a 3-hour interview Redfern had on the famous "Coast to Coast" radio show. (Incidentally, your editor has never been on that program, having been unofficially informed that he is "too negative".)

To make a long story short, no less than three phones were needed for this one interview. As already noted, the same sort of thing has happened to Redfern before - always just when he was mentioning the subject of phone interference by the MIB. How can this be?

Says Redfern: "If this had happened only once or twice during the course of my MIB-themed research and interviews, I would put it all down to glitches in the phone connection and nothing else whatsoever." (italics ours.)

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O really?? How about the obvious strong possibility that the "glitches" were deliberately caused by the station's management, to boost ratings, etc? We wonder why this idea apparently never even crossed Redfern's mind!

Could such a cynical trick really be performed at a major radio station? The answer is a resounding yes. Probably your editor is the only living person who can swear to the following:

Some time around 1960, the late Gray Barker made one of his occasional trips from his home in West Virginia to the New York City area - among other reasons, to appear on the late Long John Nebel's all-night talk show on 50,000 watt clear channel radio station WOR. This program was very close indeed to the format of "Coast to Coast" in more recent times. Long John's guests that night/morning were Barker, your "Smear" editor, and one or two other panelists.

The topic was, in all probability, the original "Three Men in Black" story told by Albert K. Bender in 1953, in regard to the "closing down" of his International Flying Saucer Bureau (IFSB). Some time between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. (when the program was scheduled to end), the show suddenly went off the air prematurely, and music was then played till 5. John claimed that a very important but vaguely-defined individual had called into the control room and had given an order for this to be done. Indeed, just as with Redfern so many years later, the last words Gray Barker was allowed to say on the air was something specifically about "hush-ups".

It turned out that Long John (whom we secretly hated) had in all probability pulled this cheap publicity-seeking hoax without the permission of WOR's management. We can only surmise that he was told to straighten this mess out quickly, or else!

In any case, John ordered us to re-assemble the exact same group of panelists the next day, to finish up the program, thus proving (?) that there is no censorship on WOR. We all did as we were told. Of course we were not allowed to explain on the air just why we were doing this last part of the show over again one day later. And in any case, how did this crude ploy in any way prove that there is no censorship at WOR?? But that's exactly how this caper went down, as they say!...

Flying Saucers: The Greatest Lie Ever Told *Follow the Magic Thread*

James Carrion has a theory about the origin of flying saucers that is just as plausible as UFOs being of extraterrestrial origin. Carrion believes that flying saucers, including the Roswell experience, were very earthly in origin and in fact were the work of the United States government in an elaborate ploy to fool and intimidate the Soviets. While this theory could very well explain away a few sightings in the earlier years, it doesn't explain the thousands of sightings and experiences reported in the decades since then from all corners of the world. The government is shady and secretive but it lacks the simple manpower to continue a long-running hoax on such a massive scale.

Because of the strange ufological viewpoint described above, which we happen to disagree with, James Carrion resigned quite awhile ago as International Director of MUFON. We agree with the criticism here.

We have no new comments to make about David MacDonald, the colorful new MUFON International Director, discussed in our last issue.

**National Drugs policy
must be homegrown:
Police Commissioner Lui**

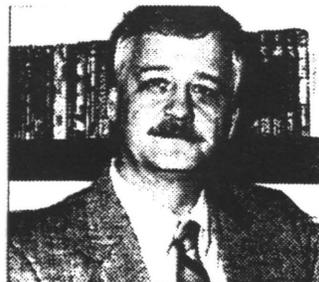
Yamatai Weekend, 19 Sept. 2009.

Kevin D. Randle

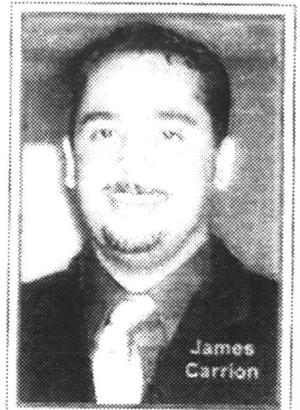


exact copy
of Wikipedia

Dr. Kevin D. Randle is a prominent ufologist. Within the UFO community he is often regarded as one of the preeminent experts on the reported crash of a UFO near Roswell, New Mexico in July 1947.



Kevin D. Randle



James Carrion

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Why Fortean?



Fortean Times is a monthly magazine of news, reviews and research on strange phenomena and experiences, curiosities, prodigies and portents. It was founded by Bob Rickard in 1973 to continue the work of Charles Fort (1874–1932).

Born of Dutch stock in Albany, New York, Fort spent many years researching scientific literature in the New York Public Library and the British Museum Library. He marshalled his evidence and set forth his philosophy in *The Book of the Damned* (1919), *New Lands* (1923), *Lo!* (1931), and *Wild Talents* (1932).

He was sceptical of scientific explanations, observing how scientists argued according to their own beliefs rather than the rules of evidence and that inconvenient data were ignored, suppressed, discredited or explained away. He criticised modern science for its reductionism, its attempts to define, divide and separate. Fort's dictum "One measures a circle beginning anywhere" expresses instead his philosophy of Continuity in which everything is in an intermediate and transient state between extremes.

He had ideas of the Universe-as-organism and the transient nature

of all apparent phenomena, coined the term 'teleportation', and was perhaps the first to speculate that mysterious lights seen in the sky might be craft from outer space. However, he cut at the very roots of credulity: "I conceive of nothing, in religion, science or philosophy, that is more than the proper thing to wear, for a while."

Fort was by no means the first person to collect anomalies and oddities – such collections have abounded from Greece to China since ancient times. **Fortean Times** keeps alive this ancient task of dispassionate weird-watching, exploring the wild frontiers between the known and the unknown.

From the viewpoint of mainstream science, its function is elegantly stated in a line from Enid Welsford's book on the mediaeval fool: "The Fool does not lead a revolt against the Law; he lures us into a region of the spirit where... the writ does not run."

Besides being a journal of record, **FT** is also a forum for the discussion of observations and ideas, however absurd or unpopular, and maintains a position of benevolent scepticism towards both the orthodox and unorthodox.

FT toes no party line.



DULL AND BORING
Residents of the tiny village of Dull in Perthshire, Scotland, are seeking to twin officially with the logging town of Boring in Oregon, USA. The link-up was due to be formally proposed in May to the Boring Community Planning Organisation, chaired by Steve Bates. It was the brainchild of Elizabeth Leighton from Grandtully in Highland Perthshire, who passed through Boring while on a cycling holiday and then enlisted the support of her friend Emma Burles, a Dull resident. "This could have real benefits," said Dull community councillor Marjorie Keddie. "Everyone has been smiling at the prospect of the eye-catching road sign this will require." Boring (named after an early resident, William H Boring) has a population of around 12,000 while Dull consists of a handful of houses on the north side of the Tay valley. STV-TV, D/Telegraph, BBC News, 24 April 2012.

FROM FT

The above should be considered a free ad for Great Britain's fabulous **Fortean Times**, which your editor reads non-religiously every month. We also abduct (for "Smear") small items therefrom, such as weird headlines and "Sidelines". The former are accidentally misleading headlines from here & there, and the latter are just plain oddities of various sorts from around the world. We assure you that this zine is not dull or boring!

We would like to tell you how to subscribe to **FT**, which has published 290 issues since 1979. The only incomprehensible part of **FT** is the column where the subscription info should be obvious; but it isn't. The price for twelve monthly issues sent to the USA is \$79.99, which is shockingly close to \$80! Where to send it? We don't know, but try mailing a valid check in U.S. dollars to: Dennis Publishing, 30 Cleveland Street, London W1T 4JD, U.K. We are confident that they will find something constructive to do with it.

"Smear" receives **FT** on an even exchange, which is nice indeed, as the size and quality of the two are very different. Like, **FT** has full color and 80 pages, and we don't. - Your editor lectured at the annual **FT** convention in London in 1997 and again in 2002, and became friendly with the noble editors at that time, who were (and still remain) Bob Rickard and Paul Sievering. The present editor-in-chief, whom we do not know, is named David Sutton...

Aztec, New Mexico

— a crash story

reexamined - PART ONE

In 1950, in a best-selling book titled *Behind the Flying Saucers*, entertainment columnist Frank Scully reported that a spaceship had crashed on a rocky plateau east of Aztec, New Mexico, and the U.S. Air Force recovered it and the bodies of its occupants, 16 small humanlike beings dressed in the "style of 1890." Scully's source for this remarkable tale was a "Dr. Gee," identified as a government scientist. A subsequent investigation by J. P. Cahn, a writer for *True* magazine, found that Scully's informants were Leo A. GeBauer ("Dr. Gee") and Silas Newton, veteran confidence artists, and their saucer story was part of an elaborate swindle to peddle bogus oil-detection equipment to unsuspecting buyers. In the 1980s, as ufologists turned their attention to a question they had long ignored because of the Scully fiasco, some suggested that perhaps the Aztec case deserved another look. The result was a 625-page book, *UFO Crash at Aztec*, written by William S. Steinman and Wendelle C. Stevens and published privately in 1987. Its title notwithstanding, only a part of the volume deals directly with the event. That section is written by Steinman, with Stevens padding the rest of the book with other tales of crashes and conspiracies. According to Steinman, GeBauer and Newton were railroaded by an unscrupulous journalist and a sinister government agency "determined . . . to set an example for anybody else who might decide to divulge information . . . and to divert public attention completely away from the story of the crashed saucers and little bodies." Chapter 6 of the book consists of Steinman's account of what he found when he went to Aztec to investigate personally. In what follows, the authors take issue with Steinman's version of events.

Neither the Scully book nor the Steinman book is persuasive. The critical information each presents is questionable. Everyone we contacted in Aztec, especially the older people who were adults in March of 1948, is certain that no crash ever took place. It is clear that the flying-saucer-crash story is part of Aztec's folklore but not its history.

GUESTS at a dinner party lost their appetites for a long time after one of them found the bodies of their host's wife and 12-year-old son in a basement freezer.

Didier Charron, 42, of Verviers, Belgium, was arrested after the weeks-old remains of his wife Chantal and son Bryan were discovered by a helpful female guest who was just trying to put some leftovers on ice.

Having failed to solve the Miracle of Fatima mystery (or any other), your Editor moves on to the intriguing story of an alleged UFO landing in Aztec, N.M. in early 1948, just a few months after the much better-known Roswell event. We say "landing", because supposedly the saucer was barely damaged at all, though the 16 little men inside were all dead. They are said to have looked just like small humans except for mysteriously darkened skin, old-fashioned clothes, and "perfect teeth".

The text at your left is from a 1991 article in "International UFO Reporter", written by William Jones and Rebecca Minshall. We have never heard of the latter, but Jones was and still is the distinguished MUFON state director for Ohio. This item was kindly sent to us by Jerry Clark.

We read Frank Scully's book when it first came out in 1950. That year also saw the publication of Major Donald Keyhoe's first book "Behind the Flying Saucers", and a long forgotten but very interesting tome by a man named Gerald Heard, called "Is Another World Watching?". Heard's conclusion, incidentally, was that the ufonauts are highly intelligent bees from another planet. He believed that if they were not built like insects, they could never withstand the G-force of their high-speed right angle turns.

In preparation for the article you are now reading, we have re-read Scully's book; read the two expose articles by J.P. Cahn from *True Magazine*, 1952 & 1956; plus the brand-new book "The Aztec Incident" by Scott Ramsey and others; plus recent blogs by Kevin Randle and also by documentary-maker Paul Kimball. The commentary by Kimball is excellent, by the way, and we will discuss some of it later. He, Jones, Randle, Clark, and many other leading researchers believe Aztec is a dreadful hoax. Among the ufological elite, only Stan Friedman believes it to be true, and shamefully he has written a glowing introduction to "The Aztec Incident".

We confess that we have never read or even seen Steinman's 1987 book. It is 625 pages long, mostly devoted to other subjects. Even without this book, we have recently accumulated so much material on Aztec that we can only give you a relatively few bits and pieces of it.

Incidentally, our thanks to Jerry Clark, Lance Moody, and Curt Collins for each sending us copies of the two Cahn articles. We will be glad to send out 2 of our 3 sets free on loan to deserving "Smear" non-subscribers.

The 1948 Aztec event (if any) was re-searched by Steinman in the early 1980s and

by Ramsey in the 1990s and thereafter. Similarly, the first book about Roswell, by Moore & Berlitz, did not appear till 1980. These researchers, coming onto the scene thirty or more years after the event, were bound to get testimony that was at times contradictory, confusing, or just plain made up.

In late 1953 and early 1954, your editor spent several weeks on an unscripted open-minded investigative trip across the U.S. by car, from New York City to southern California and back. This trip turns out to have been unique; and we still have our approximately 140 pages of single-spaced 8½ by 11 inch typewritten notes. Our aim was to interview as many as possible of the people who at that time were prominent in ufology in one way or another - UFO sighters, authors, contactees, pilots, government officials, scientists, and whoever else might have something important and interesting to say.

Actually, the only concrete thing to come out of these notes was our definitive expose of contactee George Adamski, which we published in a special issue of our Saucer News in 1957. We also used some of the other material in "Shockingly Close to the Truth".

Among the many people we interviewed were Frank Scully in Los Angeles and Silas Newton at his residence in Denver, Colorado. By wild co-incidence, we met Newton on the very same day that a local newspaper headlined; "Doodle Bug Pair Guilty". This was on December 29th, 1953. "Doodle Bug" refers to the apparently fraudulent device that Newton and his partner Leo GeBauer had used in their oil-detecting schemes. These schemes had nothing directly to do with flying saucers, but told something important about their character.

On the same trip we went to Farmington, New Mexico, where one day in 1950 many people had seen multiple UFOs over the town in broad daylight. Only very recently did we realize that Farmington is only about fifteen miles from Aztec! Had we thought of it, we could easily have spent a few days in & around Aztec, trying to get to the bottom of Scully's story. 1953 was only about five years after the alleged landing - rather than 30 years or more, as with Steinman and later Ramsey.

There is no doubt that at that time, even a brief first-hand investigation would have clearly solved the Aztec case one way or another!

Why didn't we do this? Frankly, we just assumed it was a hoax, not worth bothering with. Now we wish we had taken the time to at least look into the matter, given such a wonderful opportunity!...

Frank Scully mentions several times in his book (and so does Ramsey) a "System of Nines" that the Space People apparently use in their mathematics. Here on Earth, we mainly use a System of Tens, based on Arabic numerals and the fact that most people have ten fingers. Perhaps the ufonauts have only nine fingers!

There are two horrible flaws in Scully's account of the "System of Nines". First, he refers to inches and feet, which is ludicrous. Only a former British colony such as the U.S.A. would persist in using these archaic measurements rather than the metric system.

Secondly, he assumes falsely that a "System of Nines" would lead to dimensions ending in the number 9 or a multiple of 9. Such a theory is "off the wall", to put it mildly. Long ago when we first read Scully's book, this concept, more than any of his other wild claims, convinced us that the whole Aztec story must be nonsense. Here is an exact quote from Scully. It refers to the 2nd of 4 UFO landings that he claimed had recently occurred in various places:

" 'Dr. Gee' says everything about the ships worked out in nines or multiples of nine. Typical was the second ship. It was 72 feet in diameter. Its cabin was 18 feet across and 72 inches high. September has nine letters and is the ninth month. There are nine planets in our solar system. Every ninth wave according to 'Dr. Gee' that beats on every shore on this planet is larger than the other eight. Check on this yourself and see if he's right..."

We spoke to Scott Ramsey by phone recently, and asked him about the "System of Nines". He brushed the subject off as unimportant. He either doesn't know or doesn't care about the problem!

This brings us to the travesty of spaceships traveling by means of "magnetic lines of force". But that's quite enough for now! More next time...

**Autism May Be More
Common Than Thought**

HealthDay News, 5 Oct 2009.

**Savage will be
dinner speaker**

**Devil told: Don't
go out at night**

Metro, 16 July 2009.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

Researcher CURT COLLINS refers below to detailed notes we made back in 1953-1954, of a saucer-hunting trip all around the country:

"...Something else mentioned in your notes is interesting - comments about Major Keyhoe dismissing the Aztec UFO landing story as a hoax. Frank Scully seemed to support much of what Keyhoe was promoting (i.e., interplanetary saucers & government cover-up), so it would seem that he would easily fall in with him. It is amazing, considering the shaky things that Keyhoe was willing to believe, that he was able to sniff the Aztec story out as phony.

"This new book from the Ramseys only has a print run of about a thousand, and there are plans for them to release it digitally as an e-book later. I doubt that many people, even UFO buffs, will bother with it; but just the fact that the book exists will lend some more credibility to the legend.

"It occurs to me that Aztec is perhaps the most definitely disproved saucer story of all time. Anyone choosing to support it has a champion-level will to believe!"

Yes, that's True Believer Stan Friedman! - Editor.

And, the above-mentioned STAN FRIEDMAN writes:

"With regard to (Dr. Donald) Menzel, it is perfectly clear that you know almost nothing about national security matters, especially with regard to Menzel. As I noted in 'Top Secret / Majic' there are hundreds of pages of testimony from his national security related loyalty hearings. All testified as to his total reliability in security matters and his non-sharing of classified data. I will enclose a couple of copies of letters he wrote to JFK. Note the discretion. If he wouldn't talk about classified matters to Senator (later president) Kennedy, he certainly wouldn't have talked about classified matters to Dr. Taves, or his wife, colleagues, or friends. Jim, that's just the way it is, like it or not!..."

Thus, Friedman believes that Menzel wrote several strongly anti-UFO books in spite of knowing the Truth (?) about an ET crash at Roswell. This is extremely hard for us to swallow! - Editor.

Our olde ufological friend RICK HILBERG writes as follows:

"Thanks for the latest 'Smear'. Well, you certainly handled the MacDonald / MUFON situation in a very conservative, journalistic fashion. I don't see any way that anyone could accuse you of 'stirring up trouble'. I'm curious to see the reaction to your piece by the greater MUFON community.

"I love those old 1950s sightings and close encounters. There sure was a lot of weirdness breaking loose in Europe - especially France - way back in 1954. And a 'Heinz 57 variety' of 'Ufonauts' to choose from, also!..."

Researcher HAL PATTEE writes:

"That a story as absurd as Fatima could have such a shelf life indicates an emptiness that far too many people feel in their lives!

"I've always heard that people who were over 100 miles from Fatima saw a strange show of lights. I've never seen any evidence that any of the world's astronomers saw anything unusual that day, and I've always heard that there were those right there at the Fatima site who claim they saw absolutely nothing unusual happen that day.

"And finally, what about the great sealed prophecy that Vatican officials kept hidden until the turn of the century? You know, the one that made Paul VI faint when he was allowed a glimpse of it? It supposedly foretold the attempt on the life of John Paul II.

"The story is a dud, and so is official theology!"

Your editor is a hard-core non-believer in religion; but something very weird did occur-Ed.

Researcher ANTHONY BRAGALIA writes as follows, regarding the new Roswell "Dream Team", of which he is a member:

"Mr. Tim Printy has three times made public comments to the effect that if the Roswell 'Dream Team' uncovered evidence of the Roswell crash event as being prosaic and terrestrial, that we would not release such findings.

Our sole motivation and obligation, Mr. Printy, is to truth and to history. We will go where the evidence guides us, no matter what is at the end of the path. To imply or insinuate that we would lie or cover up such a thing repulses me and says volumes about you.

"Rather than wait the months (or years) that it may take us to complete and make the results of our investigation known, Mr. Printy sees fit to be a prognosticator and name-caller. Mr. Printy has admitted to me that he has personally barely made a call in his life to a witness, and yet he has the gall to tell me and others how I will report on witness calls and other investigative efforts.

"What is astounding, Mr. Printy, is that in the hundreds of contacts made to vets and other witnesses - not one has ever mentioned having seen a balloon at the crash site (except for liar Sheridan Cavitt)!"

Dreaded skeptic TIM PRINTY writes:

"I decided to respond to Stanton Friedman's article on-line simply because I felt he was wrong about a few things and I needed to correct them. I am still waiting for evidence that UFOs are alien spaceships, which is what he claims to present.

"I am not sure if you are aware that one of the 'top ten UFO cases' selected by UFOlogists (one of whom was the above-mentioned Stanton Friedman), has been thoroughly debunked. It involved a mass sighting of a 'mother ship' by some people in the Yukon back in 1996. Research revealed that the UFO was actually a re-entering rocket booster from a Soviet launch the day before. The data is pretty convincing..."

If one of the "top ten" cases was a dud, that still leaves nine good ones! - Editor.

from "UFO Updates", June 1st, 2012 ↙

Right now I'm reading John Alexander's very interesting book and finding his contribution intriguing and thought-provoking, helping me to clarify my own impressions of what we're up against in this very difficult enterprise.

Thus, I try to stay modest in the face of new claims that aren't at least obviously crazy or rooted in conspiracy theory or demonology. I encourage others to do the same. We're dealing with phenomena of extraordinary complexity, well beyond current knowledge to all appearances. That being the case, provisional hypotheses are to be preferred to ones cast in concrete.

Jerry Clark

We happen to agree strongly with Clark's statements here. - Editor.

To Our Fans:
Thanks for your good wishes, re health. We will keep you updated!

• PUBLIC OPINION
80 MILLION AMERICANS SAY UFOS EXIST

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LOS ANGELES — Not only do more than 80 million Americans believe that UFOs exist, many are not afraid of an alien drop-in, according to a study. As part of its *Chasing UFOs* series, the National Geographic Channel conducted a poll to assess Americans' views on the paranormal. The study found that 11 percent of those polled firmly believed they had spotted a UFO. In addition, most of those polls said they would regard a minor alien invasion as only a minor inconvenience. And most expect the visitors to be "ET"-type friendly.

THE WORLD ALMANAC

MONDAY, July 2, 2012

In 1947, an object that the Air Force called a weather balloon crashed near Roswell, N.M., giving rise to theories that it might be an alien spacecraft.



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