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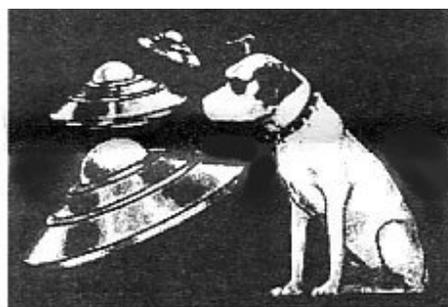


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SMEAR IS GETTING BETTER THAN EVER, OR AT LEAST WE THINK SO

Why is "Smear" getting better, you might ask? It's because we are no longer at the disadvantage of not being on the cursed Net! ("Smear" is available there, thanks to Steve Mansee, who does all the work.) Now, our esteemed new contributing editor Vince Dttchkus sends us dozens of Net items every month, from which we choose those we like best. There's always more than enough good stuff to easily fill eight pages. Previously, fans sent us occasional Net items, but never in quantity or on a regular basis.

So - if there's an "X" after your name on the envelope in which you received this issue (or even if there isn't!), we would greatly appreciate a renewal of your non-subscription. "Smear" will alsys run at a financial loss no matter what you do, but we try to keep the loss within reason.

Please make checks or money orders payable to the editor by name, and may the Space People (if any) bless you! We also accept cash, gold coins, stamps, Euros, or whatever else you have handy.

One final note: Your humble editor, though doubtlessly immoral, is nevertheless not immortal. At age 75 we have to start thinking about the Succession, if any. The late Karl Pflock expressed interest, but now we are in touch with an intellectual/academic type fellow who seems really enthusiastic about taking over the "Smear" desk when the time seems right. We will tell you more about him - including his name - in a near-future issue of this zine.

Merry Xmas to all of you - friend and foe alike; and as we try to remember every year at this time, our warmest memories go out to the late, great Gray Barker, wherever he may be now.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- **The MUFON UFO Journal seems to print really wild material for a few months in a row, and then prints more reasonable stuff for the next few months. Currently they are in the conservative portion of their cycle. The lead story in the November 2006 issue actually deserves very serious attention:**

It seems that on the night of April 18th of this year, a 15-year-old boy named Evan Briese observed strange lights flashing beyond a ridge on his family's North Dakota ranch. When he got closer, he saw that the lights belonged to a wedge-shaped object on the other side of a cattle pond. A light beam from the front of the object was sweeping the area. There were three double-convex windows on the side of the object, emitting a bluish light which was reflected on the surface of the pond. Later, depressions from "landing pods" were found in the grass!

When Evan and his dog got too close, the craft lifted off the ground, rose a bit further, and made a "jack-brake" sound as it moved out of the area. Later examination indicated that the impressions made by the "landing pods" were separated by 34, 35, and 25 feet, forming a triangle. Other tangible evidence was located at the landing site.

Strangely, a mutilated cow was very nearby, but it had been dead for months and appears to be unrelated to the UFO landing. The incoming (new) director of MUFON, James Carrion, is personally taking part in the investigation, so we know the above facts are authentic. (On the other hand, retired MUFON czar Walt Andrus fell for at least a couple of dreadful hoaxes in his day, proving that such officials are far from infallible!)

Your "Smear" editor is a long-time member of the MUFON organization, and has reached the exulted rank of Journal Subscriber ("J.S."), which we proudly write after our name on the masthead of every issue. For awhile we were a Section Director for MUFON, for our county in Florida, but shamefully we did no work at all, and were discontinued in that post.

- **Sadly we learn that legendary author & New Age philosopher Robert Anton Wilson is near death in his Capitola, California apartment, where he has lived alone since the death of his wife. Wilson was co-author of "The Illuminatus Trilogy" in 1976, and also wrote some thirty other books. Like John Keel, most of his literary output was in his younger years, for some reason, so that now as he approaches The End, he is in serious financial difficulties. These difficulties have been alleviated very recently by an outpouring of support from fans and friends - via the internet. His daughter told us by phone that he is under the care of Hospice.**

We heard Wilson speak once, at a Fortean convention in Maryland, and talked to him several times by phone. Although we never really met, for several years Wilson reacted to almost every issue of "Saucer Smear" by sending us pithy comments by mail, which we always proudly printed. Finally he became disillusioned with us. As a so-called Futurist, he felt that snail mail was obsolete, and gradually stopped writing.

Bob Wilson was a close friend of the late hippie guru Timothy Leary. We once published a photo of Leary and Wilson together at Leary's final drug orgy, where a circle of friends gave Leary a fitting send-off to the next world, if any. Wilson will go out in a less spectacular way, but he will not be alone, and he will not soon be forgotten.

There is still time to send your thoughts and/or donations to Wilson at Box 3561, Santa Cruz, California 95063.

- Now for the complex story of a man who calls himself Dr. Jonathan Reed. His career as a contactee began in October, 1996 when he and a friend amazed Art Bell's listeners with the tale of a unique alien encounter that occurred about a year earlier. The reason the encounter is still timely is that there is a current expose of the story, in totally excessive detail, on the infamous web site known as ufowatchdog.com. This is the same web site that Bigfootologist Erik Beckjord closed down briefly, as explained in our last issue.

Dr. Reed's alien experience occurred in a Washington State forest, where a grey-looking alien killed and disintegrated his dog. The good Doctor then killed the alien with a stick. Reed has video and photos of the alien and a small nearby UFO, which he calls an "obelisk". He later took the dead creature home and stored it in his freezer. The alien eventually came back to life and there were many other serious complications, too long to go into here.

Royce J. Myers III, proprietor of ufowatchdog.com, has thoroughly exposed every aspect of this story. Reed is not a psychologist as he claims to be, nor does he have any degrees at all. Actually, Reed is not even his real name. He is Jonathan Rutter, as identified by several people who knew him at various stages of his life. And his video and photos are all fake. Several ufological investigators continue to stick by the story, but this situation may soon change.



Reed (alias Rutter) has been on the Art Bell radio show at least seven times, and Whitley Strieber, who is associated with the program, has been supportive of his claims. Also very supportive is famed Mexican ufologist Jaime Maussan, shown above with Reed on a Mexican television station. We expect Art Bell to promote nonsense, but we are a little disappointed in Maussan who, like Bell, makes a living from this kind of stuff, and has an international reputation. Obviously Maussan has absolutely no motive to investigate and/or debunk even the wildest UFO evidence, because his livelihood depends on public acceptance of the stories and videos he presents!

We can't resist pointing out that a dead-alien-in-the-freezer-who-comes-back-to-life is not the kind of evidence that is likely to encourage the general public to take flying saucers seriously. Royce Myers is a thorough, hard-hitting debunker of crap, but even he will never be able to clean up the UFO field. We admire him, however, for trying...

Remember the famous "Face on Mars", photographed by NASA's Viking I orbiter on July 25th, 1976. This was the image that bent researcher Richard Hoagland (and many others)

out of shape. NASA correctly interpreted the image as an optical illusion caused by the illumination angle of the Sun, the formation's surface morphology and the resulting shadows, giving the impression of eyes, nose and mouth. Later photos of the same area, such as the very recent one below, fail to show any face at all!



The original "Face on Mars" photo, which left some speculating whether the red planet once harboured intelligent beings.



New photos have shown the "Face on Mars" to be an illusion. The face became famous 30 years ago when NASA published its photograph taken by the Viking 1 space probe.

But don't feel bad if you were fooled. Many years ago your humble "Smear" editor believed in the canals on Mars, which also turned out to be an optical illusion. Other such illusions include Erik Beckjord's Bigfoot photos and many of the religious images found on walls, etc. Remember that if something is too good to be true, it usually isn't.

Many researchers, including Paul Kimball, whom we respect, still hold out hope for life on Mars. So do we. But it is more likely to be helpless little microbes rather than intelligent pyramid builders!...

- We're starting to think that Russian UFO sightings & opinions are much more sensational than average, but maybe we're wrong. Anyhow, a recent net posting tells of an undated flying saucer crash in Saudi Arabia, during the "Desert Storm" war a few years back. The source for this is a "senior Russian official" named Colonel Gregor Petrokov. The apparent UFO was shot down by an American F16.

Col. Petrokov and a small Russian team were able to inspect the wreckage before American forces from Desert Storm arrived at the scene. It seemed to be a relatively small craft, about 15 feet in diameter. There were three chairs in it, so small that they seemed to have been made for children,

"Evidently space aliens are only about three feet tall", says the report. There were no bodies at the crash site, nor did there appear to be an engine in the mystery object.

The American missiles apparently had scored a direct hit on the engine, causing it to disintegrate. Saudi radar technicians claimed that their instruments didn't show anyone ejecting from the UFO. Search helicopters were all over the area, which is desert, and they did not spot any survivors in the vicinity of the craft. Petrokov's team was able to sneak

pictures without the knowledge of the Saudis or the Americans, but he was ordered to turn them over to Russian authorities the next day. Petrokov goes on to say that American Army engineers gathered up all the debris and carted it away for shipment to the U.S. (Our thanks to Chris Roth for this one.)

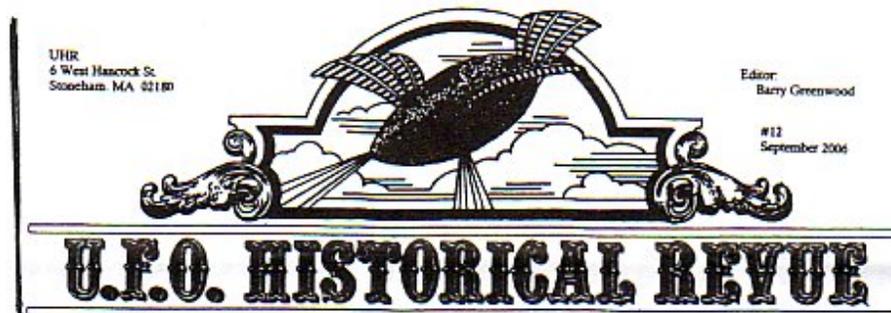
This is an old case, though it was very recently on the internet. Possibly many researchers already know about it, but it is new to us....

- We are sorry to report the demise of Barry Greenwood's "U.F.O. Historical Revue" whose jazzy masthead appears here. Greenwood has been in the UFO field for many years. In 1984 he started a zine called "Just Cause", and ended it in 1998 after 51 issues. In that year he resigned, for complex reasons, from CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy), which was a leading research organization of that era. In 1984 he co-authored a very worthwhile UFO book called "Clear Intent".

Since 1998 Greenwood has been publishing his "Revue". The latest and last issue features several very interesting UFO cases from the 1910-1920 decade - cases which otherwise would probably never see the light of day.

In his last editorial and also in a long personal letter to us, Greenwood bemoans the declining interest in the flying saucer subject, and he has several other complaints. There is some truth in all his remarks, but basically it is he himself who is "burned out" on the subject. Really, there are as many weird UFO and paranormal cases reported now as there ever was, but the endless repetition of unproven claims has, admittedly, turned off a lot of the press & public.

Greenwood is a sincere, conservative researcher, and his retirement from print publication is most definitely a significant loss to the UFO field. Others who make wild, unproven claims will of course press on. As for Greenwood, after all these years he has no firm opinion about the origin of UFOs, except to say that they are, indeed, unidentified objects!



-We have told you that the September 2006 issue of "UFO Magazine" marked their gala 20th anniversary, but egads, the celebration continues right into the October issue, and perhaps even beyond that! All the principals of this steamy zine have written long-winded "Looking Back" articles, which only they themselves could really enjoy reading. Hopefully, no one will break an arm patting himself/herself/itself on the back!

The cover is a montage of over one hundred UFO personalities - some deceased, some unknown. It breaks our heart to tell you that your "Smear" editor is not among them.

Two articles, however, are of interest. One is about the long and successful career of our good friend Timothy Green Beckley, of Inner Light Publications and Global Communications. Beckley has been grinding out wild stuff from New York City for lo these many years.

The other article is a put-down of the International UFO Museum at Roswell, written by a long-time Museum associate named Dennis Balthaser. He recounts the same sort of material we have heard (and printed) from our "Roswell Insider" Dave Swink. In essence, the Museum's attendance, etc., peaked out at the 50th Anniversary celebration in 1997, and has

been going slowly downhill ever since. (After all, how much hot air can you get out of a Mogul Balloon??) Apparently Museum director Julie Shuster deserves much of the credit for this decline. Maybe the 60th anniversary, next year, will reverse the trend, but probably not!

Rumor has it that the Eckers - Don & Vicki - will soon retire from "UFO Magazine". More on this later....

THE 2006 NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE (NUFOC) HAS BEEN CANCELLED THUS COMETH THE END OF AN ERA!

We have just learned that the 43rd NUFOC, scheduled for December 1st-3rd in San Diego, California, has been cancelled by Lisa Davis, who is currently the executive director of that organization. She now states that she plans to hold a convention in San Diego in December of next year.

Unfortunately this breaks the series of annual conclaves that began in Cleveland, Ohio way back in 1965. The founders were Rick Hilberg, Allan Greenfield, and the late Al Manak. Your "Smear" editor was chairman from 1971 until he turned the reins over to Ms Davis two years ago. Through the years, he was a speaker at every convention but one.

Last year's convention in Hollywood, California, lost a great deal of money, but Ms Davis seemed enthusiastic to try again. Personal problems including a "messy" divorce may have intervened. Unfortunately Ms Davis changed the intended dates and location 3 or 4 times in the course of this year, began publicity late, and sent out contradictory information about the con! No wonder it seemed headed for disaster when she finally threw in the towel.

We wish Ms Davis well, but if there really is a December 2007 convention, we don't think it should be considered part of the NUFOC series. All good things must come to an end, as they say. We will attend, however, if invited.

NEWS BRIEFIES

- On October 12th, Roswell researcher Don Schmitt gave another of his many lectures about the famed Roswell Incident. This time he was in Detroit, Michigan, accompanied by Julie Shuster, director of the International UFO Museum at Roswell. Ms Shuster was there to "showcase items from the Museum". Does this mean that Museum exhibits are now taken on the road, like a traveling carnival?

We also wonder if there is a romantic link between these two Roswell celebrities. More Sex & Saucers??

Finally, we have not received a Museum newsletter in a very long time, though your editor remains a Member. Have we been secretly expelled? We dare not ask!...

This item from Germany is entitled "2051 space oddity: TV station aims at an alien audience". Two naked television presenters are hosting the first program conceived for aliens. It is broadcast to a star in the Big Dipper, 45 light years away. Thus the message will arrive there in the year 2051, and a reply can be expected in 2096!

The hosts of the show will explain how the human body is created, thus justifying their own nakedness, and they will talk about the main elements of everyday human life. The station has a clear message for aliens who view it: "We have seen your crop circles. Stop by and say hello."

We assume this is a serious story, though it also could be tongue-in-cheek....

The Reverend Doctor Frank E. Stranges has just sent us a beautiful poster showing the interior layout of Val Thor's "starship". Val is a very handsome spaceman who is the hero of Stanges' best-selling book, many years ago, called "Stranger at the Pentagon". In recent months Stranges has been trying to obtain financing for a motion picture based on this book - so far without success.

Meanwhile, we facetiously wrote Dr. Stranges asking why Val Thor's private quarters within the spaceship are so large, and he gave us a serious reply: "The Commander's quarters are actually divided into two parts. The second part is for visitors who spend one or more nights. In essence, there is a division that separates the two. Of course, the Commander's portion is still the largest."

Stranges also complains that ufologists Stanton Friedman and Glenn Campbell (of "Area 51" fame) have been "bad-mouthing" him. He gives no details....

- This one is very unusual, to say the least: Several weeks ago, a policeman in Monterrey, Mexico was on a routine patrol near a graveyard, when "suddenly someone started pelting me with stones. Then I saw two people with wings and wrinkled faces. I was so scared that I got into my squad car. I could hear them laughing in an ugly way, while flying a short distance. I thought they were witches. I saw them very close."**

The officer called for backup, and several police officers soon arrived at the scene. The policeman, still scared, was taken to a nearby medical center, where he later recovered from this severe shock.

Witnesses to this event stated that they do not know for sure if two witches were involved, but they are certain that they have no explanation for the phenomenon...

- A German lawyer says he hopes to drum up more business by pursuing compensation claims for people who believe they have been abducted by aliens. Jens Lorek is a lawyer based in the eastern city of Dresden, who specializes in social and labor law; and he hopes to expand his client base by taking on this unusual work. He has yet to win any abduction cases, but says there are plenty of potential clients, as "extraterrestrial watchdogs" report scores of alien abductions every year.**

A German law grants kidnap victims the right to sue for compensation, and alien abductions could be construed as kidnappings. Mr. Lorek is not worried, he says, about the prospect of looking ridiculous in pursuing these claims.

PRESS TIME TIDBITS

Your humble editor is currently in the process of MOVING. We will still be in Key West, and our mailing address will remain the same. Also the phone numbers, hopefully ...

A leading seller of UFO books, DVDs, etc. is planning to sell back issues of "Smear", covering the past twelve years. During those years the zine has been available free on the Net, but at a very obscure site. Our new contact is named Tim Crawford, and he works out of the legendary hippie town of Venice, California. More details about this later...

Finally, we hear that John Keel, the very well known Mothman expert, is recovering from a heart attack. We have no details at all, but we sincerely wish him well.



There's no winner, but here are some of the results of our Crazy Cartoon Caption Contest (C.C.C.C.), which we announced two issues back. In the text below, first comes the author, then the caption. (Our sincere thanks to ace cartoonist Matt Graeber for this!)

Left cartoon:

Al Crapp: "An aging Air Force WWII veteran testing Colonel Corso's Time Machine".

Rod Brock: "I say we make this asshole into the next Roswell Incident".>br> Steve Dunn: "No, Joe, I didn't see anything and you didn't see anything. Over & Out!"

Right cartoon:

Carson Palmer: "Yes, I agree that the alien autopsy film was in poor taste, but how can you be sure that's Mom on the table?"

Rod Brock: "How long have you had this feeling that you've been....abducting people?"

Al Crapp: "I don't know why Hopkins, Jacobs and Strieber make us out to be the bad guys all the time. We don't write the bad abduction books and make the royalties!"

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR

VARIATIONS OF THE 1947 ROSWELL INCIDENT I-BEAM

By Miller Johnson

#1. The Roswell Incident has great potential of never being solved to the extent that makes it acceptable to all those who are interested. Variations of the hieroglyphic emblazoned I-Beam still clouds an indisputable conclusion. Up until 1994 only a rough appearance drawing by Dr. Jesse Marcel Jr. had been published, based on his memory as an eleven year old. I decided to create an I-Beam Replica that could be displayed in the UFO Museum. A three-way telephone conversation ensued between Kent Jeffrey in Atlanta, me in Albuquerque and Dr. Marcel in Helena. The I-Beam Replica plan was initiated. Dr. Marcel provided all the specs on the I-Beam, including colors of the Beam and its symbols. Following Dr. Marcel's specs, seventy different symbol designs were required to fill the 15' I-Beam length. Kent shipped an aluminum I-Beam to me. Using Dr. Marcel's rough drawing as a guide, I created 70 different symbols and applied them to the 1-Beam Replica in the correct PMS color. When Dr. Marcel examined the Replica that I had shipped to him, he said; "It gave me goose bumps and took me back to 1947 when I held the original in my hands". He gave it an enthusiastic "thumbs up" approval.

#2 The second variation did have symbols, but only six that were repeated over and over again. The unclassified purpose of this project was to develop constant-level balloons for meteorological purposes. This variation was what later became known as the MOGUL BALLOON, a classified project that was used to determine if Russia had nuclear capabilities. Without getting into the scientific nuances of the project, MOGUL was launched from Alamogordo in June of 1947 with radar reflectors to track its location. These reflectors incorporated the use of a one inch width

white tape, manufactured, by an east coast toy company with the repeated symbols mentioned above. Regardless of what was on the tape, it met government specifications for the job. These symbols were a pinkish-purple, PMS 224 as remembered by Charles B. Moore, professor emeritus of physics at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in Socorro, NM. Professor Moore and Author, UFO Researcher, "Karl T. Pflock" both came to the conclusion that what rancher Mac Brazel discovered on the Foster ranch was indeed the source of the Roswell Incident itself. This variation cannot be construed as an I-Beam, but it did have symbols of a like color.

#3 The third variation came to my attention by an AD in the UFO Store's catalogue offering another version for sale by the Jesse Marcel Family. I was shocked to see such an AD in print and on the Internet. The next day, Saturday April 28, 2006, I made a call to Dr. Marcel to ask him about this new Second Generation I-Beam for sale by the Marcel Family. This new version was black with a different symbol color and a vast reduction in symbol quantity. Dr. Marcel replied that this new Second Generation I-Beam was his son, J's idea. "But do you agree with it?" I asked. Dr. Marcel graciously replied, "No I do not", and further said that the original version he and I had created was the correct version, and he planned to stick with it. Shortly thereafter the New Version that had appeared for sale on the Internet had disappeared along with the printed catalogue.

So, what conclusion can be drawn from the above variations? We can start by eliminating #3 as a contender. The remaining two contenders will more than likely always be contenders. The Believers, those that believe an Alien craft actually crashed in the New Mexico desert, will declare #1 as the winner. The non-believers will contend the MOGUL BALLOON offers a realistic answer to what happened near Roswell in July of 1947.

- Researcher CHRIS ROTH writes:

"...The undated Tass news story you quoted in your last issue, about the aliens and robot strolling about the park, must have been recycled from the Voronezh landings in 1989. I remember it made quite a splash at the time. That's the trouble with the Web. In a sense, everything is undated once it goes on the Web."

- And, long-time UFO researcher RICK HILBERG of Cleveland writes:

"Be aware that the Voronezh, Russia case you ran on Page 5 of the latest "Smear" actually happened in the late 1980s! I wrote it up at the time in one of my zines.

"So much for trusting stuff found on the Internet!"

We also received other letters on this same theme. - Editor.

- Super-skeptic ROBERT SHEAFFER writes:

"I assure you I am not joking about Karl Pflock's Unfinished UFO Project (sort of like Schubert's Unfinished Symphony). Unfortunately, I am under a nondisclosure agreement concerning it, exactly as Karl was. I would say more, except that the other signatory of the agreement has vastly more resources at his disposal than I, and in any court confrontation I would be crushed like a bug. Several of your subscribers know about this, but are likewise under the same non-disclosure. We'll see if any of them want to squeak up, in the matter of Karl's Last Stand...."

If any of our readers know what Shaeffer is talking about, please let us know! - Editor

- Arch-Skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"In the most recent issue of 'Smear' you relate a story about a 'strange animal'. You omitted the fact, as can be seen in photos, that the 'animal' is purple in color. You write: 'We wish we had reports from experts' (on this case). Please find

enclosed a newspaper article about a DNA report confirming the creature was a dog.

"In the same issue you attack Erik Beckjord on his character and his theories. Leaving the character issue for another time, I would like to ask a question with respect to Beckjord's 4-D theory that UFOs and Bigfoot are inter-dimensional beings, In your previous issue of 'Smear' (Vol. 53, No. 8) you endorse Mac Tonnie's Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis (CTH). You say: 'Tonntes has said what we are trying to say.' While I see some differences between Beckjord's 4-D and the CHT, they both seem outside the realm of science. If your position is a 3 1/2-D theory, could you explain the difference (other than 1/2-D) between your untestable ideas and Beckjord's inter-dimensional world view?"

We never heard of a purple dog, though the late Harry S. Truman once told us in person that he compares a UFO to a purple cow! - Re Beckjord, the details in his Bigfoot photos are coarse and grainy, so much so that the creature can be seen only by imagination. Same with the Loch Ness Monster. We believe these are ordinary 3-D unknown animals, if they exist, As for UFOs, we don't really know what version of 4-D thinking Beckjord uses to explain them. - Editor.

- KATHY KASTEN, who apparently is also a Skeptic, writes:

"I'm retired and so use the local public library for much of my reading material. Yesterday I went to our local library to see what they had on UFOs. As background for the book I am writing, I found your book, 'Shockingly Close to the Truth!' Imagine, somebody on the staff thought your book was worthy enough to spend taxpayers' money to purchase a copy for our library.

"We both know that it is a crime to deface a book in a public library. So, yesterday, I saw something I have never seen in any book I have read from that library. Someone felt so strongly about your book that they wrote on the inside faceplate the words 'DUMB BOOK'. It did not look like a child's scrawl. (Wow! I hope my books cause strong reactions - good or bad.)

"As for the answer to 'The Fact', or Dangerous Knowledge: The reason 'The Fact' is so elusive is that everybody - you included - have misnamed it. 'It' should be referred to as The Myth. I await your presentation of the offered reward, my free lifetime subscription to 'Saucer Smear'.

"In signing off, I would like to thank you for writing/putting together the above-referenced book. It was fun putting names - I have heard for years - with faces. Plus remembering some of the 'heavy dudes' I have met in my encounters with strange and wondrous characters who inhabit The Myth."

The writer, whom we do not know at all, refers to "The Fact" about UFOs, which we mentioned in "Shockingly". For further info about "The Fact", you must (of course) read The Book! - Editor

- DICK FREEMAN, editor of a somewhat pornographic zine called "Batteries Not Included", writes as follows:

"Just how long is it going to take other ufologists to learn that there are no traces of aliens on the Moon? This is not to say that aliens haven't been to the Moon - or even Key West - but true Space People do not leave traces of their presence. Only earthlings do that. We go out for a space walk & we drop our spatula and it floats off into space till the end of time! That's the kind of thing earthlings do. But how many alien flags or golf balls or fountain pens, etc., have ever been found on this earth? And considering the number of idiots out there at any one time with metal detectors - trust me, if there were something to find, it would have been found

long ago, and put up for sale on eBay!"

Readers who wish to (gasp!) look into DICK's ghastly somewhat pornographic zine, can reach him at 513 North Central Avenue, Fairborn, Ohio 45124



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Writing somewhere on the Net this past August, famed UFO historian JERRY CLARK had this to say, in part:

"One reason we still think of Moseley and discuss him owes to the simple fact that his involvement (in ufology) stretches back almost to the beginning of the UFO era. Very few from that halcyon age are still around, much less active. At his best, Moseley has been a colorful personality and an entertaining writer, and I suspect that is how history will remember him, no more, no less. Any larger - or, for that matter, smaller - claims for him require, I think, a leap of faith or a taste for hyperbole."

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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS & SUCH

- **O**n October 16th UFO authority Paul Kimball will be hosting a "New Frontiers Symposium" in his home town, which is Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Speakers will include Kimball himself, plus his uncle Stanton Friedman, plus Mac Tonnie (quoted at length on page One of our last issue), plus our friend Greg Bishop of "The Excluded Middle", plus Nick Redfern plus a couple of others. We don't try to list all ufological conclaves, but Paul has been very kind indeed to "Smear" and its humble editor, & we know that this little notice will send hundreds(?) of people to the wilds of Canada for this special event. Contact <http://www.halifaxufo.com/>

...Then there is also Pat Marcatillio's twice-annual "Earth Mysteries & UFO/ET Congress",

scheduled for October 7th and 8th at the Best Western Bordentown (N.J.) Inn. This is right across the highway from the seedy Days Inn where Pat has held similar events for many years. (We hope this notice reaches you in time!) The new location has a much smaller lecture hall, but this probably won't be a problem!

We see from the program that Pat has snagged Dr. Bruce Maccabee, the famous ufological physicist who has not been seen at a UFO convention in quite awhile. Also of note is someone who calls himself "Dr. Internet". (Can that really be his name??) Says the program: "The Doctor of the Internet has spent the last seven years reaping the best and secret news off the internet." We envy him!...

And then there is the NUFOC (National UFO Conference), about which we will have more to say further along in this issue...

- On a recent Art Bell radio show, Dr. Steven Greet cited "secret sources" and accused SETI of covering up the alleged fact that they have received numerous extraterrestrial signals, whereas the official line has always been that they have received none so far.

SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) is all too easily confused with Dr. Greer's group called CSETI (Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence), which is the parent organization for Greer's "Disclosure Project". A spokesman for SETI has denied Greer's claim, and called the good doctor the bane of SETI's existence.

Dr. Greer has another complaint: Ufologist Michael Salla and others have been putting out negative opinions about the aliens, filling us with "fear, hatred, and prejudice." According to Greet, Salla has accused "a certain tall, white ET race of causing the Boxing Day Tsunami of 2004". This is the first we have heard of this particular alien race, so we know nothing about their supposed connection to this terrible disaster!

Greer takes a much more kindly and tolerant attitude toward the ETs than does Salla. This is surely for the best, because if They are really out to do us harm, there's not much we can do about it!

The above info is a summary from various web sites, and comes to you thanks to our esteemed Contributing Editor...

- It is now official: There are twelve planets in our solar system, and Pluto is not one of them, having been downgraded for being too small, etc. British researcher Christopher Allan has an amusing letter about this, further along in this issue.

We are dismayed that Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, who discovered Pluto in 1931 (?), is rarely mentioned in current write-ups about this astronomical controversy. It seems that he is all but forgotten, along with his (former) planet.

Few remember that in August of 1959, Tombaugh and his wife had one of the most impressive UFO sightings of all times, at their home in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sighting itself was not all that detailed, but coming from an astronomer of his importance, it is something that should be chiseled in stone in the annals of ufology.

We interviewed Tombaugh in 1953, and his statement is paraphrased in "[Shockingly Close to the Truth!](#)", Page 571 "Suddenly, at the zenith (of the sky), Tombaugh saw about ten faint, rectangular, symmetrically arranged yellowish-green lights, which he thought were on a single object. This strange phenomenon moved very fast to the south-southeast, disappearing from view in about three seconds at thirty-five or forty degrees above the horizon. The lights dimmed out gradually before disappearing. His wife also saw the object and said she detected a very faint glow coming from the thing as a whole. Tombaugh didn't see this, but was sure it was a single object because the lights maintained exactly fixed positions in relation to each other."

Tombaugh definitely believed that what he and his wife saw that night was a solid object, and he was (quite rightly) unwilling to speculate as to its origin. Tombaugh also had sightings of other unexplained objects including the "green fireballs" that were quite frequently observed in the southwestern U.S. in that era, and which are now generally considered to have been man-made.

Let's not forget Pluto and the great scientist who discovered it!...

- The September 2006 issue of UFO Magazine marks its 20th anniversary. Over the years, we have had nothing but "bad vibes" from the editors - Vicki Cooper and her charming husband Don Ecker - largely because we are far too critical of obvious B.S. On the other hand, we must reluctantly congratulate this dynamic duo for having the nerve to publish anything at all that is remotely ufological. Fearless are they! But since no one has even tried to Silence them, as far as we know, perhaps this means they have never really gotten close to the Truth, whatever that may be.

"Saucer Smear" is in its 53rd year, but of course we are not on the newsstands and are not likely to ever make a profit. It's tough to make a living from ufology, no matter how wild you get. You can please some of the fans some of the time, but you will never please all of the fans any of the time- or whatever. But the Eckers do seem to be having fun in their own strange way, and so are we!...

We do respect at least one of UFO Magazine's regular columnists, George Earley, who now calls himself "The Opinionated Oregonian". On the one hand we wonder how he can stand the company he is keeping, but on the other hand we admire him for having the courage of his relatively conservative ufological convictions. Apparently the editors admire him for this also. We have known George for lo these many years, ever since he was a starry-eyed young investigator for the long-defunct NICAP organization...

- There's a new book out by noted Canadian researcher Chris Rutkowski and a co-author named Geoff Dittman. It is called "The Canadian UFO Report: Best Cases Revealed". They cover over 800 sightings of various kinds.

Rutkowski admits that there is "no incontrovertible evidence" for alien spacecraft, but he does believe that something real is going on.

Of the many cases cited, the very best is one we have heard about but never studied. Stefan Michalak, an amateur prospector, claimed that he was severely burned by the exhaust of a disc-shaped craft he saw land in a bush near Falcon Lake, Manitoba, in 1967. The vehicle Blasted him with scalding air and quickly ascended when he yelled at it. His burns were severe, but as with the better-known Cash-Landrum case, nothing was ever proven.

Michalak went to his grave believing the object was a secret American military vehicle, which it may well have been.

Also included is the famous Shag Harbour, Nova Scotia case, also from 1967. Many witnesses saw a bright object crash into the ocean. Later a patch of luminous foam was found on the surface of the water. Local researchers have gathered new bits of information for years, but this case has never been solved.

Also, from 1974, there's a Saskatchewan farmer who came upon several bowl-shaped objects spinning rapidly in a hayfield, leaving behind circular impressions that pre-date England's famous crop circle craze!

Quite seriously, this sounds like a sober, scientific study, and we would really like to see the book. Ruthowski has a very good reputation...

- This next item gives us another chance to talk about Roswell as well as our esteemed book (with Karl PflockJ "[Shockingly Close to the Truth!](#)").

Non-subscriber Steve Dunn has just sent us a brief July 2006 web story about your editor's 1953 interview with Georgia farmer Ralph Horton. The previous year, a UFO of sorts fell on his farm, and was later explained as a simple device used by the Air Force to determine wind velocity and direction. It was sent up attached to a weather balloon and tracked by radar. The object was "a box-like contraption made of wood sticks and tin or aluminum foil."

Your editor shot this picture of Horton with the UFO, which we took with us (with his permission) and later either lost or discarded. Writes Karl Pflock in "Shockingly": "If Moseley had held onto it, it might have been he rather than Pflock who cracked the infamous Roswell saucer-crash case, which involved a bunch of such gadgets, adorned with weirdly marked tape."



Horton and the "flying saucer"

Of course, as we have stated previously, no one, including Pflock and Moseley, attached any great importance to the "Roswell Incident" until about 1978, when a book by that name came out, co-authored by William Moore and Charles Berlitz. Thereafter began the Roswell hysteria which continues to this day...

- We recently heard from Bigfootologist Erik Beckjord for the first time in quite a long while. Our less than pleasant relationship goes back many years.

Beckjord was calling regarding a web site called "ufowatchdog.com", which we discussed on Page 3 of our last issue. It is written by an apparently moderate (though very outspoken) ufologist named Royce Myers, who had posted a fascinating "UFO Hall of Shame" Sure enough, old Beckjord was on the list, together with others including Sean David Morton, who has unsuccessfully tried to sue Myers. Now Beckjord has threatened, via e-mail, to sue Myers' internet service provider, and shockingly, he has succeeded in shutting down the web site at least temporarily!

Beckjord says that he objected to being called such things as "lunatic", "moron", and "asshole". We don't remember having seen those words in Myers' description of Beckjord, but on the other hand, it would not surprise us at all if someone (not us!) were to describe him in those terms.

Beckjord also admits that he has upset the families of 9/11 victims by suggesting that air travellers can avoid hijacking by suicide bombers by filling an aerosol container with pork bits and threatening the supposedly Arab hijackers with it. This commercial product, which Beckjord claims to be distributing, comes with a money-back guarantee. If it fails to prevent this terrorism, one's heirs can demand a refund!

Beckjord apparently sees this as humorous. It is no wonder that he is perhaps the most unpopular figure in the whole off-beat field!

Erik is old and ill, but he is also still peddling his version of 4-D saucers, 4-D Bigfoot, etc. However, in all these years, he has (to the best of our knowledge) never come out with a single serious article, book, or lecture. We sincerely feel sorry for him!

- A researcher named Scott Corrales translates South American news items about saucers and animal mutilations, and he has been doing this for quite some time. Some of these stories are really interesting, but usually we have no space to reproduce them here. Our latest internet mailing from Vince Ditchkus includes 19 pages of this stuff, mostly from the years 2004 and 2005, for some reason. Corrales' translations also appear in Lou Farish's "UFO Newsclipping Service". Their September 2006 issue has several very recent Corrales translations.

The web address for the internet version is:

<http://www.ufowatchdog.com/latinamerica.html>. Since this is related to ufowatchdog.com, it has apparently been knocked back into the ether for now, by the wrath of an angry Beckjord. Hopefully it will soon return with a different internet provider, and we will then get more recent info on this continuing weirdness in South America. Or you can write to "UFO Newsclipping Service", #2 Caney Valley Drive, Plumerville, Arkansas 72127...

FLASH! "ufowatchdog.com" is back on line as of 9/6/06, with little mention of any troubles. Updated South American strangeness is also back. Wheee!

NEWS BRIEFIES

- Lisa Davis, executive director of the NUFOC (National UFO Conference), phoned us on September 5th to say that - rather than sponsor a UFO abduction convention in Phoenix, Az. early next year - she has decided not to skip the calendar year 2006 after all. Hopefully we had something to do with this decision, but we can't be sure.

Anyhow, Lisa informed us that the NUFOC will be held at the Bahia Resort Hotel in San Diego, Ca. on December 1st-3rd of this year. Abduction gurus Dr. David Jacobs and Budd Hopkins will be among the speakers. Lisa promised to quickly supply us with further information, but as of this writing (9/24/06) she has not done so.

It's a bit late to advertise a convention for early December, but we'll see what happens. Your "Smear" editor expects to be there!...

- As if to add further confusion, we learn that there has already been a National UFO Conference this year. It took place in Campbelltown, Australia this past May, and featured Jaime Maussan of Mexico. He is the famous newsman who has all those dubious UFO videos up his sleeve.

Obviously, the Australians were not trying to steal our conference title. No doubt they were just blissfully unaware of it...

- We of "Smear" remain big fans of the so-called Roswell Incident and the wonderful International UFO Museum, of which Julie Shuster is currently the esteemed (?) director.

Of all the madness associated with the Museum thru the years, our favorite is the item below, revisited by Fortean Times (FT) founder Bob Rickard in the September 2006 (#214) issue of that wonderful British zine. Rather than re-write his story, we present it here verbatim...

I was rather proud of how FT helped pull the plug on Bob Guccione's claim, in the September 1996 issue of Penthouse, to have pictures of a genuine dead alien. Guccione wrote that the pictures were the property of a woman who claimed to be the daughter of a German scientist who had escaped to the US during World War II, and who was involved in "secret government research" into the Philadelphia Experiment and the Roswell crash of 1947. According to a UPI report, Guccione may have paid as much as \$200,000 for the pictures. Oh dear! In fact, anyone who read FT back in December 1995 would have recognised the pictures as of the model aliens made for Paul David's 1994 movie Roswell, and which were on permanent display in Roswell's international UFO Museum < In that earlier issue - FT84:322 - we disclosed how the same pictures, obviously taken by a tourist who had visited the International UFO Museum, were circulating in Hong Kong at that time with similar claims. Guccione could have done much, much better by gifting the CFI with the \$200k! FT93:18

- We are very disappointed to learn of an indefinite delay in publication of the book by Dennis Crenshaw and Pete Navarro, called "Secrets of Dellschau: The Sonora Aero Club and the

Airships of the 1800s". It seems their publisher went bankrupt, as many very small outfits do.

We really hope this book sees the light of day eventually, because the weird airship scare of 1897 has always intrigued us greatly. Something was going on, but we doubt if it involved aliens!

- **A novel kind of saucer hoax occurred in England on the evening of July 29th, when a young couple celebrated moving into their new home by releasing floating lanterns into the air. The orbs, which glowed bright orange and then silvery white, caused a real stir, and some people in nearby areas thought they were seeing extraterrestrial spaceships overhead. These orbs can fly up to 1,000 feet in the air, and they look just like hot air balloons. They are made from a plastic bag, copper wire and a paraffin cube which glows as the fuel burns, slowly propelling the device through the sky.**

The couple claim they didn't really expect these objects to be taken seriously, but who knows? Anyhow, when they learned that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) had gotten involved, they cheerfully decided to confess...

Steve Barnett has sent us an intriguing photo showing a dead mystery animal, found in rural Androscoggin County, Maine. It's not Bigfoot or anything like that. He (or she?) looks kind of like a big dog with large teeth. We have few details, other than the fact that residents of the area have, for 15 years, reported seeing and hearing a very strange animal with chilling, monstrous cries and eyes that glow in the dark. (Don't most animals have eyes that glow in the dark??) Of course, there is no way of knowing this carcass is the same animal. We wish we had reports from "experts", etc., but we don't...



Actual image of the missing plane. Used with permission of The Great Lakes Dive Company.

Here's a really upbeat item: In 1953 there was a "classic case" involving a F-89 Scorpion jet fighter plane from Kinross Air Force Base, Michigan that disappeared from the radar screen while chasing a UFO. This was a favorite case of the late Major Donald Keyhoe who for many years was the director of NICAP, a civilian UFO research organization based in Washington, D.C.

Now the wreckage of the plane has almost certainly been located at the bottom of Lake Superior (see photo left), and a smaller, unknown metallic object is lying about 200 feet away! This is presumably the object that hit the F-89. However, the original report states that the UFO kept going on its original course and speed after merging with the F-89 on the radar screen. So it seems to us that there is an important contradiction here!

There are other baffling questions raised from viewing the wreckage as seen and photographed on sonar. It is very hard to understand just how the crash took place. Worse, the salvage outfit that made this discovery is also looking for a nearby sunken treasure ship, and they don't want to reveal the exact location in which they are working. So it will be quite awhile longer before this mystery is completely solved - if ever...

- **A very recent web posting tells us of an undated but hopefully recent UFO story from Moscow. We quote: "The official Tass news agency said today that scientists have confirmed the landing of an alien spaceship carrying giant people with tiny heads."**

It seems that a UFO allegedly landed in the Russian city of Voronezh, 300 miles from Moscow. Local people "identified the landing site and found traces of aliens who made a short promenade about the park" (What park? - Editor.) The space creatures were 9 to 12 feet tall. They walked near the landed ball or disc and then disappeared inside. The

approximately three creatures were accompanied by a small robot, Tass said...

Probably the least believable UFO abduction story of all times is promoted in Vol. 14, #7 (undated) of Erich Aggen's "C-COM" magazine. The full story can be found in a new British book called "Asylum (emphasis added) - The Definitive UF\$ and Alien Abduction Experience". The book is written by Anthony Mallin, based on the experiences of Clive Powers, who as a victim of a mass abduction in Lincolnshire, England, in 1965. Powers was sent to an asylum in Croydon, where "his memory was agonizingly unraveled by a mysterious psychiatrist" - whatever that means!...

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

- Our olde friend CHRIS ALLAN from across the Pond writes as follows:

"I liked your tidbit on George Adamski. As soon as the IAU made their decision on the solar system I thought of Adamski. Yes he did tell us, in one of his books, that there were 12 planets, but when I wrote and asked him where they were located he replied that he was not free to give out such information at the time. In other words his space friends had decreed it was classified stuff.

"But wait a minute! Adamski never told us that Pluto was not really a planet (as the IAU have now decided), so presumably this also was an interplanetary secret that he took to his grave.

"12 planets, eh? And Pluto not one of them'. I can see already that most of our astrologers are furious and demanding Pluto's return. It will Cast grave doubts on all those horoscopes they did, won't it? They will need rewriting now...

"'Cedric Allingham' is still alive and kicking, though he has, alas, aged quite a bit. He too forgot to tell us about Pluto.

"And, how is R.E. Straith these days? I hope he is not too shocked by the new planets!"

- Skeptic CURTIS PEBBLES writes:

"I noticed your comment in 'Saucer Smear' about the proposal to change the number of planets from nine to twelve. I have been following the debate for some time. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) finally decided that there were eight planets, with Pluto not included...

"I wasn't happy to see Pluto go, but as an ex-astronomy major, I think it makes more sense for Pluto, 'Xena', and the others to be considered Kuiper Belt objects, rather than being planets amid the Kuiper Belt.

"Keep watching the sky!"

Now we're confused! We thought the decision was to recognize twelve planets. Does this mean George Adamski was wrong after all? - Editor.

- We sent non-subscriber INGO SWANN a long Net treatise about his mysterious past, in the 1970s and 1980s, as a "remote viewer" for the U.S. government. We asked for his comments, but he replied only as follows:

"Dear Commander Moseleys

"I shall certainly always have comments for 'Smear', but they are specifically reserved for your Venerable Self and your wonderful, stimulating, sardonic courage and dedication to documenting the always interesting sociological underbelly of Ufology."

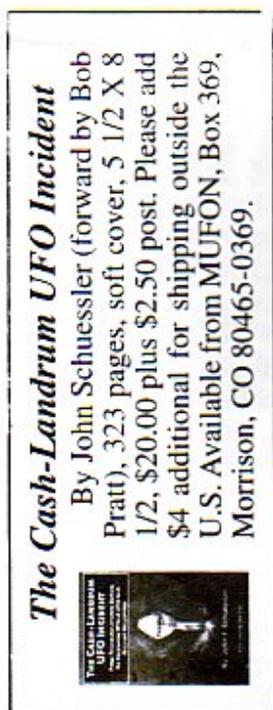
- Anthropologist CHRIS ROTH writes:

"...I like Mac Tonnies' idea (quoted in the latest 'Smear') of a Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis, which is very similar to your long-held position as well as John Keel's idea of a 'haunted planet' and many indigenous belief systems around the world which see a nature filled with mysterious creatures slipping in from adjacent realities. The ancient Greek idea of 'chthonic' beings resembles this too, and it is also a notion congenial to hollow earth enthusiasts like Shaver.

"However, I resist the idea that there is an intelligence that tailors its physical manifestation in order to fit in with our preconceptions or our fears. That position - Jon Erik Beckjord is one adherent of this, as are many cryptozoologists of a more mystical stripe - seems designed to foreclose the idea that sometimes individuals and cultures generate ideas that result in false sightings or delusions ('if I hadn't believed it, I never would have seen it'). And I'm pretty sure that human culture is chock full of delusions. The trick is sorting out the wheat from the chaff - not just saying it's all chaff or all wheat.

"I wonder at the term 'cryptoterrestreLal', though. Isn't that mixing Latin and Creek roots? Perhaps 'cryptochthonic'??, though that doesn't exactly trip off the tongue. I'll have to think on that one..."

- DR. GARY POSNER of Tampa Bay (Florida) Skeptics writess



"In the July 30th 'Smear' you offered Cash-Landrum as 'the best of all' cases in terms of its confirmatory evidence, and in your next issue you seemed perplexed as to why John Schuessler of MUFON has never released Betty Cash's medical records, which you suspect may contain the 'proof that she really was physically harmed by the UFO encounter'.

"I can't help but suspect that the records would reveal just the opposite. During my research into this case 23 years ago, in addition to having corresponded at length with Dr. Peter Rank (the endorsing radiologist), I did the same with the late Dr. Richard Neal, who was also in possession of Betty Cash's medical records (via Schuessler). Though Neil was always promising to share those records with me 'in the near future', he never followed through.

"As I pointed out in my April 1983 'MUFON UFO Journal' letter, the victims' alleged medical effects were inconsistent with having been bathed in ionizing radiation. For instance, Dr. Rank had noted in the December 1982 issue that 'there were no well-documented changes in the blood'. If so, the victims must have been exposed to less than 50 rem of ionizing radiation, not the 200-300 rem that Paul Stowe had suggested in the same issue, and not a sufficient amount to account for the reported diarrhea, vomiting, hair loss, and non-healing skin ulcer. To be more specific than I was in that letter, the hair loss also began too soon after exposure, and since we know the dose of radiation was a single occurrence of non-lethal proportions, it makes no sense that the diarrhea persisted for more than a few days, and that a skin burn persisted as a chronic ulceration.

"And as I told MUFON's Robert Wanderer in response to his query about other possible causes of the reported 'damage', Vickie Landrum's 'red, puffy eyes' were apparently so minor as to be treated by an 'optometrist' (per the May 1982 issue of 'Fate') as opposed to a medical eye doctor, and a photo of Betty Cash's 'burns' shown on TV's 'That's Incredible' (April 1st, 1982) revealed nothing that couldn't have been accomplished with a sunlamp."

Betty Cash, now deceased, sued the government re her injuries, and lost. Many believed that a U.S. secret craft was involved, because about 23 helicopters were seen in connection with the incident, which Posner nevertheless believes never took place. See the ad above for John Schuessler's book about this fascinating case. - Editor.

- Famed researcher ANN DRUFFEL writes:

"Please be advised that on Page 5 of the July 30th, 2006 'Smear', Lisa Davis is named as having held the NUFOC annual conferences in the Los Angeles area for the past 3 years. This is an inaccurate statement that should be corrected in your next issue.

"Jim, you asked me to chair the 2003 NUFOC conference, and I accepted. I spent several months arranging this conference in the Beverly Garland Hotel in North Hollywood, California, with the help of a splendid board of local UFO researchers. And Dr. John Miller and I donated considerable financial means which were necessary for the expenses incurred.

"Lisa Davis and John Miller shared the chairmanship of the 2004 NUFOC conference, held in the Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood, with John Miller again sharing the considerable expenses incurred. Then in 2005 you offered Lisa the permanent position as executive director of the annual NUFOC conferences, replacing yourself, and she graciously accepted. Then she chaired the 2005 conference, again in Hollywood.

"I would appreciate your correcting this misinformation, in your next 'Saucer Smear'. I wish my good friend Lisa Davis all best wishes and blessings in her continuing role as executive director."

We stand corrected, and look forward to Ms Davis' 2006 NUFOC, hopefully at the Bahia Resort Hotel in San Diego, Ca., December 1st-3rd. See "News Briefies" for more details. - Ed.

- Famed UFO author & researcher DR. KEVIN RANDLE writes:

"Karl Pflock, a long time researcher into UFOs and other related phenomena died June 5th from complications of ALS. He was 63...

"Karl came to a different conclusion about the Roswell crash than I did. Eventually, he was convinced that a balloon array launched in conjunction with the then top-secret Project Mogul was the best explanation. He found some of the eyewitness statements to be weak and without sufficient corroboration. He thought that the explanation offered by Prof. Charles Moore, one of the members of Project Mogul, to be persuasive. I did not...

"It turned out that we agreed on far more about the UFO field than we disagreed. Me talked about Barney Barnett and how we found his tale of seeing the crashed Roswell saucer to be less than credible. We eventually wrote an article about it together, wondering what the UFO community would make of the collaboration. Karl, it turned out, had to do most of the final work because I found myself called to active duty in Iraq...

"I believe Karl was a good researcher and he aspired to be a good writer, as many of us do. Once I got away from the shadow of Don Schmitt, my relationship with Karl became much more cordial. (I found that to be true with a number of other researchers with the exception of Tom Carey)..."

"Just another note here: Karl had worked for the CIA but I never really knew what he had done for them. I suspect it wasn't real exciting, in a covert way, but something necessary...Those inside the UFO community like to suggest he was a 'spook', but then, they like to say that about nearly everyone. Of course, his connection to the CIA didn't help.

"..I always enjoyed my exchanges with Karl, learned things during them, and kept in touch with him during my service in Iraq. I'm sorry that he was taken from us at this point because I think he could have added something to our research. He was much too young to be gone already."

- Former UFO researcher DAVID HALPERIN writes:

"I just looked at 'Saucer Smear' on the Web, and saw your tribute to Karl Pflock. I was very moved.

"I've been reading Karl's book on Roswell, in preparation for a visit to the Sacred Precincts this coming Sunday. What an extraordinary piece of investigative reporting! His tragic death is a loss to anyone with even the most casual interest in UFOs."

- Hard-core skeptic ROBERT SHEAFFER writes as follows

"...Too bad about your late contributing editor, dear old Karl (Pflock). He was a fun fellow and a good ufologist. He will be missed. Did he tell you about the Confidential UFO Project he had been working on for several years, sworn to secrecy, and that has now been left unfinished, possibly forever, upon his death?"

Was there such a Project??? We sincerely doubt it! - Editor.



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Here is a (to us) very interesting Web rant by Mac Tonnie, who is listed as #3 in Paul Kimball's "Ufology's Generation NOW" posting. Tonnie is described as a "well-known and highly respected personage in the paranormal community." Sayeth he:

"I tend to think the Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis (CTH) is the possible 'unified field theory' of the paranormal. I think it ties together a lot of seemingly disparate aspects of encounters with non-human beings that have surfaced throughout the last sixty years. In that time period we've tended to interpret flying saucers and UFOs and strange lights in the sky as alien technology - and by 'alien', people think of extraterrestrials, beings from other planets, other solar systems.

"In contrast, the cryptoterrestrial idea posits that we're dealing with an indigenous species that's been with us for a long time. It's not necessarily paranormal, it's simply that they are here - possibly nomadic, extremely stealthy and crafty in how they portray themselves. Their image is everything. They seem to adapt to our expectations of what a superior intelligence will be. The airship sightings of the 1890s could very well be evidence of an indigenous intelligence adapting to our ideas of what a more technologically robust civilization would possess, in that case airships.

"Of course, now we're dealing with apparent spacecraft - vehicles that supposedly originate from distant planets. I think a lot of these things are diversions. I think some of these devices are basically props, kind of like a high-tech disinformation campaign being dished out on us by an intelligence that would like us to think that it's from outer space, but in fact hails from much closer to home, and this is a way of throwing us off the scent."

Tonnies is to be one of the main speakers at a UFO conference Kimball is sponsoring in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, where he (Kimball) lives. This will take place on October 14th. Other speakers will be announced later.

The rant on Page One was supposed to have a grandiose title, which we accidentally omitted. The grandiose title is: "The 'Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis (CTH)', a Strange New Term Trying to Solve a Very Old Mystery".

We feel that it is a really thought-provoking rant. Tonnies has said what we are trying to say, but he says it better. (Education is a wonderful thing!)

Anyhow, our next tidbit is:

ROSWELL GRINDS ON

On July 4th weekend, the Holy City of Roswell, New Mexico celebrated the 59th anniversary of whatever the original "Roswell Incident" was. (We think it involved a then-classified Mogul Balloon.)

The precise date of the "Roswell Incident" is still in dispute, but it is close enough to July 4th weekend to make it reasonable to combine the Saucer Festival with the local Independence Day celebration. However, this year there was trouble, as a local Christian church decided to have their own separate fireworks display on Saturday night, which might subtract from the Festival's attendance. Julie Shuster, director of the International UFO Museum, tried to persuade the mayor to recind the church's fireworks permit, but to no avail!

About a month later, your humble "Smear" editor phoned Julie to find out how the Festival's attendance compared to last year's. She stated that "these figures are not yet available" and didn't know when they will be. (Perhaps the figures are Classified?)

Julie Shuster is unhappy at us for consorting with Dave Swink, a retired Roswell citizen who used to be a volunteer at the Museum, and now has become a frequent critic. It is fair to say that Julie, though definitely not a "team player" in her relationship with local Roswell officials, is nevertheless an energetic worker for the Cause - i.e., the financial health of the Museum. Way to go, Julie!...

We have another Roswell item, which we find to be hilarious. It is dated July 18th, long after the Festival, and for some reason it is very short indeed. The full text is:

"Being abducted by space aliens wasn't the biggest part of Ariana Ash's Sunday. After she was rescued by boyfriend Ross Savedra, he popped the question. Of course, it was all part of a plan. When Ash and Savedra toured the UFO Museum in Roswell, N.M., he arranged for masked aliens to snatch her. The aliens were actually Ash's brother-in-law and stepfather. Even the tourists were in on the act. They tossed shiny confetti and applauded when Ash said 'yes'".

This article does not tell us whether Museum officials were in on the joke, but we have another slightly longer version of the same incident that makes it clear that Julie Shuster was (groan!) indeed involved. Sex and Saucers, once again!

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- Three issues back we printed a short item about our somewhat mysterious Moon. Now another Net item reviews "Who Built the Moon?", a new book by Christopher Knight and Alan Butler.

According to these guys, the Moon does not have a solid core like every other planetary object, It must either be hollow or have a very low-density interior. It also behaves in a way

that is "nothing less than miraculous". It is exactly four hundred times smaller than the Sun, but four hundred times closer to the Earth, so that both the Sun and the Moon appear to be exactly the same size in the sky. While we take this for granted, it has been called the biggest coincidence in the universe!

Furthermore, the Moon mirrors the movement of the Sun in the sky by rising and setting at the same point on the horizon as the Sun does at the opposite solstices. For example, this means the Moon rises at midwinter at the same place the Sun does in midsummer. There is no logical reason why the Moon mimics the Sun in this way, and it is only meaningful to a human standing on the Earth.

The authors' conclusion is that there are more than enough anomalies about the Moon to suggest it is not a naturally-occurring body and was quite possibly engineered to sustain life on Earth. According to them, if the Moon was not exactly the size, mass, and distance that it has been at each stage of the Earth's evolution, there would be no intelligent life here. Without our Moon the Earth would be as dead and solid as Venus!....

- **Bad Blood between UFO guru Whitley Strieber and the MUFON hierarchy:** As reported in the June 5th "Smear", an Australian ufologist named Warren Aston claimed, in a letter printed in the May 2006 MUFON Journal, that Strieber's wife Anne once confessed to various Australian researchers that everything Whitley has written about UFOs is fiction (like his previous books). In the following (June 30th) "Smear", we commented that this accusation is very unlikely to be true, as the Striebers appear to work harmoniously together in their ufological activities.

Now in the August issue of "UFO Magazine", Strieber states his extreme annoyance at the accusation, and he is apparently also very annoyed at MUFON's tendency to fit the whole alien phenomenon into a framework of a strictly 3-D "nuts and bolts" visitation from other planets. He thinks that the phenomenon is more complex than that, and we agree with him to that extent.

Says Strieber: "MUFON has done an awful lot to hurt this whole process of coming to understand and interact in some useful way to us with whatever is out there. They have done a lot to hurt it from the beginning."

To which MUFON czar John Schuessler replies: "I never attacked Whitley. If Whitley needs an argument to become popular, let him say what he pleases. MUFON is not into this game. We've pushed his books in the past. We cooperated with him so he could write the book 'Best Evidence'. Our mission is only to investigate cases. That's it. I am sorry about the letter in the MUFON Journal. I didn't like it. But, I don't control the Journal. I wish Whitley the best of luck on his (new) book 'The Grays'. I hope he does more good work."

Confusion is added by the fact that Strieber's latest book "The Grays" is admittedly "truth disguised as fiction", whatever that means.

Our general opinion of Whitley Strieber is that he is either (a) lying, (b) telling the truth; (c) crazy (d) a complex combination of all of the above. We have met him several times, and he seems to be sincere....

And, speaking of MUFON czar John Schuessler, he and his wife Kathy will be retiring at the end of this year, though he will not leave the organization completely. The new ruler will be James Carrion, whom we do not know at all.

After November 1st, the new MUFON address will be the same as Carrion's, which is: P.O. Box 279, Bellvue, Colorado 80512-0279. - Phone: 970-221-1836. Until Nov. 1st, the MUFON address will remain the same as it is now.

Regarding Schuessler, the only thing we ever had against him was his refusal, years ago, to release the medical records of Betty Cash, one of the

The Cash-Landrum UFO Incident

By John Schuessler (forward by Bob Pratt), 323 pages, soft cover, 5 1/2 X 8 1/2, \$20.00 plus \$2.50 post. Please add \$4 additional for shipping outside the U.S. Available from MUFON, Box 369, Morrison, CO 80465-0369.



injured witnesses in the classic Cash-Landrum UFO case of 1980. Had it been possible to compare Betty's health before and after the incident, we might have had proof that she really was physically harmed by the UFO encounter. Even after Betty's eventual death, Schuessler remained firm in his refusal, for some unknown reason. (At your left, we have an ad for his book on this fascinating subject)...

• Since July 1st, a Falls Church, Virginia man named Rick Wood has been hosting the most widely syndicated skeptical radio talk show in the world - or so we are told in a recent article from that little town's newspaper. 350 stations nation-wide now carry this program, which was much more limited in listenership until recently.

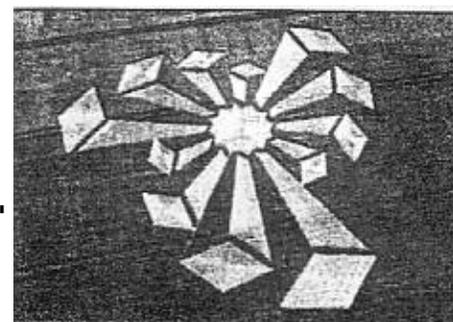
Rick Wood is sponsored by the dreaded Committee for the Scientific Investigation of the Paranormal (CSICOP), the organization which nurtured such skeptical icons as James Randi and the late Phil Klass. The aim of the show is to have various stripes of "Believers" as guests, and then politely rip them apart!

Wood follows the CSICOP discipline religiously, as he brags about having no open mind in regard to anything "supernatural" including god. To us, this is as ridiculous as a radio show like Art Bell / George Noory that purports to seriously consider all paranormal claims, no matter how far-out they may be. We of "Smear" believe in moderate extremism, or extreme moderation, or whatever.

Wood says he wants to "debunk paranormal myths and help his guests think more rationally". This is an arrogant, condescending attitude. Most of his guests are likely to think even less rationally after being on the program! Your editor does not listen to radio programs (no radio!), so we are not likely to hear this one, except maybe through the miracle of Remote Hearing (RH)...

- Crop circles are still a-round, and the most exciting recent story involves an English farmer who was actually attacked by a crowd of over one hundred people who had come to see a "near-perfect" circle on his farm. When the farmer asked the crowd to leave, he was assaulted. No details are given...

Then there's the world's first "3-D" circle, also found somewhere in England (pictured right). It is an amazing 360 feet in diameter. A veteran crop circle photographer proclaims: "The floor lay and the way the design appears to weave in and out has never been seen before... The move from a two-dimensional square to a three-dimensional cube might indicate that these patterns emanate from a dimension of reality we cannot access." Yet in general, the crop circle season in England has been the slowest in more than ten years, for some reason.



Regarding the "3-D" circle, one man deflated it by claiming that a team of about 20 people could create the design and lay it out on the ground in just a few hours. Others strongly disagree. Another man noted that whereas alien visitations are an almost exclusively American phenomenon, Britain continues to have a near-monopoly on crop circles...

The monopoly is not complete, however. An obscure area of Hungary was recently host to "a giant set of crop circles". It is far from any roads and hard to spot, but the mystery is perhaps lightened by the fact that the "26th National Sci-Fi Convention" was taking place elsewhere in Hungary at almost the same exact time! This convention is somehow combined with the "League of Hungarian UFO Research"...

- ALL THE ABOVE ITEMS and many others in this issue are thanks to our intrepid Contributing Editor, Vince Ditchkus. May the Space Brothers indeed bless him!...
- Sixty years ago this summer, something really scary happened on Clearwater (Florida) Beach. Apparently some kind of Monster came out of the Gulf of Mexico and wandered around in the dark, leaving lots of very peculiar tracks in the sand. Thereafter, similar incidents occurred on other nearby beaches, throughout the summer. There was much publicity and amazement. The legendary Ivan Sanderson, a very well-known zoologist (whom we knew), came to one of the sites and proclaimed that this was "definitely not a hoax". His theory was that it was a giant penguin!

Actually, it was a local fellow named Tony Signorini and his boss Al Williams. They used molded boots filled with lead, to make deep impressions in the sand. They left no tracks of their own because they came to and left the shoreline by boat.

It's now sixty years later. Al Williams has died, and Tony Signorini is old and feeble. But he still has the weird boots. He and his friend never got caught, and it is not clear why he chose to confess now, after so much time.

NEWS BRIEFIES

- As mentioned in our last issue, there will not be a NUFOC (National UFO Conference) this year, for the first time since the organization was founded in 1964.

Lisa Davis (the Executive Director) never told us directly, but she put out a statement on the Net to the effect that she was unable to get her act together for a conference in 2006. She hopes to have one in Phoenix, Arizona in the Spring of 2007, but we won't hold our breath for that!

This Phoenix convention will be devoted to the topic of abductions. It is not clear whether Lisa herself is an abductee or not.

Anyhow, we are very disappointed...

- Our Friend Chris Roth has kindly sent us a very recent review of our epic book, with Karl Pflock, called "[Shockingly Close to the Truth! Confessions of a Grave-Robbing Ufologist](http://www.paranoiamagazine.com/closetotruth.html)" (Prometheus Books, 2002). The review is by Kenn Thomas of the Steamshovel Press. We don't know why it took him so long to get around to it, but he has written a long and basically favorable rant. It can apparently be found at: <http://www.paranoiamagazine.com/closetotruth.html>.
- Hopefully, many of you remember the Raelian cult, founded by a French-Canadian named Claude Vorihon, who claims to have been contacted by a UFO in 1973, and to have had various intense ufological experiences thereafter. Now a Raelian family in Colombia, South America has built a flying saucer landing strip on their ranch, to offer hospitality to any extraterrestrials wishing to visit them.

Oscar Orozco and his family have had trouble with their neighbors about this, not only because of their saucerian beliefs, but also because the family "is wont to wander naked around their property". According to this article, the neighbors threatened on two occasions to lynch them, and called the local Authorities. But, "in the end, the scandal was taking place within our own property". So apparently they were not prosecuted.

According to Raelian belief, humanity was created by aliens 25 million years ago when they visited Earth and set off evolution by means of DNA. Raelians are athiests, and science is their only religion. They also believe in "sexual tolerance", which includes all sorts of interesting behavior. (Thanks to UFO Newsclipping Service)...

- An interesting Web article explains that SETI's search for extraterrestrial life has not been nearly as thorough as the public believes. In reality, only a few radio telescopes worldwide are involved in the project, and even these do not devote more than a small percentage of their time to it. Thus the public's concept of "nearly fifty years without results" is inaccurate. There's still a lot of sky left to check out!...
- Bigfoot lives on, at least in our hearts! We caught an exceedingly brief news item on TV, on July 29th, telling of a sighting by two teens somewhere in California. It mentioned that one woman came down with an "anxiety attack" upon seeing the creature. There was also a short glimpse of a photo that was totally unlike any Bigfoot picture we have ever seen before!...

Then there is an impending legal battle between a "world renowned Bigfoot researcher" named Thomas Biscardi, and the Great American Bigfoot Research Association. Biscardi is suing for a quarter of a million dollars, mainly for the return of his library consisting of plaster footprint casts, films, and sound recordings.

While the lawsuit is going on, Biscardi is on an expedition near Paris, Texas, where he excitedly claims to have seen the creature again, for the sixth time in his life. He says he has found a spot that looks like "Jurassic Park", and that the Bigfoot image was captured on TV. Could this involve the crazy-looking creature we saw on TV, as mentioned above? Only Time will Tell...

- The age-old but so far fruitless hunt for Scotland's Loch Ness Monster has received a technological boost. There is now a webcam installed at the bottom of the Scottish lake, and it feeds pictures over the Internet. Nessie enthusiasts will be able to hunt for the elusive creature from the comfort of their desktops. Pictures from the underwater camera, designed to accompany pictures from another camera installed on the banks of the loch last year, can be viewed at www.lochness.scotland.net.

This article reminds us that the first recorded sighting of Nessie was by the venerable Saint Columba, in the year 565 A.D. As far as we can recall from previous write-ups, Nessie was more aggressive & frightening then than he/she has been in recent years...

- Finally, on August 16th the TV news informed us that Science is seriously considering changing the number of planets in our solar system from 9 to 12. This is of special interest to us, because the late, great contactee George Adamski told us many years ago that 12 is the right number, (i.e., a somewhat mystic number, like 12 apostles, 12 months in the year, etc.)

The only problem is that Adamski claimed they are all inhabited, by beings who are spiritually advanced and who look very much like earthlings. In reality, there is probably no intelligent life in the solar system except here on Earth. Oh well, George almost got it right. Wheee!

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- Researcher CURT SUTHERLY writes:

"I just wanted to take a moment to say how sorry I was to learn of the death of Karl Pflock. I didn't know him all that well, having actually spoken with him on only a few occasions, but I did like the man and greatly admired his tenacity and work ethic. His tremendous effort in helping you compile your book and his determination to try and sort truth from fiction in the Roswell mess were impressive, as was his writing skill. Karl was, I believe, a decent and honest man,

and I say this despite the negative attitude some had toward him because of his CIA background. He deserved a longer life, and sadly he did not have that..."

- The semi-mysterious JOHN BARLOW writes:

"...The death of Karl Pflock is very sad and a reminder of how glad I am that you're still here and putting out 'Smear' as well. I'm sure Karl's death brings your own death very close to your doorstep. I can only hope that you can find another friend as good as he was. I thought your admission that you live a 'lonely, solitary life' took a small amount of courage. I'm afraid that since the 1950s this culture has come to worship youth. This means that as you age you become invisible..."

"I loved Dr./Rev. Frank Stranges' note on his 'forthcoming' movie. No mention of un- important stuff like a script or director or studio. I'm glad he has 25 million dollars worth of cinematic dreams, but come on, already! I shouldn't make fun, because Frank is a terrific speaker with a strong voice and his 'Stranger at the Pentagon' book is a wonderful time capsule. It might even be true!..."

- And, KEVIN HENDERSON writes:

"Karl Pflock's book on Roswell will be read by future generations, long after the con artists and museum docents of the Myth are history. His 'Tales of Kaufmann' is a comic- tragic masterpiece. His untimely death is an inestimable loss to an already impoverished "ufology"..."

"Ralph Coon is spinning his wacky wheel pointlessly. His sad-sack 'why can't we be friends' attitude, and dredging up Gray Barker's corpse (which to me gives his non-altruistic game away), do little to further his case. The facts are clear. Having seen the premier of his film 'Whispers from Space' in San Francisco (I remember a nonplussed Ralph grinning to himself as disappointed viewers left the theatre), I can surmise the unanimous opinion of everyone I know who has seen it! Many parts were hilarious, but the last 20 minutes or so should have been cut, and the whole thing needed the judicious hand of an editor. But Coon won't have it. Instead of listening to the truth and learning from it, he'd rather bitch at you - without whom he wouldn't have had a film!

"Yours eternally in non-subscription. Thank you for your presence on this insane Earth!"

- BOB WILKINSON of West Virginia, who is working on an entirely new Barker documentary, writes as follows:

"I met with the West Virginia Folk Life Center a couple of weeks ago. They are going to partner with me on the documentary. I needed a 501c3 (non-profit) to be able to begin the grant writing process. They will also help lend credibility to the project. Folks with money like that, I guess. We are now writing up a grant for the WV Humanities to get started on the funding. I'm looking at buying some gear next month so I can begin the edit process..."

"That was a curious letter from Mr. Coon that you sent me. On Wednesday July 5th when I returned to the office he had left a message on my phone at work. He was curious about the Barker doc that I'm working on. I e-mailed him and he asked a couple of questions, and I haven't heard back from him. Nothing near as interesting as the letter you received."

Ralph Coon tells us by phone that it will be about a year before the re-release of the new & improved original Barker documentary, "Whispers from Space". - Editor.

- Researcher CHRIS ROTH writes:

"Thank you for the latest 'Saucer Smear'. The story about John Lennon and Urt Geller which you recount is also told in Michael Luckman's tabloidish book 'Alien Rocks The Rock 'n' Roll Extraterrestrial Connection'(2005). Lennon also had a more conventional UFO sighting from his apartment terrace in New York City in 1974, and apparently there were other reports of craft sightings that night. The book recounts Lennon's lifelong interest in UFOs. Uri Geller also figures prominently in the book's long section on Michael Jackson. I'm afraid no one comes off as sounding terribly levelheaded in Luckman's whole book, but it certainly is a comprehensive survey of its topic. (Not enough footnotes, though.)

"...One other point: In reply to Tony Loreda's missive, asking what will happen to 'Smear' when your time on Earth has passed, you reply with what Karl Pflock felt about it - that he had considered assuming the mantle himself but changed his mind on the grounds of your irreplaceability - but you don't say what you think about it."

Sadly, we don't know of anyone with the desire and the ability to continue "Saucer Smear" on into the indefinite future. - Editor.

- Long-time flying saucer researcher GENE STEINBERG wrttes:

"I noticed a curious item in your latest issue of 'Smear', in which you state, 'No one has ever properly explained how Billy Meier takes his UFO photos - especially having one arm' Weird"

"No, Jim, it's not weird. In fact, his photos have been exposed as frauds over and over again through the years. Unfortunately the Meier cult, which includes Michael Horn, the American representative, doesn't want to admit any of this.

"For example, we had Horn on our radio show, 'The Paracast' (at www.theparacast.com) twice. On the second show, my co-host David Biedny, a noted expert in digital media, gave Horn an analysis of one of the Meier photos. The analysis...demonstrated that the picture was made via a composite, by superimposing two negatives in an enlarger.

"David and I gave Horn every opportunity to respond, but he refused! He kept changing the subject, or talked about other photos that had nothing to do with David's analysis."

Your humble editor has been on Gene Steinberg's Internet radio show twice recently, by telephone. - Editor.

- Ace parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes.

"Last week I was summoned for jury duty. My name was drawn as an alternate juror, and I was asked to step into the jury box for questioning. The judge asked what magazines and newspapers I read, and I listed them including 'Saucer Smear', of course.

"The court reporter apparently wasn't familiar with your zine, and asked me to repeat the name. This provoked some titters in the room. Not long thereafter, the prosecutor had me dismissed.

"It was a drug case, and I can only wonder whether the reputation of our supreme com- mander is known to the district attorney's office in Trenton, New Jersey."

No comment! - Editor.

- Our "Inside Man" in Roswell, N.M., DAVE SWINK, writes as follows:

"...Too bad that Lisa Davis couldn't handle this year's NUFOC convention. It sure does break the chain of continuity for the event. I now have no confidence in the event happen- ing again. Too bad! - I continue to love your newsletter, and your efforts to keep up with current events. Thanks!..."

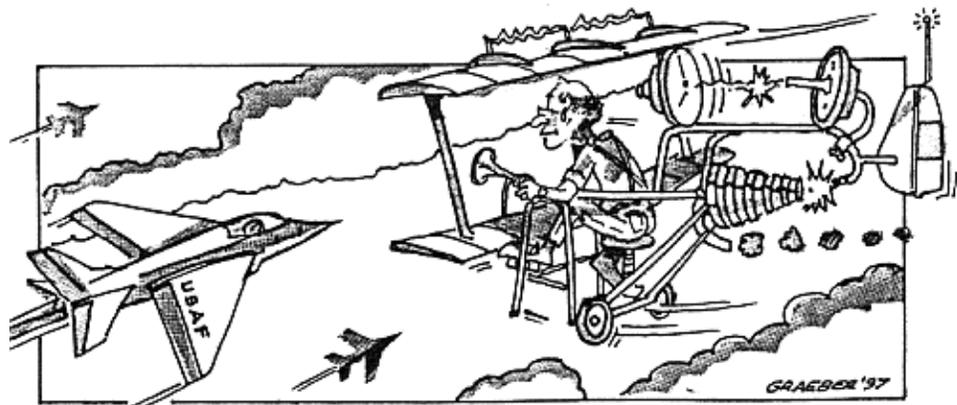
- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"I had an idea for 'Smear' which I'd like to run by you. It is simply this: Pub- lish one or more cartoons in 'Smear', without captions, and have your readers submit their own captions for the 'toons. It might make for some very strange, interesting, and comical responses.

"Of course, each reply could be briefly commented upon in your own witty and pithy style. You might even offer a silly prize of some sort for the winning caption - such as a Rand McNally road map without Roswell, New Mexico on it. Of course, the prize may be 'mysteriously' snatched by MIBs who break into 'Smear' Headquarters on the very day that you are about to mail it to the contest winner.

"You already have a number of my 'toons which you can use, or you might even 'borrow' something from Gary Larson's classic 'Far Side' series. Use the idea as a 'space filler', and see what the response to it is like. It might be some real fun, especially with you as the contest judge."

Okay, gang! Let's go for it, and see where this leads. [Send us captions](#) for the two Graeber cartoons below, and we will take it from there. Your prize will be the satisfaction of knowing that you are (in your own mind at least) a creative genius! Results will be dis- cussed in our next issue. - Editor.



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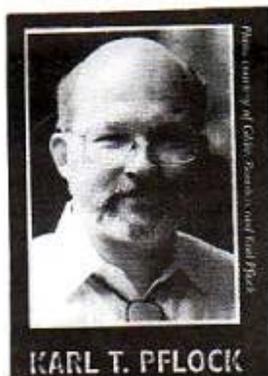
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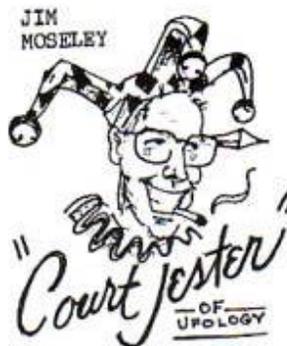
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ANOTHER VAGUE SAUCER SMEAR POLICY STATEMENT

Over the years we have tried many times to tell our loyal readers just what our own beliefs about urology are, but there still seems to be confusion.

Your editor is not a "skeptic" or a "debunker", because we do believe that the UFO mystery involves a small percentage of sightings that cannot be explained in any conventional terms. The problem is that we do not automatically assume these objects are space ships from another planet. We do not know what they are, but they most likely are a permanent part of the earth's environment, going back hundreds or even thousands of years. Maybe they are from another co-existing dimension, another time, another reality, or whatever. Making up a cute term does not, in and of itself, solve anything.

We have the impression that only in America do so many ufologists insist on the simplistic explanation: UFOs = spaceships. In England, interested people seem to be much more thoughtful and more open to the complex possibilities involved. We learned this when we lectured at the "Fortean Times" "UnConvention" in London in 1997 and 2002.

We do believe that the U.S. government knows little more about UFOs than does the public. There has never been a flying saucer "crash" (even at Roswell, god help us!), and there are no dead

"little men" on ice anywhere. (See the Jackie Gleason story further along in this issue.) We also believe that in this dark era of terrorism and repression, the last thing on the minds of world leaders is UFOs, because UFOs usually do not appear to be a threat to their national security.

The flying saucer subject is a scientific mystery and hopefully will be solved by science someday in the future. We believe the mystery overlaps with ghosts, poltergeists, abductions, etc. We don't pretend to know all the answers, but after all these years we still find the whole subject fascinating!

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- On Page Two we finally have the closing figures for Paul Kimball's UFO "Best Evidence" poll. There are a few cases which we frankly are not familiar with, but out of those that we do know about, we still say that Cash-Landrum is the best of all. We also like the Frederick Valentich disappearance while his plane was being harrassed by a flying saucer in Australia, in 1978. (Neither he nor the plane was ever seen again.) And, apparently it is now almost forgotten, but the Father Gill sighting was also extra-ordinary, in that a mystery craft with living beings clearly on board, flew over the priest together with many of his parishioners.

The winner of this poll is Bentwaters, alsoknown as Rendlesham. This is a complex case, like Roswell, but basically there is still so much serious disagreement aboutmany of the details, that we just can't put much faith in the incident. Something weird may have happened, but we don'tknow just what it was. One very good case that is omitted completely is Kecksburg,Pa. (1965),where a large metallic acorn-shaped object

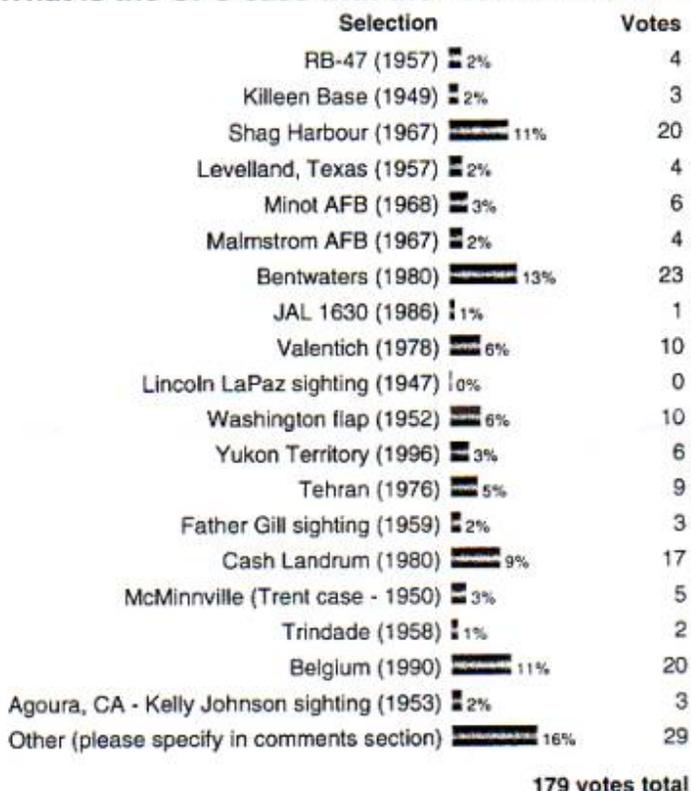
crashed into a forest, and was later seen being carted away by the military, under a tarp. It may well have been a Russian sate-llite, but there is no proof.

Almost all the incidents on Kimball's list happened more than fifteen years ago, and most are much older than that. This could mean that (a) Our human methods of solving cases have gotten better; (b) The Space People have deserted us in recent years, as Karl Pflock tended to believe; or (c) Some other factor is involved. We simply do not know the answer to this perplexing question. Paul Kimball and his Web correspondents have made many comments on this subject, too long & inconclusive to reproduce here....

We also want to mention Paul's new list of "Ufology's Generation NOW". This list of ten researchers is just his own opinion - not a poll - and it has nothing to do with the "Greatest Ufologist Ever" list, which we have previously discussed.

#1 in "Ufology's Generation NOW" is England's Nick Pope, the bureaucrat who was the British government's "saucer desk" from 1991 to 1994. He has written four books, and he seems moderate in his views, as he does not believe in a (British) government conspiracy to suppress the Truth about UFOs.

What is the UFO case with the "best evidence" ever?



Others in Paul Kimball's Top Ten include Nick Redfern (author of "Body Snatchers on the Desert" and other books); Greg Bishop; and John Greenwald, Jr....

- Under the amusing title "Reptile Disfunction", we have a London newspaper article from last January that tells us of a British jazz singer named Pamela Stonebrook who claims to have had Sex three different times with a reptilian alien (pictured on our next Page). This six-foot-tall human-lizard hybrid was the type of creature whose existence has long been championed by researcher (?) David Icke and others.



Out of this world: The reptilian alien pictured above is an artist's impression of Pamela Stonebrook's extra-terrestrial lover

Ms. Stonebrook, who admits to having taken large amounts of psychedelic drugs in her day, denies that her claims are simply a publicity stunt to sell more records. She claims that "In many ways, this has been detrimental to my career. People laugh at you, and this has brought me nothing but animosity."

The 45-year-old Ms. Stonebrook makes her recordings under the name Intergalactic Diva. Maybe this is why this very unusual creature was attracted to her. Or maybe not. (Our thanks to "UFO Newsclipping Service".)...

Somewhere in the mountains of western North Carolina lies Brown Mountain, an area in which mysterious "earth lights" have been seen for centuries. This is one Fortean phenomenon that is hardly ever in the limelight, because nothing new ever happens. Either you are lucky enough to make one of these rare visual observations, or you're not.

A recent Web item from the Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal, sent to us by Vince Ditchkus, discusses this fascinating (to us) subject. The newspaper reporter saw nothing during his brief trip to the area, nor did your "Smear" editor, when he went there in the late 1960s with a couple of other researchers.

A typical sighting (though strangely omitted from the article) consists of large glowing colored balls that rise up from the dense forest and ascend into the sky for a period of at least a few seconds.

The most reasonable explanation is "ball lightning", a strange form of electricity that has been studied by a few scientists for many years, but which is still not fully understood. Ball lightning can be reproduced extremely briefly in the laboratory, but it has never been duplicated as it appears (very rarely indeed) in the real world. We have run across only a handful of cases in all our years of UFO research.

In the 1960s there was a local man who claimed that the Brown Mountain lights are aliens from the planet Venus, who once abducted him. He ran a store called the Outer Space Rock Shop and Museum, which was closed during our visit to the area. Hardly anyone else seriously claims a connection between the Brown Mountain lights and "mainstream" unidentified flying objects. Whatever the lights are, they are almost surely a natural, local phenomenon.,.

- There is a Web site called "ufowatchdog.com", run by someone named Royce Myers, where Vince Ditchkus has found a new "UFO Hall of Shame" as well as a "UFO Hall of Fame". We realize that these listings are just one person's opinion. Also, once in awhile the same person can appear on different versions of either or both lists! Anyhow, for what it's worth, and leaving out a few people we haven't heard of, here is the current "Shame" list, in the order of appearance.

☐ Sean David Morton & wife; Ray Santilli of Alien Autopsy Film fame; Philip Klass (deceased); Richard Hoagland; Art Bell; de-frocked psychologist Richard Boylan; Jim Dilettoso; skeptic Joe Nickell; Peter Gersten; Erik Beckjord; remote viewer Ed Dames; Steven

Greer; Donald Schmitt; Billy Meier; actress Shirley Maclaine; Bob Lazar; Jaime Maussan; Linda Moulton Howe; Wendell Stevens; and finally, two leaders of the Raelian cult.

It is no wonder that Sean Morton heads the list, because in recent years he has sued Royce Myers for libel. He lost the case and an appeal, and was ordered to pay \$16,000 for Myer's cost of court. Why did Morton sue? Among other things, "ufowatchdog.com" says "Morton claims to have degrees from universities that don't exist, endorses UFO hoaxes, has lied about his association with top Hollywood people, lied about ghost-writing a best-selling book for his mother", etc., etc. Apparently these charges are either true or at least not libelous.

The "Hall of Fame" list is quite rightly headed by the late, great Dr. J. Allen Hynek. Some of the other choices might be more controversial. In order of appearance they are: Nancy Talbott of BLT Research; Stanton Friedman; Richard Hall (eek!); the late Kenny Young of Ohio; Errol Knapp; Wendy Conners; Dr. Kevin Randle; Peter Davenport; Dr. Richard Haines; Jan Aldrich; Peter Robbins; Dr. Colm Kelleher of NIDS; Chris Rutowski; the late Russ Estes; and Kal K. Korff.

One could argue endlessly as to who belongs on these lists and why. Your "Smear" editor was a little disappointed not to be on either one, but many well-known ufologists are not, either - such as ace UFO historian Jerry Clark, for example, with whom we maintain an uneasy relationship. Anyhow, these lists are of great interest and amusement to us, and hopefully to our readers.

Royce Myers, proprietor of "ufowatchdog.com" appears from his short autobiography to be a mild UFO believer, not wedded to any particular theory of saucer origin - which is very good, in our opinion...

- **Here are two celebrity stories from "UFOexperiences" on the Net, both of unusual interest but both of dubious validity.**

The first is a new version of an old story involving the late comedian Jackie Gleason and former president Richard Nixon. Back in 1974 they were playing golf together when Gleason mentioned his strong interest in UFOs and his large collection of books, etc. on the subject.

The story goes on: "Imagine Gleason's surprise when President Nixon showed up at his home (in the Miami area) around midnight, completely alone and driving his own private car". They have lost me already, folks, as presidents simply never do such things, for several reasons!

Anyhow, the two of them drove to Homestead Air Force Base, south of Miami, and on into the base to a "tightly guarded building". They eventually entered a section where Nixon pointed out what he said was the wreckage of a flying saucer, enclosed in several large crates. There were also glass-topped freezers containing the mangled remains of what looked like children (i.e., "little men"??)

Gleason told his wife Beverly, who eventually gave the story to the National Enquirer, and she later included it in her autobiography (if we remember correctly.) But the present version is via UFO researcher Larry Warren, who claims to have interviewed Gleason. Warren is co-author of "Left at East Gate", a 1997 book about the Bentwaters (England) UFO case. We know Larry Warren personally, and consider him to be the least reliable of the various Bentwaters witnesses!

As to the "little men", if they were ever at Homestead Air Force Base, they are probably long gone now - as the base was blown to pieces by Hurricane Andrew in 1992!...

The second celebrity story is entitled "The Night the Aliens Called On John Lennon", and it is written by famed spoon-bender Uri Geller.

According to this rant, Geller was in a restaurant in New York City with Lennon and his wife Yoko (date not given), when John decided to tell him all about how he believes life exists on other planets, etc. Then he told how, six months earlier, he had been asleep with his wife when a blazing light appeared at his bedroom door and when he opened it, four people were there. They had "big bug eyes and little bug mouths and they were scuttling at me like roaches" - whatever that means. Lennon does not know just what happened after that, but eventually he was back in bed, lying on top of the covers, and the creatures were gone. Then Yoko finally woke up!

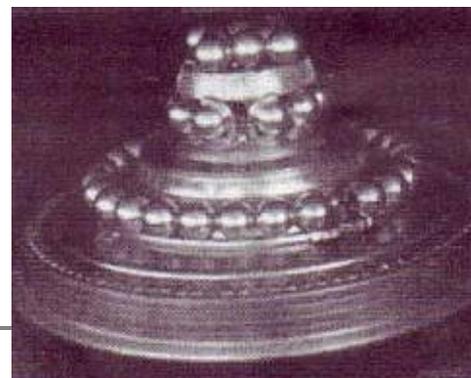
Lennon swears he was neither drunk nor stoned on drugs, but we wonder about that. Anyhow, the aliens had given him something to remember them by, and at this restaurant meeting he pulled it out of his jeans pocket and handed it to Geller.

Says Uri Geller: "I took the metal, egg-like object and turned it over in the dim light. It appeared solid and smooth, and I could make out no markings. I've never seen anything like it." Lennon told him, "Keep it. It's too weird for me. It's my ticket to another planet, but I don't want to go there."

That's all there is on this subject. No further description of the "metal egg", no word about whatever became of it, or whether it was ever chemically analyzed or shown to other people. It's like a fairy tale, which you can choose to believe if you wish. We have met Geller too, and we don't choose to believe it...

More about our meeting with Geller another time!

- Most of us remember Billy Meier, the one-armed Swiss contactee who has been producing hundreds of too-good-to-be-true UFO photos since the 1970s. Here Michael Horn, a hard-core supporter, presents Meier's unusually controversial "Wedding Cake" photo (above, right), together with a model of it made by skeptic Jeff Ritzmann. The pictures are not identical, but somehow neither one looks like a real flying saucer. No one has ever properly explained how Billy Meier makes his photos - especially having only one arm! Weird!



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NEWS BRIEFIES

- Your editor is extremely disappointed to learn that there will not be a NUFOC (National UFO Conference) in 2006. The current executive director is Lisa Davis, who held the event in the Los Angeles area for the past three years, but this year she has been unable to get her act together, due to personal problems, etc.

Lisa says she expects to hold the NUFOC in Phoenix, Arizona some time in the Spring of 2007. However, that still leaves a gap of one calendar year with no convention, for the first time since the group was organized way back in 1964. Very unprofessional!

- "C-Com" (aka "Classified Communications" - a terrible title!) has been published for 14 years by a researcher named Erich Aggen in Kansas City, Missouri. Usually it contains a mix of pseudo-scientific ravings and far-out speculation, so we take it with a grain (or less) of salt.

The May 2006 issue is much better than usual, however. There are two good articles about Canadian sightings of UFOs and even "little men", going back to the early 1900s. No details or documentation are given, but it is very interesting. Then there is an article by our pal Paul Kimball, and a somewhat paranoid rant about censorship on the Internet.

- Contactee David Huggins has kindly sent us a recent Web article called "John Titor's Story". It seems that in late 2000 and early 2001, someone using that name was on the Web repeatedly, claiming that he was a "time traveler" from the year 2036. He predicted that "America will soon be in civil war, a war that we will see the beginnings of during 2004 and 2005, escalating until it is indisputable by 2008." Well, gosh, that didn't happen but we appreciate the opportunity to read this very unusual account...
- We hear that ufologist Dr. Willy Smith of Florida has died very recently. We have no details, but he must have been quite old.

Smith was a long-time ufologist who investigated many cases and kept extensive files. He became involved in debunking the famous Gulf Breeze (Florida) case, but ended up creating similar hoaxed photos himself, to prove a point. "Smear" helped expose this deception.

Smith's doctorate was from Spain and was considered dubious by those who investigated it. Dr. Smith was a speaker at one or more of our NUFOC conventions. However, he was unusually egotistical and arrogant, and we did not like him. (Sorry to speak ill of the dead, but so be it!)

- Researcher Zan Overall has kindly sent us a copy of his 1990 book "Gulf Breeze Double Exposed - The 'Ghost Demon' Photo Controversy". This is co-authored by Dr. Willy Smith, though Smith's name does not appear on the cover.

This booklet is a detailed analysis of hoaxed "ghost" photos that Ed Walters made to entertain high school friends of his son, at teen-aged parties he would host at his home. Bolstered by the success of these, Ed went on to hoax pictures of UFOs in the sky, and the rest is history.

To their shame, MUFON still endorses the Gulf Breeze photographs, based on analysis by Dr. Bruce Maccabee and others. The real story can be found in our 2002 book "[Shockingly Close to the Truth!](#)"

Anyway, if you are interested in details of a long-ago classic flying saucer case, you can obtain Zan's soft-cover booklet by writing to the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, 2457 W. Peterson, Chicago, IL 60659. Price: \$5.25 including mailing....

- We recently printed that famed psychic Uri Geller, with two others, bought Elvis Presley's original Memphis home on "eBay" for about \$900,000. Now it turns out that the purchase did not go through, and Geller is suing. But if Geller is really psychic, why didn't he know ahead of time that this was going to happen??

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- DR. FRANK STRANGES of California writes regarding his forthcoming motion picture, based on his well-known book "Stranger at the Pentagon!" (His Web address is www.nicufo.org)

"...Jim, this will be very important for us. We are meeting with the principals who have requested a meeting with us at one of the major studios here in Hollywood. If something good comes out of this, I will be on the phone to you with the good news for your publication. Thus far, it looks very good. However, we will not count our chickens until they are fully hatched. I am sure you will agree with me about this..."

- ROB MacGREGOR delights us with:

"Good issue. It actually took me two days to read - with a few interruptions, of

course. Also, congrats on your esteemed position among UFO pubs!

"I believe that you will stand tall one day in the history of weirdness, right next to your Homestead idol Edward Leedskalnin, of Coral Castle (Florida) fame. While the five-foot-one Latvian created his castle from mammoth coral rock without the use of modern tools or additional manpower, you will be remembered as a 'zine publisher of the 21st century who did it all without a computer or Internet access! Your typewriter will be enshrined in the UFO Hall of Fame... (Non-believers no doubt will mutter that you had outside help.)

"Meanwhile, keep up the good work. You have years of typing ahead!"

- Researcher TONY LOREDO writes:

"Thanks for your note and congratulations on the wide margin of victory for best UFO publication. I would have voted if I had known about it.

"I can't believe that Mr. Pflock has already passed away. We all must go someday. Have you given any thought to what will happen to 'Smear' after you pass away, Jim? Is someone waiting in the wings to take over?..."

Karl Pflock considered the idea of taking over "Smear" some day, but long before his death he changed his mind, and decided that no one (for better or worse!) could duplicate it properly. - Editor.

- RALPH COON sent this very strange letter from an unknown address, probably in California. He was the producer of a documentary film about Gray Barker, several years ago:

"I'm saddened to read in your 6/5/06 issue of 'Saucer Smear' that you think I 'did little to promote' my film 'Whispers from Space'. I was going to write you a long letter scolding you on how tricky and difficult the film distribution biz is, but I'm too tired and you're probably too drunk.

"Needless to say, I tried. Not many people like my film but I do, and even you said Gray Barker would. Now you've gone and hurt my feelings. I just got this IBM Selectric II typewriter, so I'm sorry if this letter is kind of messed up. As a fan of the Unabomber, I suggest we all get typewriters.

"But back to the issue at hand, my film. Yeah, Jim, it really wasn't a mainstream film, so that hurt it from the start. The cavalcade of UFO-nerds weren't going to like it, but we had fun making it. I wish this new Gray Barker film maker (Bob Wilkinson of West Virginia) the best. Maybe he's got some connections and is a more accomplished film maker than I am.

"Speaking of Gray Barker - I have been approached by a traveling carnival about a Gray Barker exhibit. They want me to exhume his body and take it on a road show, playing all the Sears and Montgomery Ward parking lots in the Northeast. It sounds like I could make a lot of money, and I'm going to do it. They have some sort of 'magical solution' that I can put Gray's severed head in, and he'll come to life. You turn a crank on the outside of this jar that you put his head in, and HE COMES TO LIFE, but only for 15 minutes. What better way to tell the Gray Barker story than to have Gray tell it himself!

"I gotta goo The dog is barking."

- Esteemed former researcher WILLIAM MOORE writes:

"I heard earlier this week that Karl Pflock had passed away. Got an e-mail from his ghost inviting me to attend the wake. Wish I could go, but unfortunately it's not

possible just now.

"Karl was a decent sort who made an honest effort to get to the bottom of things, and although I didn't always agree with him, his methods, or his politics, I respected his work. As to his CIA connections, he was always pretty straight-forward about that, and I have always felt that those who saw him as part of some vast conspiracy-cover-up were way off base. UFOs were more of a matter of personal interest with him, not something he was professionally involved with - at least as far as I could tell..."

- CHRISTOPHER ROTH writes as follows:

"Thanks for the 'Saucer Smear' with the sad news about Karl Pflock. An irreverent, intelligent, and necessary voice in ufology has been silenced. I interviewed him on my radio show in the early or mid 1990s and he was erudite, likable, and reasonable. I also think he was right about Roswell.

"Karl never went after the big bully pulpits the way Phil Klass did, and he had complicated, nuanced views on the UFO subject, so he never really got as much attention as he should have. For one thing, I haven't seen an obituary for him in the New York Times, the so-called Paper of Record, though Klass and John Fuller and others got obituaries there. You would think that being a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense and writing or co-writing two prominent books would qualify him for a few paragraphs, but apparently not."

- Researcher ROB SWIATEK writes:

"What follows is my personal retrospective on the late Karl Pflock. Rather than send it to Fred Whiting or have it proxy-posted on UFO Updates, I felt your non-scheduled newsletter was the most appropriate venue for it. Perhaps others feel the same way..."

"Two encounters with Karl stand out in my mind, one amusing and of no significance, the other more profound.

"In 1993, I found myself at the Washington premiere of 'Fire in the Sky', Hollywood's depiction of the Travis Walton abduction. Karl also happened to be present, and, as the largely-UFO assemblage mingled before the start of the movie, Karl somehow popped the wedding band off his finger, and it rolled down between the seats. Surprised and bemused, he called out loudly, asking if anyone had spotted a wedding ring on the loose. Someone asked if this meant he was now a free man. Much laughter ensued - Karl himself mumbling something in return - but when I chanced to glance at his wife, her face was not smiling, and she stared sternly at him. I see her still in my mind's eye, standing there in silence.

"The second encounter occurred more recently, after the 2003 Aztec UFO conference, where Karl had presented a lecture on the infamous 1952 Desverges case. I was very impressed by his presentation, which featured many slides I'd never seen before. Inasmuch as I discussed the same case during some of my talks, I asked him if he would be amenable to my making copies of several of them. 'Of course', he replied, somewhat to my surprise. He would immediately send me the entire set, no questions asked. I could copy whatever I desired and not to hurry. The slides arrived promptly, and I've since used them. Needless to say, his generosity and kindness were much appreciated and never forgotten. I extend my sympathies to his beautiful wife Mary, and family.

"Jim, in conclusion and on a lighter note, your newsletter is entertaining, forthright, even at times humorous. Who can say which person or event will draw your fire, your bombast, or your praise? How will a given controversy emerge after

being drawn through the 'Smear' filter? When will the next non-scheduled issue arrive? In any event, I look forward to its continuation...."

- Researcher SIMONE MENDEZ writes as follows:

"As I write about my long-time, long-distance, late friend Karl Pflock, I am feeling more angry than sad. I wanted to, but never got the chance to meet this vibrant super-smart, witty Saucerer in person, as my monetarily-challenged fate is also a life-constrainer. My thusly drowning self-esteem was often buoyed by Karl's interest in and concern for me. That formidable skeptic, not prone to belief, believed in me, of all things.

"As you have experienced, Jim, I often withdraw for time-lengths, especially when I 'get mad at' (often you and Karl, back when). The truth is that I was loath to inflict my non-best-self upon impressive friends. But ignoring that, Karl trickstered me out, from within, every darn time.

"He also brought out to the world your life story - the glorious epic adventure of both mischief and contribution that I otherwise only suspected. Forgive me if I proceed to be too audaciously personal, but I perceived that Karl's fondness for you could rival Gray Barker's? ..."

Yes. - *Editor.*

- Skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"I was so sorry to hear about Karl Pflock. Your obituary in the most recent issue of 'Saucer Smear' was a nice tribute. It is obvious he meant a lot to you.

"I didn't know about Karl's association with the CIA, but then that's not an issue for me, because I don't believe UFOs are a government conspiracy. Overall I thought he wrote well on the flying saucer topic, and I did realize he was not a true skeptic. Unfortunately, when a 'believer' voices skeptical thoughts, they often tend to come under fire from those not taking the same critical view (as you know from your own experience). I liked Karl's overall approach. We need more like him, not less.

"What with last year's storm damage and now the loss of Karl, I'm sure things don't look quite bright for you at the moment. But it sounds like Matt Graeber and Vince Ditch-kus are sticking by you. And there are your many readers, most of whom get your jokes... but don't always respond. And on the up side, congratulations on besting (by a significant margin) MUFON, IUR, and UFO Magazine!"

- SAM RANDLETT writes:

"We here in America already have a nice new Stonehenge, as compared with the old used one in England. It is a full-size reproduction built as a memorial to those who fell in World War I. It is located in Maryhill, Washington, on the south central border of the state. You can walk through it."



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In our last issue we made a slight mistake in regard to our new email address on the Web. It should be:
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KARL PFLOCK IS DEAD AT AGE 63

We were truly saddened by the death, on June 5th, of our esteemed contributing editor Karl Pflock. Probably his association with "Smear" was the least of his lifetime of accomplishments, but he was a true friend and a great help to the magazine. And we could never have written "[Shockingly Close to the Truth](#)" (2002) without his input as co-author.

We jokingly called him "Chief" because of his association with the dreaded CIA in the early part of his career. Needless to say, this CIA background did not help him gain the trust of ufologists!

Nevertheless, we are convinced that his lifetime interest in UFOs, going all the way back to the days of NICAP, was entirely separate from his government service, which peaked out in 1985-1989 when he was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense.

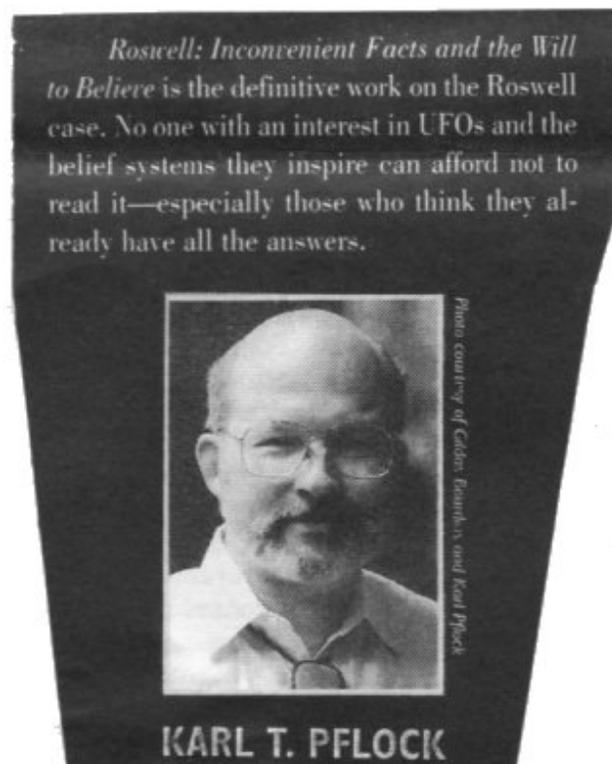
Pflock retired from salaried positions in 1992, to devote full time to writing. During the years we knew him well (starting about 1995), he lived in a housing development near the little town of Placitas, New Mexico, with his second wife Mary. He had children from his first wife who were grown and living elsewhere.

Pflock died of a fatal disease called ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. He was diagnosed a little over a year ago, and expected to survive quite a bit longer than he did. We wish he had lived just a little longer, to see "Saucer Smear" voted "Best UFO Publication" in a very recent poll. (See masthead and also the story below.)

In the UFO field Pflock wrote a column for "Smear" and also wrote numerous tracts and articles for other outlets. But his outstanding accomplishment was his book about the Roswell Incident, the most famous UFO case of modern times. The same publisher brought forth similar books by skeptics Phil Klass and Kal K. Korff, but his was by far the best. Nothing will ever kill the Roswell legend, because of the public's overwhelming "Will To Believe", but Pflock did the best anyone ever could to bring out the true facts behind this sensational, complex case. He should always be remembered for this outstanding accomplishment, if for nothing else!

Pflock's politics were very different from ours. We did not share his enthusiasm for the present Bush administration or for the war in Iraq. So we stuck to other subjects. And we deliberately never asked anything about his service with the CIA. Regarding UFOs, our views and sense of humor were very similar but not identical. Pflock was a believer in the Betty & Barney Hill case, and in general he believed in the reality of 3-D "nuts and bolts" flying saucers. So those who think he was a UFO skeptic are definitely wrong!

Your editor lives a somewhat lonely, solitary life these days, and losing Karl Pflock as a friend to communicate with frequently, by phone and letter, will leave a void that is not likely to be replaced.



RECENT UFOLOGICAL POLL RESULTS AND OTHER HOPEFULLY INTERESTING INFO

The "Best UFO Publication" figures on the masthead of this issue are slightly different from the final results. "Saucer Smear" ended up with 44 votes (rather than 40), representing 36% of the total votes cast. All of this is from Paul Kimball's delightful Web blog "The Other Side of Truth". (We are still not on the Net at all, so the results are sent to us via "snail mail" by various kindly non-subscribers.)

Says Kimball: "I have to admit I'm surprised that the International UFO Reporter (IUR) did so poorly, but I'm pleasantly surprised that 'Saucer Smear' did so well. Congrats, Jim! You're #1 at 'The Other Side of Truth'. Long may you reign."

You may recall that in Kimball's "Greatest Ufologist Ever" poll, your extremely humble (?) "Smear" editor came in 5th, following Vallee, Hynek, Friedman, and McDonald. We could hardly have expected to do better than that, as the above-mentioned gentlemen all have advanced degrees in science, whereas we have no degree at all (except a degree of sarcastic humor in our approach to ufology.)

Another of Kimball's recent polls is in regard to the "Best UFO Case Ever". We don't have the final results yet, but the leader seems to be Bentwaters (aka Rendlesham\$ England, 1980), followed by Shag Harbor (Canada, 1967), Valentich (Australia, 1978), and Cash-Landrum (Texas, 1980). These four are close together in number of votes. Far behind is Father Gill (New Guinea, 1959). We will give the final figures in our next issue.

It is interesting that, of the above five cases, only one is from the U.S., and all are more than 25 years old. We're not sure just what this means, but it must mean something! Our vote for "Best Case" is definitely Cash-Landrum. No rational person could doubt from the testimony of the three occupants of the car that they were severely frightened and injured by a very low-flying craft of some kind. Most ufologists agree that it probably was not a spaceship, however.

Interestingly, the Roswell Incident (New Mexico, 1947) is not even in the running. Kimball tells us that one criterion he used concerning cases to be eligible for this poll, is that the UFO has to have been seen in the air by at least two witnesses. That leaves Roswell out!

Paul Kimball is currently working on a documentary film called "Best Evidence - The Top Ten UFO Cases". The film is due out in the late Fall of this year.

Back to Roswell - It didn't make Kimball's list, but the newspaper supplement "USA Weekend" recently picked the little town of Roswell, N.M. as one of the ten best "out of the way" places to visit this summer. Wheee!

Again, we must say how much we wish Karl Pflock could have lived long enough to see all of the above. As Contributing Editor, he helped make "Smear" what it is today - whatever that may be.

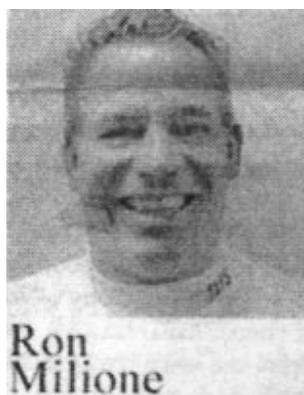
MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- Near the bottom of Page 5 of our June 5th issue, we repeated an item from the May 2006 MUFON Journal, in which a man named Warren Aston claims that Whitley Strieber's wife Anne once admitted publicly that everything Whitley has written is fiction. That would of course include his countless supposedly non-fiction statements about his interaction with the aliens.

Now Anne, on the Net, denies this accusation, saying she was misunderstood. What she actually said was that everything Whitley wrote prior to his famous book "Communion" was fiction - just as it was supposed to be.

We will give the benefit of the doubt to Anne Strieber on this one. After all, she too is a "True Believer" in aliens, so why should she ever have made such a negative, unnecessary statement about her husband's work? (Whether his interpretations of his many complex experiences are correct or not, is an entirely different question.)

- Former researcher William Moore has sent us a strange Net item, telling us that a scientist named Ron Milione (pictured here), working with others, intends to duplicate the legendary "Philadelphia Experiment", allegedly conducted by the U.S. Navy in the Fall of 1943, during World War II.



A destroyer escort vessel named Eldridge was made invisible and teleported from the Philadelphia Naval Yard to Norfolk, Virginia. The side-effects of this experiment were so dramatic and startling that the Navy still denies any such experiment ever took place. (And indeed, quite likely it never did take place!)

This all ties in with the "Allende Letters" written to UFO researcher Morris K. Jessup in the early 1950s. You see, after being teleported to Norfolk, the Eldridge was returned to the original location a few minutes later! Subsequently, it was found that many members of the crew suffered strange and frightening side-effects including "a propensity to vanish into thin air." Egads!

A man named Carlos Allende (aka Carl Allen) was supposedly a sailor on the Eldridge. Over a period of years he sent crazy letters to several UFO researchers

including Gray Barker in West Virginia. We met Carlos once while the two of us, separately, were visiting Barker, and there is no doubt that he (Carlos, not Barker) was indeed crazy!

Most of the Net article consists of endless technical details regarding the intended re-creation of the famed Experiment. We will be waiting breathlessly for mid-August, which is when this is supposed to take place. It will be on a much smaller scale than the original - for safety's sake, no doubt.

In 1979 William Moore and the late Charles Berlitz co-authored a book on this subject, which we never did actually read. Moore tells us by phone that he has no information at all about Ron Millone or the other people mentioned in the current Net article. Of course we are prejudiced, but we give Millone a vote of "no confidence" based on his flippant appearance in this photo. But we could be wrong. As the late, great George Adamski often said, "Time Will Tell!"...

- Here's another update on Bob Lazar, the young engineer who made big news back in 1989 when he raved on TV about UFO-related technology he had allegedly worked on at the mysterious military base on the Nevada desert now known world-wide as "Area 51".

Lazar has had his ups and downs since those days. Now he owns a laboratory in the hills of New Mexico, where he runs a small company devoted to two things: Developing a hydrogen-based fuel system for automobiles, and selling rare chemicals for use in scientific experiments, etc.

It is the latter which has gotten Lazar in Big Trouble with the government, which believes many of the chemicals he sells can be used either to make methamphetamine or explosive devices such as firecrackers. He faces very serious civil and criminal charges unless he agrees to the government's demands that he stop selling most of the chemicals that are his livelihood.

However, Lazar believes that the government's real motive is to suppress technology that "could turn tap water into free fuel for every car on the road". Of course, this is a line of research that many technicians are vigorously pursuing these days, and Lazar is merely one of them.

Lazar also says "It's impossible to be a scientist and do serious work when you're (still) known as the 'UFO Guy'. But ufologist Stanton Friedman, whose opinions we rarely quote, has called Lazar an articulate con man, whose motive for the "Area 51" stories was to obtain funds for his various inventions.

It is obvious that Lazar is no mere crackpot, and that he does have an exceptional grasp of science, even if his engineering degrees are not real. (No record of them could ever be found!) We will continue to follow the career of this colorful individual. (Our thanks to Miller Johnson, Steve Barnett, and Dave Swink, who are among our loyal contributors)...

UFO enthusiast Simone Mendez has kindly sent us a Net biography of sorts, outlining the career of all-night radio personality Art Bell. Bell is the founder and a long-time host of the paranormal-themed "Coast to Coast AM", and also the creator and former host of its companion show "Dreamland".

The current substitute host for most of this is George Noory. Others, including Whitley Strieber, have been invited to host some of these shows at various times in the recent past.

Your humble editor has never been invited to be a guest, nor have we ever even listened to the show. (No radio!) When we made an attempt to get booked shortly after the publication of "Shockingly Close to the Truth!", Strieber's wife characterized us on the phone as "too negative". Yet, a generation or two ago when Long John Nebel of New York City was the king of off-beat all-night radio, we were on many, many times, in spite of our reputation for ufological skepticism. Like Bell, Nebel did not vouch for the views of his far-out guests.

"Coast to Coast" in its present format dates from 1995. Nebel has been dead careerwise as well as physically since the late 1970s.



Obviously we have never met Art Bell, but he must be a strange sort, as he has retired and un-retired several times beginning in 1998. Once, in 2000, it was because his then 16-year-old son had been kidnapped and raped by a substitute teacher from his high school. The rapist was charged and convicted of attempting to transmit the AIDS virus to the boy!

Bell's most recent retirement is strange indeed, and is described by Simone Mendez in her letter further along in this issue...



A boat sails on the sea as a mirage appears off the shore of Penglai on May 6, 2006. East China's Shandong Province Monday. [newsphoto]

Thousands of tourists and residents allegedly witnessed a mirage of high quality lasting for four hours off the shore of Penglai City in eastern China. Mists rising on the shore created an image of a city with modern high-rise buildings, broad city streets, bustling cars as well as crowds of people, all clearly visible!

In past years many mirages have been recorded in Penglai because of very unusual weather conditions there. Note, however, that in the photo to the left, nothing unusual can be seen, nor in the original "CHINAdaily" website photo. If you can see any high-rise buildings, etc. here, please let us know!...

The somewhat goofy-looking guy in this photo is none other than Dr. Steven Greer, the subject of a recent mildly-hostile Net article from his former home town of Asheville, N.C. The good Doctor used to be an emergency-room physician there years ago, till he gave up his medical practice altogether and went off the Deep End on the saucer subject. Now he apparently makes his living from lecture appearances and by charging hefty fees for week-long 'Ambassador to the Universe' training courses in places like Mt. Shasta, California. The idea is to make physical and/or mental contact with Them, whoever They may be. Details are explained in Greer's self-published books.



The truth is in there? Former Asheville resident Steven Greer, a long-time extraterrestrial enthusiast

Greer reached his peak of publicity in 2001, with a "Disclosure Project" held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. There he brought forth a host of alleged witnesses regarding the "UFO Cover-Up". The consensus of opinion afterwards was that, though some of the speakers were very impressive, others definitely were not. No momentum was built for further revelations.

Greer believes in all sorts of UFO conspiracies, but he is best described by a sentence in the article that states: "Dr. Greer also asserts that he's been for a ride in a flying saucer, can levitate groups of automobiles by meditating, and is in regular communication with the interplanetary tourist crowd." If this is a true statement of some of Greer's beliefs, we hope he never returns to being an emergency-room physician!

We have never met Steven Greer, but would be curious to hear one of his lectures...

- Perhaps the worst alien-related story of all time was recently sent to us by the semi-mysterious "Ray X" of the off-beat zine called "Ray X XRayer". (www.xrayer.com and www.xrayer.blogspot.com) It seems that the International Bird Rescue Research Center at Vallejo, California took an X-ray (no pun intended) of a dying mallard bird and found a pattern that looked like our conception of an alien face large eyes, a tiny nose, a pointed jaw, and even a slight grin. Though the staff (hopefully) did not really take this seriously, they nevertheless are cashing in on the incident by selling fund-raising T-shirts. The shirts will show the image and say, "In Space, no one can hear you quack." The out-of-this-world X-ray will be auctioned off on e-Bay!

An accompanying photo of the "alien" is too faint to reproduce here - mercifully!...

- Thanks to Vince Ditchkus, we have a big pile of material about the recent (June 9-11) "Extraterrestrial

(sic) Civilizations and World Peace Conference", held in Kona, Hawaii. This event was sponsored by the Exopolitics Institute, which is "dedicated to studying the key political actors, institutions and processes associated with credible evidence that extraterrestrial civilizations are visiting, monitoring, or residing on Earth."

In other words, this organization is all about how to get along with alien creatures that have never been proven to exist!

Among the speakers were several well-known spokespersons (?) for the ufological fringe, including "conference convener" Dr. Michael Salla; the shadowy Dr. C.B. Scott Jones; Lt. Col. Wendelle Stevens; Philip Corso Jr. (son of the late "The Day After Roswell" author); and the Honorable Paul Hellyer (former Canadian Minister for National Defense). There were also about eleven other people on the program whom we have never heard of, although they are no doubt worthy individuals nevertheless. (We don't want to sound prejudiced against these ufological extremists!)

There was also a post-conference Swim with the Dolphins. Dr. Salla was there to "share his extensive knowledge and experience about the dolphins' role in citizen diplomacy and assisting people to open the door for communications with benevolent ET intelligence. Four hour boat excursion including lunch." Whee!

No doubt most of these people are well-intentioned, but in this dark era of world conflict, their voices will not be heard. O for the Good Old Days of the contactees, when there was actually hope for better times to come. Well, we don't want to get political, or even "exopolitical" - so we won't say any more...

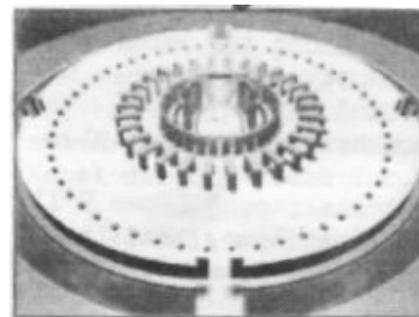
- We are pleased to announce that the 2006 edition of the annual Roswell (N.M.) UFO Festival has been moved to a new location, near town, so that beer can be sold. Julie Shuster of the International UFO Museum felt strongly that a beer permit would bring in more business revenues. (Attendance at the Festival has been declining in recent years.) There will be a limit of three (3) beers to a customer, however, and hard liquor was not even mentioned. The Festival will take place during the first weekend in July.

Your humble "Smear" editor has been to the Holy City three times, including the 1997 50th anniversary bash. We lectured at the Museum during the 2002 Festival, though Julie probably did not approve!...

NEWS BRIEFIES

- Years ago, folklorist John Keel called your editor "a boil on the ass of ufology", which we took as a compliment. Now it happens that Dennis Crenshaw was (as of 6/6/06 - a fateful date!) in the hospital because of a boil on that particular part of his anatomy. Dennis is the editor of the Net zine "Unraveling the Secrets", and co-author of a soon-to-be forthcoming book "Secrets of Dellschau - The Sonora Aero Club and the Airships of the 1800s". This book was described briefly in our last issue, and we are eagerly awaiting its publication...
- On June 10th saucer researcher Paul Kimball of Canada appeared at a one-day symposium in England, which also included famed UFO author Nick Redfern and others. Kimball's topic was "'The Wilbert Smith Story: Separating Fact from Fiction (Concerning) a Ufological Icon". We have read some of Kimball's writings about fellow Canadian Wilbert Smith, and the truth is that he rightly deflates some of the legends about this interesting man...
- True invisibility may be just around the corner, or at least it is theoretically possible. Scientists are trying to perfect the manufacture of certain exotic materials that have the ability to steer light and other forms of electromagnetic radiation around a "cloaked" object. A "cloak" made of these materials, with a structure designed down to the sub-microscopic scale, would neither reflect light nor cast a shadow. The "cloak" would have to be very thick, however. How thick is not explained in the article...
- There's a plan afoot that intends to rebuild England's famous Stonehenge ruins in a new location, and the new structure will include all seven of

the original stone circles, of which only three survive. The exact location has not yet been determined. This interesting re-creation is expected to be completed by 2009. People will be allowed to walk among the we have visited, this is not permitted for some reason. (In fact you can't even smoke in the vicinity of the stones, for fear of damaging them!)...



An ambitious project to recreate Stonehenge as it would have looked 4,000 years ago is being planned.

- For somewhat obscure reasons, psychic Uri Geller and two partners have paid over \$900,000 for the original Tennessee home of Elvis Presley - before the late pop star became rich enough to move to Graceland. Geller is a hard-core Presley fan, who has vaguely humanitarian plans for the house...
- It's a fact that SETI is not getting the results that were expected when it was begun with high expectations about forty years ago. Actually, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence has not had any positive results at all after such a long time!

It has therefore been suggested that NASA's next manned expedition to the Moon should very carefully search the surface for possible space debris left behind by alien civilizations. This is a novel idea, but unfortunately the 842 pounds of lunar material already brought to Earth from the Apollo flights have been gone over "in excruciating detail", and nothing has been found that would suggest extraterrestrial activity.

Do "Smear" readers have any suggestions as to how to overcome this problem?...

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- This was the cheerful response from JERRY CLARK of IUR when we sent him preliminary results of Paul Kimball's "Best UFO Publication" polls:

"Well, there's more than one way to read those poll results. For example, you could say that 'Saucer Smear' won in a squeaker - by a mere nine votes! - over IUR.

"And then you could also read it to say that IUR left the 'MUFON Journal' in the dust, with a 25% higher approval rating.

"I believe that these are both entirely valid readings.

"See, aren't you glad you let me know? You need a scientific perspective on these poll results, and I am always happy to provide the needed profound insights."

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"I received the information you sent along concerning Mr. Kimball's recent polling, which places 'Smear' light years ahead of UFO Magazine, IUR, and the MUFON Journal in popularity. I am truly enthralled to see this happen, as I've always felt that 'Smear' was superior and far more humorous too! Now it seems that I have some agreement.

"I'm certain that Jerry Clark is about to slit his wrists at this point in time - and your published remarks on this turn of events may push him right over the edge. I think the guys at Magonia and Fortean Times would enjoy your polling victory - while Hopkins and Moore will be in a state of shock when the news hits them squarely between the eyes...

"I happened to catch a bit of an interview on the Today Show on NBC. They were talking with Dan Ackroyd about UFOs and a recent 'serious' DVD he has produced and is currently promoting on the subject.

"As Beldar the 'Conehead' type alien, Ackroyd may be just about as well qualified to speak on the topic as say, Budd Hopkins or David Jacobs. As a 'Blues Brother', he seems to be a wee bit less suited, but then again, who's to say?"

"Anyway, Mr. Ackroyd conveyed a marvelous story about a UFO landing in a school yard in an African village, where beautiful 'shimmering' beings emerged from the craft and spoke to the children about taking proper care of the planet.

"Unfortunately, it seems that no one was taking care of the kids at the time, so no confirmational adult witnesses appear to be available. One wonders - why didn't the aliens tell the kids it's not nice to pop one another in the head with the dodge ball, or land in New York to inform the multi-cultural gang at the U.N. building about taking better care of things? I mean, let's face it - just what were the kids supposed to do, put their planet-abusive parents to bed without desert?"

"Imagine traveling through the vast expanse of the cosmos just to visit an obscure little village school yard during recess! Hmmm..."

- Former researcher SIMONE MENDEZ writes:

"I enjoyed listening recently to Paul Kimball on George Noory's overnight radio show, giving positive mention to you and your zine. I wish, though, that you could be a full guest. That would be fun!

"Say, is it possible to become injured physically by talk radio? I think I got whiplash from Art Bell's UFO-like sudden, sharp, unpredictable turns, stops, vanishings, and re-appearances.

"Everyone likely knows about Bell's past off-and-on broadcasting. Then, in January, 2006, Bell's wife Ramona suddenly dies. In April, he shocks us fans with the confession that he ran off to the Philippines and married a new one - 40-something years his junior, whom he met on the (cursed!) Net. And that was after he hinted (in March) that he wouldn't disclose this 'secret' until 2007!

"I'll bet those guest-ghosthunters have audiotapes of many expletives from spirit Ramona!"

- MIKE GENSLER of The Plains, Virginia, writes!

"Ralph Coon recently re-entered our mutual friend Mike Merchant's life in a typically confusing way, but the end result of their convergence is a refined version of "Whispers from Space" (the documentary about Gray Barker). Apparently, the few copies of the video still available are being sold for \$70 or more through a few websites, prompting Mike and Ralph to get to work on a DVD version of the film. Mike Merchant, utilizing his state of the art Camera Eye Digital studio, has converted the film to a digital format and edited it down to a nice 83 minutes - shaving roughly 22 minutes of drag off of the original. I haven't seen the final cut yet, as Merchant is now working with a composer to create a new score for the film.

"I can't wait to throw a DVD in and hear your fine reading of Barker's poem "UFO Is a Bucket of Shit", my all-time favorite moment from Ralph's meandering movie. I'll let you know when the thing is in the can and available for purchase..."

- Cultural anthropologist CHRIS ROTH writes:

"I'm as baffled as you that so many people seem to accept this 'Project Serpo' as well as other reptilians-are-out-to-get-us type scenarios. David Icke, Zechariah Sitchin, and William Bramley are partly responsible for this development.

"I enclose for your interest an article about an alien face found in the entrails of a duck I have to say, the resulting face does look fairly convincing - but of what? This would be an extremely roundabout way for E.T.s to communicate with us!"

See our story on this, near the top of Page 5. - Editor.

- DR. FRANK STRANGES of Biblical fame writes:

"...Jim, I promised you that you would be the first publication in the world to have valid and correct information regarding the forthcoming motion picture 'Stranger at the Pentagon'. Thus far, we have not achieved the task of raising the entire budget of twenty five million. It is not wise to begin the project unless we have the entire amount in the bank. As soon as we begin production, I again promise you that you will be the first to be notified."

- Someone named NEMO DEBREFFNEY McCLUSKY has written us what we can only describe as a Crackpot Letter:

"Esteemed Editor and Still Commander, Professor UFO, PhD of the Celestial Vision School of Metaphysical Arts of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Boil on the Ass of Ufology:

"I have followed your fact-filled acerbic publication for many a year, and with conviction of your dedication to the highest principles of Ufological journalism, I have determined to disclose to you the true nature of the UFO abduction phenomenon, as determined by rigorous research conducted over two decades.

"First - The abductees are not extraterrestrial aliens.

"Second - The abductions are a vile ruse conducted by a renegade covert religious order within the Roman Catholic Church, known as the Brothers of the Lavender Rose or the Priory of John the Beloved Youth.

"Third - These conspirators may have infiltrated the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church, the psychiatric professions, academia, journalism, the major media, and the Central Intelligence Agency, in order to effect their campaign of disinformation.

"I am certain that the disclosure of this information will enable you to fully and fruitfully investigate this aspect of Ufology!~

McClusky then goes on to describe himself as "Former Select Ufologist to the Republic of Ireland". - Editor



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SMEAR NOW HAS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Vince Ditchkus, our new contributing editor, writes us that he has taken the liberty of establishing a "Smear" email account at "yahoo.com". The email address is saucersmear@yahoo.com. We encourage our readers to send in links to material they think we would find worthwhile.

Feel free to steer us onto anything you like, but these are the vague guidelines of what we actually use in our magazine: (1) Relatively brief UFO, Fortean, and paranormal stories, but only if they have a new or interesting twist - different in some way from "run of the mill" items. ("Filer's Files" is a good example of what we don't want!) - (2) We like updates on classic cases such as (groan!) Roswell. (3) We like current gossip about reasonably well known UFO personalities.

Let's see how this works out. Our sincere thanks to Vince Ditchkus for the idea. It is he who will do the work of sorting through the material (if any) that comes in, and sending the best stuff on to us, via "snail mail".

"Smear" has been on the Net for about ten years, at www.martiansgohome.com/smeat. It is put there by another computer professional whom we have never met, named Steve Mansee. Not being on the Net ourselves, we have rarely seen his works but we have been told by several people that he does a very nice job indeed. Unfortunately very few people bother to phone or

write us as a result of having seen this posting. Maybe the Yahoo site will create more action, or whatever.

ROSWELL AGAIN (or STILL!)

Thanks to our old MJ-12 buddy Bill Moore, we have what appears to be a complete confession regarding the notorious "alien autopsy video", released in England in 1995. This confession is apparently related to the fact that a documentary about the making of the video, with real-life actors, has just been released in Britain. We have few details about this peculiar documentary, but a longer version of the story can be found in the current issue of "Fortean Times".

One of the principal alien autopsy hoaxers is a "television cyber-presenter" (what ever that is) named John Humphreys. He claims he was the one who made the models for the alien dissected in the original fake footage. Rather than being shot in 1947 in the New Mexico desert as previously claimed, the film was actually made in an apartment, in north London. Humphreys also appears in the Roswell film as the chief surgeon! The bug-eyed alien models were filled with sheep brains, chicken entrails and knuckle joints bought from a nearby meat market. (ugh!)

As we already knew, a British video distributor named Ray Santilli claimed to have bought 14 reels of silent film footage from an unnamed retired American cameraman. But Humphreys says that the film was actually shot by himself, Santilli, and three others.

Apparently Santilli still claims that there really were 14 reels of genuine footage that were very badly damaged after being exposed to air after 48 years in the can. Thus the hoax footage was made in a precise way from these unusable but genuine images. Yeah, sure!

All we know for sure is that we were very unfavorably impressed the moment we looked at the alien autopsy video years ago, soon after it reached the USA. It was unthinkable that such a momentous event would be shot with just one hand-held camera, or that the autopsy would look so crude, sloppy, and downright disgusting. Yet, many "independent experts" claimed at the time that the video was probably genuine. Egads!...

Next, we have recently talked by phone to Tom Armstrong, a Roswell, N.M. entrepreneur whose business partnership owns 40 acres of land north of town. In 2008 he plans to open an amazing complex of buildings, mostly devoted to fringe science (such as crop circles), but not focused on UFOs at all. He says that he has no connection whatever with the International UFO Museum, and has never even met Julie Shuster, its esteemed director. Armstrong does not even seem to know, or much care, what crashed in the New Mexico desert back in 1947. He is apparently on a different wave-length, so to speak.

Themes of this new museum will include the various Mars probes, lost civilizations on Earth, newly-discovered species of animals on our planet, the Nazca (Peru) Lines, and such. One huge building will contain 485,000 square feet of space, and there will also be a theatre, hotel, and related amenities. The price tag for all of this is \$35 million. The museum and exhibit hall will be non-profit, but the rest of the complex will be profit-seeking, profit-making, or whatever.

Obviously the Roswell location is an attempt to cash in on the famous crash that occurred there in 1947. Whether this plan will work or not remains to be seen. We were astounded to read recently that Erich van Daniken's famed "ancient astronauts" theme park in Switzerland is on the verge of bankruptcy due to low attendance. We had assumed they were doing well. (Our thanks to Vince Ditchkus, Dave Swink & others for this info.)...

April 3rd, 2006 - from Paul Kimball's "The Other Side of Truth".

	VOTES
Dr. Jacques Vallee	21% 29
Dr. James McDonald	10% 14
Dr. J. Allen Hynek	17% 23
Stanton T. Friedman	14% 19
Jim & Coral Lorenzen	1% 1
Philip J. Klass	1% 1
James W. Moseley	9% 11
Richard Hall	1% 2
Major Donald E. Keyhoe	3% 4
Dr. Peter Slurrock	0% 0
Dr. Bruce Maccabee	1% 1
Jerry Clark	0% 0
Brad Sparks	1% 1
Frank Edwards	0% 0
Bob Pratt	1% 1
Leonard Stringfield	1% 1
Captain Edward Ruppelt	0% 0
Wall Andrus	1% 1

March has come and gone, and the poll results have been finalized.

The question was "Who is the greatest ufologist ever?"

The winner? Dr. Jacques Vallee.

The rest of the top five, in descending order, were Dr. J Allen Hynek, Stanton T. Friedman, Dr. James McDonald, and, in what some might see as a bit of a surprise, James Moseley, Supreme Commander of **Saucer Smear**. I'm a big Moseley fan, so I'm glad to see he got solid support.



Moseley has a base of support who appreciate his his "Court Jester" role within ufology (and the serious contributions he's made over the years, which are often forgotten or overlooked.)

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- Don Ecker, "Director of Research" (?) for the pseudo-scientific journal called "UFO Magazine", has this to say in his editorial in the May 2006 issue:

"...What has happened to genuine in-depth nuts-and-bolts research and exploring the real (UFO) phenomenon - instead of the day-dreaming we're getting now - chatter about science fiction like Project Serpo, as released by (a man calling himself) 'Request Anonymous'? What distresses me is that not one single shred of evidence whatsoever accompanies this story, yet hoards of people are jumping into the debate as if this could indeed be real..."

We agree completely with Mr. Ecker, for once. But our question to him is this: If the above statement is indeed true, then why did "UFO Magazine" devote 40 pages to the Serpo story in its previous issue? Inquiring minds would certainly like to know!...

- In a recent posting on "The Other Side of Truth" (<http://redstarfilms.blogspot.com/>), Paul Kimball discusses Dr. Roger Leir, whom we wrote about unfavorably in our last issue. It seems that the good foot doctor was again pushing his alien-implant agenda at the recent International UFO Congress in Laughlin, Nevada. Kimball was there to listen and learn, but Leir's method of operation is rather peculiar, as Kimball points out in his long web rant.

A fictional movie about UFOs, etc., called "Earth's Original Sin", is being prepared (the meaning of the title is not explained), and the expected profits from this commercial film will be used to build a costly UFO research center somewhere on the West Coast. But as Kimball explains, this is not a sound business method of raising money. The profits from the movie, if any, will have to be repaid to investors, so where will the money for the research center come from? It makes no sense! It is fair to say that Kimball, an easy-going sort, was seriously unimpressed with Dr. Leir...

- And speaking of motion pictures, ufological old-timer Dr. Frank Stranges, a California contactee, has been telling us for many moons that he has almost finished production of an epic motion picture based on his famous 1957 contactee book "Stranger at the Pentagon"

This is the story of a space being named Val Thor (short for Valiant Thor) who looks just like a handsome young Earth man who never ages. Stranges is aging, however, and we really wonder when, if ever, this venture will be completed. Dr. Stranges admits that this "true" story will be jazzed up with fictional sex and action scenes to make it more appealing to the public. We can hardly wait!

More information on the very colorful Dr. Stranges can be found in our 2002 hard-cover book "[Shockingly Close to the Truth](#)", which is still available from us for \$25!

- Our sincere thanks to Matt Graeber for the cartoon on the masthead of this issue, and also for the wonderful "Court Jester" cartoon on Page Two.
- We try to keep up with the various incarnations of Southern California's famed Integratron, pictured here. This is the very strange building erected by the late UFO contactee George Van Tassel, from instructions given to him in 1957 by an alleged visitor from Venus named Solgonda. The structure was constructed over a period of years with the help of generous donations from Van Tassel's fans; but when he died in 1978 he still had not completed the weird electrostatic device which was to be the heart of the Integratron. Somehow, this was to be a "fountain of youth" which would make people who experienced its effects look and feel much younger. Even without the device, many people claim spirituality, healing powers, etc. for the Integratron.



George was a retired aircraft engineer who enjoyed telling people he once worked for Howard Hughes - which was probably true. In the 1950s and 1960s he sponsored wonderful outdoor New Age conventions every year at Giant Rock, about three miles from the Integratron. There he and his family lived in a hollowed-out portion of the Rock. Your humble editor attended three of these legendary conclaves, and in spite of our reputation for skepticism, George always treated us with kindness and respect. We even made short speeches to the assembled masses from a wooden platform overlooking the crowd.

After Van Tassel's death, the Integratron went through various phases. It is currently owned by three sisters who, with the help of an organizer named Barbara Harris, sponsored a weekend extravaganza there in late April of this year. Lisa Davis of NUFOC and researcher George Knapp of Las Vegas were among the several dozen people there. The event included talks by New Age old timers and tours of Giant Rock, now grimy with graffiti and missing a big chunk that fell off in 2000 due to a minor earthquake.

O for the Good Old Daze!...

- Speaking of Lisa Davis, she surfaced recently and told us that this year's National UFO Conference (NUFOC), of which she is executive director, will take place at some as yet undetermined hotel in Hollywood, California, but not at last year's luxurious Holiday Inn. The dates are to be the 3rd, 4th and 5th of November - late in the year in order to accommodate the busy schedules of her many speakers. These include Budd Hopkins and David Jacobs, who are probably the top two abduction gurus. Abductions will be the theme of this year's event. Your "Smear" editor will appear Saturday evening after the banquet, just as we did last year. We will not be discussing our own abductions, if any, but we do have some other good stuff. Stay tuned for future updates about the 2006 NUFOC convention...

NEWS BRIEFIES

- James ("The Amusing") Randi is back on the Net with his "SWIFT - The Online Newsletter of the JREF" (=James Randi Educational Foundation). Apparently God answered our prayers, because Randi appears to be recovering satisfactorily from his recent heart surgery. Praise

Be!...

- **Huge chunks of ice, falling out of cloudless skies, continue to be a frequent problem, but we covered this subject in our last issue. The cause continues to be in dispute, but (shudder!) Global Warming is a likely (and very scary) answer!...**
- **Or, how about this Net posting from Russia, entitled "Lightning can select and pursue its victims, legends say". It tells of an American named Roy Sullivan who was struck and injured by lightning seven times between 1942 and 1977. He finally freaked out and committed suicide six years later. And, Marta Maikta of Bulgaria had three husbands in a row killed this way. After that, "it is known that no other men risked it to become Marta's fourth husband." Egads!...**
- **British computer hacker Gary McKinnon is still vigorously fighting extradition to the U.S.A. because of embarrassing intrusions he made a few years ago into our supposedly secure military internet systems. He fears our government will "throw the book" at him in revenge for this, and he is probably right. He claims he was only trying to find out how much the U.S. government knows about UFOs!...**
- **A "white witch" named Kevin Carlyon has threatened to put a curse on a rock concert scheduled to take place at Loch Ness, Scotland about three days after the summer solstice = the 24th of June. The lead performer at the concert is someone named Fatboy Slim. Says Kevin, "I am not a killjoy but Nessie likes her quiet. I don't think Fatboy Slim's music will tempt Nessie to come out of the water. I think she will probably take a holiday instead"...**
- **A long but interesting Net item, called "The Mystery of the Moon", contains the usual astronaut UFO sightings, most of which are suspect. But it also alleges that the Moon may be older than the Earth, and hollow. Dr. Carl Sagan is quoted as having said, "A natural satellite cannot be a hollow object. If it is true that the Moon is indeed hollow, then there is something very strange about our satellite." Dennis Crenshaw, take note!...**
- **This year's annual Roswell Festival will begin on June 30th, and will include many gala events, including a parade, a play, street dancing and rock music. The star speakers include UFO researchers Don Schmitt, Tom Carey, and Derrel Sims. The street in front of the International UFO Museum will be blocked off to accomodate the crowds. Wheel!...**
- **Relatively frequent "mysterious blasts" have rocked the Phoenix, Arizona area in recent weeks, as well as in other widely separated parts of the country. In all cases a loud explosion was accompanied by earthquake-like tremors that literally shook people's homes. Local authorities have tried hard but have been unable to find the cause. A UFO link has been suggested but by no means proven...**
- **We have an item from the Net entitled "Chupacabras the Goatsucker Vampire Sightings Reported in Central Russia". If this is true, it is indeed remarkable, in that it marks the first time that this mysterious beast has ever been sighted other than in Spanish-speaking countries or areas. Does this indicate that a world-wide epidemic may be forthcoming? The Russian incidents are the same old thing - turkeys, sheep and goats killed, with the blood drained out of the corpses. Ho-hum!...**
- **The legendary "Mothman" of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, never harmed anyone, but he/she/it frightened a lot of people about forty years ago. Recently the creature is back in the news. Of course, There have been several books and even a major motion picture in 2002 called "The Mothman Chronicles". Now there is about to be a 90-minute documentary film, in which the aging witnesses will again be interviewed. Stay tuned!...**
- **We have read of a just-released official British report on the reality (or lack thereof) of UFOs. Completed in 2000 and originally stamped "Secret: UK Eyes Only", the 400-page four-year study predictably concludes: "No evidence exists to suggest that the phenomena seen are hostile or under any type of control, other than that of natural forces." "Saucer Smear"**

intends to stay in business, however!...

Finally, here's a bombshell (if true!) from a letter to "MUFON Forum", written by someone named Warren Aston, as published in the May issue of the MUFON Journal: "... The one person on earth who is presumably closer to Whitley Strieber than any other - his wife - has affirmed to multiple people that everything he has ever written is fiction. In the presence of Clennys Mackay, MUFON's coordinator in Australia, and several others, she volunteered that information when we brought the Striebers to Brisbane for an International Conference in 1999."

- **On May 7th a Public Broadcasting technician from West Virginia named Bob Wilkinson drove all the way to Key West with a co-worker to record a video interview with us about the late, great Gray Barker of Clarksburg, WV. We immediately remembered "Whispers from Space", the off-beat Barker documentary produced several years ago by a man named Ralph Coon. We also took part in this, and attended the "world premiere" in Charleston, WV. Coon did little to promote the documentary, and few people have ever seen it.**

This time everything will be different, according to Wilkinson. He promised to keep in touch, so we should learn more details as time goes by. Hopefully the outcome of this project will be worth the wait. We're sure Gray would be pleased to be remembered so long after his untimely death in 1984...

- **Rick Hilberg's Spring issue of "Flying Saucer Digest" has an interesting re-hash of the classic Michigan "marsh gas" UFO "flap" of March, 1966. We had forgotten that one of the several close sightings involved two men - Frank Mannor and his son Robert - who actually saw a cone-shaped object touch the ground. Two small lights on the outer edges were emitting a glowing blue-green light that intensified and turned red at times. When it became brightly lit, the entire object was light yellow, with the light running horizontally between the two outer lights. Eventually the object made a sound like a loud whistle, passed directly over the two witnesses, and disappeared!**

Could something as specifically detailed as this have been marsh gas?? Probably not! Air Force investigator Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who arrived a few days later to investigate, apparently thought so, or more likely he just pretended to think so, to please his employer. In any case, his explanation created a furor that lasted for months. One of its effects was to propel your humble "Smear" editor to the forefront of UFO authorities, because in those days the press didn't know who was (or was not) able to give them an informed opinion. We even managed to drive Major Donald Keyhoe off the college lecture circuit (by working cheaper!), till driven off, ourselves, by the omnipresent Stanton Friedman. There is much more to this story, but you'll have to read [our book](#)....

- **More Nostalgia? Many ufologists don't know (or maybe they don't even care) that the very first modern UFO "flap" began exactly 110 years ago - which is 51 years before the unforgettable Roswell Incident. Naturally all the witnesses have long departed this mortal realm, but there seem to have been a great many of them at the time.**

The story is revived in a recent article from a Capitola, California newspaper which is reproduced in Lou Farish's latest zine. The heading is "The Great UFO Scare of 1896". Several years before powered flight became a reality, the California coast was nevertheless visited by a single unidentified "airship" seen by hundreds of residents of several different towns over a period of a few weeks. Descriptions varied, but the object generally hung around long enough to be seen clearly. In those days, the concept of interplanetary spacecraft was barely mentioned, if at all.

The Capitola account takes an unduly cynical tone. It says in part: "As elsewhere, with the Santa Cruz County witnesses, it was said that the luridness and detail of their observations seemed to be in direct proportion to the amount of alcoholic beverages recently consumed. It is perhaps enlightening to note that the overwhelming number of these sightings by the 'airship clan' were in the airspace above the Front Street saloon and brothel district."

More to the point is that shameless hoaxes by newspaper reporters were common in those days, as historian Jerry Clark has pointed out in his various writings on the subject. On the other hand, one should note that the "airship", after disappearing from California in late 1896, gradually made its way across the nation in early 1897. Some of the accounts are really intriguing, and it is hard to believe that they were all made up!

We have always been interested in the 1896-97 "flap", and we have been looking forward eagerly to a book that is finally due out any day now. It is written by Dennis Crenshaw of "Hollow Earth" fame, and co-authored by an artist/researcher named Pete Navarro. The title is "Secrets of Dellschau - The Sonora Aero Club and the Airships of the 1800s". (Sonora is a small town in California.) The story is strange and complex, but the gist is that the 1896-97 events may have been created or inspired by a secret society of German airship fiends, back in the 1850s. "Smear" will print a relatively detailed review of this book as soon as we get our hands on it!

In our opinion the secret society in Sonora, California, is probably a myth, but there is much more to the story than that.

RE KARL PFLOCK: He is still able to talk on the phone occasionally, but is not doing well. Presumably his ALS disease will gradually get worse.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

- Esteemed researcher PAUL KIMBALL of Canada writes:

"Thanks for another scintillating issue of 'Saucer Smear'...I have enclosed a couple of recent columns from 'The Other Side of Truth' for your amusement. I don't know exactly what the title means either, but it sounds cool.

"As for the opinion polls, you did get a couple of small details wrong. There were well over 100 votes for each, which still doesn't make them a scientific sampling, but which is a bit more than you indicated in 'Smear'. Further, you must have mis-read the 'top cases' poll, because Rendlesham came in at number one. Cash-Landrum was a few spots back.

"One of these days I hope I'll get down to the Key West area and I'll have the opportunity to meet you in person. You're right when you say I 'like and respect' you and your work over the years. Ufology (whatever that is) is better for having you around!"

The trouble with Paul's poll results is that he posts the preliminary totals, and later posts the final results which are based on a larger total number of votes. But either way, we are (or seem to be) #5 in Ufology. Wheee! - Editor.

- Esteemed anthropologist & budding author CHRISTOPHER ROTH writes:

"...Perhaps you have seen the April 24th issue of the 'New Yorker', which features a lengthy profile of Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, the unhinged autocratic leader of Kalmykia, an autonomous republic within Russia, near the Caucasus region. Among other eccentricities, he ...'often comments on his ability to communicate with aliens.' In 2001 he told journalists that he had recently been on board a UFO. 'The extraterrestrials put a yellow spacesuit on me. They gave me a tour of the spaceship and showed me the command center. I felt very comfortable with them.' I wonder: Does this make him the highest placed contactee ever? The article ends quoting Ilyumzhinov saying vaguely: 'Tomorrow, aliens will fly down here and say, "You guys are misbehaving", and then they will take us away from the earth. They

will say, "Why are you fighting down here? Why are you eating each other?" And they will just put us in their ships and take us away." Ilyumzhinov is also an admirer of George W. Bush's iron fist, and of the unhinged chess grandmaster Bobby Fischer...

"I am surprised to hear that Paul Kimball is actually a nephew of Stanton Friedman, since to judge from Kimball's blog, he is your biggest fan!...

"I was intrigued by your information from Whitley Strieber on anomalous ice falls. Just in case falling ice is from airplane toilets, it's always a good bet never to use chunks of ice from such anomalous falls for one's cocktail!...

I would offer my full services as co-author of "Grave Robbing for Fun and Profit", but I don't think having such a title on my resume would enhance my close working relationship with Native American tribes. I hope you understand. Perhaps if there were a change of title..."

- **Graphic artist MILLER JOHNSON of Albuquerque, sometimes known as MJ-13, writes:**

The following is in reply to your snail mail received on April 28. As you know I served on the Board of Directors of the UFO Museum in Roswell for a couple of years. I have always had a strong interest in the possibilities of extraterrestrial life, space travel and all that goes with the subject. My career in Industrial Design, Graphics, and packaging provided me with the skills to create a mural and other exhibits, including the I-Beam for the Roswell UFO Museum & Research Center.

I was, therefore, surprised to see a new version of the fabled Roswell Incident I-Beam for sale on the internet with the caption, "Created and produced by the Jesse Marcel Family". How could this be? I had worked very closely back in 1994 and 95 with Dr. Jesse Marcel Jr. to reproduce an authentic appearing I-Beam Replica from the 1947 Roswell Incident crash site. Every minute detail was taken into consideration including cross-section, length, color of both the I-Beam and its graphic symbols. Even a description of the fractured ends was used to help in accurately reproducing the I-Beam replica. Dr. Marcel even had shown my symbol drawings to his mother, Viaud Marcel, and she concurred with their general appearance. Now another version, totally different in color and appearance, from the original replica was being offered for sale on the internet at twice the price of the one Dr. Marcel had approved as being accurate on 14 Jan 1995. I had fabricated 1,000 of these I-Beam Replicas. They were sold via mail order and through two museums, one on the east coast and the other, the UFO Museum in Roswell. Something was very wrong. I didn't like to think of the 1,000 buyers of the approved original being told their purchase was nothing more than a novelty and/or artistic representation. I needed an explanation.

I called Dr. Marcel this morning at home in Montana. He answered the phone, and we had a very pleasant chat. I opened the conversation with the news about Karl Pfiok's failing health status. He had not heard and offered regrets. My next subject of interest was what I'd seen on the internet regarding the Marcel Family's Second Generation I-Beam now on sale. His reply: "That's my son's project in Spokane". I asked Dr. Marcel if he was in agreement with this drastic change after more than ten years. Dr. Marcel made it very clear to me that the replica I had fabricated working with him back in 94 is still valid, and there is no reason for his opinion to ever change.

Whether you agree or disagree with what may have happened in July of 1947, Dr. Marcel, who was eleven at the time of the Roswell Incident and his mother, Viaud Marcel, were the only two living witnesses who could approve the I-Beam's appearance on 14 January 1995.

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes as follows:

"What is this 'Blasphemy' concerning the Holy City of Roswell?"

"I read your May Day issue of 'Smear' and was delighted to see that Ms Wendy Connors has fearlessly expressed her feelings concerning the Roswell International UFO Museum and Research Center's apparent lack of UFO research contributions, along with its noteworthy approach to the promotion of its many business and tourist enterprises. Ms Connors even goes so far as to mention the shoddy contributions of the inept saucer sleuths who are attempting to fill in the Museum's research vacuum.

"If it were not for the fact that some of the chief officers of this desert-town business venture are alleged to have been key eyewitnesses to the fateful 1947 crash, one might suspect that a wee bit of P.T. Barnumology is going on in the Holy City (?).

"Perhaps the UFO Museum and 'Educational' Center would be a far more suitable description of the business. Perhaps even The UFO Museum and 'Trinketorium' would be even more fitting (?). As Ms. Connors aptly points out, they do have those cute little inflatable greys (in assorted colors) on sale. Come to think of it, Wendy even mentioned something about 'Fleece', or was that 'Fleecing' tourists too?

"Hey, wait a minute, Jim! I thought you and Wendy were UFOes, not Ufriends. You mention that you now 'Regret' having included Ms Connors in your 'Hall of Shame' listing. Hmmmm. Photos of you two are bound to mysteriously appear on the walls of the Museum's public restrooms now that Wendy has so shamelessly become a 'Smear' non-subscriber and caustic missive contributor too. (Eek!)"



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

As mentioned briefly in our last issue, Karl Pflock's serious illness has progressed to the point, where he can no longer contribute to "Smear" on a regular basis, From 1998 through part of 2005, Karl's column "PFlock PTalk" graced our pages, and he was of great help with the magazine

in other ways, He was, as most of you know, co-author of our 2002 epic "[Shockingly Close to the Truth!](#)", and we really could not have done the book without him. Our intended next book, tentatively titled "Grave Robbing for Fun and Profit" is on terminal "hold", mainly because of Karl's illness.

Meanwhile, in a coincidence of timing, a researcher named Vince Ditchkus has been sending us twice-monthly stacks of good material from the Net, starting about a year ago. In many issues of "Smear", about a third of the news items are from this extremely helpful individual. We have therefore decided to add Vince to our humble staff as a Contributing Editor, along with Pflock.

We have never met Vince Ditchkus, but he tells us that he has been interested in ufology since the mid-1960s, having been inspired by a "Look" Magazine article about Betty and Barney Hill. He says that he is convinced there is something out there, but he's just not sure what. We feel pretty much the same way!

Tn "real life", as we like to call it, Vince has been a mainframe database specialist (whatever that is) for over thirty years. He is currently an independent software consultant residing in Alexandria, Virginia - just outside of Washington, D.C. Welcome Aboard!

TIDBITS OF TRASH

- Via Barbara Snowberger we have received a Net posting from Lisa Davis, executive director of the NUFOC (National UFO Conference). Therein Lisa tells us a bit about this year's conclave, which will be either the 43rd or 44th in this seemingly endless annual series. (There seems to be an error here, in Lisa's text. She says 44th; we say 43rd.)

In any case, the event will take place on an unnamed date in either August or October, and it will be in San Diego this time instead of Hollywood, California. Speakers include Budd Hopkins (eek!), David Jacobs, Greg Bishop, Yvonne Smith, Travis Walton, Roger Leir, Dr. John Miller, and several others. Whether or not your "Smear" editor will be on the program again this year remains to be seen. We will keep you posted as additional thrilling details pour in!...

- There's much to comment on in the April 2006 issue of "UFO Magazine", edited by a ufological couple named Don and Vicki Ecker, with whom we really don't get along at all.

Most amusing and confusing is the information on Page 5, which reads exactly as follows: "Confused about the new monthly schedule? Not to worry. If you signed up for six issues, then six issues you will get. The only difference is that your magazines will come every month instead of every single month." Maybe Don was hung over that day, or maybe Vicki forgot to screw her eyeballs in! What they are trying to tell us is that "UFO" has gone from bi-monthly to monthly. You will now get twice as much trash for twice as much cash. Way to go, Don & Vicki!

Maverick whistle blower Larry Bryant is now a columnist for "UFO", and presents us with fascinating info about Phil Klass' negative relationship with the FBI. This same material is in the April 5th "Smear".

Former Canadian Minister of Defense Paul Hellyer (pictured here) is mentioned in an article about the United Nations General Assembly having recently received a resolution about establishing diplomatic relations with advanced civilizations that may now be visiting Earth. (The key word here is may!) Heller, whom we have written about in a previous issue of "Smear", wisely states "UFOs are as real as the airplanes that fly over your head."

British writer Nick Redfern has come out with another new book which

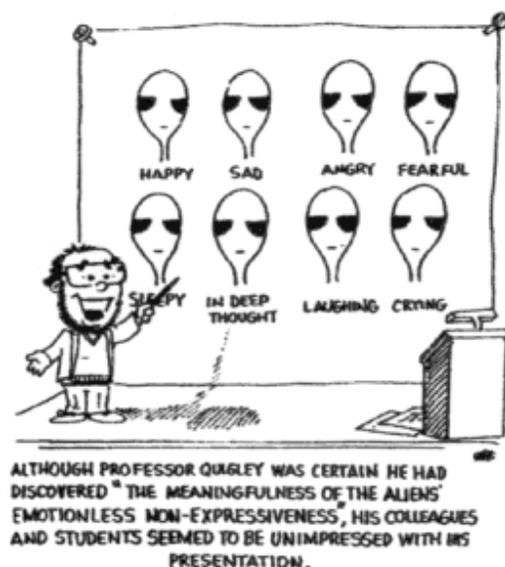


Paul Hellyer is now a UFO believer.

is somewhat less controversial than his recent book about Roswell. This one is called "On the Trail of the Saucer Spies", which tells us, as we already knew, that our government for many years has been monitoring UFO researchers & groups for various reasons. Presumably they still do so. Our favorite item in this article is the alleged fact that J. Edgar Hoover (former FBI director) possessed a copy of Gray Barker's classic MIB book "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers". Your "Smear" editor is mentioned profusely therein!

Finally, on a more scientific note, there is an article called "Messages from the Hollow Earth", by a remote viewer named Dianne Robbins. Well, at least there is no science fiction in this issue of "UFO" and for that we should be grateful!

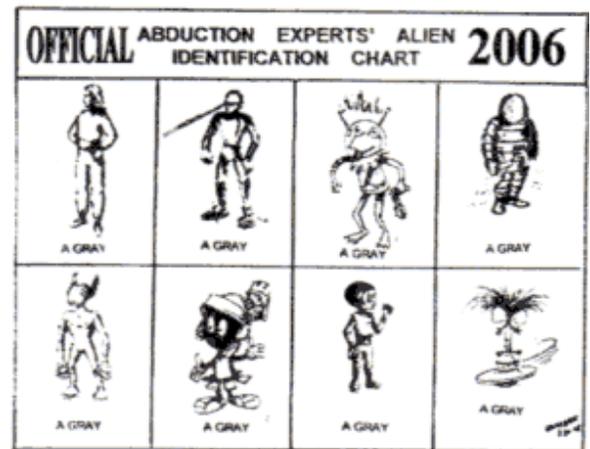
- Then there is the March 2006 issue of the MUFON Journal, which asks us to renew our "Journal Subscriber" ("J.S.") status for the new astounding sum of \$45.00 per year. Further along in the issue we see an unusually amusing (to us) article by our olde adversary, abduction guru Budd Hopkins. In it he tells how he was in frequent touch with Whitley Strieber in 1986 when Strieber's best-selling "Communion" book was being written. Strieber hired an artist to faithfully reproduce the exact facial features of the "Gray" aliens he had been seeing. Finally, the book and the cover painting were finished, and Strieber told Hopkins by phone that "the painting is uncanny. It is exactly (emphasis added) like the faces I have seen." Strieber was very excited about this fact, and raved on at length about his satisfaction with the artist's rendition.



However, when Hopkins actually saw the painting, he was "shocked and profoundly disappointed". In Hopkins' opinion, there was a "staggering error" The cranium was much too small, virtually a pinhead, and the hypnotically staring eyes were so close to the top of the head that the result was "grotesque" - like a carnival freak. Egads!

He told Whitley, "The aliens are universally described as having huge craniums, not little pinheads like this." Strieber quickly agreed. He said, "Now that I think about it, I remember that yes, they did have big heads". (WHY did he fail to notice the problem till Hopkins pointed it out? This makes no sense!) So these two true gurus managed to agree between themselves what a "Gray" should really look like! And many readers of "Communion" later wrote in, saying that the eyes in the cover illustration were great but the head was much too small. One wonders what objective truth, if any, we are supposed to get out of this.

Our point here is that these "experts", and others like them, mold the image of an alien to suit themselves. An ancient Creek philosopher, whose name we can't quite remember, had a bed that fit every visitor perfectly. If you were too long for the bed, he would



chop your legs off appropriately, and if you were too short, he would stretch you appropriately. No problem there! Abductions are real, in some sense. Hopkine and Strieber are not! (Profound thanks to Matt Graeber for this classic cartoon.)...

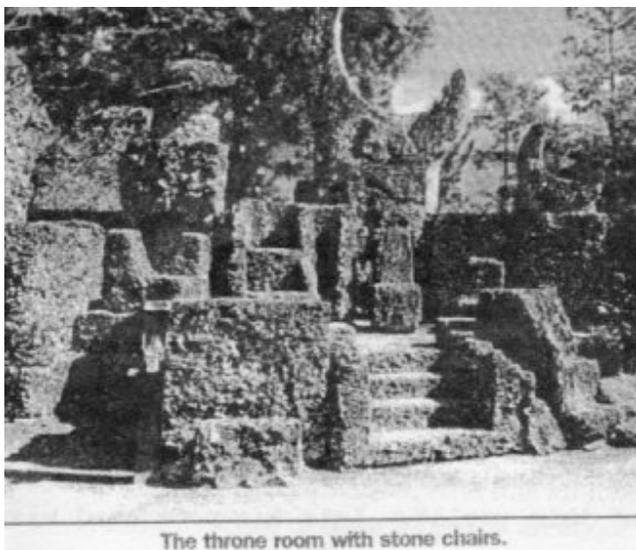
- Robb MacGregor is a loyal "Smear" non-subscriber and the co-author of a very interesting new book about the Bermuda Triangle, called "The Fog". He recently sent us two unrelated items from the Net, both of which unfortunately lack pertinent details - which is frustrating.

One item is a paragraph from a long article about UFO enthusiast Senator Barry Goldwater, in which it is stated by the author (a former space shuttle official) that in February 2006, the Bush administration reclassified at least 55,000 formerly secret and confidential documents. It is not made clear whether these were about UFOs or other topics, nor does it tell us what the reason was for this action.

The other item is even more intriguing. It is about the late John Mack of Harvard University, who wrote two highly controversial books about the alien abduction phenomenon. Now, "Unknown Country", a web site written by Whitley Strieber's wife Anne, tells us that Dr. Mack is sending messages from the "Other Side" to various mediums. However, she does not tell us the content of these messages other than "it has something to do with a connection between the close encounter experience and spirit contact". Inquiring minds would like to know more!...

- The latest issue of Michael Shermer's "Skeptic" Magazine (Vol. 12, No. 2) contains a very interesting article about Coral Castle, located on highway U.S. One just south of Miami, Florida.

The Castle was built in the 1920s by a Latvian immigrant named Ed Leedskainin, who, with simple tools and a very limited education, was able to carve and move coral rocks each weighing tons. He built a large eccentric scene (see photo) of various huge stone objects, all in memory of his "Sweet Sixteen" - a Latvian girl who had jilted him at the altar many years before he came to Florida.



The throne room with stone chairs.

After Ed's death in 1951, the Castle eventually became a well-publicized tourist attraction. Your editor visited many times and wrote up the story for the old "Saucer News". Our article was later commented on, in a book by little-known ufologist Otto Binder, and that page from Binder's book was displayed for many years on a wall of the Castle's gift shop, along with other clippings. Because of this, your editor was considered an authority on the subject, and we used to get free admission every time we went there!

At one point in the 1970s, the Castle, together with about two acres of highway-frontage vacant land, was put up for sale. We met with the owner in a serious attempt to buy the property, but it was greatly overpriced. The gift shop had an income, of course, but no net profit. The place was eventually

sold to others, and still exists as a tourist attraction. However, your editor's "ego sheet" is no longer on the wall.

The question has always been - how did Ed, who always worked alone and weighed only about 100 pounds, manage to build all this? At One time in the 1930s he even moved the whole place several miles up the highway to a new location. It was said by some that he had help from the Space People or that he used miraculous means of various sorts. Many students of the offbeat wrote on the subject, but none could solve the mystery. Ed himself made no supernatural claims, but he often said that he had re-discovered how the Pyramids were built. The secret of how he constructed the Castle died with him!

What is interesting is that William Stanfield, author of the "Skeptic" Magazine article, has no solution either! Says he: "We (skeptics) simply accept that at the present time the question of how Coral Castle was built remains partially unanswered. Even allowing for the possible use of power tools and the help of other people, Ed Leedskein apparently designed and built - not once but twice - an awe-inspiring structure that remains an enigma to this day."

Incidentally, we know from our own research that Ed did not have power tools or help from anyone.

Go see the place yourself, some time. You will be amazed!...

- Several issues back, we told you about a very colorful & interesting ufologist named Paul Kimball, who has a web site called "The Other Side of Truth" - whatever that means. At that time he published a list of "Ufology's Top Ten" researchers and "Ufology's Bottom Ten". Amazingly, your humble editor made the first list. The late Phil Klass was the only person who made both lists!

Now Kimball has come up with an opinion poll regarding "Who is the Greatest Ufologist Ever?" The winner by a landslide is Dr. Jacques Vallee. Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Stanton Friedman are tied for second place. (Is it just a co-incidence that Kimball is Friedman's nephew?) The late Dr. James McDonald comes in third. And guess what? Your "Smear" editor is tied with the late Major Donald Keyhoe for 4th place! Among those getting no votes at all are Phil Klass, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Walt Andrus, and Jerry Clark. Way to go, Jerry!

According to a different reading of the same data by Kimball, it's Vallee, Hynek, Friedman, McDonald, and Moseley, in that order, i.e., Moseley comes in 5th.

The problem here is that only a total of 64 votes were received for all candidates combined. Surely it seems reasonable that it would take a total of at least a few hundred votes for the results to have any scientific meaning at all. Maybe the MUFON membership of about 2,000 to 3,000 souls should have been sent questionnaires. (In that case former MUFON director Walt Andrus probably would have done a lot better!)

If we were voting in this poll we would put Hynek first, Vallee second, and Friedman somewhere way down the list.

It's all fun & games as far as we are concerned. What we get out of all this is that Kimball likes and respects us, and we are very favorably impressed with him as well. His ufological views are very similar to ours, which of course makes him a brilliant researcher indeed!

Incidentally, Kimball has a companion poll in the same web posting, asking "What is the UFO Case with the 'Best Evidence' Ever?" The winner, with (only) four votes, is Cash-Landrum, and we agree...

- Dr. Roger Leir is the foot doctor who seems obsessed by the idea that aliens are implanting extremely mysterious small artifacts in our feet and elsewhere in our bodies. He is the author of four books on the subject of implants, including one called "The Aliens and the Scalpel". His lectures



Dr. Roger K. Leir

"explain the scientific analysis demonstrating that these objects may (emphasis ours) contain materials not of this world". Leir has conducted eleven video-taped surgeries on abductees, including one on famed UFO author Whitley Strieber, although we are not sure if Strieber really claims to be an abductee.

If any of these recovered substances was really anomalous in a provable way, we would have heard it loudly by now, from Dr. Leir and his supporters. Obviously there are medical circumstances under which odd substances embed themselves in the human body, in some natural way. Has there ever been a "control" study of non-abductees who have found similar implants?

Worst of all, no one has ever even attempted to explain the purpose of these substances, all of which are somewhat different from each other. Are they tracking devices or do they have some other sinister purpose? To us, the whole subject is the most ludicrous part of the whole abduction syndrome.

We heard Dr. Leir speak once at a UFO convention, and got a very bad "vibe" from his manner, as if he were some kind of egotistical nut. In any case, his latest lecture was at one of Budd Hopkins' Intruders Foundation seminars in New York City.

As we keep saying, there is something to abductions, but the evidence is flimsy and the proof is lacking. (Our thanks to Tom Benson for this one.)...

- As previously noted, long-time researcher Dennis Crenshaw publishes a great online zine called "Unraveling the Secrets", which has a print version that we receive. This used to be called "The Hollow Earth Insider" - a title that we still love.



William Cooper

In the latest issue Crenshaw includes an item by one Greg Szymanski about the counter-culture hero William Cooper, who was killed by Arizona police on November 5th, 2001 in a "pre-planned ambush, originally planned on the morning of 9/11". This claim is made by Doyel Shamley, who was Cooper's best friend and co-worker, according to the article. We knew Cooper fairly well because of his UFO claims, but we have never heard of Doyel Shamley.

Shamley says that Bill Cooper was "brutally murdered in an ambush by minions of the New World Order". Actually, the state police were merely trying to serve an arrest warrant on Cooper, who opened fire on them and was killed in the ensuing shoot-out.

Shamley raves on that Cooper "was gunned down in cold blood at his rural home in the Arizona desert in a plot hatched by Illuminati higher-ups, wanting desperately to erase him from the planet for getting too close to their demonic secrets".

Bill Cooper was the author of "Behold a Pale Horse", a best-selling conspiratorial book that also deals with UFOs. We drank excessively with Cooper several times at Timothy Green Beckley's series of western UFO conventions, years ago. The man clearly had a death wish, and died exactly in the manner he wanted to!

Meanwhile, Shamley continues to vigorously promote Cooper's controversial ideas...

NEWS BRIEFIES

Here are a few recently-received items that are not good enough for the front page, even of "Saucer Smear".

- One is from Orange County, near Los Angeles, where two technicians have been scaring the neighborhood with home-made 4-foot-diameter brightly lit saucer shaped models which are remotely controlled. The men sometimes let as many as four of them zigzag at low altitude around the night sky. (See photo, which hopefully is intelligible.)



FLY BY NIGHT:

KEN HIVELEY/LOS ANGELES TIMES

- ...A new theory about the Loch Ness Monster has it that the legend was created by circus elephants near the Loch back in 1933. Nessie could be the trunk, head and back of a swimming elephant. No word about the sightings before and after 1933!

- ...Perhaps the least-documented sighting of all times is one from Idaho, which took place "almost 40 years ago." Two admittedly drunken youths were driving home one evening when they supposedly saw a blinding flash, and a small flying saucer appeared in front of their car. The dome of

the craft opened up and a very ugly 3 1/2-foot-tall creature floated into their car. There is more, but unfortunately the sighting has no believable confirmation from anyone.

- ...Rick Hilberg of Cleveland, Ohio has lurched forth with another of his \$8 postpaid mini-books, this one called "Weirdology II". It is related to his quarterly mag of the same name. It is - what can we say? Weird! Write to 377 Race Street, Berea, Ohio 44017
- Another key Roswell Incident figure has died. He is J. Bond Johnson, who photographed the highly controversial crash debris as a reporter for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The wreckage was being displayed on the floor of the office of General Ramey, who was the base commander. The six pictures that he took are the only known photos of the wreckage, and five of them still survive. (Credits Wm. Moore)
- ...This past March, a policeman in Argentina was supposedly chased by two short aliens with red eyes, who gave him unspecified "telepathic commands" and messed up his memory. He ended up in the hospital, where he was reluctant to tell his story, saying (in Spanish, of course) "I don't want to be taken for a nut."
- Finally - we have Robb MacGregor, who has sent us an update on the Falling Ice Phenomenon (FIP), which has become much more frequent of late. Strieber's "Unknown Country" web site says that this is being caused by global warming. Since the Bush Administration does not believe in global warming, we are understandably a little hesitant to discuss the subject. But here goes:

According to Strieber's information, the falling ice occurs because of the increasing temperature difference between the troposphere (= lower atmosphere) and the stratosphere (= upper atmosphere). The ultra-cold stratosphere causes large ice blocks to form out of jet contrails or ice that forms on airplane wings, and sometimes from water in rain clouds. These are the ice blocks that fall to earth. People who live under aviation flight paths are most often the ones affected, and this is why they falsely assume the ice comes from airplane toilets (though once in awhile it really is from airplane toilets.)

It's no coincidence that Strieber and radio's Art Bell have a "groundbreaking" book on this subject, called "The Coming Global Superstorm".

Rob has included a personal note together with this mailing: "Hi Jim. I know you're a fan of

falling ice blocks - if not Whitley Strieber." Come to think of it, we have bashed Strieber more than enough in this particular issue of "Smear". May the "Grays" forgive us'

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- **Hard-core skeptic JOHN MERRELL** writes:

"Long overdue, after a good many years away from the paranormal scene, I humbly return and provide my 'token gift' to the Commander. Since first sitting between Phil Klass, Gary Posner, and James Randi at a CSICOP conference almost 25 years ago, my own humble skeptic past has also come full circle.

"As the only skeptic (to my knowledge) to have lost a lawsuit to a psychic (Noreen Renier in 1986), I can inform you that I have recently filed a lawsuit against this same 'psychic detective' for a 'breach of settlement' in our legal agreement. My name appears more than 50 times in her 2005 book 'A Mind For Murder'...

"So perhaps, Commander, there is a connection between spinning UFOs and a psychic who claimed to see the future and claims my downfall. This is the same psychic who claimed to have described something 'round and round' which later police officers connected to a cement mixer truck in a murder case. Of course it should come as no surprise that Philip Klass is responsible for this latest collision in the inter-dimensional paranormal cosmos.

"If I manage to win this round after 20+ years, somewhere Klass will smile that a 'dead and buried' skeptic managed to come back, and at least a few folks like Randi, Dennett and Posner might suspect that 'round and round' was a psychic vision more likely based upon reoccurring legal battles than a cement truck...

"I bow to your esteemed longevity, Commander. I'm quite glad too at finding your cartoonist still at your side. Even skeptics enjoy his two-dimensional artistic antics..."

- **WILLIAM ("Bill") MOORE**, that ufological icon of yesteryear, writes:

"...I received your latest 'Smear' yesterday. I can't say that the FBI's attitude toward Phil Klass comes as any surprise. He was considered to be a crackpot and a loose cannon as far back as the early 1980s, but at the same time he occasionally served as an unwitting 'useful idiot' for planting certain disinformation about aerospace technology that those who planted it wanted the Soviets to see. As to the bit about leaking classified data and the feds not being able to prosecute without disclosing the information, didn't someone break that story years ago but no one would believe it? It might have been Todd Zechel who revealed that bit in one of his rants against Klass. Maybe one of your non-subscribers will recall.

"I'm sorry to hear the very troubling news about Karl Pflock's condition. I don't know what else to say except to note that Stephen Hawking suffers the same debilitation and continues to be productive...I've not always agreed with Karl, but he has always made an effort to be factual, logical, and thought-provoking, which are qualities one comes to respect when dealing with this subject.

"As for the Planet Serpo thing, the UFO angle is a cover for something else completely unrelated, at least one of the major players is sailing under false colors, and that's all that can be told, at least for now.

"On another front, it seems Bob Lazar is trying to resurrect the notoriety he enjoyed back in the '80s with his moonshine stories about Area 51 and element

115. Apparently he's counting on a new generation of ufoologists being unaware of the discrediting he suffered, or the criminal activities he was allegedly involved with at the time of the last go-round."

- Famed researcher WENDY CONNORS writes, not directly to us but to her fans on the Net:

"...I've been doing much thinking of late about the current situation regarding the Roswell Incident. It's time to retire this dog, if not bury it completely. Why? Simply put, the case has become so muddled by inexperienced researchers and those who earn their living off of the case - such as the alleged International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, that the case languishes more as a joke than a bonafide case. That's really a shame.

"The UFO Museum in Roswell has not produced anything of note regarding the case. All new information has come from private researchers. This alleged bastion of 'research' done by the UFO Museum adds up to diddly-squat. About the only thing this dog and pony show has done is fleece the tourists' pockets by providing cheap Chinese alien figures and putting up some exhibits that even smaller museums out-class in design, scope and factuality.

"No, if you head to Roswell for vacation this year, I suggest going to the McDonald's hamburger joint built in the shape of a UFO. At least you'll get something in your stomach instead of the bellyache you'll get by visiting a 'research facility' that produces zero research.

"In the beginning, the International UFO Museum and Research Center had a lot of promise. But, like all big ideas borne in tribal mentality, it has failed miserably."

And, writing directly to us, Wendy says in part: "Nice to read that you're doing well and that "Smear" is still under your able control." Gosh! We now regret having included Wendy in our recent "Saucer Smear" "Hall of Shame"! - Editor.

- Ace ufological scientist STANTON FRIEDMAN writes:

"Just a quick note to point out that your comment about me and Aztec in the April 'Smear' is a few years out of date. I have spoken at a few earlier Aztec conferences. Years ago I was indeed dubious about the Aztec case, thanks to Bill Steinman, Silas Newton, etc., etc. However, once I did my homework, visited the site, and spent time with Scott Ramsey and others who have been doing theirs, I became convinced that indeed a saucer crashed at Hart Canyon near Aztec in March, 1948, and its retrieval was indeed, as one might expect, covered up by the U.S. Government. Scott has really dug into the documentation, and found witnesses, etc. I would probably still rank Roswell the number one crash. The research for Roswell was in many ways easier because of all the press coverage and because I got a much earlier start. Unfortunately, we keep losing the races with the undertaker."

- PAUL KIMBALL, UFO researcher & head of Redstar Film and Television Production, writes:

"Thanks for the mention in the latest issue of 'Saucer Smear', which was waiting for me when I finally wandered into the office this afternoon. The front page/lead story! Wowee - my ufological career has hit a new high!

"The Klass stuff was interesting when I read it. Of course, just because the FBI seems to have had a low opinion of him doesn't mean that some other government agency wasn't using him - or so I've been told by some people who still can't accept that Klass was what he appeared to be - nothing more and nothing less. But that's ufology, isn't it?"

We will have more to say about Kimball's glorious opinion polls in our next issue! - Editor.

- Long-time ufological researcher CHRIS ROTH writes:

"First of all my heartfelt thanks for your review of 'E.T. Culture' in the latest 'Saucer Smear'. There's very little one can do to raise the visibility of a scholarly book outside of a scholarly audience, so this is a great help (not that I get any royalties, as a mere lowly contributor!)

"I am enclosing a Web clipping which I assume you have seen, from Paul Kimball's 'The Other Side of Truth' blog, reporting your winning fifth place in a 'greatest ufologist ever' poll, behind Vallee, Hynek, Friedman, and McDonald. Congratulations! You beat out Donald Keyhoe and any number of others...

"I'm saddened, by the way, to hear about Karl Pflock's progressive illness. He's one of the sharper minds in the business, and I enjoyed interviewing him on my radio show way back when."

- Cartoonist, etc. MATT GRAEBER writes:

"...I just wanted to tell you that vintage 'Smear' - like vintage Moseley - is still a ufologist's delight and an acquired taste that lingers (like Limburger) on the intellectual's mental pallet. Not only is 'Smear' read by Believers, but skeptics and debunkers enjoy it too. So, you MUST be doing something completely wrong! Call it bad chemistry, dumb luck or misguided alchemy, you seem to have concocted an elixir that tickles and intoxicates the funny bone. Are you sure you're not a ufological sociologist for the FBI?"



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MORE ABOUT PHIL KLASS

Many ufologists believe that Klass carried out his negative campaign against UFOs because he

was secretly in league with the U.S. government. Most of us assume that the government wants to discourage UFO belief, though this may not really be the case at all.

Anyhow, documentary producer Paul Kimball has recently posted a fascinating item on the web called "Phil Klass - A Spy for the FBI?" FBI files released after Klass' recent death show conclusively that old Phil definitely was not in league with that agency.

In the 1970s Klass was on a vendetta against Dr. J. Allen Hynek, and on June 14th, 1975 he wrote a letter to then FBI Director Clarence Kelley, knocking Hynek harshly. Kelley wrote back defending Hynek's scientific reputation. The Kimball web posting concludes as follows:

"Privately, FBI officials were scathing about Klass. Attached to the Kelley letter is a memo that states: 'Klass is well known to us. He is deficient in all points of his argument, particularly concerning the credentials of Dr. Hynek, which could scarcely be better. Hynek has been associated professionally with some of the finest universities in this country and is recognized in the most prestigious scientific circles. On the other hand, Klass has no such sterling reputation and has twice been under FBI investigation in connection with the unauthorized publication of classified information. Both of these cases have been closed.'

This latter point, about Klass publishing classified materials without authorization, is ironic, given his role in the MJ-12 circus. Other memos in the file reveal that the only reason Klass wasn't prosecuted is that the classified information he had used could not be declassified for the purpose of prosecution. (Memo dated May 11th, 1976.)

"Lucky for Klass!

"What can be gleaned from these files is a portrait of a man who was neither respected nor liked by the FBI; who was in fact seen as an 'accusatory and argumentative' trouble maker and who could not be trusted, given both his previous publishing of classified material and his 'intemperate criticism and irrational statements' (i. e. he was a loose cannon.)

"He could be a mean-spirited pain in the ass - no surprise there to many ufologists but he was also about as far from being an FBI agent as you could get."

Our sincere thanks to "Ray X" and also Vtnce Ditchkus for sending along this item...

MAY GOD HEAL MR. RANDI!

James ("The Amusing") Randt underwent bypass surgery on his heart in mid-February, and is now said to be recovering nicely. The Internet rants on his "Educational Foundation" site have therefore been taken over by someone else for the time being.

"Smear" urges all of our devout non-subscribers to pray intensely for our aging fallen hero. Let's hope for a miracle that will restore our guru to mental and physical health as quickly as possible. Light a holy candle, invoke White Magic, do an incantation, bribe the Devil, consider sending Randi to Lourdes, or do whatever it takes to overcome the Supernatural Forces of Darkness that have laid our hero low - or whatever!

Or, you can send a mere card to Randi % JREF, 201 S.E. 12th St., Fort Lauderdale, Fl. 33316.

We have mailed Randi a confidential postcard that reads as follows, "Dear Randi. Sorry to hear of your illness. I have asked God to restore you to full mental and physical health. If this actually works, please send your million dollar prize to me at the address on this card "...

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- **Another older guy still in the news occasionally is Swiss author Erich Von Daniken, whose books pitch the theory that extraterrestrials were present on Earth thousands of years ago. They were supposedly responsible for the pyramids of Giza, the stone statues of Easter Island, Stonehenge in England, etc. He admits that he has yet to find objective proof of this, though he has "chains of evidence" - whatever that means.**

As a young man Von Daniken served jail time somewhere in Europe, for forgery, if we remember correctly. But in 1968 he published his first book "Chariots of the Gods", which went on to become a best seller and a beautiful documentary film the following year. The book was rejected twenty times before being accepted for publication, and it was eventually translated into 32 languages. He went on to write a total of 29 books to date, presumably making a great deal of money in the process.

We actually read one of the early books, called "Gold of the Gods", about Inca treasure and long mysterious tunnels in Equador. We know something about pre-Colombian artifacts, and all we remember is that the treasure photos in the book looked absolutely fake!

In recent years Von Daniken has been connected with a very successful extraterrestrial theme park in Switzerland, where he is part owner. Now 70 years old, he claims that his controversial theories will be taught in schools within the next ten years.

We blew an opportunity to chat with Von Daniken at the 1997 UFO convention in Roswell, New Mexico, where he was one of the speakers. We were in the front row of the darkened auditorium, waiting for the lecture to begin, when we noticed a seedy-looking man standing alone next to the stage. We assumed this was an electrician or stage hand of some sort and ignored him, but alas, this seedy-looking individual was actually Erich Von Daniken! The lecture was interesting, but his accent was too much for us, and we did not stay till the end. (Thanks to Vince Ditchkus)...

- **We were not at all surprised to see that the February-March issue of "UFO Magazine" has a cover story about "Serpo", the no-doubt mythical planet to which a small group of highly-trained Americans was supposedly sent in 1965. About half of the issue (40 pages) is devoted to this subject. We are asked to believe that the classic movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" was basically a true story of alien cultural exchange, or whatever. Poor Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who appears briefly in that movie, must be spinning in his grave by now!**

We gave the essence of the "Serpo" story in our last issue, and won't repeat it here.

What we find intriguing is that the "UFO Magazine" editor and other quoted "experts" all seem to agree that the account from "Mr. Anonymous", even though incredible, contradictory in various details, and totally unproven, is nevertheless worthy of serious consideration.

Most astounding is that former USAF Intelligence officer Richard Doty is one of these "experts". Doty left military service years ago, and the last we heard of him, he was a New Mexico state trooper. There, one would think, he could do little harm. Yet he chimes in, and even names some living military people who supposedly back up parts of the information from "Anonymous". Someone should check out whether these people really exist and if they really ever said what Doty says they said!

Richard Doty is, of course, one of the main characters in the Paul Bennewitz affair, circa 1980, which has been revived recently by Creg Bishop in his book "Project Beta". Doty is also a strong suspect in the release of the original group of MJ-12 documents. We have talked to Doty by phone, and were left with the feeling that, if this man said the sun was coming up, it would be a good idea to run outside and make sure!

We sincerely hope that this issue of "UFO Magazine" is selling a lot of extra copies, because there could be no other excuse for this irresponsible sort of journalism.

Incidentally, in a recent informal poll, their readers told the editor that they don't want the magazine to print science fiction. Why should they want it, when they are getting so much true-fiction already. Egads!...

- **We haven't mentioned famed spoon bender Uri Geller in quite awhile, who still creates a stir in England, where he now lives. We have recently read that he is about to embark on a 20-date tour of his latest stage show, called "Uri Geller Explains the Unexplained".**

Although he still bends spoons and repairs broken watches, Uri's basic message is "very motivational and inspirational". Says he, "I can almost guarantee that 95 percent of the children who come to this show will never smoke or take drugs in their lives."

Years ago, we saw Geller perform in a shopping mall in New Jersey, and we were not very impressed. Later, we had a private meeting with Geller and his family at a posh hotel in Miami, where he performed a trick (?) for us that defied easy explanation. Maybe he does have Psychic Powers sometimes, but in our opinion most of his performances consist of bluff and trickery. James ("The Amusing") Randi had him pegged, but overdid his criticisms so horribly that he made Geller the underdog. Long story. (Thanks to Vince Ditchkus)...

- **2005 was a good year for sightings of the Loch Ness Monster. There were four incidents last summer, one of which resulted in the first pictures since 2001. These were taken last October 15th by the owner of the Loch Ness Caravan Park, while he was walking his dog by the shore of the Loch. His five photos show a four foot high head and neck. He says that the "dark green and silvery" creature could only have been the Monster. Unfortunately, we have not seen the pictures. (Again, Vince Ditchkus)...**
- **Christopher Roth of Milwaukee, Wisconsin is a young man with a Ph.D. in anthropology who is a frequent contributor to our fair zine. Now he has appeared in print in a scholarly tome from Duke University Press, called "E.T. Culture: Anthropology in Outerspaces".**

This title is kind of strange and the book's cover is even more so, consisting of a drawing that apparently shows stars in the background and shapeless blobs in the foreground. But the book is well worth the price we paid (=free), and Chris's chapter is the longest and most interesting of several chapters written by various scholars.

Chris's contribution is called "Ufology as Anthropology - Race, Extraterrestrials, and the Occult". It deals mainly with (1) The 19th century and early 20th century occult and science fiction background that lead up to today's ufology; (2) The contactees of the 1950s and 1960s; (3) The abduction phenomenon that began later and (4) Hybrid extraterrestrial babies. We had not realized how much America's obsession with race has to do with all this. Roth should also have said more about our obsession with sexual behavior!

Chris Roth's chapter runs 56 pages. In the conclusion, there is a statement that reads in part:

"Differences - the very idea of ethnicity and race - are part of American cultural conceptions of what it is to be human. Insofar as aliens are incorporated into preconceived notions of humanity, they will be accommodated as a part of - not a transcendence of - existing evolutionary, racial, and ethnic dimensions on which our conceptions of human diversity are already arranged.

"This is what gives us George Hunt Williamson projecting anti-Semitic fears onto an alien infiltration of our social institutions; Betty and Barney Hill abducted and probed by 'men' who morph from Irishmen to Chinese to specimens from an ethnological slide show) thousands of white middle-class Americans reporting that they have been kidnapped and raped by high evolutionaries trying to save their

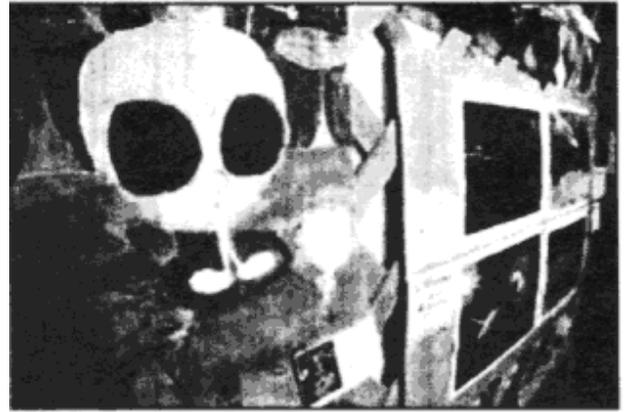
race and ours simultaneously; nightmare fantasies of genocide, for which we blame the aliens, not whites; and a growing number of abductees and their children believing that they themselves are downtrodden immigrants, adding grey or green to the palette of white, brown, red, black, and yellow Americans..."

Roth goes on to say that he has deliberately avoided the question of what, if anything, contactees and abductees are really experiencing. We assume that he does not know, and neither do we!...

- Among the several unnecessary UFO conventions this year is the 9th running of the symposium in Aztec, New Mexico, commemorating an event in 1948 in which a flying saucer supposedly crashed in a canyon north of the little town.

Although there is some excuse for the annual Roswell Festival, commemorating the much better known 1947 event there, almost everyone agrees that the evidence for the Aztec crash is much more flimsy, at best.

Among this year's speakers are "experts" including (you guessed it!) Stanton Friedman, even though, according to our understanding, he himself does not believe in the authenticity of the Aztec yarn. The Aztec story was first described in Frank Scully's discredited 1950 best-selling book "Behind the Flying Saucers". One of his key informants was a colorful character named Silas Newton, who was later convicted of fraud in an unrelated matter. (via Vince Ditchkus)



Dave Watson/*The Daily Times*
Alien-themed artwork made by 10-year-old Katia Diochenko of Israel and computer-generated space scenes made by Piedra Vista High School Students decorate the Aztec Public Library on Monday in preparation for the 2006 Aztec UFO Symposium.

- We have previously written about an Englishman named Gary McKinnon, whom the U.S. government accuses of committing "the biggest military computer hack of all time." A decision is expected soon as to whether or not he will be extradited to the U.S., where he would probably spend several decades in prison. There is also a two million dollar fine involved. In the meanwhile, he is free on bail in Britain.

Our government claims that between February 2001 and March 2002, McKinnon hacked into dozens of U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Department of Defense computers, as well as sixteen NASA computers.

McKinnon insists that he had no malicious intent, and that his reason for doing all this was to find out what information the government is withholding from the public on the subject of unidentified flying objects. He believes that the U.S. military has reverse engineered an anti-gravity propulsion system from alien spacecraft, and that this is being kept secret from the people.

McKinnon's obsession with computer hacking over a period of years eventually ruined his personal life, and he says he was actually glad when he finally got caught. But he is fighting extradition as hard as he can.

Incidentally, McKinnon never did find the UFO evidence he was looking for. He claims he came across a few intriguing tidbits of info., but nothing definite to prove his theories.

- Not dead yet but nevertheless officially retiring from the saucer scene is George Fawcett of Lincinton, North Carolina. Now aged 86, he claims to have been "devoted" to unidentified flying objects since he was ten years old.

Over the years Fawcett has written two rather unprofessional books, he has read exactly

1,768 books on the subject (or so he says), and he has donated a collection of about 148,000 UFO-related items to the International UFO Museum at Roswell - for a tax write-off, no doubt. He is therefore on their Board of Directors.

Fawcett believes that "the government has information on UFOs which confirms their reality, but it has consistently tried to keep this fact hidden from the public." And whether he is still alive or not when astronauts make contact with life on other planets, he is sure that "we're going to find out when we get there that they have been waiting for us to arrive."

Well, maybe. (Thanks to "UFO Newsclipping Service")...

- The banner headline reads: "UFO Mystery at Paisley Centre - Manager Convinced Aliens are Trying to Make Contact". This is from the Daily Express in Paisley, England, August 4th (our birthday!), 2005.

The UFO connection is tenuous at best, but something very unusual did happen. A "crop circle" six yards in diameter mysteriously appeared on the flat roof of Paisley's leading shopping center. The circle is greyish in color and has gold-colored edges. It appears to have been burnt into the roof's gravel covering.

Best of ail, its appearance followed the simultaneous malfunctioning of electrical equipment at the center, including the blow-out of a photo copier, a fax machine, and the vitally important CCTV equipment (whatever that is). The Paisley Center roof is a secured area not accessible to the general public. A satellite dish housed nearby also malfunctioned after the appearance of the circle.

To add even more mystery to this case, an unidentified metal-like material was found on the roof after the above-mentioned goings-on. It was sent to a nearby university for analysis. "It could have something to do with UFOs", the center manager wisely speculated.

If this isn't a blatant hoax, what is it? (Thanks to our old pal Lou Farish.)...

- Pat Marcattilio, alias "Doctor UFO", announces that his next glorious "Earth Mysteries & UFOs/ET Congress" will take place April Fool's Day weekend at the usual dreary Days Inn in Bordontown, New Jersey, near Trenton. Pat also states that this event will probably be the last in the series, as the motel is turning the convention space into a retail store, and for various reasons other motels nearby are not suitable in Pat' s opinion.

These New Jersey conclaves have been taking place for quite a number of years - since about 1990 - and we will be truly sorry to see them end. Pat usually gets very interesting speakers (such as your "Smear" editor!), most of whom are true ufological stars. Due to a lack of publicity, the attendance tends to be pitifully low. Thus Pat is certainly not getting rich from his ufological endeavors.

"Doctor UFO", recently retired from the U.S. postal service, has seriously considered relocating to the Orlando area of Florida, where he would open a real UFO museum. But the cost of such an undertaking appears to be far beyond his financial means. In a recent note to us, Pat suggests that your "Smear" editor open a skeptical UFO museum in Key West. Yes, this would probably attract as many as two or three paid attendees per year!

We wish Pat well. When the Space People finally land, they should give him a giant cosmic "E" for Effort!...

- A recent episode of the science fiction animated cartoon TV series "Futurama" spotlights the famed Roswell Incident in garbled form. Somehow Fry, Bender, Lisa and their friends come back in time from the 31st Century and crash their spaceship at Roswell in 1947. There's an alien autopsy, witnessed by President Harry Truman of course, and other details of the "real" incident.

Fry's intended grandfather happens to be stationed at Roswell at the time, and gets killed in an atomic test on the desert. Fry then becomes very friendly indeed with the woman who was about to become his grandmother, and thus (somehow) becomes his own grandfather! In spite of this, everything is back to normal at the end of the half hour episode, when the spaceship returns to the good old 31st Century...

- **Admittedly this is a new low even for "Smear", but our hero Charles Fort was interested in all mysterious substances that fall from the sky, and we must follow in his footsteps.**

A Michigan man named Timothy Rohn has had his second experience in two months, in which human waste rained down from the sky, hitting his house and yard in exactly the same way both times. For reasons too grim to give here, he is sure it is human waste rather than anything else.

One clue is that Rohn lives in the flight path of airplanes going to and from the local airport. But planes cannot discharge waste in flight because the mechanism that opens the hatch is only accessible from the outside of the craft. However, something has obviously gone wrong. Holy Shit!...

- **And in far-away India, a huge chunk of ice fell out of the sky for no apparent reason at all, this past January. A weather expert states: "This sounds absurd. The atmospheric condition is not favorable even for hail. This can't be a meteorological phenomenon."**

Within minutes, hundreds of villagers flocked to the playground where the chunk was lying. The jagged and melting piece was lying in a crater about a foot deep. Within hours it melted into a chunk about five kilograms in weight. People were asked to preserve some of the ice so it could be tested...(Again, thanks to Vince Ditchkus)

- **Sadly, we learn from Karl Pflock's wife Mary that his illness has progressed to the point that he will no longer be able to contribute material to "Smear" on a regular basis. As most of our readers know, about a year ago Karl was diagnosed with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. This condition gets worse over a period of time and is inevitably fatal.**

Karl will continue to keep in touch with us and will send contributions to "Smear" when he is able. We wish him well!...

- **Finally - there's a new book out by the well-known ufological scholar Michael Swords. It is published by the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) and is entitled "Grass Roots UFOs t Case Reports from the Timmerman Files".**

This book consists of about a thousand UFO cases, most of which were reported first-hand to John Timmerman during a period of about twelve years when he had a 40-foot-long UFO information exhibit on display at various shopping malls around the country. None of the cases have been researched beyond the testimony of the witnesses, so scientifically all of this can be called "raw data". Nevertheless, it is unusually interesting, informative, and written with an agreeable touch of humor. Timmerman, an 82-year-old retired bank executive living in Ohio, has devoted a vast amount of time and energy to ufology for many years, having had at least one UFO experience himself. He is a sincere and genial man, but unfortunately (like most of us) he has a "blind spot". On the phone he tells us that flying saucers can only be extraterrestrial vehicles and nothing else, whereas ghosts and all other paranormal events are "crazy". Unfortunately, one could write a book just like this one and devote it to what a thousand paranormal experiencers have to say. They are equally sincere and not necessarily any more deluded than UFO experiencers. The mystery of "off beat" phenomena is by no means as simple as John Timmerman would like us to believe!

"GrassRoots UFOs" is available from FUFOR for \$20 plus \$2 shipping & handling. For some reason only 300 copies have been printed, so get yours now!

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

- CHRISTOPHER ROTH, mentioned at length on Page 3 of this issue, writes:

"I was interested to read in the February 25th 'Smear', the 'information' on Project Serpo. There's a planet in Zeta Reticuli called Planet Serpo? It seems that the borrowing here from science-fiction themes and moods is very shameless. Lizards from Mars? One would have thought that the past decades' great leaps forward in understanding the physical conditions of distant star systems - and in understanding the peculiar, accidental, sheer unlikelihood of our own poor planet's particular evolutionary paths - would inspire the tireless concocters of ufo lore to use a little informed imagination now and then. But this is asking a lot. I suppose there is nothing new under the sun, or orbiting any sun!

"I'm glad to read about the Church of the SubGenius in your pages. I had college friends who were devotees of it and formed a funk band called Slack - 'slack' being the central theological concept of the SubCenius faith, if I remember correctly, analogous to 'grace' in Christianity or 'karma' in Hinduism. I was never really sure if Ivan Stang was a real person or not, and I still wonder if being a 'Smear' non-subscriber is proof that he is or was one. He didn't share a post office box with Robert Anton Wilson by any chance, did he?..."

Robert Anton Wilson (=Bob) is still a real non-subscriber, and tells us that Stang is real, though 'Bob', the god of the SubGenius cult, was named after him! - Editor.

- Researcher JERRY BLACK writes as follows:

"I read with amusement your article concerning Whitley Strieber and some information he related to Dr. John Mack back in 1999. Whitley Strieber has got to be the biggest joke in the history of ufology. First he had several frightening encounters with 'Demons' at his cabin in New York State. Then we had his alleged implant that would not stop moving!

"Finally Mr. Strieber has been chosen by the alien beings to be a sex object. Give me a break! We have to thank Mr. Art Bell, Mutual UFO Network, NBC-TV, and other UFO conventions for keeping this hoaxer around.

"About six years ago I did an investigation into the work and claims made by Whitley Strieber. I concluded that there was no evidence to support his claim of contact with 'Demons' or alien beings. There was, however, some evidence to support the idea that Mr. Strieber's claims of alien contact were a hoax."

We happen to believe that Strieber is sincere- but misguided, whatever that means. - Ed.

- Skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"I was sorry to read in your last issue about the death of Wayne Aho. He was an avid UFO enthusiast and local (Seattle area) promoter of interest in the subject. In the late 1970s he proposed making a UFO landing strip in the vicinity of Mount Rainier - a project that did not see fruition. He was active in the New Age movement. We first met on a television program about flying saucers, and I remember he talked about the Giant Rock (contactee) space conventions held in the Mojave Desert in the late 50s.

"My most remarkable encounter with him was an invitation to debate him on a local radio program. Apparently I said something that made him mad, because when the host broke for a commercial Wayne said he was going to punch out my

lights (or something similar) as soon as the show was over, I wasn't concerned; he was 40 years older than me, He cooled off and by the time we were exiting the building he was chatting with me like we were old friends and even offered to buy me a cup of coffee, which unfortunately I had to decline.

"Please keep up the good work, and don't let the bad guys, or the Greys, get you down."

We remember when Wayne Aho changed the pronunciation of his name from Aho (long "a") to Aho ("a" as in father) - presumably because the long "a" made it sound too much like Ahole. His brother Art, however, kept the original pronunciation. This was somewhat confusing. - Editor.

- Our olde pal MATT GRAEBER writes:

"In response to Martin Kottmeyer's whimsical comments on modern-day aliens being horrid little Greys - as opposed to C.G. Jung's angelic aliens of the long-gone contactee days, I offer this brief commentary and NO cartoon!

"The authors of the UFO books of olde wrote about what the contactees were describing. The contactees were the 'saucer celebrities', while the authors were in fact their ufological publicists. Today, the abduction experts/authors are also the celebrities because it is they who define (through totally nonsensical research methodologies) both the character and tone of the alleged abduction experience, as well as alien descriptions which are said to have been hypnotically elucidated by the abductee(s).

"If an alien should be reported to have a big nose, fingernails or pointed ears by an abductee - that information is routinely discarded as the result of misperception, confabulation and alien-induced screen memories. That's why the Greys are predominately represented in the contemporary UFO literature. An active field investigator and objective witness interviewer would know this to be a fact, whereas an armchair researcher would be completely at the mercy of the self-appointed abduction expert's highly 'inventive' and grotesquely slanted written words!

"At least Dr. Jung let Orfeo Angelucci have his say in his landmark 1958 book, 'Flying Saucers - A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Sky'. Hopkins, Jacobs, et al, would have said it for Orfeo - and that's the difference between reporting objective empirical observations and wallowing in the delusional muck of leading and demanding 'amateur' hypnotic interrogations..."

- And, RUSS TYNDALL writes:

"I have just finished reading '[Shockingly Close to the Truth!](#)' ...I somehow stumbled across 'Saucer Smear' on the dreaded internet. I found your sense of humor absolutely delightful and your writing style enormously entertaining. Needless to say, 'Shockingly' quickly found its way onto my bookshelf!

"Someone has said two things about UFOs: They remain an enduring mystery, and they attract the nuttiest people around. Your exploration of Saucerdom in 'Shockingly' brings that statement into very sharp focus. Although I am sure you grow tired of accolades, I must say: well done!

"I do not know what the future holds for Saucerdom. I would hazard a guess that it will continue as it always has, rising to a crescendo every decade or so, then retreating back into silence for some period. I do believe we (mankind) will find some form of answer to the mystery one day - maybe tomorrow or a million years from now..."



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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS (as usual!)

Correction: In [our article about Tim Beckley](#) in the last issue, we incorrectly gave the date of the Brazil UFO-related double murder as 1996. Actually, it was 1966. Go back and re-read this item, as it is one hell of a story!...

- **C** We are grateful to skeptic Martin Kottmeyer for the following gem from John Mack's 1999 book "Passport to the Cosmos". The following paragraphs are direct quotes from the book:

Whitley Strieber spoke to me (= *John Mack - ed.*) of experiences similar to Isabel's. "The sexual part of my relationship with the beings has been very complex and very rich and very difficult at times because I'm a married man. I've taken marriage vows, which I believe in. To an extent this aspect of it has been thrust on me, and it's not something I've been able to control. If it had been under my control, I would have felt very guilty."

There is a specific alien female with whom he feels mated. "It's like having a second wife with whom I have a secret relationship." "There was never a seduction," he said. "I would wake up in a state of sexual excitement, in mid-intercourse...The physical dynamic is different in the sense that the sensation of intercourse moves through your whole body, and you become totally devoted to it for longer than I do in normal intercourse."

In normal coitus, he said, orgasm can be "a very colorful moment, but in this, the power of the moment starts at the beginning and extends through the whole thing, and at the end I black out." It feels to him "as if a level of sexuality I'm normally not involved with is engaged. It's very, very powerful."

Strieber has fully informed his wife of this connection...

- There has apparently been a lot of talk on the Net lately about something called "Project Serpo - The Zeta Reticuli Exchange Program". Some of this material was kindly sent to us by Tim Brigham, former editor of a UFO zine called "The Devil's Advocate", and now working on his doctorate in psychology. (Quite a step up, we would say!)

"Project Serpo" is subtitled "The gradual release of confidential documents pertaining to a top secret exchange program of twelve U.S. military personnel to Serpo, a planet of Zeta Reticuli, between the years 1965-1978." The information is being given by someone who calls himself "Anonymous", who claims to be the spokesman for a group of six DIA personnel working together as an alliance. There has been a series of web postings by "Anonymous" in recent months, to a private UFO e-mail list moderated by someone named Victor Martinez. Even the names of most of the ufologists on this e-mail list remain confidential!

First we learn that there were two crashes near Roswell in 1947, both involving "extraterrestrial aircraft" and alien bodies. One live alien was found, and was transferred to Los Alamos. He lived till 1952, and during his time on Earth he established communication with the military, provided the location of his home planet, and also gave a full explanation of the various devices found inside the two spacecrafts.

In 1965 we established an exchange program with the aliens. Twelve military personnel were carefully selected, including two women. Near the northern part of the Nevada Test Site the aliens landed and the twelve Americans left with them. Eight of them returned in 1978, when they were dropped off at the same location in Nevada. Two died on the aliens' home planet and four others decided to remain there, according to the returnees. Unfortunately, this makes a total of 14, not 12. This glaring error is dismissed as a "typo" in the commentary about the document!

The returnees were isolated from 1978 until 1984 at various military installations. The last survivor of this group died in 2002. (This reminds us of how the MJ-12 documents were not released till after the last of the twelve had died!)

"Anonymous" invites comments on his claims, but we don't have much of this, as our final sheet cuts off after "Comment #1". Our own comment is that this material, unsupported by any documentation whatever, is highly unlikely to be true. We have heard some of these allegations before, and remain skeptical. We wonder what ex-ufologist Bill Moore would say about this information - he being the original distributor of the infamous MJ12 documents...

- Lisa Davis of San Diego, Director of the NUFOC (National UFO Conference) writes that she has been having serious personal problems, and therefore has not stayed in touch lately with other people in the Field.

She says that this year's Conference will be scheduled for mid-October, presumably at the same hotel in Hollywood as before. Scheduled speakers include Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs, and Yvonne Smith. Again your "Smear" editor hopes to be there to present our unique insight into the proceedings.

We will have more information about all this as time goes by...

- Unusual Public Events Dept:

On January 26th to 29th, James ("The Amusing") Randi headed a list of hard-core skeptics at a conclave in Las Vegas, Nevada, discussing "Science in Politics and the Politics of Science". As most of our readers know, Randi is a militant atheist, fanatically opposed to any and all forms of paranormal events. His million dollar prize for proof of the paranormal is well known.

Says one reporter on the net: "Randi can be eloquent and is quite the showman. He is also wildly intelligent - he got a MacArthur genius grant in 1986. But according to his detractors, Randi's main qualities are his malice and hypocrisy. He's hell-bent on tearing apart anyone he deems a kook, including distinguished scientists and Nobel Prize winners. This is amusing, as Randi has no scientific credentials whatsoever (although he did once write an astrology column for a Canadian tabloid and host a paranormal-themed radio show.)"...

Then in July there will be a convention in rural New York State of the Church of the SubGenius. This is billed as a UFO cult, predicting an apocalypse when an invasion of flying saucers occurs on July 5th. Our write-up states incorrectly that the Church was founded in 1953 by J.R. "Bob" Dobbs. Actually, "Bob" is not a real person at all, but the "god" of this tongue-in-cheek anti-Establishment atheistic cult. The actual founder is someone named Ivan Stang, who used to be on our "Smear" mailing list. The convention literature says that all ordained SubCenius ministers will be rescued from the invasion by escape vessels piloted by the Alien Sex Goddesses, also known as the Xists. These annual SubCenius gatherings sound like old-fashioned music, sex & drug orgies, and we would sure like to attend one sometime!...

Finally, on a much more spiritual level, on January 21st Budd Hopkins' Intruders Foundation presented another of its series of abductee panels, in which genuine abductees offer compelling first-hand accounts of their weird experiences. This is another event that we have never attended, partly because Hopkins and your "Smear" editor do not get along, to put it mildly.

And on February 25th, this same Intruders Foundation will present a seminar focused on the classic Rendlesham UFO case in England and the Kecksburg, Pa. case from 1965. This meeting takes place at 241 West 30th St. in New York City. (Our sincere thanKs to Vince Ditchkus for these three articles and several others in this issue)..

- It is very refreshing indeed to find a Roswell witness who does not claim to have seen dead space travellers or even earthbound oriental aliens.

Walter Klinikowski of Allentown, Pa. is an 84-year-old retired Air Force colonel who was stationed at Roswell in the summer of 1947 when the military recovered some kind of flying

disc in the desert. Says Klinikowski: "The thing looked to me like the reflector off a weather balloon". He states that in 1947 the government was using weather balloons to monitor whether the Soviet Union had detonated any nuclear devices. (This was Project Mogul, no doubt!)

Many years later he was stationed at Wright Patterson AFB in Ohio, as director of the technology division, in which the Air Force would keep any foreign aircraft that crashed in the United States. In a letter written with two other officers and released in 1997, the 50th anniversary of the Roswell Incident, Klinikowski stated that they never saw any alien spacecraft at the base.

Klinikowski believes that a lot of the mythology about the Incident is just that. For example, there's a story about the military commissioning the Ballard Funeral Home in Roswell to make three small coffins, presumably for the spacecraft's dead crew. Klinikowski states that his wife's aunt, who was living with the Ballard family back in 1947, has debunked this story, saying that no such order was ever received!

Klinikowski had an unusually distinguished military career and retired in 1974. He's still alive, and we strongly suggest that Stanton Friedman interview him as soon as humanly possible!

- Karl Pflock informs us that another minor figure in the Roswell saga has just died at the age of 88. He is George Walsh, the program manager at a Roswell radio station who first announced on the air that a flying saucer had crashed near the city. He did this as a result of a phone call from Walter Haut, the press officer at Roswell Army Air Field. The military soon determined that the UFO was in fact a radar target, but by then the original story had spread worldwide...

And our friend Tim Beckley of Global Communications tells us that Wayne Aho, one of the last of the old-time contactees, has died at the age of 90. Wayne was a World War II veteran, a UFO contactee, and a "free energy" pioneer. He had light beam and telepathic contact with space people, and was public relations director for Otis T. Carr in his famous failed attempt to launch an earth-made spacecraft to the Moon from an Oklahoma City fairgrounds.

Strangely, Aho lectured more about his military service than about his experiences with UFOs - always with an American flag waving behind him at the microphone. He was a likeable fellow, but Tim Beckley fondly remembers how, at one of his conventions years ago, Wayne gave Tim The Finger when warned that he was exceeding his time limit.

Wayne Aho was a colorful character who will be missed by hard-core saucer fiends...

- In our last issue we mentioned [Dr. Michael Persinger](#), who for many years has been conducting unique human brain wave experiments, one purpose being to duplicate religious and UFO abduction experiences artificially. This is called Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS), which works on the principles of electricity and magnetism.

We are very curious to find out just why Persinger and about 15 of his students have been locked out of their laboratory at Laurentian University in Canada, where they had been experimenting on rats. Persinger has been told he will be allowed back in the lab "once he corrects his research protocols".

However, the students believe there is more to the problem than that, probably involving Persinger's personality or the nature of his research. They were told they could work things out regarding the protocols if they switch supervisors, i.e., get rid of Persinger - but they don't want to do that.

Regarding the experiments with humans, abductee Barbara Snowberger writes, "I make no claim of being an educated genius, but I do know that simulating certain responses in a

laboratory does not invalidate all of the original experiences...To think that because similar responses can be purposely achieved, does not negate all alternative reasons for seeing aliens, spaceships, etc."

We tend to agree with Barbara, but Persinger's research is nevertheless very interesting indeed!...

- We have written about this before, but we are still intrigued by the rural ranch in Utah where paranormal activity has been reported for a period of over 50 years. In a basin known for an array of unexplained phenomena, the epicenter of high strangeness seems to be a picturesque spread known to many as Skinwalker Ranch. There have been UFOs, Bigfoot encounters, mutilated animals and other bizarre phenomena.

The last family to live on this spread lasted only about 20 months. From the first day back in 1994 they were terrorized by an unseen intelligence that played mind games with them - shadowy figures inside the house, objects that moved on their own, disembodied voices, cattle & bulls that disappeared and others that were carved up with surgical precision in broad daylight! A gigantic wolf that attacked one of their calves was tracked through the mud, but the tracks simply stopped as if the animal had evaporated into thin air. Three dogs were "vaporized" while chasing blue orbs of lights in a pasture.

In 1995 the ranch came to the attention of the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS). This group, financed by Las Vegas millionaire Robert Bigelow, is inactive now (as Bigelow has new interests), but for 8 years an unprecedented scientific study was conducted. Observation posts were built, video cameras were operated, and scientific personnel were on the property 24 hours a day. Out of dozens of weird phenomena they witnessed, none are reproducible because no two incidents were the same! Whatever it was proved to be elusive. The cameras installed atop telephone poles were attacked and dismantled by something that was apparently invisible!

All this sounds extremely far-out, but it is vouched for by real scientists, headed by a man named Dr. Colm Kelleher. Says he: "The mystery of the Skinwalker Ranch remains unsolved. If anything, it has created more questions than I had when I came into this thing."

Famed UFO researcher George Knapp of Las Vegas and Dr. Kelleher have co-authored a book about the ranch, called "Hunt for the Skinwalker". We would love to see it!...

- The [expedition to the Inner Earth](#) which we discussed in some detail a few issues back, has been postponed from 2006 to 2007. It seems that not enough people have signed up. (Cowards!) Our source for Inner Earth information is, of course, Dennis Crenshaw of "Unraveling the Secrets", formerly known as "The Hollow Earth Insider". Way to go, Dennis!

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- Researcher WENDY CONNORS writes:

"I received your gratis Vol. 53 No. 1 of 'Smear'...and I thane you for thinking of me. However, I'm clueless as to why you refer to me as a colleague, when I'm on your esteemed Hall of Shame list. It doesn't make a whole lot of sense.

"[Rumors that reached you](#) regarding an interview I did with Walter Haut are correct. Walter did indeed admit to being in the conference room when Major General Roger Ramey ordered the (Roswell) issue covered up, using a downed weather balloon story. Haut also observed one body and the object, which he described. I played an 88 second soundbyte of Walter on my last regular contribution to Errol Bruce-Knapp's 'Strange Days Indeed!' radio program, which airs in Toronto and Montreal on Saturday nights. I would have sent you a copy of

the audio clip, but since you're a stickler for maintaining a 19th Century track record for technological progress, I decided it would have been a waste of resources and postage "

- In our Dec. 1st, 2005 issue, we commented favorably on [Bob Durant's negative remarks](#) in 'International UFO Reporter' about Greg Bishop's current book, "Project Beta". Below, Bishop tries to set the record straight:

"I have to disagree with your positive assessment of Robert Durant's review of 'Project Beta' in the last IUR. Since by your own admission you have not read my book, you did not realize that Durant apparently hasn't read it either. He seems to be the sort of ufologist who has decided to 'defend the faith' rather than deal with any facts. He takes me to task for overlooking the elusive reason as to why the AFOSI did not simply tell Paul Bennewitz to cease and desist his investigations, when I actually answered this in at least two places in the text. He goes on to repeat some of the things covered in the book, and ask why I ignored them' I don't know if this is funny or tragic, but it certainly does not bode well for ufology.

"I think what upset him the most is that 'Project Beta' does not treat ufology very kindly; but many of the stories that were spawned by the Bennewitz affair were accepted by a few excitable and loud individuals who sowed the bad seeds so thoroughly that we are still recovering from the fallout. Durant missed this point entirely. Fundamentalism trumps reason once again, sort of like a dog who insists on looking at your finger rather than what you are pointing at.

"'Saucer Smear' continues to be the guy that stands off to the side, laughing at the dog. Keep 'em coming!..."

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN delights us with:

"I enclose another generous contribution to the best UFO zine in the world!"

- Our friend MILLER JOHNSON of Albuquerque writes:

"I hate to start a formal missive with a question, but I was wowed by the suspicious life-changing photos on Page 6 of your Jan. 25th issue. Do you have a new ad agency? The two photos of Mr. Erik Albrektson's 'before' and 'after' appearance are spectacular, after only seven short months of reading 'Smear'. This should increase your circulation tenfold. Future ads using this same format might secure more non-subscribers than you can handle!..."

- CHRIS ALLAN, who knows a lot more about American ufology than most of us, even though he writes from England, has this to say:

"I must take up the matter of [the Klass letter](#) you mention in your last issue.

"This letter was written to an individual, Dr. A.G. McNamara, at the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics at the National Research Council of Canada, in August 1980. It probably pre-dates the 'Roswell Incident' book which Stan Friedman was heavily involved with. I say this because Klass makes no mention of that book in his letter, which I would certainly expect him to mention had the book come out by then.

"Evidently Dr. McNamera had some responsibility for UFOs in Canada at the time. It is not clear whether he and Klass had any previous contact, but Klass wanted to warn him of Stan Friedman's impending move to Canada and of the likelihood that Friedman would soon begin accusing Canada of the grand UFO cover-up as he had done in the U.S.

"The letter was certainly unnecessary and uncalled for. It was intended as a personal (i.e. confidential) letter, which explains why nobody knew about it until after Phil's death last year. I only found it through a website, whose identity escapes me for now.

"Klass does use an unflattering description of Friedman, saying he was a UFO lecturer 'of the snake-oil variety'. He says Friedman's lectures are 'filled with half-truths and falsehoods', that he 'has a mountainous ego', and that he is regarded as an 'outcast' (in 1980) within the UFO movement. Klass does say, however, that Stan is a 'likeable chap with a good sense of humor' and that his lectures are far more 'colorful' than those of Hynek.

"As you point out, the letter had nothing whatever to do with impeding Stan's intended move to Canada. Klass was merely assuring this man that he and the NRC would be 'publicly accused of a cosmic cover-up that dwarfs the Watergate scandal'. Whether Stan did in fact ever make this accusation (against the NRC) I simply do not know.

"Anyway, the above is the essence of the said letter. I expect that other confidential Klass letters will surface from time to time..."

- Researcher ANN DRUFFEL writes:



"I enjoyed your last issue of 'Smear' as always, and thought you might like to run another picture of Phil Klass, this time with me at the 1998 MUFON Symposium in Denver. It was one of the rare times I saw Phil at a conference not wearing his loud plaid jacket that was apparently his trademark, but he was still holding his ever-present recorder.

"You mentioned in 'Smear' that 'Klass is said to have caused the late James McDonald to lose a research grant (and that) Ann Druffel, who recently published a biography of McDonald, no doubt has many more details about this matter.'

"Please let me clarify how Phil Klass caused Dr. James McDonald to lose one of his official Office of Naval Research (ONR) grants. The verified details about this and the other attaches Phil made against McDonald during 1967-1970 are covered in full in Chapters Seven, Eight, Nine and Thirteen of my book. Numerous other attacks made by Klass upon other prominent members of the objective UFO research field, which reflected upon McDonald as well, are described in other chapters.

'For some reason, you haven't read my above-mentioned authorized McDonald biography, 'Firestorm: Dr. James E. McDonald's Fight for UFO Science'. 'Saucer Smear' readers might be interested to know that the only negative review of the book, which took me ten years to research, write and get published - was by Karl Pflock, your esteemed Contributing Editor. This in spite of the fact that the twenty or more other published reviews of 'Firestorm' by top researchers in the field, were all positive, and even glowing. Karl chose to be totally negative, and I still wonder why. (By the way, please tell Karl that he continues in my prayers for his full recovery to health.)

"To get back to Phil Klass, in early Spring of 1966, as Jim McDonald was just deciding to become openly visible in the UFO field, in spite of academic colleagues'

warnings that by doing so he might endanger his career and professional reputation, he made an initial attempt to work with Phil on a friendly, sociable basis. This is described in detail on pp. 164-166 of 'Firestorm'. For Phil at heart was a friendly, sociable and humorous man, just as McDonald was. But McDonald's attempt was short-lived, because Phil's attacks against him began soon afterwards...

"From mid-1998 onward, Phil's back problem increased in severity, and my husband and I began to pray each night for his recovery... (He was on our 'prayer list' of six or seven chosen individuals whom we entreated God to cure from various serious illnesses.) Unfortunately, God had other plans for him, and we trust that he is in a better place, on the Other Side, with perhaps more knowledge than any of us here on earth have of the real nature of the UFO phenomenon.

"I could write much more about Phil, but I know your tolerance of long letters is limited. Just let me say that Phil might have felt 'responsible', perhaps on some official level (?), to cause friction and doubt regarding the real value of objective research on the physical UFO phenomenon. But he was, at heart, a kind and thoughtful man to those he did not feel obliged to attack."

- Researcher CHRIS ROTH writes:

"Thanks for the latest 'Smear'. The debate will continue to rage over whether Klass was an angel or a devil or an alien. I personally feel he was a mind-controlled Reptilian from the Masonic/Templar headquarters inside the Hollow Earth. Nothing else could possibly explain his bizarre dismissal of such a solid body of evidence. (Sarcasm aside, I admired Klass but think he had a very impoverished view of the Universe, which is far more mysterious than the Skeptics imagine...)

"The big news from this end is the release, finally, of 'E.T. Culture: Anthropology in Outerspaces' from Duke University Press, featuring my chapter. Already it's being taught in a course somewhere, and I've had a couple word-of-mouth reports of praise..."

- MARTIN KOTTMEYER writes concerning Susan Clancy's skeptical book "Abducted" and Matt Graeber's comments on the subject in our last issue:

"Clancy's no mystic and deserves better from Graeber than his **chivalrous Jungian faux-profundities**. Jung was writing during the heyday of Space Brothers spirituality. The aliens back then were sunny moral paragons preaching Ban-the-Bomb, racial harmony, and selective Biblical literalism. The female aliens were high-class beauties and the males sometimes reminded one of popular portraits of Christ without the crown of thorns. You'd have to be blind NOT to see them as technological angels, and Jung was 20/20 in that regard.

"Abductions are a different category of myth, belonging more to the realm of horror stories and the fears descended from the moral ambiguities of scientific vivisection. The aliens inflict pain and suffering, operate on people without consent, mess with their heads like lab rats, and violate sexual taboos. They aren't angelic creatures and don't look that way either. If not pure evil, they need to be parsed as amoral by apologists. I labeled them villains long before Clancy's book, and there is nothing in her book that would convince even a child otherwise. She mindlessly applied Jung's opinions to this later problem with no evident realization that she needed to make adjustments for the fact that greys are darker beings, morally and more. She declares abductions involve technological angels only on the force of Jung's good name, and that is just not good enough.

"Does **Graeber** really want 'Smear' readers to believe he thinks greys are angelic creatures or is his point that evil is actually good? Mystics believe that, I'll

concede, but Clancy is too lucid a writer to believe she'd embrace such nonsense as helpful.

- Skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

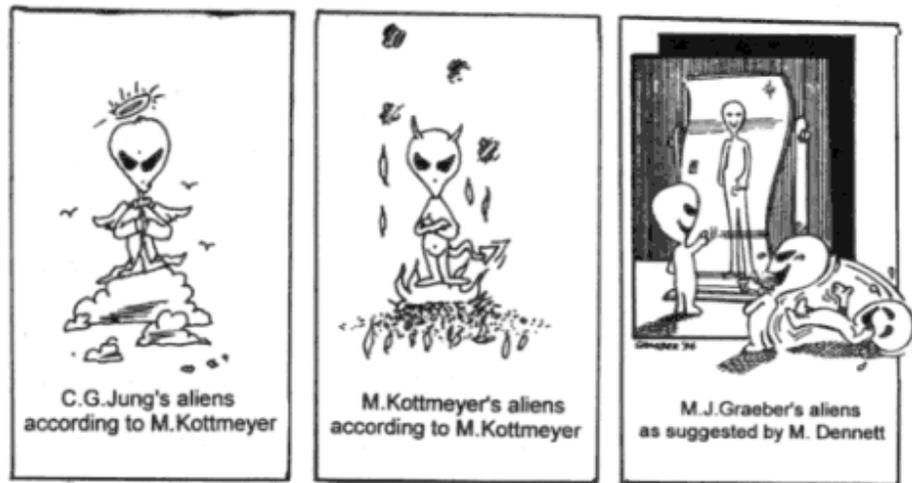
"Another great issue!... Your cartoonist [Matt Graeber](#), who is a most talented artist, needs to cool off a little before he writes his notes. Good copy - but not good tactics. I like this 'ace cartoonist', but get him to 'chill' - or better, he should do a cartoon instead of writing."

- And MATT GRAEBER, creator of the cartoon below, writes as follows, on a different subject:

"Internet impresario and root-wordologist Mary ('Sasquatch-Anna') Sutherland of Burlington UFO and Paranormal Radio fame has managed to put her foot into another ufological crap circle recently when she posted some of long-time researcher Larry Hatch's maps and investigative text at one of Mary's many amusing BUFO web sites.

'Meanwhile, Sutherland stated at her site that the good folks at CUFOS had given her permission to do so. Obviously Mary is a little confused again, because neither Hatch nor CUFOS knew anything about this 'Loan' - which prompted Hatch to think of it as a blatant copyright infringement.... Stay tuned!'

The humor in the first paragraph above is that Mary Sutherland apparently thinks "Susquehanna" River is a "root word" for "Sasquatch-Anna", i.e., a female Bigfoot seen in Pennsylvania. - Editor.



- Researcher ROB SWIATEK writes:

"While you were nailed by a trio of hurricanes, the Fund for UFO Research was hit by Hurricane Richard (Hall), which stomped through last summer leaving Category Two devastation in its wake. For some time, enmity has been growing between Richard and the Fund leadership, to the extent that the blowup wasn't entirely unexpected when it occurred - it was almost a case of the other shoe dropping. Richard's departure along with the downward spiral of organized ufology in general means a skeleton staff now roams the Fund's expensive offices. However, important projects vital to the Future of Scientific UFO Research continue to be pushed to fruition (whatever the hell that means!)

"For your reading and reviewing pleasure - aware as I am that pages have to be filled in 'Smear' - I've enclosed one of the aforementioned vital projects: 'Grass Roots UFOs: Cases From the Timmerman Files'. It's a throwback (in the best sense of the word) to the type of book that at one time dominated ufological publication lists, a book chock-a-block with sighting reports and line drawings. And there's

organization to it. It's not just cases thrown randomly together to fill pages. Author Michael Swords introduces the cases in order of increasing strangeness. The Fund for UFO Research and CUFOS are selling copies for \$22.00 each, postpaid."

Dick Hall is a serious researcher whom we have known since the 1950s, but his personality is such that we simply don't speak to each other at all. Long story here. -Editor

- PAT MARCATTILIO, alias "Dr. UFO", writes:

"Marge Testrake, one of my faithful followers, called me & reported that on CNN News of the week (of January 1st) they had Kreskin's Predictions for the year 2006. One of these predictions is that people who have cell phones with pictures are going to be receiving calls from UFOs and Extraterrestrials! Maybe the UFO doldrums are over, Jim! What do you think? This could be a 'Saucer Smear' Celebration!"

Pat informs us that his next UFO/ET Congress will take place on April 1st & 2nd at the same dreary Days Inn at Bordentown, New Jersey - at exit 7 (Route 206) from the N.J. Turnpike. - Editor.

NOTICE: For those of you wondering what has become of Karl Pflock's column, he assures us that it will return in the next issue. He is doing the best he can under difficult physical conditions, and we wish him well!



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MORE ABOUT PHIL KLASS

There are lots of ravings on the Net these days about Phil Klass, and we receive some of them from our Fans.

In his column in the latest "UFO Magazine", Don Ecker points out that Klass wrote a nasty letter

about Stanton Friedman in 1980. He supposedly was "attempting to sabotage Friedman's imminent move to Canada. Klass wrote that an undesirable element was about to settle in that country."

We have long heard rumors about such a letter, and assumed it was written to Canadian immigration authorities. However, the letter is written to a scientific group - the Institute of Aerophysics, National Research Council, Ottawa, Canada. It is printed out in Ecker's column, but the type is too small to read without a magnifying glass!



Therein Klass condemns Friedman's "distortion of facts" but also says that Friedman is a "likeable chap with a good sense of humor". Obviously Klass is not really trying to prevent Friedman from moving to Canada, but only pointing out the man's alleged anti-scientific bias. Or, maybe Klass wrote other, more vicious letters about Friedman at about the same time. If so, we are not aware of them.

Klass also outed the fact that Ed Walters of Gulf Breeze UFO fame served time in prison in his youth, for forgery and/or car theft. However, to the best of our knowledge he never mentioned the fact that Walters was much later pardoned by the Governor of Florida.

And Klass is said to have caused the late James McDonald to lose a research grant, by telling the grantor that McDonald would use all or part of the money for flying saucer research. Ann Druffel, who recently published a biography of McDonald, no doubt has many more details about this matter.

And, Klass told us personally years ago that he contacted the FBI about William Moore's original group of MJ-12 documents, which Moore released to the press & public at a UFO convention in 1987. Moore is extremely bitter toward Klass, but he refuses to supply any details as to why. Was it just the letter to the FBI, or was there more? Moore will not say!

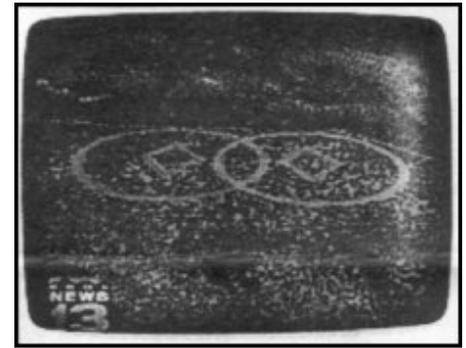
The upshot of all this is that Klass was obviously a gut fighter in his battle against what he considered superstition. It is a matter of opinion as to whether he was vicious or merely determined in his efforts.

ABOVE, left, we see Simone Mendez with arch-skeptic Phil Klass at a saucer convention back in 1994. Klass is now deceased, and Ms Mendez lives in Chcago in semi-retirement.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- We have on hand an article with the heading "Secret Saucer Base Found in New Mexico?" The answer is no but some very strange markings have been discovered in a remote part of the northern New Mexico desert. They are mysterious, in that they resemble crop circles and are only recognizable from a high altitude.

It turns out that the markings are directly connected to the semi-mysterious Church of Scientology. They have built a compound on the desert that includes a huge vault built into a mountainside, where the writings of their founder L. Ron Hubbard are preserved on stainless steel tablets encased in titanium capsules. Hubbard was a mere science fiction writer in the 1950s before founding his Church - of which the actor Tom Cruise has become a very vocal spokesman of late. As shown to the right, the markings on the desert include



interlocking circles and diamonds that match the logo of the Church of Spiritual Technology, which is affiliated with Scientology.

All we know for sure is that the Church is determined that these writings will endure forever, come what may. But they are rather secretive about the whole thing.

To us, Scientology is nothing more than an overgrown cult, but that's just our opinion. (Thanks to Vince Ditchkus)...

- We have a long article from "Soul Travel Magazine" (previously unknown to us) which states in some detail the exact locations of four underground extraterrestrial bases on our planet. These were supposedly seen by Remote Viewing during our government's secret experimentation with this very controversial science. U.S. government RV experiments are said to have ceased several years ago, although one cannot be sure of this.

The four locations are: Mt. Perdido, in the Pyrenees Mountains between France and Spain; Mt. Inyangani, the highest mountain in Zimbabwe, Africa; Mt. Hayes, Alaska; and Mt. Ziel in Australia's Northern Territory. The Mt. Ziel location is said to be by far the largest.

Conspicuously absent from the list is Dulce, N.M., about which much has been written. Dulce ties in somehow with the ravings of the late Paul Bennewitz of Albuquerque, N.M.

In our opinion Remote Viewing is a possibility that has yet to be proven useful in any way. (Again, thanks to Vince Ditchkus)

- Two items in the latest issue of Rick Hilberg's "Weirdology" are of special interest. Almost all of the stories live up to the magazine's title, but our attention was called to one which appears to show that the legendary Mothman has migrated from West Virginia to Tennessee. Or maybe it was Bigfoot, who seems to be in almost every state of the union.

The description of the creature is unusually detailed. It was standing next to a 7 foot tall road sign when the witness drove by at about 40 mph. Although it was night time, he observed that the creature's head was human in shape but with a peculiar triangular appearance as well. The creature was slightly taller than the sign. The chest area tapered down to a very thin-looking waist. The face of the entity was shrouded in a shadow-like appearance. The arms were outstretched, and attached to the wrist of both arms was dark webbing that extended downward and attached at the knees. The color of the creature was "reflected red", which is quite unusual, even for an unknown animal!

The sighting lasted several seconds, at very close range. The only problem we find is that the witness was alone, and he is a "noted abductee" named Sandy Nichols.

Next we consider an item from the same zine called "Texas UFO Drains Swimming Pool?" It seems that an unnamed couple, who claim that they "do not drink or do any type of drugs" (pity!) were awakened one night recently by a peculiar vibration coming from a "single laser beam type of light" that was shining into their living room windows. An oval-shaped object, approximately 50 to 60 feet long was hovering over their swimming pool and back yard. It was about 25 feet tall and a golden glow was coming out from its bottom. The craft was almost transparent. The couple watched it for about 5 minutes, during which time there was

a dull light on the swimming pool. When it left, it moved almost straight up.

The next day when they went out to examine the area, they saw that the water level in their pool had dropped almost six inches!

"Weirdology" is just one of several interesting publications put out by R. Hilberg Publications, 377 Race Street, Berea, Ohio 44017...

- Much is being made of the fact that a former Deputy Prime Minister of Canada has joined forces with three non-governmental organizations to ask the Canadian parliament to hold public hearings on "Exopolitics" - our relationship with extraterrestrial beings. One of these non-governmental groups is Dr. Steven Greer's well-known "Disclosure Project."

The ex-minister's name is Paul Hellyer, and it seems that his heyday in Canadian politics was way back in the 1960s. Yet his prestige is great enough that his recent rants have received a lot of press attention here in the U.S. Says he: "I'm so concerned about what the consequences might be of starting an intergalactic war, that I just had to say something."

Hellyer goes on to say: "The Bush administration has finally agreed to let the military build a forward base on the moon, which will put them in a better position to keep track of the goings and comings of the visitors from space, and to shoot at them if they so decide." Hellyer has also stated: "UFOs are as real as the airplanes that fly over your head."

It doesn't seem that Canada will hold public hearings about UFOs any time soon, but it would be very interesting indeed if they eventually do this. (Our thanks to Steven Dunn for this one)...

- We were sad to learn of the recent death of ufologist Bob Pratt, who died at his Florida home at the age of 79. Pratt was a loyal "Smear" non-subscriber, and his most recent letter to the editor was printed in our Sept. 15th, 2005 issue.

Apparently Pratt got his start in ufology years ago by writing articles on the subject for the notorious National Enquirer. He was ridiculed for this because of the Enquirer's reputation for gross exaggeration; but Pratt's articles were authentic to the best of his ability. (The Enquirer no longer prints saucer stories at all, for some reason.)

Pratt was co-author of "Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings" in 1987. His biggest interest was in Brazil, and he traveled there thirteen times, often at his own expense. In 1996 he wrote a book called "UFO Danger Zone: Terror and Death in Brazil Where Next?" Some of these incidents, told by uneducated people in the Brazilian jungle, are utterly bizarre, and needless to say they have never been explained. People like Phil Klass never even tried to deal with them!

Pratt was seldom on the UFO lecture circuit, so we only met him a time or two. His definitive study of Brazilian UFO cases never received the attention it deserved. Yet he did his best to publicize an aspect of ufology that otherwise would not have been known in North America at all. He thus should be remembered as an outstanding unsung hero of the UFO movement...

- Well, it seems, doesn't it, that the old-time ufologists are dying off like flies! If only there was "new blood" in the field, of the caliber of J. Allen Hynek or even Stanton Friedman! Instead we have mostly people who make outrageous, unsubstantiated claims about government secrecy and/or their own ufological adventures. Somewhere out there lies The Truth, but it really doesn't seem we are going to find it any time soon.

We still believe that UFOs are an aspect of the paranormal, not physical alien spaceships. Apparently there is a whole realm of very weird stuff that we come into contact with only very occasionally, all things considered. This is one of the reasons it is not of much interest to mainstream science. It does not affect the daily lives of most people. Crackpots and semi-

crackpots abound; but we are determined not to lose our sense of humor...

- **The controversy goes on regarding the classic Kecksburg Pa. UFO landing case of Dec. 9th, 1965. Though not nearly as well known as Roswell, this incident is of great interest to us because there were dozens of witnesses - most still living - and (unlike Roswell) there is overwhelming evidence that the military did indeed haul away a large acorn-shaped object of some sort. It may even have had hieroglyphic markings!**

The government has at various times claimed the object was a meteor or a Russian satellite, but these theories do not fit the evidence. Very recently a NASA spokesman has claimed that the thing was a Russian satellite but that "government records documenting it have been lost." This explanation is kind of hard to swallow, though theoretically it could be true. Representatives of the Science Fiction TV channel are currently suing the government for more information on this case.

Not mentioned in our article is Stan Gordon, a nearby UFO researcher who has been on top of the Kecksburg case ever since it happened. He does not claim the object was a space ship, but he insists that the two above-mentioned explanations do not fit.

On Dec. 9th, 2005, the good citizens of Kecksburg & surrounding territory celebrated the 40th anniversary of the event with a mini-convention. Mercifully, world-traveling UFO expert Stanton Friedman was not there. (Thanks to Vince Ditchkus)...

- **Ace UFO investigator Martin Kottmeyer has sent us a gem from a Net posting by one Donald Worley called "Donald Worley: Nordic Alien Type Experiences". It seems that Nordic-looking aliens, though apparently much more rare than your standard Greys, are handsome creatures by Earth standards of beauty, and this can lead occasionally to torrid love scenes, as described below.**

A contactee/abductee identified only as "Diane, Missouri rural housewife" has had a lifetime of interactions with aliens. She describes one of her encounters with a sexy Nordic:

"One time it was love for him and a sexual desire that went beyond anything on earth. I am purposely blocking out a lot of it for I now feel sadness and much guilt. I cheated on my husband. It's difficult to explain the sex we had together, for it seemed to be other dimensional. It was at his place and I remember the outside wall was glass. It went far beyond anything we can do on this earth plane. The orgasms were constant, fast, furious, and savage. I remember looking up once at his beautiful face. God, I could have consumed him."

WOW!!...

- **A town in China called Guiyang, which is a provincial capital, has received \$20 million from a private company to build a UFO research center. It seems that some people in Guiyang believe the town was visited by aliens on Nov. 30th, 1994, at which time massive trees were blown over, a huge truck moved 20 meters mysteriously, and other serious damage was done. Some residents blamed UFOs while others more reasonably blamed tornados and such.**

Said one supposed UFO enthusiast, "If aliens really came, they would more likely appear before our eyes politely rather than hide themselves." Yet the research center probably will be built in the near future. (Thanx to Dean Zevchek)...

- **Still another UFO-related obituary! Walter Haut, a co-founder of the famed Roswell (N.M.) UFO Museum, has died of natural causes at the age of 83. We met him just once, at his office in the Museum, which he shared with another co-founder named Glenn Dennis.**

Haut was the press officer at Roswell Army Air Field in July, 1947, when something crashed

nearby. The original headline in the Roswell Daily Record read: "RAAF Captures Flying Saucer", but this startling pronouncement was quickly changed to a weather balloon explanation. The whole matter was virtually forgotten until 1978, when several ufologists started digging into the case - and this research still continues.

Haut did not claim to have personally seen alien bodies or debris, but rumor has it that he "enlarged" his recollections in an interview with our colleague Wendy Connors a couple of years ago. Hopefully she will release the text of this very interesting interview.

Haut is survived by his daughter Julie Schuster, who happens to be the current CEO of the Museum. She has received much criticism, especially from our friend Dave Swink. (See the letters section of this Issue.)...

- One of our Fans has sent us an item from the Net about Michael Persinger, a scientist who for years has been doing brain wave experiments, some of which pertain to the UFO abduction syndrome. The point of the story is that Persinger has recently been locked out of his laboratory by Laurentian University in Canada, where he works. The complaint was that he mistreats the animals he uses in his experiments, but the real reason may be that they for some reason just don't like the nature of his research.

There is more, but we have misplaced the article, here among our vast files. If any "Smear" reader has more info on this story, please send it along to us and we will print it in the next issue...

- Our olde friend Timothy Green Beckley has finally come out with a book which is a collector's item - 150 big pages of autobiographical material from the 1960s and 1970s. The book is called "Strange Saga - A Life-Long Hunt for UFOs & Aliens & Unknown Creatures, (and) The Truth About Government Cover-Ups". It sells for \$20, together with a free CD in which Beckley is interviewed about his life-long Quest. Published by Inner Light, Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903.



The part we liked best of all is his re-hash of a truly bizarre UFO-related event that occurred in Brazil in 1996. Originally published in our own "SAUCER NEWS" Magazine, this incident has never received the attention it deserves!

It seems that two electronic technicians were found dead on an almost inaccessible hillside near Rio de Janeiro, shortly after a woman living nearby told police that she had seen a luminous object land in the vicinity. No UFO was found, but each body had a lead mask over the face, of the kind used in electronics to protect the eyes. Several coded letters were found on the bodies, as well as electrical charts, and nearby was blood not from either body, plus a lady's handkerchief, a raincoat, sunglasses, a toothbrush, and other apparently meaningless clues.

Your "Smear" editor is mentioned many times in this tome, especially in regard to our long-remembered NUFOC convention in 1967, at New York's Commodore Hotel. Also included are several of Beckley's columns for the late Ray Palmer's "Flying Saucers" Magazine. Plus there are numerous illustrations and accounts of sightings, miscellaneous strange events, etc. Tim Beckley was, and continues to be, a farce to be taken seriously in the flying saucer field!

Again this month our esteemed Contributing Editor, Karl Pflock, is silent but we expect to have a column from him in our next glorious issue.

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- **GARY HEMPHILL** writes:

"Thanks for publishing Vol. 52, No. 10 of 'Saucer Smear' under the circumstances.

I received it yesterday and have not had time to read anything except the 'X' on the envelope and the first five paragraphs. So here is my humble check. Please keep sending 'Saucer Smear'!

"I never met or corresponded with either Gray Barker or Ray Palmer. However, over the years I have purchased some of their books and zines. I miss them too. I suspect that flying saucers would not have flown without Palmer and Barker. Keel is probably right when he credited Palmer with being the guy who invented flying saucers. Barker and you could always be depended upon to smell the saucer tracks and keep the interest alive.

"So to you and your staff at 'Smear' - don't be lonely. It is all part of the pattern. The subject appeals to lonely kids who grew up into lonely old men. I know, as I am one of them.

"Blessings on you and yours from whatever God, First Cause, A-Priori, Greater Power, Deity, Fetish, or Animal (real or imagined) and its proper end-of-year celebration in which you may participate."

- **DAVID CLEWELL** writes:

"...and a nice tip of the hat to your late cohort Barker, who like your own good self never confused taking what one does too seriously - even when it was only serious fun! - with taking one's self oh-so-seriously. May the good Greys-in-the-heavens save us from the pompous solemnity of 'experts' defending their own shrinking parcels of turf."

- **PATRICK HUYGHE** writes:

"Okay, Jim, I'll keep you on the payroll for another year. The UFO subject really sucks these days. Why don't you cover pornography or something more socially redeeming?

"Happy Holidays:"

- The esteemed **JERRY CLARK** wrttes:

"As I shivered around the fire this frigid December morning in Minnesota, I experienced sudden warmth on reading in 'Smear' that a production company is working on a documentary about the 1897 Aurora, Texas airship-crash legend.

"This would be the second film based on the story. In 1985 a more or less direct-to-video, very low-budget drama, 'Aurora Encounter', was unleashed on the world, starring the character actor Jack Elam and the country singer Dottie West. It isn't very good. It's essentially 'ET' set in the Old West and produced by people who don't know what they are doing - but the Martian is played charmingly, if unsettlingly, by a tiny 13-year-old kid, now deceased, named Mickey Hays. Mickey suffered from progeria, a terrible disease that causes premature aging (and death) in children. As the 'Dallas Times-Herald' movie critic remarked at the time, 'Mickey is tiny, bald, frail; it's tragic that with only a little putty in his ears, he genuinely looks as if he's from another world.'"

- **MICHAEL DENNETT** writes as follows:

"...Your last issue of 'Saucer Smear' was terrific as usual. I was surprised that you didn't mention that J. Richard Greenwell passed away, but maybe he has been too long gone from the UFO scene.

"I was pleased you included the decent comments by Gary Hemphill about Phil Klass. Phil was kind to me and we corresponded on many occasions, and mostly I thought his sense of humor was in good taste. I also thought it appropriate for you to publish William Moore's diatribe about Phil. Years ago when I edited a newsletter, someone wrote a 'letter to the editor' criticizing me. At first I thought of printing the letter with a rebuttal, but the more I looked at it, the way the letter was written with such contempt, I thought it reflected more against the writer than it did against me, so I just published it without comment.

'Please keep up your efforts, and try not to let either the bad guys or the elements get you down...Please find enclosed something to keep me on your non-subscription list.'

- **Author & researcher ANN DRUFFEL** writes:

"The latest 'Smear' was fascinating, as usual. I read it all at once, the day it arrived. No other publication gets that much attention.

"Please let me comment on my friend Dick Hall's letter/exit from FUFOR. He will be missed, because his bright and thoroughly objective-minded points of view are sorely needed in the chaos our 'UFO research' field has become. I think 'Smear' readers should be reminded that FUFOR gave me the necessary grant funds in the 1990s that permitted me to archive James McDonald's invaluable 'UFO collection' in the Personal Collections Section of the University of Arizona Library in Tucson. Without their grants, Jim's files might still be lingering, practically unknown & unused, in the family's Tucson home, where they had been carefully guarded since his 1971 death.

"Dick Hall made no mention of achievements like this, but your readers should know that, because of FUFOR, McDonald's UFO work is now available to the public, and (still) carefully guarded now by the Curator, Roger Myers..."

- **Our friend DAVE SWINK** of Roswell, N.M. updates us on the goings-on at the famous Roswell UFO Museums

"...The UFO Museum here is now charging an admission price for a 'building fund' \$2 for adults and \$1 for kids. And, one of the perks for volunteers there has been eliminated. You used to get a \$25 gift certificate for every 50 hours worked. There used to be about 40 volunteers seven years ago, and now there's about half a dozen. If I had a million dollar business with mostly free labor, I think I'd try to retain all the volunteers I could! I think the Museum also collected \$7,000 in Lodger's Tax money last year too - nice strategy for sure!..."

Dave used to be a volunteer at the Museum, and as such he arranged our infamous lecture there in 2002. It is a murky question as to whether he quit in disgust or was eased out. - Editor.

- **Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER** writes:

"I was somewhat surprised to read that Martin Kottmeyer (whose writings I usually respect and admire) has taken it upon himself to ask what is it about Dr. Carl G. Jung's contribution to ufology that causes intellectuals to get 'all soft in the

brain'. Especially when Mr. Kottmeyer himself appears to have gone a bit soft-headed over the writings of anti-abductee Susan Chancy, who has applied her interpretation of Jungian concepts to her alien research.

"Perhaps Mr. Kottmeyer has suffered some sort of romantic 'anima' and 'animus' confusion over the matter? Perhaps his 'shadow' has gotten loose? Or, worse yet, this normally mild-mannered 'introverted' farm fellow is attempting to break out into the 'extroverted' world of contemporary ufology? One wonders - would that make him a 'Trickster' of sorts?

"Of course, it's entirely possible that Mr. Kottmeyer has simply and passionately surrendered to the fatal illusion of taking himself and Ms Chancy's book far too seriously - i.e., a projection and little more. So, if we apply a wee bit of Freudian thought to the matter, one might say 'Sex and Saucers' intellectual fantasy is at play here, but then again, that's a kind of 'totem and taboo', isn't it?

Susan Chancy has recently written a basically anti-abduction book for the prestigious Harvard University Press. - Editor.

- CHRIS ROTH writes:

"...Thanks for the latest 'Saucer Smear', though I will remind you that I am not a sociologist, as you refer to me, but an anthropologist. This distinction is a bigger deal within academia than outside of it. Nevertheless, I am one of thirty candidates for a job now at Lake Forest College, where I would teach both anthropology and sociology.

"Last weekend, at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington, D.C., I had a good long talk with a colleague who works with indigenous people in Siberia. He had interesting things to report about vampire beliefs and about individuals in the community he worked in who claimed to see orange ball-shaped UFOs and to speak with aliens visiting in spaceships."

- FRANK CONWAY writes:

"I'm truly sorry to hear about the destruction you've suffered from Hurricane Wilma. The loss of so many papers and artifacts must have been devastating. In some ways I feel that the loss is as much ufology's as yours. I'm glad, however, that you yourself seem to have escaped unharmed..."

"Pat Marcattilio's latest convention went well. One of the speakers, Don Morse, is a friend of mine and I introduced him. His subject was Near-Death Experiences and it was very well received. I counted over forty people in the audience - not bad for late Sunday afternoon. Pat is already planning his Spring con, so apparently rumors of his retirement from ufology have been premature..."

- JOHN BARLOW writes

"...I'm afraid I do have a large box full of 'Saucer Smears'. I've read every issue but I'm not sure why. In fact I always enjoy them. This certainly points to a need for therapy!

"In my opinion there are two major problems that the UFO subject keeps encountering: (1) The person who unlocks the secret to flying saucers could conceivably become famous and esteemed beyond measure. This means that the subject attracts the ego-driven. (2) There are no qualifications to join, so anybody can and does join. Anybody. Yes, even the unqualified and ego-driven Supreme Commander has hung in there lo all these many years.

"...I still feel that Howard and Connie Menger's story and views are absolutely charming. If only they would lighten up a little!"

Yes, without egotistical drives, most saucers would not be able to fly at all! - Ed.



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**HEAVY PERSECUTION AT "SMEAR" HEADQUARTERS BY THE
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Well, in this deadly hurricane season we managed to survive Dennis, Katrina, and Rita, but Wilma finally laid us low! We had one and a half feet of standing salt water in our apartment for a few hours, and we lost many priceless (?) papers, rare zines, etc. from our ufological past and our long-ago grave robbing days in Peru. (For this and several other reasons, the grave robbing book we had hoped to co-author with Karl Pflock is not likely to see the light of day in this incarnation.)

This is of course a preamble to our annual non-renewal Pitch, in which we ask our loyal non-subscribers to chip in generously, to help keep our humble Rag going. Don't let this Pitiful Plea get lost in the Christmas rush. Please make checks or money orders out to James Moseley, not "Saucer Smear". We also accept cash, gold coins, stamps, Euros, or whatever else you have handy!

May the Space People (if any) bless you, and Merry Christmas to all from the entire staff of "Smear" = one lonely guy...

- Our olde co-conspirator Gray Barker of Clarksburg, West Virginia died in December of 1984, and we still miss him as much as ever. Gray was a co-worker of sorts with the late Ray Palmer and the not-yet-late Timothy Green Beckley, in the Entertainment branch of ufological research, as opposed to Factual. But as Gray often said cryptically, "It's all part of the pattern".
- On a more cheerful note, we must apologize for two glaring typos on Page 8 of our last issue. In one, we used the word "explained" rather than "unexplained" in regard to a haunted house. Thus we implied that everything going on in the house was weird, rather than the other way around.

And, we misspelled the name of Jackie Gleason, who in ufological circles is best remembered for his claim that former president Richard Nixon (boo! hiss!) showed him alien bodies at Homestead AFB near Miami, Florida. If the bodies were ever there, they were probably blown out to sea by Hurricane Andrew (1997), which creamed that whole part of the state. Key West was spared that time...

- UFO promoter Pat Marcatillio appears to have come up with a truly remarkable "scoop", in a recent mailing to "Smear"!

Buzz Aldrin, the second astronaut to walk on the Moon back in 1969, has announced on the Discovery Science TV network (10/25/05) that he, Michael Collins and Nell Armstrong watched and filmed two UFOs on their Apollo II trip to the Moon, as they were about 200,000 miles from Earth. Apparently Aldrin is breaking a 36-year silence on this subject. At the time they were reluctant to add this UFO event to their flight problems.

Said Aldrin on the 10/25/05 TV show: "Obviously the three of us were not going to blurt out 'Hey Houston, we have something moving alongside of us and we don't know what it is. Can you tell us what it is?' We were not about to do that because we knew these transmissions would be heard by all sorts of people - and who knows what somebody might have demanded - that we turn back because of Aliens, or whatever the reason is. So we didn't do that."

Said the narrator of the TV show: "To this day, whatever it was that the crew saw has never been positively identified or officially acknowledged."

We recommend that NASA allow Marcatillio to go along on the next Moon probe, so that we don't have to wait so long to learn the bizarre aspects of the trip!...

- We found two items of interest in the October issue of the MUFON Journal - the one with

Dorothy (Judy Garland) of the Wizard of Oz on the cover. Sometimes we think that a reading of the Journal is not much different than a trip through Oz!

First, we note that our esteemed (?) ufological colleague Richard ("Dick") Hall has resigned from the board of the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR). Hall says he thinks FUFOR is "moribund...poorly led, out of touch with the pulse of the field, and it has lost its focus on the central mission it was established to accomplish." However, he speaks well of Rob Swiatek, a "Smear" non-subscriber who is secretary-treasurer of that organization.

Hall has been out of tune with your "Smear" editor ever since the NICAP era, many years ago. We cut off communication after Hall falsely accused us of tapping his phone at NICAP's Washington, D.C. Headquarters.

Also of interest in the Journal is a short article telling how noted UFO lecturer Grant Cameron was denied entry into the U.S. when he tried to come in from Canada to speak at the glorious NUFOC convention in Hollywood, California last Labor Day weekend. The issue at stake was that he was going to lecture here for a fee rather than an honorarium, and thus did not have the proper work authorization required by U.S. Customs. We wonder why he didn't just say he was coming as an ordinary tourist, and thus the issue would not have come up at all!

Hard-core ufologists have suggested that this was an effort by our government to suppress whatever dire ufological message Cameron was intending to deliver at NUFOC. However, this viewpoint gives undue importance to Cameron and to ufology. Sly old Stanton Friedman manages to slip across the border from Canada anytime he chooses! If one took his MJ-12 data seriously, it would certainly represent a very important challenge to our government and its policies. Yet he continues to rave on, god bless him!...

- **Also, MUFON czar John Schuessler has kindly sent us a print-out of "MUFON E-News", for which we are grateful. Here we find two items that interest us, both on the conservative edge of ufology - i.e., trying to find rational answers to apparent ufological mysteries.**

The first item offers two possible explanations for "orbs". Scientists took about one thousand photos with five different digital cameras in situations that might replicate the mysterious orb images. More than two hundred of these photographs contained orbs! They propose two possible explanations: (1) Stray reflections from shiny objects in the environment; (2) Diffraction from the flash reflecting off dust particles near but not on the lens. More study is obviously needed, but they seem to be on the right track.

The second item, entitled "Walking through Walls", attempts to deal with the claim by many UFO abductees that they were moved through walls and other solid objects. Researchers at Pennsylvania State University have recently created the world's first "supersolids", which are bizarre crystals that "slide through each other like ghosts". Although this breakthrough does not mean that we can suddenly walk through walls, it is the beginning of a whole new realm of science. Offhand we doubt if it can do much to solve the UFO enigma, but maybe it eventually will...

- **In the International UFO Reporter for October 2005 there is a long but excellent article by Bob Durant, the genial former commercial pilot who has long been a heavy promoter of Roswell as an interplanetary event.**

We don't agree with him about that, but his personal prejudices about the Roswell case do not prevent him from giving a fascinating over-view of the two books which are currently being vigorously discussed in UFO circles. The article is humorously titled "Doty and the Body Snatchers", and is basically an in-depth analysis of Greg Bishop's "Project Beta: The Story of Paul Bennewitz" and Nick Redfern's "Body Snatchers in the Desert".

What we get out of this is the strong impression that the government, far from discouraging

interest in UFOs, has at times promoted outrageous stories of secret underground alien bases and such. Durant documents this theory nicely, but we are left with the problem of whom to believe. Was government disinformation (MJ-12, etc.) used to cover up a hard core of genuine ufological facts, or were some agents merely acting on their own - and if so, why? The whole mess boggles the mind!

If you have the patience to wade through this quagmire of claims & counter-claims, you should really read Durant's article.

- This has nothing to do with saucers, but it would certainly be of interest to our philosophical hero, the late, great Charles Fort. He grooved on all kinds of strange events that were embarrassing to the scientific establishment of his era.

Now we have a story about thousands and thousands of tiny toads that have invaded a small (population 703) town in Montana, causing slippery streets and raising the wrath of local businessmen. Some lawns are filled with so many toads that it looks like the grass is moving. Drivers inevitably run them over in droves, and in general they are considered a harmless nuisance. No one seems to know how they got there or where they are going next! (Thanx to Vince Ditchkus)...

- The island of Puerto Rico continues to be a source of sensational UFO incidents, as chronicled in a new English-language book by veteran researcher Jorge Martin, whose report is called: "Vieques: Caribbean UFO Cover-up of the Third Kind".

We know a little about Vieques, an island off the coast of Puerto Rico. which has seen many political protests in recent years, re the U.S. Navy presence there, and their bombing exercises that offended local people. Our friend Lea Boldt lived in Vieques for a few years and reported to us on many of the goings-on in that area- ufological and otherwise. To make a long story short, the past decade has seen a disturbing number of highly credible reports of various types of UFOs going into the ocean and later coming out of the ocean! What does this mean?? Martin refers to a "secret special order" by President Clinton which implied (at least in his opinion) that US security was in danger not just from the Puerto Rican protesters but more so from a foreign power - - presumably ex-traterrestrial! For more detailed information, write to "The Messenger", PO Box 12233, Albany, N Y. 12212. Tell them 'ole Jim Moseley sent you...

- It was way back in 1954 that your "Smear" editor made his first of many trips to the ancient land of Peru, mainly treasure hunting but also chasing flying saucer stories. That year we made the front page of Lima's largest daily newspaper because of a couple of tall UFOtales we made up ourselves. (See our book "[Shockingly Close to the Truth!](#)" for more details.)

Now much older and somewhat more serious, we have noticed through the years that Peru is a hotbed of flying saucer activity, although Brazil and Argentina get a lot more attention in the Internet ravings.

In any case, Lima, Peru was the scene of an unusually outlandish saucer convention just a few weeks ago. (Oct. 6 - 9). Perhaps the wildest tale of all was told by one Jonathan Reed, an American who had the distasteful experience of seeing his pet dog torn apart by "a gray alien with an elongated head, smelling of rotten fruit". Then, Reed took the alien home with him for nine days, during which time he communicated with it telepathically. Our article does not say what happened after that.

The conference was organized by the Alpha and Omega Group, which believes that a fleet of UFOs will fly to Earth at the end of the world, or maybe even sooner than that!

Our attention was drawn to two other American speakers, both of whom we know personally, and both of whom could be characterized as being Far Out Indeed.

One of these men is retired Air Force Colonel Donald Ware, who was once MUFON's

esteemed Eastern Regional Director, with authority over all the states in his domain. He eventually was relieved of that high post because his ufological antics became just too much for the MUFON hierarchy. He has been on the New Age lecture circuit ever since.

Even more colorful is retired Air Force Colonel Wendelle Stevens, who must be in his mid-80s by now. He claims to have seen alien craft eight times since retiring from the service in 1982. Five of those golden retirement years were spent in an Arizona state prison, after pleading guilty to sexual activity with several underage females. He now claims, of course, that he was framed by the CIA. (Our thanks to Vince Ditchkus for this article, which we obviously have expanded upon considerably.)...

- Here's a bizarre item from the 7/19/05 issue of the Las Vegas Sun - sent on to us by Karl Pflock.

We are informed that a decomposing body found along the Carson River has been identified as a former Nevada legislature lobbyist who claimed to represent space aliens, and to be one himself!

This self-proclaimed alien called himself Ambassador Merlyn Merlyn II, but his real name was David Venus Solomon. He was identified by his fingerprints. At the time this article was written, the cause of death was undetermined.

Solomon lived in his automobile, which was not found. He was known to Pat Travis, the owner of the famous Little Alien Inn in isolated Rachel, Nevada, where your editor once visited. Pat Travis and Merlyn met during the successful campaign a few years ago to have Nevada State Route 375 changed to "The Extraterrestrial Highway".

In Carson City, Nevada, Merlyn was a well-known character at the state legislature from 1995 to 1999, when he was barred from the grounds for reasons that are not explained in the article - other than the fact that during the 1999 session a female employee, cleaning a restroom at the capitol building, reported that Merlyn had exposed himself to her. His friends stuck up for him and he apparently was never charged. However, it appears that his life must have gone downhill after that...

- Here's a Blast from the Past that we find of great interest: Back in 1966 more than 200 Australian students and staff from two schools watched as an unidentified object landed briefly in a nearby field, lifted off, and disappeared rapidly from sight. This happened in broad daylight!

It is unclear just how long the UFO was on the ground, but nearly everyone said it was a low-flying silver/grey shining object, looking like "a cup turned upside down on a saucer". The age of the students is not given, but many were in high school. The witnesses agreed that the object was definitely not a plane or balloon. No sound is mentioned.

There was a circle in the clearing where it landed, which looked "cooked or boiled, not burnt", according to one eye-witness, trying to recall details of the event recently after so many years. The object didn't cruise and then descend at an angle. It "just stopped, dropped, and then went straight up."

The Victorian UFO Research Society of Australia investigated the incident at the time, but arrived at no conclusion. It is said that students and staff were told by the RAAF to keep quiet about this spectacular sighting. Egads! (Thanks again to Vince Ditchkus)...

- The most hilarious web posting we have read in a very long time comes from Whitley Strieber's "Unknown Country", dated 9/30/05. Linda Moulton Howe is described as "our Dreamland science reporter". We ask - what, if any, are the scientific qualifications of this pleasant but extremely gullible lady?? Inquiring minds would like to know!

In any case, Linda will be lecturing in late November at a convention in Tempe, Az. The

theme of this conference is "Crop Circles, Mary Magdalene and Sacred Geometry. So much for science! (Thanks to Vince Ditchkus for this one)...

- **Another Blast from the Past: A 56-year-old miner from Wakefield, England went missing while on a routine shopping trip one day in June of 1980. It would be a "routine" disappearance except for a few very peculiar aspects.**

For one thing, the man's name was Zigmund Adamski, reminiscent of George Adamski of UFO contactee fame. The article states that "one of the most famous ufologists of all time, also called Adamski, offered his own amazing theory about the tragedy. He believed that aliens from outer space abducted the Yorkshire miner by mistake." (!) The only trouble here is that George Adamski died around 1967, so how could he be commenting on this case?

Five days after he disappeared, Zigmund Adamski's body was found in a coal yard twenty miles from his home. The body was wearing a suit, but his shirt, watch and wallet were missing. On the back of his head, neck and shoulders were burns that attracted a lot of attention. The coroner who dealt with Zigmund's death said it was the biggest mystery of his career! Said he: "The question of where he was before he died and what led to his death just could not be answered." There was also an inexplicable ointment that had been applied to Zigmund's burns, it simply could not be identified by forensic scientists.

There is more, but you get the idea. We remember discussing this case in "Smear" a few years ago, but it is so weird that it bears repeating...

- **The very oldest U.S. crashed saucer story is from the little town of Aurora, Texas way back in 1897. The mysterious object is supposed to have exploded and crashed into a windmill. The pilot was killed and was buried in the local cemetery. Large parts of the saucer were taken away to unknown locations, and smaller parts were thrown down a well.**

Our old friend (?) Jerry Clark has done a study on this and concludes it was a newspaper hoax of that era. It was not uncommon in those days for newspapers to make up exciting stories for the benefit of the locals. (Some of the other reported incidents in the famous 1897 flap may have this same explanation.)

Now a film crew from Weller/Grossman Productions has gone to Aurora to film a documentary in the cemetery and elsewhere around town. Obviously all of the original witnesses are long dead. Among those interviewed was Hayden Hewes, a well-known UFO researcher from Oklahoma City, who years ago tried in vain to get permission to dig up the grave thought to be that of the spaceman. For whatever reason, the town fathers did not think this would be appropriate. Maybe they were worried that no spaceman was buried there after all!

Said John Greenwald of Weller/Grossman Productions: "I want to give Aurora's legend its air time. It's a good story whether it's true or not."

Amen!...

- **There's another off-beat documentary in the works, this one about the mysterious lost continent of Atlantis, which may have existed with a very advanced civilization several thousand years ago. (Or it may never have existed at all.)**

We wish we had kept track of the numerous locations around the world that have been designated as the site of Atlantis. The latest comes from a researcher named Robert Sermast who places the lost continent in an underwater strip of land between Cyprus and Syria in the Mediterranean Sea.

Using state of the art submersible water craft and top-of-the-line video and lighting equipment, Sermast and his crew plan to make several dives in the area off the Cyprus Arc to collect data and possibly relics that could answer some of the puzzling questions about

the lost continent. Sermant's final dive will be broadcast in a live two-hour documentary which will air in May of next year. (Thanks to UFO Newsclipping Service.)...

Finally - our esteemed contributing editor Karl Pflock is still out there, alive and kicking, but he is unable to supply a column for this issue. Thus we have more "fillers" than usual this time.

Hopefully Karl will return to these breathless pages in the first issue of 2006. In the meanwhile, we wish him well!

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- Former UFO investigator WILLIAM MOORE writes as follows:

"If you feel up to it, I should enjoy hearing your explanation of why you think I am being **mean-spirited** when I say that the world would be better off without people the likes of Mr. Klass. Perhaps you believe that human society would be better with more of such types??? Yeah...right! Just like we need more Charles Mansons! You simply have no idea as to the extent of the problems this bastard created in my life for no reason other than to massage his own warped ego.

"I have no idea how many other lives he tried to poison, but I can tell you that the only person I have ever known to consistently say anything good about him is you - and your comments were consistently limited to Klass' social conduct in your presence. Perhaps if you had troubled yourself to meet with me face-to-face while you were just down the street from me here in Hollywood (during the NUFOC convention) you might have come to understand my feelings better. Frankly I found the snub to be both an insult and an affront.

"Concerning Greg Bishop's book, 'Project Beta' - had you bothered to actually read it instead of just giving it the once over, you might actually have learned something. Unfortunately, you chose to rely upon the cover hype for your information, and thus missed the point of the book entirely! Typical.

"As to your assessment that 'nothing could be more mean-spirited' than my comment about Klass, I respectfully refer you to the following, which I copied for you off the internet. It seems I'm not the only one who had misgivings about the late, demented, Phil! This was posted on the net back in late September. I was alerted to it by Greg Bisnop. We both presumed someone would have sent you a copy - but perhaps not, in which case, here it is. Maybe you ought to publish this? Indeed, I encourage you to publish it!"

- We have apologized to Moore for not having met him in Hollywood at the time of the NUFOC convention. It was definitely not intended to be a snub. As for the anonymous poem about Phil Klass, it is an amazing piece of utter trash and thus beneath our high ufological standards. We say this even though we have no fear that Klass would sue! - Editor.
- Researcher GARY HEMPHILL writes.

"First of all, I see that congratulations are in order! I see on page three of your current issue that she is now Ms. Linda Moulton Cowe. Best wishes to the new bride!

"Secondly, it is nice to see that **Bill Moore thought so highly of Phil Klass**...I will miss Mr. Klass. All he ever demanded was proof. It is bizarre that he became the nemesis of Ufology by asking UFO researchers and believers for their proof! Can

you imagine how dull Ufology would have been without Phil Klass? Perhaps I am missing something here, but I thought researchers were seekers of truth, not mere collectors of various flavors of bovine excrement.

"Everyone knows Ufology is a religion. Religions always ask followers to accept a lot on faith. Therefore religion must have enemies, doubters, and skeptics to have purpose. Mr. Klass seemed to earn those titles by merely saying 'Prove it'. Who'll be around now to remind us of the difference between science and religion? Thank you Mr. Klass for a job very well done!"

- Sociologist and budding author CHRIS ROTH writes:

"In your last issue I especially liked the news snippet about [Superman sightings in Serbia](#). It reminds me of the old 'Saturday Night Live' sketch musing 'what if Superman as a baby had landed in Germany instead of Kansas?', which has him growing up as a Nazi superhero named Ubermann who can spot Jews by seeing through their pants with his X-ray vision.

Since Superman is from the planet Krypton, these Serbian sightings count as purported ET events, and I hope it becomes a trend!..."

- Famed skeptic MARTIN KOTTMEYER writes as follows:

"Have you read Susan Chancy's book (called 'Abducted') yet? As it is a product of Harvard University Press it will presumably be obligatory for all of us to buy a copy and argue about it. Inevitably it will be regarded as a cultural landmark in the UFO abduction phenomenon, a moment when the upper class deigned to acknowledge its existence, if not its importance.

"It is smartly written, chatty, and avoids a number of traps like force-fitting everything into some sort of grand unified scheme. It properly accepts there is a wide variety of abduction experiences and beliefs. I see a number of small mistakes that don't amount to much; but the big disappointment is that it goes horribly wrong in the final pages.

"There we get the obligatory bowing to the genius of Carl Jung at the worst possible moment. Chancy quotes his UFOs are technological angels notion as sacred wisdom and babbles that as abductions are a religion, UFO believers are blessed as happier, healthier and more optimistic than earthy mundanes. The thing is, it is all very well for Jung to talk about Orfeo Angelucci and other long-haired Nordic alien love slaves as technological angels, but this is 2005, not the Fifties. Abductions star Greys, and they have more in common with Bond villains than seraphim. What is it with intellectuals that they get all soft in the brain when it comes to Jung?"



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MORE ABOUT THE LATE PHIL KLASS



Above we see kindly old "Uncle Phil" as he really looked in his later years, and, thanks to England's Magonia Magazine, we see him kissing a genuine alien dummy at the Fortean Times "UnConvention" in London in 1997. Your editor was also a speaker there that year. We came on right after Klass finished talking. His was a hard act to follow, as he had managed to piss off almost the entire audience, and scattered cries of "BOO!" could be heard throughout the hall. Somehow we managed to turn this crowd around!

The worst remarks we have heard following Klass' death come from former ufologist William Moore, of Roswell and MJ-12 fame. In a telephone interview we told Moore of Klass' painful final years and his reply was "Divine retribution". Then he went on to say, for attribution: "The world is better off without him. My sainted grandmother told me not to say anything about the dead unless I could say something good. He's dead. Good!"

Klass was indeed very mean-spirited at times, but nothing could be more mean-spirited than the above. We are very disappointed in Moore, whom we have known for many years.

The long Fortean Times obituary on Klass is much more mellow, and concludes with the remark: "Klass rather enjoyed his notoriety and took some impish amusement from tweaking the tails of both True Believers and 'Serious Ufologists'. In evidence, one might note how he carried on lengthy correspondence with representatives of both sub-species and was great friends with ufology's self-appointed clown, Jim Moseley."

Finally there's "The Last Will and Testament of Philip J. Klass", first published in "Smear" in 1983. Says he:

"To ufologists who publicly criticize me or who even think unkind thoughts about me in private, I do hereby leave and bequeath THE UFO CURSE. No matter how long you live, you will never know any more about UFOs than you know today.... As you lie on your own death-bed you will be as mystified about UFOs as you are today. And you will remember this curse."

Of course, this curse is ambiguous when you really think about it. The fact that you may never know any more about UFOs than you do today does not necessarily mean that there isn't a genuine mystery! It just means that the mystery may not be solved any time soon. We obviously know that Klass did not live long enough for a solution to be found. Perhaps others of us will be more lucky and perhaps not.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- Long-time "Smear" non-subscriber Rob MacGregor has teamed up with a pilot named Bruce

Cernon to write a very interesting pocketbook called "THE FOC" - A never before published theory of the Bermuda Triangle phenomenon." (Llewellyn Publications, Woodbury, Mn.) In general, the authors seem to believe that this "electronic fog" is a mysterious and unexplained natural phenomenon rather than anything more sinister than that! But UFOs are mentioned, and so is Charles Berlitz's classic 1974 book "The Bermuda Triangle". "THE FOG" should be a good read, and we recommend it to all Fortean researchers...

- In early September, the 2005 meeting of the World UFO Conference was held in Dalian, a port city in northeastern China. It was the first time that this major international event has been held in that country. This is interesting, as Japan has long been a hotbed of UFO interest & activity, whereas to the best of our knowledge China has not.

We know this must have been an important convention, as the ubiquitous Stanton Friedman (Nuclear Physicist, UFO Expert, etc., etc.) was one of the main speakers. Said Stan, "Ufology is blossoming in China, and the participants are mostly professionals." We are hoping that these "professionals" are more skeptical about the wilder UFO claims than Stan has been. (Our thanks to Vince Ditchkus)...

- This story is told with a straight face on a web site called Ananova. No date is given, but under the heading "Superman Spotted in Serbia" it is said that "hundreds" of residents in Ljubovija saw a cloaked person flying above buildings "as if he had an invisible engine on his back". He could change directions while in mid-air, and was compared to Superman or Batman. One sighter added, "No one has any rational explanation for what we saw."

We wish we had more details, but that's the whole story as given by Ananova. It reminds us of the "flying humanoids" story [on Page 5 of our last issue](#). (Thanks again to Vince Ditchkus)...

- In Orlando, Florida, the owners of a renovating commercial building are suing two prospective restaurant tenants for backing out of a lease agreement - the reason being that the tenants refuse to actually move in because they believe the property is haunted. Says the attorney for the owners "I asked them if these were good ghosts or bad ghosts, and if they were good ghosts why it was a problem."

The \$2.6 million lawsuit asks a judge to decide whether or not the building really is haunted, and if so, whether the the ghosts would interfere with the new tenants' restaurant business. Meanwhile, renovations have ceased and the building remains empty. (Our thanks to Steve Dunn)...



- Above we see convention speakers gathered onstage during a panel discussion at the recent National UFO Conference (NUFOC) in Hollywood, California. Speakers included Rob Simone, Michael Horn, Ed & Kris Sherwood, Bernard Mendez, Preston Bennett, Terry Hansen, Lynne Eitel, David Sereda, Farah Yurdzou, Rich Dolan, Steven Bassett, JIM MOSELEY, Nick Redfern, Linda Moulton Cowe, Creg Bishop, Grant Cameron, and Richard Sauder.

Most of these people are pictured here, plus NUFOC's executive director Lisa Davis, to the left of her friend John Miller, in the middle of the front row. Note the row of jazzy NUFOC posters on the back wall. Your editor is not shown here because he took the picture.

A good time was had by all, but we were disappointed in the attendance and in the fact that not very many people in the "hard core" of saucer fiends showed up. We did have interesting conversations with Las Vegas researcher Norman Howard (see his Letter to the Editor further along in this issue), and with a fascinating abductee whom we will call Barbara (because that's her first name.)

Barbara has had personal experiences with strange entities all her life, since she was a small child. She does not call herself an abductee because "she always went willingly". What we find significant is that these repeated experiences did not really make her more religious or more spiritual, and she seems to have no cosmic message to give us. She believes the whole thing is "genetic", and accepts it as just part of her otherwise-normal life.

What this tells us is that the abduction experience is very strange and complex, with no easy answers. So is the saucer mystery in general!

Unfortunately, till something really new and exciting turns up, UFO conventions are going to continue to attract less attention than they deserve. Lisa is doing a good job as executive director of NUFOC, but she is fighting an uphill battle!...

- Sex & Saucers, again! We have a couple of new stories about the Raelians -the French Canadian cult that believes the human race was created in laboratories by extraterrestrials, thousands of years ago. They also appear to believe in Free Love, and have sexually-oriented seminars which easily attract new converts. Rael, the head guru, is said to have a personal harem of 30 to 40 very attractive young women who have sworn in writing never to spurn his advances. They are also there to protect him from all harm.

A conservative pair of film makers recently infiltrated a Raelian seminar at which they claim to have shot very damaging footage "under cover". They are mainly disturbed by the sexual freedom. Homosexuals are welcomed; and one of the film makers admits that he himself was "seduced by a couple of the women and got in pretty deep"- whatever that means!

This pair of documentary makers sound mean-spirited indeed, in that their aim is to force the Raelians to disband, in exchange for not showing this documentary to the public. Of course Rael has threatened to sue. Supposedly he also offered them money to scrap the documentary, but they refused. Said one of them, "We want to keep kids from being sucked in by this."

But their attitude sounds like blackmail to us. Except for the stuff about aliens, and claims to have created human clones in 2003 (which they were never able to prove), the Raelians seem like a relatively harmless cult. Bush would probably not approve of it, however!

- From "News of the Weird", 9/25/05, we learn of two very unusual insurance policies written by British insurance companies on unconventional risks. Usually it's Lloyd's of London doing this sort of thing, but this time it's a different company that wrote a policy concerning alien abductions and pregnancies resulting from the abduction, even if the impregnated party is male!

That was back in 1996. Now, in July 2005, sponsors of the Visit Scotland Adventure Triathlon (whatever that is) in Loch Ness signed a policy whereby any of the competitors attacked by the Loch Ness Monster would receive up to the equivalent of \$1.8 million dollars.

How about a policy for women (only) who are impregnated by the Loch Ness Monster! The premiums on this should be really low! (Thanks to Steve Dunn)...

- We definitely should take a few moments to comment on a recent paperback book from

Paraview called "Project Beta: The Story of Paul Bennewitz, National Security, and the Creation of a Modern UFO Myth". It is written by California researcher Greg Bishop, who is the former editor of a well-respected zine called "The Excluded Middle".

Former UFO researcher Bill Moore has told your editor personally that this book is the most important offering of the year, but we must admit that we have merely paged through it. Says Bishop of Moore (Page 271): "According to many UFO researchers, I should include Bill Moore on my list of helpful government employees, but I'll just leave him in the 'excluded middle', and thank him for his support, assistance, and longtime friendship. This book would have been impossible without his generous cooperation and incredible patience with my annoying questions and thinly veiled accusations."

On the back cover, this book is described as "The horrifying true story of a government-authorized campaign of disinformation that defined an era of alien paranoia and destroyed one man's life." The whole thing is written in capital letters, but we have toned it down in order not to frighten our readers too much.

The back cover rant goes on:

"In 1978, Paul Bennewitz, an electrical physicist living in Albuquerque, New Mexico, engaged in some aggressive radio monitoring of the nearby Sandia Labs, then managed by the Department of Defense. When he became convinced that the strange lights hovering over the labs and Kirtland Air Force Base signaled the vanguard of an extraterrestrial alien invasion, he began writing TV stations, newspapers, senators -and even President Reagan- to alert them.

"For the most part Bennewitz received form-letter replies, but Air Force investigators paid him a visit, as did Bill Moore, author of the first book on the Roswell Incident. Before long Moore - then a new force in civilian UFO research - was tapped by a group of intelligence agents and a deal was struck. Moore was to keep tabs on Bennewitz while the Air Force ran a psychological profile and disinformation campaign on the unsuspecting physicist. In return, Air Force Intelligence would let Moore in on classified UFO material.

"This is Bennewitz's harrowing tale, told by fringe-culture historian Greg Bishop. It is the troubling account of the custom-made hall of smoke and mirrors that eventually drove Bennewitz to a mental institution, as well as the story of the explosive propagation of disinformation that began in 1979 and reverberates through the UFO community and pop culture to this day."

Egads!

- Naturally we haven't actually read this one either, but our nomination for "UFO Book of the Month" is "Hair of the Alien", by Rill Chalker (Paraview Pocket Books), reviewed very favorably for MUFON by Journal editor Dwight Connelly. This tome has to do with an Australian case from 1992, in which the hapless male victim "woke up in his home and found two naked women in his bed, one blond and the other with dark hair who appeared to be Asian. Both appeared to be human, but not really human. The blond moved toward him and drew him to her breast but...He bit off a piece of her nipple, which caused her to release him."

Yes!

It gets even better after that, but "Smear" is not primarily a pornographic magazine, so we will spare you further details (which, however, have already been printed previously in our humble zine.) Probably you must really read this book to get the true dimensions of what is going on!

The case is complex, with some very interesting DNA test results and the strong possibility

that (gasp!) something really happened here. But on the surface the incident is so ludicrous that it is not likely to ever be taken as seriously as it might deserve.

Anyhow, we agree with Dwight Connelly's last remark: "If you can purchase only one UFO book this year, this is the one to buy."

There hasn't been anything like this since John Stuart (also an Australian!) authored a book published by Gray Barker, circa 1955, called "UFO Warning". In it, a decent young damsel is raped by a group of several hideous invisible monsters...

- Long-time "Smear" fans will remember David Huggins, the New Jersey UFO contactee/artist whose paintings have graced our pages several times over the years. The one shown here in black & white is called "On the Way to the Lake", and depicts an incident in 1960, in which David, at age 17, loses his virginity to an attractive space alien named Crescent. He had just started home from swimming in a nearby lake, in rural Georgia, when this female entity appeared. Unfortunately there were no witnesses; but Crescent has showed up many times thereafter in David's lifetime of strange ufological encounters. We appreciate his sharing this information with us.



MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

- PAUL KIMBALL is "Supreme Commander" of Redstar Films, a leading producer of documentary films in Canada. He is also a meticulous flying saucer investigator. He writes:

"Thanks for [the mention in the current 'Smear'](#) of my Top Ten and Bottom Ten lists for Ufology, which appeared a month or two ago at my blog, www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com....

Your inclusion in the Top Ten was an obvious choice to me. I know there are those in the ufological community who pooh-pooh your contributions to ufology, including some people who are friends of mine. However, as I said at my blog, every field of study needs a court jester, a role you have filled for decades with aplomb and wit. And no matter what Wendy Conners says, '[Shockingly Close to the Truth](#)' is a must-read - one of the few UFO books that is both genuinely interesting and well-written (many often being either one or the other, but rarely both).

"Now, as for your questions about my relationship with Stan Friedman, I can only say:

"(a) Yes, he is my uncle (married my Dad's sister 25 or so years ago), a fact that neither of us has ever hidden.

"(b) He and I often disagree, particularly about MJ-12 and Wilbert Snith, but we also agree about a great many things too - like the ridiculousness of exopolitics, for example. Our biggest disagreement centers on the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis - he places the emphasis on the Extraterrestrial part, and I place it on the Hypothesis part, even as I tell anyone who asks that I find it an entirely plausible, although unproven, hypothesis; and

"(c) Despite the disagreements mentioned above, I have nothing but the greatest respect, admiration and affection for Stan. I may know him as well, at least in a personal sense, as anyone in ufology. He is sincere in his beliefs, and a decent honorable man, through and through. Plus he was a hoot to have around at family reunions when I was a kid!

"Anyway, thanks again for the 'subscription', and all the best for the future. May 'Saucer Smear' and its Esteemed Supreme Commander live long and prosper!"

- **Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes as follows, regarding the recent re-hash of the alleged 1974 Carbondale, Pa. UFO crash:**

"Mary Sutherland's high-water mark in Ufology recently coincided with her visit to Carbondale, Pa., where she shot a documentary film on this long-ago non-UFO incident, interviewed alleged witnesses to the event, and managed to anger one of her star witnesses (Ms Dawn Race), while also losing the friendship of a paranormal researcher (Rick Fisher) when Mary posted 'false' and 'grossly exaggerated' accounts of what Mr. Fisher and Ms Race apparently said and did over the course of their limited involvement with Mary and her pair of woefully-defective UFO detectives at Carbondale!

"As a result of this discord, both Race and Fisher have requested that Sutherland remove their names and the 'distorted accounts' of their involvement with BUFO (The Burlington UFO and Paranormal Radio of Wisconsin) from Mary's many web sites and links. Ms Race alleges that Mrs. Sutherland has failed to do so and that she has made this request of Mary more than once" Moreover, there still remains the absolutely dreadful problem of Mary's posting equally objectionable accounts of one of her own field investigators being an eyewitness, too. He says that he never saw anything at the pond back in 1974 because the crowds were quite large and he couldn't get close enough. Yet, Mary places him at the pond watching a glowing light move about under the water's surface. (Egads, this is beginning to sound like an old Adamski fiasco!)...

"When one considers the fact that the Roswell and Aztec, N.M. annual UFO conventions and festivals have become 'extraordinarily lucrative' entertainment/tourist industries - as well as meccas for countless UFO believers and enthusiasts. It's quite easy to understand how the long-dead Carbondale UFO crash story might be 'claimed' and creatively 'resuscitated' by a self-promoting internet impresario from Wisconsin and her unwitting, fawning pair of saucer sleuths doing almost all the investigative leg work back in the coal-cracking town of Carbondale.

"For those wishing to read more about this sad but true BUFOLogical tale, I recommend visiting the many BUFO sites at 'carbondale.pa.ufo crash', 'paranormal pa', or my story which appears in the Magonia Supplement No. 55 issue..."

"If you so wish, you may even contact me at 'matthewgraeber@aol.com' and tell me how foolish I am to doubt the validity of the 'veracity-challenged' Mary Sutherland's pond stories. Let's see, at last count BUFO had speculatively linked

the '74 pond incident to a UFO crash, a Soviet missile crash, a portion of a Soviet missile crash, a radioactive something-or-other laying on the pond's floor, unspecified paranormal activity near and within the pond, a 'portal' or gateway opening up into another space and time continuum, a submersible UFO that dodged police bullets fired at it, and of course, the shameful coverup lantern.

"Somehow Mary and Ron forgot to mention the possibility that 'Carbie', the famous Carbondale pond monster may have been splashing about in the murky water too. But, then again, one can't be expected to think of everything.

"So, just as with Mary's online store, it appears there's a bit of everything and anything to choose from if you're a UFO/Paranormal browser. Has Mary's meteoric climb in UFOOlogy reached its zenith? Has it been extinguished in the depths of the old silt pond? As that rascal George Adamski would say, 'Time will tell'.

- NORMAN HOWARD, a "Smear" fan living in Las Vegas, Nevada, writes.

"A few years ago a man calling himself '[Prophet Yahweh](#)' ('Yahweh' is Hebrew for 'God' although the 'prophet' is a Black man, not a Jew) came onto the scene here in Las Vegas and offered to call forth a UFO on demand. The local MUFON chapter sent a few investigators to his house, a falling-down shack in the worst part of town, to witness this historic event. When they arrived, the local TV stations were already there, having been summoned by the 'prophet' himself.

On cue, Prophet Yahweh told everyone present to look at a certain section of the sky where a Mylar balloon had been released by a confederate of the 'prophet'. He then demanded money for this extraordinary effort! Upon receiving the grand sum of zero dollars, he flew into a rage, chasing everyone away with curses!

The MUFON investigators went to work, discovering that Prophet Yahweh is really Raymond Watkins, a man who had been sent to a mental institution twice by court order because of various behavioral acts deemed worthy of 'observation' by psychiatrists. When MUFON reported these facts to local media, Prophet Yahweh telephoned the MUFON investigators and made threats to do bodily harm to them. He admitted that he had been in the mental institution during the reported time periods. (As an employee! The inmates are running the asylums!)

He then requested a second chance to demonstrate his unusual (to say the least) ability to call forth a UFO on demand. Again, local MUFON investigators were dispatched (this time without the local TV stations), and again they were treated to silver-colored Mylar balloons - this time, two of them.

He has since been soliciting donations to establish his own religion. Perhaps Las Vegas zillionaire Robert Bigelow could fund Prophet Yahweh, and Dr. Steven Greer could provide some pointers as to how to do a better job of calling forth the aliens!"

- Famed British author and UFO researcher TIMOTHY GOOD writes as follows:

"Re [the notorious 'Straith Letter'](#), your warning (that it was a hoax) came after the book about George Adamski was published. Far from ignoring your warning, I inserted typewritten slips to the effect that the letter was bogus - in all subsequent copies sold."

- Our olde friend sociologist CHRISTOPHER ROTH writes:

"I was interested to read in 'Smear' about [Michael Jackson's UFO beliefs](#). He joins Lou Rawls, Dan Ayckroyd, Jackie Gleason, and others among UFO advocates in the entertainment industry. But you fail to point out a possible UFO-abduction

connection to Michael Jackson: Many visitors to his Neverland estate have reported odd memories of lying on a kind of bed while a strange, alien-looking being with an odd skin color and a vestigial nose performs medical-examination type procedures on them. Now, Jackson denies that anything like this goes on, so it must be extraterrestrials!..."

Michael Luckman's book "Alien Rock", about Jackson and many others, is so bad that it was even panned by UFO Magazine! How low can one sink?? - Editor.

- Researcher BILL OSBORNE writes:

"In 'Saucer Smear' Vol. 52, No. 6, I read with interest that [Hopkinsville, Kentucky](#) was holding a celebration of the '50th Anniversary of the Kelly Green Men'..."

"You might be interested in knowing that Hopkinsville is widely considered the 'Occult Capital of the South' for reasons including, but not limited to, the 1955 incident. Hopkinsville is the home town of Edgar Cayce, the 'Sleeping Prophet' who made many predictions regarding such subjects as Atlantis and the 'End Days'. Hopkinsville is also about 20 miles from Adams, Tennessee, where a famous haunting took place in the early years of the 19th century. This particular spirit was referred to as 'The Bell Witch' and was the inspiration for the recent movie 'The Blair Witch Project'. The Bell Witch haunting purportedly caused so much consternation that Andrew Jackson himself supposedly called on the Bell family in order to experience the phenomena first hand.

"Many descendants of the Bell family eventually moved to Hopkinsville and one of them, a dentist, owned a large Victorian-style house, which a friend of mine - the president of a local bank - purchased after it had remained vacant for many years, and began a fairly ambitious restoration project. He said that workers would not remain in the house after dark because of its reputation for being haunted. (My friend stated that he himself had never experienced any unexplained phenomena in the house whatsoever.)

"I have traveled to Hopkinsville many times on business and have asked local residents if they remembered the famous 1955 UFO incident, and surprisingly, a great many had never even heard of it. Those that would speak of it tended to laugh it off, and probably rightfully so. One gentleman - echoing Ebenezer Scrooge's line in 'A Christmas Carol', stated that there was probably more 'moonshine than moon' connected with the 1955 flap. Still, if Hopkinsville can benefit by good-naturedly playing up this event, good for them!..."

"I absolutely loved [your book](#), and have read it through at least a half-dozen times. Your light-hearted look at 'ufoology' is a welcome breath of fresh air in a field populated by way too many folks who take themselves much too seriously!"

KARL PFLOCK'S ESTEEMED COLUMN WILL RETURN IN OUR NEXT ISSUE. STAY TUNED!



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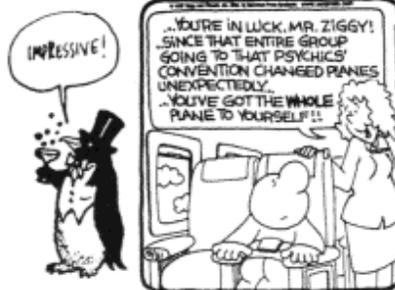
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SUPER-SKEPTIC PHIL KASS MOVES ON TO ANOTHER REALM

The flying saucer field has lost its most outstanding villain with the recent death of Philip J.

Klass at age 85 - brought down by colon cancer. Klass had been in declining health for several years, due to severe back problems and an inability to speak above a whisper. This was tragically caused by botched back surgery.

Klass had long lived in Washington, D.C. before moving to a retirement home in Florida. Klass's Washington address, plus the fact that he was long the senior avionics editor of "Aviation Week" (considered to be a semi-official government zine), led many saucerers to believe that his anti-UFO views were merely "party line" in a vast conspiracy to hide the Truth from the public.

Klass was one of the founders of CSICOP (Center for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal), which through its "Skeptical Inquirer" magazine & other activities has been a thorn in the side of True Believers for generations.

We first met "Uncle Phil" circa 1967, at a radio program in Philadelphia where he was pushing the first of his several anti-UFO books. He was rarely invited to speak at saucer conventions, but he was a regular at CSICOP conclaves, and made countless appearances on TV, etc. For many years he published "SUN" (Skeptics UFO Newsletter), till his health became too bad to continue.



Klass, like James Randi and many other skeptics, was a highly intelligent man with a (usually) pleasant personality and a great sense of humor but he could be vicious and relentless in digging up negative material on pro-saucer individuals. For instance, it was he who made public the fact that Ed Walters of Gulf Breeze fame served time in jail long ago for forgery and/or auto theft. Walters was later pardoned by the governor of Florida, but Klass seldom mentioned this, if ever!

A skeptic is supposedly open-minded to any solution to a problem, whereas a debunker, such as Klass and Randi, has already made up his mind firmly, though he won't admit it. Yet Klass's anti-UFO diatribes often served a good purpose in bringing out important facts that would otherwise have been overlooked. It has been said that if Klass didn't exist, we would have had to invent him!

Your editor knew Phil Klass for almost 40 years, and mingled with him socially many times. We considered him a friend, much to the disgust of ufological extremists. We disagreed with him in "Smear" endlessly, but kept our respect for the man; and no, we don't believe he was a tool of the Conspiracy. He was expressing sincere but extremely conservative Establishment-type views.

Above we see two renditions of Klass from back issues of "Smear". The top one is from a Japanese language UFO magazine of long ago. We don't have any idea what the writing says.

Klass recently made Fate Magazine's list of the top 100 ufologists, and he also was the only researcher on Paul Kimball's "Top 10" list and his "Bottom 10" list - as mentioned in our last issue. Says Kimball:

"He made the Top 10 list simply because his impact on ufology cannot be ignored. He makes the Bottom 10 list because no one (not even Donald Menzel) ever offered so many hairbrained, wacked-out patently ridiculous explanations for the UFO phenomenon as Klass, and no one (not even Donald Menzel) was ever as mean-spirited when doing it..."

Menzel was a Harvard professor who also wrote anti-UFO books.

Just a few days before his death, we mailed Klass a confidential postcard telling him of this unique honor. We hope he had the opportunity to read our card, but we will never know for sure.

Onward & Upward, O Klass! We of "Smear" have great memories and will really miss you.

- ...We seldom report UFO sightings, but a recent one in Exeter, New Hampshire, caught our attention. A Navy veteran with over 10,000 hours of flight experience, identified only as "David", was preparing to mow his lawn on the afternoon of July 29th, when he spotted a huge cigar-shaped object hovering in the sky. There were windows equally spaced around the craft, but he could not see anyone or anything inside. Its speed was very slow, and it changed colors as it moved. He estimated the size to be that of two aircraft carriers. After about ten minutes it grew longer and much thinner, and then disappeared from sight.

We were less impressed after reading a follow-up article. Why was "David" afraid to give his full name? And why did no one else in a neighborhood of over two dozen houses see anything at all, at 3 p.m. on a sunny afternoon? Said Peter Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center (a civilian group in Seattle): "Maybe the object's technology was so advanced that it was only visible where David was standing." Yeah, sure!

Exeter, N.H. should be remembered as the site of the famous 1965 sightings that gave rise to John Fuller's classic book "Incident at Exeter". This incident was a complex nighttime sighting that is not easily explained...

- The tabloid weekly magazine "Globe" recently had an article entitled "Just How Wacko is Jacko?" referring to the notorious Michael Jackson. The article is about a new book by New York publicist Michael Luckman, whom we know slightly.

According to Luckman, Jackson clings to the belief that he himself is a space alien from a planet he calls "A Capricious Anomaly in the Sea of Space" (whatever that means!), located just beyond our solar system. He has no plans to return there, but he does want to perform his trademark moonwalk dance on the lunar surface someday.

Jackson has a \$200,000 oil painting depicting himself among those he regards as his peers - Albert Einstein, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, the Mona Lisa and E.T. - all wearing sunglasses and Michael's trademark white gloves!

We of "Smear" are not fans of Michael Jackson, and we don't care much for Luckman either. The article says Luckman "met the singer (Jackson) last year", but elsewhere it says the information was revealed in November of 2001. We wonder if Luckman ever met Jackson at all!

The name of the book is "Alien Rock: The Rock 'n Roll - Extraterrestrial Connection", published by VH1 Pocket Books. Wheee!...

- Bob Lazar, **who was pictured** in our July 10th issue in regard to a "Hall of Shame" list (not ours), is back in the news. Las Vegas ufologist George Knapp has been investigating Lazar for years, with mostly negative results. His educational claims don't check out, and his claim to have walked off from an "Area 51" lab in 1989 with a big chunk of "Element 115" was ridiculed. Critics say that this very highly unstable element wouldn't last long enough for him to get out the door with it!

Now Lazar is living in rural New Mexico, working on a conversion kit that will turn any car into a hydrogen hybrid. His own two vehicles have already been converted and can travel up to 450 miles on hydrogen, then switch automatically back to gasoline. He makes his own hydrogen, using water and a solar powered generator. Will this revolutionize the automobile industry? Probably not, but who knows!

Years ago Lazar claimed to have been involved with crashed or captured flying saucers while he worked at the highly classified "Area 51" installation in Nevada. These spaceships supposedly ran on an isotope of Element IIS, you see. Now Lazar has distanced himself from the saucer scene completely, and is involved in exciting but mundane pursuits, such as the hydrogen car...

- Here's a joyous bit of gossip from (where else?) the Cursed Net. The people at UFOWATCHDOG.COM entitle this item "UFO Dirtbag of the Month: Ed Dames". This is their June July issue, which (actually!) covers two months.

Say they:

"Self-proclaimed foremost remote viewing instructor Ed Dames is again on our radar after he made predictions of finding gold, being able to disable/destroy computers using remote viewing, tracking serial killers, and boasting of being able to find Osama Bin Laden within 72 hours, using his supposed remote viewing skills.

They go on: "Appearing on Coast to Coast AM with Art Bell, the choice forum for hoaxers and idiots of all variety to spew their rantings while going unchallenged, Dames made more of his silly claims, the newest one being that he could disable or destroy a computer by using remote viewing. A caller challenged Dames to disable his laptop computer, and Dames declined to demonstrate his newest in a long line of unproven powers and abilities. Some time ago, Dames also promised Art Bell that he had located gold, using his bunk remote viewing powers. Dames told Bell he would deliver the gold. Of course, as is with everything Dames predicts, the gold was a no show. In usual fashion, this went unchallenged by Bell.

"It's amazing that Ed Dames can continue to appear on radio programs making promise after promise with a straight face and continually not deliver the goods. What's even more amazing is that Bell continues to give Dames some sort of credence in spite of the fact that Dames has never had one accurate prediction...In the end, it all comes down to an art Dames has truly mastered: Remote bullshitting."

Karl Pflock, a former CIA employee, has met Dames and recalls that the man has claimed the mysterious Taos, New Mexico hum of several years ago was actually noise from the engine of an underground Martian spaceship!

Both your "Smear" editor and Pflock believe that remote viewing works sometimes, but apparently for Dames it doesn't work very often, ii at all!...

- A recent net posting by someone named Sheryl Gottschall is entitled "Adamski and the Straith Letter". This is about the infamous letter, purportedly from a high State Department official, which seemed to back up George Adamski's wild ufological adventures, back in the 1950s. The information is from a book called "George Adamski: The Untold Story", written in the mid 1980s by researchers Tim Good and Lou Zinstag.

Many saucerers worked to try to prove the authenticity of this letter. Among them were Adamski himself, Richard Ogden (who is a member of our "Smear" "Hall of Shame"), Tim Good, Carol Honey, Ray Palmer, and Gray Barker. This is hilarious, because Barker was, in reality, the author of the Straith Letter, aided and abeted by none other than your humble "Smear" editor.

We confessed publicly in early 1985, right after Barker died. We also tried to warn Tim Good before his book was published, telling him we had "inside information" but he chose to ignore us. Apparently Sheryl Gottschall still hasn't gotten the message!

- Skeptic Curtis Peebles sent us the Straith item, with the comments "...This proves that no UFO story ever goes away. No matter how often the story is solved, no matter how many skeptics and believers agree it is solved, it will return. Everything old is new again. And that includes R.E. Straith, the bureaucrat who never was!"...
- James ("The Amusing") Randi has anonline store where he sells skeptical books written by

himself and others. Also available are several trashy novelty items, two of which are pictured here.

Randi's friends claim he is open minded about such "miracles" as paranormal powers, but here we see that he ridicules them harshly with his "flying pig emblem". (Note that the word "likelihood" is misspelled in the text!) Could a "psychic" really expect to get a fair deal when attempting to win Randi's famous one million dollar prize for proof of paranormal abilities? We doubt it!



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In late August we were visited in Key West by a lady who is writing an authorized biography of Randi, having been commissioned to do so by the famous Las Vegas magical team of Penn & Teller. Since this lady rather strangely wants her identity to be kept secret from "Smear" readers, we will refer to her here only as "Mrs. X."

"Mrs. X" was interested in talking about three things, mainly: A trip we made to Equador in 1965 with James Randi and others; The infamous "blackmail tape" of yesteryear which was distributed as part of a mean-spirited effort to "Silence" Randi in his severe criticisms of the paranormal; Lawsuits by Eldon Byrd and spoon-bender Uti Geller against Randi, which led indirectly to his resignation circa 1991 from CSICOP. It was about that time that he made very serious threats to sue us, because he disagreed with most of our comments in "Smear" about the complex evidence regarding the "blackmail tape", etc. We managed to dodge the bullet!

We have no interest in pursuing these matters further, as hopefully nobody cares very much any more about these complicated details from out of the past. You already know what we think of Randi as he is today. We will be very interested to read (if we don't have to actually buy it) the authorized Randi biography by "Mrs. X"...

- In a public commentary on Nick Redfern's new Roswell book, "Body Snatchers in the Desert" (which he calls "B.S. in the Desert"), Karl Pflock gives details of his disagreement with the author's claims. These are much too long to go into here, but to us the most interesting part is Pflock's decision not to work with Redfern on a book they were planning to do together about the alleged 1948 saucer crash near Aztec, New Mexico - one year after Roswell.

Says Pflock:

"Collaboration requires trust. I'm not sure if "B.S. in the Desert" reflects amazing credulity, reckless opportunism, or something of both on your part. Whatever may be the case, it hardly inspires trust. Add to this the fact that you didn't even do me the courtesy of letting me know you were working on a project so closely related to ours, not to mention my Roswell book, and 'trust' is the last word that comes to mind... I am hereby terminating our collaboration..."

"Smear" readers with long memories will no doubt recall [unfavorable comments](#) about "B.S. in the Desert" in our last issue. We are with Pflock on this - not because he is a friend, co-author of [Shockingly](#) and a heavy "Smear" contributor - but just because we happen to agree with his point of view on this matter.

- Old-fashioned printed copies of "Saucer Smear" and its predecessors, going all the way back to 1954, are still available from Tom Benson, P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606.



NEWS BRIEFIES

- Here's good news for all you fans of the Loch Ness Monster: A ferry has just begun operation on the famous lake, to give tourists the opportunity to search for this legendary beast. The ferry features airplane-style seats with seat-back televisions linked to sonar. This means that if the Monster should happen to be swimming in the vicinity, passengers might well be able to spot it!

The last ferry to travel the full 30-mile length of Loch Ness was a paddle-wheeler that stopped operating way back in 1939.

The Monster, familiarly known as Nessie, is believed to resemble a sea-going reptile from the age of the dinosaurs, with a snake-like neck and a small head. Many sightings and photos have been made over the years, but none are conclusive....

- When it comes to tales of unknown animals, we prefer the ones where a body - whether dead or alive - is actually found. Such was the case last July 23rd when a fisherman in Ningbo City, China was shocked at the sight of a huge creature lying dead beside the seawall near his home. There had recently been a typhoon.

The creature is nearly 12 meters long and weighs about two tons. Partly rotten, with the spine exposed, it has been impossible to identify. It has some hair, plus orange stripes across a very wide belly. The skull alone weighs over 200 pounds. Some parts are missing, so it is unlikely to be preserved as a specimen. Thus we probably will never know what it really is! (Thanks to Vince Ditchkus)...

In our July 10th issue we had [a short item](#) about Cary McKinnon, the British hacker who broke into U.S. government computer sites shortly after 9/11/01, and now faces 70 years in prison if he is extradited to the United States. He is accused of "the biggest computer hack of all time."

McKinnon has been a science fiction & UFO fan for many years. His motive for hacking was political, and also because he hoped to find out how much our government really knows about flying saucers. He says he learned that we Americans have a "secret spaceship", but he's not sure about the details as he admits he was "smoking a lot of dope" at the time.

McKinnon was partly inspired by the 1983 movie "War Games", in which a teen-aged computer nerd impresses his girlfriend by almost starting World War III! (Our thanks again to Vince Ditchkus)...

Famed avant-garde writer and lecturer Robert Anton Wilson has re-surfaced with a cover story in a magazine called Metro Santa Cruz, which covers the area of northern California where he lives. Those of you who don't know who Wilson is should be ashamed of yourselves. He has over 30 books in print, and was the inspiration for the mythical J.R. "Bob" Dobbs, who is the figurehead for the Church of the SubGenius. Drop enough acid and you will know what we are talking about!

Wilson at age 73 (one year younger than your editor) has been slowed by physical infirmities, but he continues to rave on. We never actually met him, but for many years his letters to the editor appeared in almost every issue of "Smear". Then, as a "Futurist", he became disillusioned with us because we refused to embrace the internet. We wish him well!

Add Lajas, Puerto Rico to the growing list of towns that have annual flying saucer festivals. In July, 200 to 300 locals celebrated the 4th anniversary of Lajas being designated "The UFO Capital of Puerto Rico". Among the many sightings over the years are several in which "strange lights" were seen entering a lagoon. A man named Reinaldo Rios is the driving force behind this gathering. It takes place on a private ranch on Route 303, which was recently dubbed "Extraterrestrial Route PR 303".

Rios is no ordinary guy. He has had endless UFO-related experiences in his lifetime. Though called "professor", he works as an auxiliary teacher in what sounds like a local high school. He was fired in 1997 from a similar job because of his obsession with UFOs. In 2000 he staged a hunger strike in front of the Education Department and eventually got his license back. Way to go, Rios! (Our thanks to Lea Boldt for this one.)...

- This item is from "C-COM - Classified Communications - An Independent Monthly Intelligence Report on Controversial Subjects". It is published by Erich Aggen of Kansas City, Mo. Actually, there is nothing classified about it at all, but there are interesting articles of pure speculation by various authors.

The June 2005 issue includes an item called "The Mysterious Flying Humanoids", which recounts about a half dozen recent incidents in Mexico - some of them videotaped - in which human-like creatures of various sizes and shapes were clearly seen flying or hovering in the sky. Concludes the author:

"It is extremely difficult to try to define the nature or motives of all these specific cases involving human-shaped bodies or flying creatures. This rare and unique category of sightings indeed reveals a new phenomenon and results in a major new challenge to our research. Despite the amount of evidence, testimonials and data gathered in five years of research, we still don't have any clue as to what we are facing here. We recognize that these cases defy common sense. And yet, this fascinating flying humanoid phenomenon really is happening and continues to amaze us."

- Hard-core saucer addicts in the New Jersey area will be pleased to know that Pat Marcattilio ("Dr. UFO") will be presenting another of his gala UFO conventions in Bordontown, N.J. on the weekend of October 22nd & 23rd. No speakers have been announced as yet.

Pat describes himself as (exact quote): "Facilitator: Pat Marcattilio, Internationally, reknown, Unexplained Phenomenon Researcher, Mobile UFO Museum Curator, Lecture and Seminar Chairman and Master of Ceremonies who guides the Meeting in all areas of the unexplained and unknown".

Pflock Ptalk - THE LITTLE MAN WORE GREEN (PART 2)

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Butte County, California, in front of the Brush Creek general store, June 24, 1953, miner John Black relates a difficult to believe story to a county Sheriff, a story he soon would be telling over and over to newspaper, radio, and newsreel reporters. Seven times during the past few months, he and his partner John Van Allen had seen a flying saucer, or at least what looked to be the same saucer each time, near their mine a few miles east of Brush Creek.

On the first four occasions the silvery disk was flying quite high, and the men didn't take enough interest to note any details, dates, or times of the appearances. On April 20, they saw it much more closely, passing at a distance of about a quarter mile, flying low and silently, north to south in front of a hill. Then, at about 6:30 on the evening of May 20, Black was startled to see the saucer just 150 feet away, hovering over a sandbar at the junction of Marble and Jordan creeks. Moments later, the craft sailed rapidly away to the east, emitting a hissing sound. When Black investigated, he found the remains of a campfire and numerous five-inch, human-appearing footprints in the sand.

Then the little man showed up. Black was... But this will have to Be Continued, as I have just enough Space left for...

...A big thank you to Martin Kottmeyer, the only one out of all the many thousands of "Smear" non-subscribers who took the trouble to offer a possible mundane explanation for [my childhood sighting](#). Noting my expressed ambiguity about learning there might be such an explanation, he suggested my father, our friends, and I may have seen [a kite illuminated from the ground or carrying a light](#). This was one of the possibilities we considered, included, as Marty suspected, among those covered by "etc." - a convention forced upon me by the draconian Space limitations dictated by our tyrannical editor.

We rejected this for several reasons, among which I remember: It was a dead calm evening, not a breath of wind. The area for miles around was all but unpopulated hilly pasture land and orchards. The object was rock steady in every position it took, and the spacing of these positions from the object's original location was precisely the same in all cases. There was no flickering or variation in brightness, except for the extreme intensification just before the object's departure. And, of course, there was that very high speed vertical departure, executed without the slightest jitter or hesitation. As for my ambiguity, it was just a twinge of nostalgia for those innocent days so long ago when pondering the saucer mystery and what it might portend was so spine-ttingly delicious, and that was enough!

Okay, Marty. You owe me ten bucks, Please don't send it via Moseley. If you do, I will never see it!

BRIEF REPORT ON THE 2005 NATIONAL UFO CON.

On Labor Day weekend, Lisa Davis of San Diego hosted the 42nd running of the National UFO Conference, held for the second time in a row at the beautiful Renaissance Hotel in downtown Hollywood, California. The attendance was about the same as last year, and unfortunately the press was notable by its absence from the scene. We really don't know why this happened. Very little dramatically new and exciting was presented, but the speakers represented a fair cross-section of current ufological opinions, and they all did their jobs well. There were about 18 speakers altogether, but Space does not allow us to list them here. (More details will be presented in our next glorious issue!)

Naturally the Saturday night banquet was the high point for us, as that was when your humble "Smear" editor presented several amusing tales from the ufological past, as chronicled in our esteemed book (with Karl Pflock) "[Shockingly Close to the Truth! Confessions of a Grave-Robbing Ufologist](#)".

Friday night, after the "Meet the Speakers" cocktail party, Lisa Davis gave a private party in her luxurious penthouse suite. She is determined to continue hosting conventions in the same Hollywood location each year till she "gets it right". We wish her all the luck in the world, and we will help her all we can.

Sincere thanks to all of you who sent us material for this issue!

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- Our olde pal sociologist CHRIS ROTH writes:

"Surely the biggest news in ufology of late is the death of Philip Klass, just a few days ago...As far as I can tell on the Internet, response to his death in the True Believer community has been respectful and muted. I'll bet that over time his work will prove to be more enduring - even among those open to the possibility of

extraterrestrial visitation - than those of many of his detractors.

"When I interviewed him in the early 1990s he was petulant and argumentative, but he was committed and he knew his stuff, and I respected him. Like him, I don't think we are being visited by aliens, but I also think that the so-called alien abduction phenomenon is a true metaphysical mystery and not just an artifact of shoddy hypnosis and wishful thinking. Still, many of his arguments can't be wished away. I think his book on abductions put the abduction-research community on the run. No one really has all the answers yet, but he was seeking them as honestly and diligently as any investigator..."

"Incidentally, I'd like to join [Wendy Connors](#) in commending "Smear's" relevance despite its being technologically anachronistic. But time will prove that those of us who continue to publish on paper will have their words preserved in public, personal, and academic libraries for generations to come, and will continue to have an impact; while those of us who send our words into cyberspace alone, through blogs and Web sites, or who publish using CD and other technologies which are bound to become obsolete, will see their work vanish or be irrecoverable. Have you ever tried to watch a thirty-year-old videotape or tried to open a fifteen-year-old computer file? And yet it's routine to go to a library and read a three hundred-year old book. The best way to write for posterity is to put it on paper and get it out there, even if it arrives by 'pony express!'"

- RICK HILBERC, dean of Ohio ufology, writes:

"Even though I have supported Wendy Connors...in her Faded Disks project, and believe that what she is doing will indeed be important to future researchers, [some of her comments to you](#) lead me to seriously disagree with her on at least one point.

"I refer to her comments to the effect that print publications such as ours are rendered totally obsolete by the wondrous Internet. The fact that UFO sightings and news can be sent in a few nanoseconds by computer by no means makes print publications akin to the horse and buggy. There is so much pure crap on the Internet related to UFOs and associated topics that I believe it takes someone with real experience to be able to cull out the truly worthwhile material from the ocean of endless junk.

"While there are some worthwhile and responsible websites that contain UFO material, by and large the material found there is totally unfiltered. How many obvious meteors, misidentified aircraft, stars and planets and weather phenomena have I found on these sites I cannot tell you. But it sure as hell is a whole bunch! And I won't even mention the obvious hoaxes that are circulated through Cyberspace.

"No, for that very reason, there will always be a need for responsible print publications edited by persons who have been deeply involved researching and investigating these elusive 'whatzits' for more than a few short years. Like Wendy Connors' MP-3 recordings, these print publications will be the source for future historians and scientific researchers, in my opinion at least."

- Hard-core non-subscriber ROB MACGREGOR writes as follows:

"[Good editorial](#) on James Randi's bogus million dollar award, and [good attempt at a comeback](#) by Robert Sheaffer. (See the Aug. 15th 'Smear'.) Unfortunately, Sheaffer dissembles his defense of Randi's so-called 'legitimate challenge' by belittling psi phenomena as 'bullshit'. That's not a very scientific approach. The charade continues!

"By the way, I see by the table of contents that you and I both have articles in the August issue of FATE. Mine is an update on the Bermuda Triangle, based on my upcoming book, 'The Fog'. Yours is a reprint from the August 1955 issue of FATE, an article called 'Are the Saucers Made on Earth?' Your conclusion, as you no doubt recall, was that the answer was yes. After 50 years, are you still holding to that opinion?"

No, we are not still holding to that opinion. We're now more into 4-D, or whatever.
- Ed.

- Veteran researcher (mostly re Brazil) BOB PRATT writes:

"No doubt you will hear from others about this, but we'll chalk it up to a typo. Your item in the July 10th issue about [Brazil opening up its UFO files](#) gives credit to A.J. Gevaero, His name is Gevaerd, which is pronounced ZJEH-vah-AIRD...

"Unfortunately, the Brazilian government has not opened its UFO files, although there is some hope that it will, one day. It is a slim hope...

"Cevaerd and the others were allowed to examine about 110 photos and 160 documents from Operation Prato. They were also permitted to examine files about an airliner-UFO encounter in 1954, and the massive radar detection of UFOs over much of Brazil on the night of May 19th, 1986. (Twenty one UFOs were tracked on radar crisscrossing the skies. Six jet fighters armed with missiles were scrambled, and for several hours the jets chased or were chased by what they described as balls of light.)

"The key word above is 'examine'. The ufologists were allowed to look at the documents but were not allowed to keep or copy any of them. At the end of the day, Gevaerd and his friends presented three petitions to one of the generals, requesting the Air Force to open all of its UFO files. The general agreed to pass the petitions on to the head of the Air Force, the chief of the Defense Ministry, and the president of the country, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (better known around the world as 'Lula') for their approval...

"In any case, Brazilian ufologists already have a good idea as to what is in the Operacao Prato files because literally dozens of pages and copies of photos have been leaked to ufologists, who in turn copied them and passed them around. I myself have several hundred pages, having received batches of documents in 1991, 1997 and 1999 from friends in Brazil. I managed to translate most of them and have put them on the Internet: <http://www.bobpratt.org/oprato.html>. It has a rather long introduction, but once past that you can read some very interesting sighting reports. They make good reading."

SEMI-IMPORTANT NOTICE: Again this issue, we have had to postpone some interesting stuff. Next issue will include more about the glorious NUFOC scene in Hollywood, Ca., and also a photo of another sexually-oriented painting by ufological artist David Huggins!



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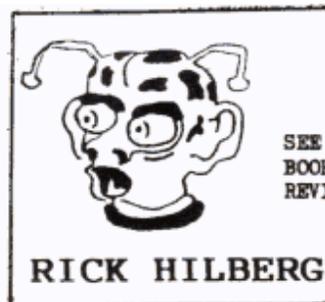
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We have just received an update from Lisa Davis concerning the 42nd National UFO Conference, to be held Labor Day weekend (Sept. 2nd - 4th) at the beautiful Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood, California. For details contact www.nufoc.org, or write to NUFOC 2005; 3830 Valley Center Drive, #705-441; San Diego, California 92130.

The speakers list is now finalized, and will include: Richard Dolan; Nick Redfern; Ltnda Moulton Howe; David Sereda; Farah Yurdozu; Dr. Lynne Ketei; Greg Bishop; Terry Hansen; Grant Cameron; and Richard Sauder.

There will also be a dinner/cocktail party on Saturday evening, at which the speakers will be Steven Basset and your humble "Smear" editor.

This is our last issue of "Smear" before the Conference, and we hope to see you-all there!

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- In our June 15th issue we printed [a letter from ace cartoonist Matt Graeber](#) about Mary Sutherland, a Wisconsin woman who has become a major farce in ufology. She is big on radio as well as on the net, and makes a living by selling all sorts of UFO-related wares in her online store. She and her husband also run a real store at their home in Burlington, Wisconsin.

Mary's business takes her into just about every aspect of the paranormal, including a local monster called the Bray Road Beast, plus hooded aliens, cat people, and of course UFOs. We have an item from a Wisconsin newspaper showing her sitting in a crop circle during her investigation of same. Our favorite activity of Mary's is her online dating service, whereby you can meet a "soul mate" who is on the same wavelength that you are, or whatever. Sex & saucers!

In late June of this year Mary traveled to Pennsylvania to re-investigate the classic 1974 Carbondale Case, in which something mysterious landed in a silt pond. Matt and other ufological conservatives think it was a battery-powered lantern, thrown in the pond by kids as a joke, but Mary Sutherland and her colleagues strongly believe otherwise. They shot a documentary film, and plan to hold UFO conferences in the nearby town of Olyphant, which is said to be "near the center of the universe" - whatever that means. All sorts of orbs and other visible phenomena are seen in this area. There is even a haunted cemetery, which reminds us somewhat of the strange goings-on in Pine Bush, New York, a few years ago.

As for what really happened in Carbondale in 1974, one of the three kids involved has confessed to a hoax, whereas the other two have not. That's good enough for Mary, and she presses on!

Our thanks to Matt Graeber for this update. We wish we could visit this area of Pennsylvania where all the fun is going on!...

- Then there's the story of "Omega Man" Dennis Bossack, who claims to have been for many years the earthly director of the above-top-secret Omega Agency, which has ties to aliens from 752 inhabited planets. That's a lot of planets! His main job was overseeing the day-to-day operation of an underground facility in which hundreds of earthlings and visitors work side by side to prepare our planet for the day when Omega takes over.

This story is told in long-winded tapes that are sold by Bossack and his wife Ann in their gift shop - first located in New Mexico, then moved to Rhode Island, and now apparently back to New Mexico. Our interest in all this comes from the fact that legendary (?) saucerer Stanton Friedman has been accused of being strangely soft in criticizing the Bossaoks because of the fact that they also sell his wares. Ole Stan is thus accused (not for the first time) of being a shameless self-promoter, willing to overlook ludicrous UFO claims for the sake of (god help us!) Money.

We telephoned Stan, who admits to being friends with Dennis and even having introduced him to his wife Ann. But he no longer has commercial ties with them, and says firmly, "I

think Dennis has spread a lot of balony about his involvement with ET civilizations and also about his background." Bossack claims to have a degree from the prestigious Columbia University Law School, but this claim did not check out. This misrepresentation seems more important to Friedman than the crazy UFO claims - a fact that we find amusing.

In any case, Dennis Bossack grinds on, as does Stan Friedman, separately. If any of our readers have updated information on the Bossacks, please let us know. Meanwhile, our thanks to Matt Craeber for this material.

And, ole Stan has asked us to mention that he has a new book called "TOP SECRET/MAJIC" coming out in September, published by Marlowe & Co. There's no commercialism here, or is there?...

- On the evening of July 6th, CNN's "Larry King Live" had another one-hour flying saucer show. On the pro-UFO side were "Smear" non-subscribers John Schuessler, Rob Swiatec, and Bruce Maccabee, together with our "Hall of Shame" member Budd Hopkins. On the anti-UFO side (boo, hiss!) were a psychologist and a SETI spokesperson, whose names we didn't catch. Surprisingly, former nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman was conspicuous by his absence.

A few classic cases were discussed briefly, such as (of course!) Roswell, the Trent photos, the Hefflin photos, the 1997 Phoenix lights, and the recent Mexican Air Force radar incident.

Unfortunately, nothing new was added to our knowledge. There are many unexplained events over the past 58 years which either do or do not indicate that our planet is under observation by intelligent beings from Out There. But even Hopkins admits that there is still no proof as to their point of origin. We of "Smear" prefer the somewhat unpopular belief that UFOs are a permanent part of our Earth's environment, possibly from another dimension. In any case, let us press on. Keep your Eye on the Sky!...

- [A couple of issues back](#), we mentioned a researcher named Paul Kimball, who is a nephew of the above-mentioned Stanton Friedman. He is also a documentary film maker, and has apparently done prestigious work in this field.

Now Kimball has come up with a list of "Ufology's Top 10" and "Ufology's Bottom 10". (Yes, more lists!) This seems to have become a fad.) We couldn't help being intrigued by the composition of Paul's lists, which are as follows, in numerical order:

"Top 10" = Dr. Jacques Vallee, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Stanton T. Friedman, Major Donald Keyhoe, Dr. James McDonald, Dr. Peter Sturrock, Coral Lorenzen (of APRO), James W. Moseley (eek!), Richard Hall and Philip Klass. Jerry Clark is first among the "honorable mentions".

"Bottom 10" = Dr. Edward U. Condon, Frank Scully, Silas Newton & Leo Cebauer (as a group), "Professor" George Adamski, Dr. Steven Greer, Bob Lazar, Billy Meier, Frank Kaufman & Gerald Anderson, Philip J. Corso, Philip Klass and Wilbert Smith. "Dishonorable mention" goes to Wendelle Stevens, William Moore, Linda Moulton Cowe, Donald Schmitt, William Steinman, Howard Menger, Bill Cooper, and others.

How, you might ask, can dear old Phil Klass be on both lists? Says Kimball: "He made the Top 10 list simply because his impact on ufology cannot be ignored. He makes the Bottom 10 list because no one (not even Donald Menzel) ever offered as many hair-brained, wacked-out patently ridiculous explanations for the UFO phenomenon as Klass, and no one (not even Donald Menzel) was ever as mean-spirited when doing it..."

And how, you might ask, did James W. Moseley make the "Top 10"? As far as we can remember, we have never met or had any communication with Paul Kimball, but his description of us reads:

"The 'Court Jester' of ufology, Moseley has been a significant player in ufology for over fifty years now. His satirical 'Saucer Smear' remains a must-read amongst UFO cognoscenti (even those who dislike him), and his book '**Shockingly Close to the Truth**' (authored with Karl Pflock) is the best, no-holds-barred account of the personalities within ufology over the years that you can find. If there hadn't been a James Moseley, ufology would have had to invent one."

Our only gripe is being placed next to Dick Hall, but we can live with it, and it goes without saying that we greatly appreciate Kimball's kind remarks. May the Space People bless him!

NEWS BRIEFIES

- Congratulations to Britain's wonderful "Fortean Times" Magazine, which is undoubtedly the best offbeat publication on this or any other planet. They are currently celebrating the birth of their 200th issue, as shown in this cartoon, which we have lifted from said issue. We've also "borrowed" a lot of small items from "Fortean Times" over the years, for which we hereby thank them after the fact. A long and merry life to all Forteans!...
- You've always thought that "UFO" stands for unidentified flying objects, but we now learn that it also stands for "United Flying Octogenarians" This is an organization, based in Florida, of retired pilots who have continued flying after their eightieth birthday. The oldest is 102 years old! There's nothing mentioned in the article about whether these old codgers believe in real UFOs or not. (Our thanks to the semi-mysterious "Ray X" for this one.)...
- Denis Corey has sent us a fascinating little item about "the first and only time traveler convention", held recently at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. You see, the convention need only be held once, because time travelers from the past or future can get there by knowing the exact date and location, which are given. The organizers say that no confirmed time travelers showed up, but there were great lectures and music nevertheless. Whee!...
- The cover story of the July 2005 MUFON Journal is about a bizarre 1992 incident from Australia, in which a lucky contactee had sex with a very attractive blond alien entity. He later found two strands of blond hair wrapped painfully around his penis. DNA tests on these hairs gave strange and complex results which, according to the investigator, tend to show that hybrid aliens actually do exist. Of course the conventional belief is that different species can't produce an offspring, but what the hell! In ufology all things are possible - even if highly unlikely...
- We love stories about "ball lightning", which is a very rare, mysterious phenomenon. There's probably no connection to UFOs, though it sometimes seems to show intelligence.

The latest incident occurred in Russia in early July of this year. Three men were sheltering themselves from a thunderstorm, inside a cottage, when the ball lightning drifted into the house and exploded. All three were injured and taken to a nearby hospital.

Years ago we knew a scientist in Massachusetts named Robert Golka, who spent some twenty years trying to produce artificial ball lightning in his laboratory. He had only very limited success in all that time!



Our thanks to non-subscriber Vince Ditchkus for this story, and our thanks also go out to all of you who have been sending in material with renewed vigor lately. Somehow it makes us feel we're not just sitting here all alone!

Pflock Ptalk - THE LITTLE MAN WORE GREEN

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



The portable radio crackled with static, but there was no mistaking the news broadcaster's words: "Black and Van Allen say the flying saucer has shown up at the same spot in the mountains not far from here, on the same date and at the same time, for three months in a row. Last time, they say, it landed and its midget pilot was seen. The men think it will be back tomorrow on schedule. If it does return, I and a lot of other people will be there to see it. Let's hope they're friendly, folks!"

I was a boy of 10 at the time, on a camping vacation with family and friends at Big Basin State Park in California's Santa Cruz Mountains - and wishing we were a couple hundred miles or so northeast in the Sierra Nevada instead, near Brush Creek, waiting and watching for that saucer. I know I wasn't the only one of the large group gathered around our radio who felt that way, and I don't mean just the kids.

This was the summer of 1953, July 19, to be exact. A new paperback edition of Gerald Heard's "Is Another World Watching? The Riddle of the Flying Saucers" was on the stands (I still have the copy I bought at the park general store), and Keyhoe's "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" would soon be on the bestseller lists. The previous year the Washington National and several other spectacular sightings had received wide media attention with very little of the usual "silly season" treatment, and "Life" magazine had asked, "Have We Visitors from Space!", the article clearly implying the answer was yes. As a result, UFOs and the idea that they were spaceships from another world were being taken more seriously by the general public than ever before. I remember it as a time of expectation, when we would soon know where the saucers were from and why they were here.

Of course, mine was a kid's perspective, and I was well primed by my reading, films like "The Day the Earth Stood Still", and [my own sighting](#) a year or two before. However, there was no doubt that many adults who had previously laughed when flying saucers were mentioned were no longer laughing but instead were watching the skies. The mysterious disks were an acceptable topic in serious conversation. This was certainly the case around our and other campfires as news of the Brush Creek sightings continued to build over several days. Saucers were even the subject of one of the nightly park ranger presentations, usually devoted to wildlife, the wonders of nature, etc.

When the Brush Creek story came to light on June 24 (!), it had quickly received national attention and wasn't brushed off as a tall tale. On that day, titanium miner John Q. Black asked a county sheriff if he'd heard any flying saucer reports lately. When the lawman said he hadn't, Black replied, "Well I've seen one", and began to relate a remarkable story, one of the more unusual and, oddly, neglected in saucer lore. (To be continued...)

EDITORIAL BRIEFIE

Some of our hard-core skeptical friends have expressed dismay at our attitude toward James ("The Amusing") Randi's alleged one million dollar offer to anyone who can demonstrate psychic powers under the harsh conditions he imposes. We want to assure Randi that the money (which is not his) is completely safe, for two distinct and separate reasons:

(1) We have had personal experiences with psychic powers - whatever they may be which do exist in regard to mathematically-astounding ability to guess cards for very short periods of time. They undoubtedly exist in other ways we have not experienced. But these powers are not nearly reliable enough to enable a "psychic" to win Randi's prize. The existence of a "psychic realm" will have to be proven someday in an entirely different way. Maybe a mysterious change in brain waves is involved.

(2) Randi assumes, on blind faith, that psychic powers do not exist. To believe otherwise would open the door to what he considers spirituality, which as a hard-core atheist he detests. Therefore, if anyone ever appeared to win the prize, Randi would simply assume he/she cheated somehow, and re-test him endlessly. The man/woman might eventually collect by suing Randi. Randi is a mean, nasty individual who would never voluntarily admit that he was wrong! We have known him for many years, and he just gets more & more opinionated as he gets older!

BOOK REVIEWS (SORT OF)

- Hark! We have still another soft-cover booklet from Cleveland's Rick Hilberg. This one is called "A Flying Saucer Scrapbook", and is a very unusual collection of sightings & other items from the ufological past. Some have bylines, including Allen Greenfield, Dale Rettig, Gray Barker, Allan Manak, Tim Beckley, and Rick Hilberg himself. If these names mean nothing to you, then you just haven't been in the UFO Field long enough!

Only one case is illustrated, and this is a unique, very peculiar California incident from 1964 which Rick calls "The Cisco Grove Encounter". Three men were on a trip in a very isolated area, hunting with bows & arrows. It is not stated just what they were hunting in this very unusual way. One of the men, separated from the others, saw weird lights in the sky and heard a loud noise in the brush. He climbed a tree and eventually saw a domeshaped saucer-like object land nearby. Three alien-looking humanoids emerged from the craft, and throughout the night one of them kept spraying him with a white vapor, while he remained fastened to the tree by a belt. At one point he shot three arrows at one of the three aliens, to no avail. Finally it was morning and the strange entities were gone.

Unfortunately, the illustration shows a daylight scene, in which a Robin Hood sort of guy is standing near a tree, and aiming an arrow toward a crouching humanoid with a dome over his head. The man appears to be just a very short distance from the creature, and is aiming his arrow about three feet above the creature's head! Can this be a case of "artistic license" run amuck??

In any case, this thin tome can be yours by sending a mere \$8.00 to Rick Hilberg at 377 Race St., Berea, Ohio 44017. Rick will throw in three free copies of his magazine called "Flying Saucer Digest". Whee!...

- Fate Magazine informs us of a new book by British researcher Nick Redfern. Even the title is unbelievable: "Body Snatchers in the Desert: The Horrible Truth at the Heart of the Roswell Story". (Paraview Pocket Books, 2005)

The only thing that Redfern gets right is that the Roswell crash had nothing to do with extraterrestrials. But he then goes on to claim that the "unusual bodies" (allegedly) found in or near the Roswell wreckage were from a craft brought down by a lightning strike. These bodies were "congenitally deformed human beings from Asia, who had been subjected to high-altitude radiation experiments for the feasibility of a nuclear-powered domestic aircraft. The victims came from "Unit 731", a World War II-era medical atrocities program conducted by the Japanese!

It all gets worse from there! We are astounded that Redfern, whom we have met and who seems like a sensible fellow, could come up with such fantasy. He needs a good dose of Karl

Pflock's 2001 definitive work on this subject: "Roswell - Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe".

We remember Redfern best for an incident at a UFO conference party a couple of years ago, in which he seems to have confiscated our film! (Long story.) He was very nice to us thereafter, and we have nothing against him except the wild imagination displayed in his above-mentioned Roswell book...

- **Next, our olde pal Timothy Green Beckley of New York City has kindly sent us a free review copy of his latest opus "Our Alien Planet: This Eerie Earth", written by his co-conspirator Sean Casteel. The price is \$20, "special to 'Smear' readers", and the snail-mail address is Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903. Probably worth the price, as this large soft-cover book runs about 140 pages - in large type' either (1) for easy reading or (2) to make the book longer, or (3) both.**

We won't pretend to have read all of this, but some parts are actually true, such as Beckley's brief account of having gone UFO & ghost hunting with your "Smear" editor in the late 1960s. How time flies! Chapters includes Our World is a Spooky Place; Ley Lines; Are the Polar Caps Melting?; UFOs vs. Earthlights; Jumping Lights of Joplin (Missouri); The Volcano & the Goddess; Tourist Guide to Spooky Lights; Invisible Little Men; Floating Flame Balls; and (best of all!) A Tourist Guide to Eerie Doors and Windows.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

- **Our friendly (?) enemy WENDY CONNORS writes:**

"Thank you for the gratis copy of the June 15, 2005 issue of 'Saucer Smear', where you indicated that even though I'm in your 'Hall of Shame', I should have been included in UFO Magazine's list of the most important persons in Ufology, for the audio restoration/preservation work I am now engaged in.

"However, I vehemently would object to my inclusion in such a list. First, my work is what is important. It is accomplished for the benefit of all researchers and I'm very proud so many have enjoyed my work. Secondly, I'm not a blogger with just opinions, or a shameless self-promoter of gossip journalism regarding Ufology.

"True, you deserve top spot on their list. 'Saucer Smear' has its place - with the rest of trailer trash intellectual reading materials, normally found with various stains, at the local quickie mart.

"I desperately wanted to reciprocate for the free copy of 'Saucer Smear' with a few discs from the project, but I remembered you are computer illiterate and thus, I must be the bearer of bad news: The Edisonphone and wax cylinders are no longer available to the masses via Best Buy, Circuit City or other fine purveyors of technological developments. Thus, you wouldn't be able to listen to them.

"'Saucer Smear' would still be relevant if it was still delivered by pony express. People love retrospectives, but your ufological journalism is old news before you even begin to debase each new issue.

"Keep up the good work, James, and remember - put down the quill before you pat yourself on the back. 'Saucer Smear' wouldn't be what it is without you!"

- **Researcher CURT SUTHERLY writes:**

"I wanted to let you know that the July issue of Fate Magazine will contain an article by yours truly on the mysterious plane crash that occurred near Mobile,

Alabama in October 2002, and which **I briefly described** in the January 2005 issue of 'Smear'. The crash is still unsolved. If you recall, the National Transportation Safety Board - the agency charged with investigating air crashes - initially stated that the accident appeared to be the result of impact with 'an unknown object' at 3,000 feet. Not long afterward, the statement was retracted and the responsible investigator and his team were removed from the case.

"There are a number of queer things relating to this crash, and I spent several months pouring over charts and documents and wracking my minuscule brain for a solution. I finally found a serious Clue while reviewing an NTSB lab analysis of debris from the fallen aircraft. But when I tried to ask an agency PR flack about this - I left several messages, in fact - he would have none of it. No returned e-mails or phone calls! Suffice is to say that I am convinced the accident was not due to weather, pilot error, or any other mundane explanation one might conjure."

- Our anthropological friend CHRIS ROTH writes:

"I have mixed feelings about the possible exit of Robert Girard of Arcturus Books from the UFO bookselling business, as reported in 'Smear' - an eventuality that is for the most part surely due to the rise of online bookselling. I have bought books from Girard in the past, but I removed myself from his mailing list many years ago after becoming aware of the extremist racist propaganda that he peddles in the form of his own books ('Futureman', etc.) Amazon.com may be a big, perhaps slightly unethical corporation, or it may not, but at least they are not white supremacists. And, incidentally, referring to one's customers as being 'loutish' is not exactly a way to improve flagging sales."

- British semi-skeptic CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes:

"Nick Redfern's new Roswell book ("Body Snatchers in the Desert"; Paraview Pocket Books) is out at this very time. Firstly, let me say I have not read it, so my comments may seem premature. However, I have read the long interview he gave during two days in May to an internet magazine.

"Secondly, my conclusion is that although the book will undoubtedly spark a lot of fierce debate in the short term, its ultimate fate will be to add just one more piece to the Boswell folklore. Nick's thesis, namely that the Roswell crash was that of a post-war huge U.S. experimental balloon with an airplane attached beneath it, launched from White Sands, and with a crew of four captured Japanese pilots all of whom perished in the crash, will turn out to be as phoney as the ET-crash thesis espoused by so many. This balloon, so he claims, had been developed from the Jap Fugo balloons sent over the Pacific during WW2, so the idea is not totally new anyway. (It was the human Jap pilots that were the bodies discovered in the desert, you see.)

"Essentially Nick's book appears (from the interview) to be a set of anecdotes told to him by informers in the UK & the US, and even these informants are secondhand, or so it appears. In fact, his informants have no more credibility than do those of the numerous ETH writers on Boswell. There is no documentation (surprise!), only allegations of such documentation.

"Granted, the idea of a 'terrestrial' solution to Roswell is slightly more credible than an ETH ones but this still does not account for the extraordinary length of time for these 'whistleblowers' to come forward (and remember none of these are the real participants, only second-hand or third-hand people who have held back their supposed evidence for 50-60 years). And why no complaints from the Japs themselves in 60 years, officially or otherwise?

"As I say, the book will have a startling initial effect, but I predict it will soon fade out. I also predict that it will produce no further investigation into Roswell on the part of US authorities. But as with all such revelations, we shall have to wait and see.

"Certainly some Roswell ET proponents will not be amused. Can you think who they might be?"

- **Researcher SMILES LEWIS writes:**

"SMiles Lewis over here in Austin, Texas. I hope this letter finds you doing well. I continue to read with much excitement your monthly 'Saucer Smear' newsletter...

"I'm sure you are by now fully briefed on the latest Roswell revelations from Nick Redfern. In the latest issue of my newsletter I cover the extent of dialogue about the Roswell Fugo hypothesis and its connections to Unit 731 research. I still can't get over the fact that I now find this idea entirely credible and a good final explanation of the many previously contradictory facts and stories surrounding that weird summer in New Mexico.,,

"Having long suspected the probable links between Military Industrial Complex/Intelligence Agency complicity in MK-Ultra style mind control research as well as other projects dealing with 'non-lethal' weapons platforms, this latest suggestion of a link between American continuance of Japan's most heinous Unit 731 human experimentation programs comes as no surprise to me - despite my own poo-pooing of John Keel's Fugo hypothesis ten years ago?

(S)Miles would have been the sponsor of our 2001 NUFOC convention in Austin, Texas, but it was scheduled for the weekend immediately following 9/11/01, and thus it was wiped out. It was later held elsewhere that year. - Editor.

- **Ace skeptic MARTIN KOTTMEYER writes as follows:**

"The most astonishing thing I recently saw on the glorious Web was the opening of a site devoted to the writings of the late contactee Dan Fry. And by devoted, I mean that somebody actually transcribed all, over 240, of the issues of his 'Understanding' newsletter into the digital domain. I can scarcely imagine a more mind-numbing enterprise, having browsed through a handful of them. It puts into focus why Believers will always be with us.

"Contrast this impressive labor of love with the pitiful little corner of the CSICOP digital universe devoted to Klass. Someone came up with the idea that he wanted to put up an archive of Klass's SUN. A few issues went up with a promise that more would come. The guy evidently burned out. The site has links to issue numbers never transcribed and it has been that way for years! It is embarrassing.

"Skeptics haven't a tenth of the passion and persistence of Believers. They haven't a chance. The ghost of Dan Fry is a more powerful force than 'most influential' Uncle Phil. What influential people in today's world have such pitiful websites as SUN's? Hell, even you have a better website and you don't even like the Web!"

Phil Klass is still alive but very ill, and is no longer ative in ufology, sadly. - EditOr.

- **Klass protege ROBERT SHEAFFER writes as follows:**

"Bob MacGregor now joins the ranks of those grossly misrepresenting Randi's psychic challenge. He says 'If (Randi) wanted a legitimate challenge, he would set up a doubleblind challenge in which he is not the judge.' But that's exactly what

Randi has always offered, and what well-known 'psychics' always refuse to accept. The key words everyone misses: in advance.

"Randi and the 'psychic' agree in advance what alleged Miracle is to be tested, and what the criterion is for success. From then on, it's out of Randi's hands, and into the hands of independent judges, who are also agreed upon in advance. The only question before the judges is: Was the agreed-upon criterion met? (Example, Were 60 out of 100 cards correctly called?) If the answer is 'yes', the money changes hands, and there's nothing Randi can do about it.

"I'm sick of people misrepresenting a perfectly honest challenge as something that nobody could ever win. The truth is, any 'psychic' who can actually perform the miracles he claims to be able to, could easily win Randi's challenge. The fact that nobody yet has (and that no well-known 'psychic' has even made a serious attempt) is pretty good evidence that 'psychic powers' are, in Penn and Teller's immortal phrase, 'Bullshit!'"

In our opinion Randi's challenge is purely a publicity stunt. See our glorious editorial on this subject above. - Editor.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We have a very long but unusually interesting letter from long-time UFO researcher Bob Pratt about the flying saucer situation in Brazil, and we also have some other good material that has to be postponed to our next issue for lack of Space. We'll see you then! - Our thanks again to all of you who have sent us material in the past few weeks.



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TIDBITS OF TRASH

- **A**s time goes by, more and more American towns are cashing in on UFO & monster sightings that happened long ago. The reason is Tourism! Following the well-known

example of Roswell, N.M., the little town of Hopkinsville, Kentucky is celebrating the 50th anniversary of an event that occurred on the night of August 21st, 1955. At that time, an undetermined number of apparent aliens attacked the occupants of a farmhouse in nearby Kelly, Ky. They were originally said to be silver in color, but are now called green - because Kelly is a shade of green, and because "little green men" is a well-known expression.

A documentary about the event will be shown at the festival. This film also includes sections on the Mothman craze in Point Pleasant, West Virginia (circa 1977) and the Flatwoods Monster case of 1952. The entire film will air in a two-hour special on the Sci-Fi channel sometime in October. We look forward to it eagerly! (Credit: Karl Pflock)...



- Brazil recently joined the short list of countries whose governments have given up on their policy aimed at UFO secrecy. This change was accomplished by a serious committee of pro-UFO civilian researchers, headed by A. J. Gevaero, who is editor of Brazilian UFO Magazine.

This new development is the equivalent of the U.S. Air Force sitting down with representatives of MUFON, CUFOS, etc., and voluntarily opening up government files to them. Obviously, it is not likely to happen here!

An amusing sidelight is that far-out U.S. researcher Linda Moulton Howe has tried to distort the breakthrough in Brazil, and give full credit to a wild abductee named Urandir Fernandez de Oliveira. This is the farmer who, a few years ago, received a lot of publicity when he claimed to have been abducted from his bedroom by aliens. He tried to convince people of his story with some burned bed sheets and small burns to the ceiling of his room. He was allegedly taken to a mothership, where he encountered 39 alien races and even met Jesus Christ. This story is quite understandably regarded in Brazil as a hoax, and Oliveira is not taken seriously as a UFO researcher...

- In previous issues of "Smear" we have told you a little about the unique expedition billed as a "Voyage to Our Hollow Earth". Now, by phoning 800-937-7238, we have obtained a color brochure about this trip, due to take place June 26, 2006 to July 19, 2006 - although the cover erroneously says 2005. (We have learned that the trip was postponed for a year, for some reason.)

The brochure mercifully leaves out the endless Biblical & religious ravings found on the net, and sticks pretty much to the facts. One of the sponsors is Steve Currey from Utah, who is apparently a Mormon. Steve claims to have made sensational river trips in various remote parts of the world. Now he is going to charter a Russian nuclear ice-breaker, equipped to carry one hundred passengers in luxury, for a cost of about \$20,000 each. There is also a crew of 140. About 40 passengers have already signed up!

The opening into the Hollow Earth is thought to be at 84.4 north latitude, 141 east longitude. However, the brochure states that "there are NO GUARANTEES that this expedition will actually reach the Inner Earth". Elsewhere it states that if the Inner Earth is reached, some people may want to stay behind with the friendly (how do we know that?) people who live there. Thus it would seem that the termination date (July 19) is very

flexible.

We spoke by phone to Rodney Cluff, co-sponsor of the expedition, who is also a Mormon and a True Believer in the Hollow Earth. He plans to stay there, with his wife. He says that living conditions are ideal, like in the Garden of Eden, and the Inner Sun gives day and night, just as our sun does. There is a monorail leading to the capital city and other goodies that we did not take time to ask about. One source for these beliefs is "The Smoky Cod"; written in 1906 by George Willis Emerson and yes, there are UFOs, according to Mr. Cluff.

Why do we discuss all this in a saucer zine? Well, our friend Dennis Crenshaw, former editor of "The Hollow Earth Insider", has a keen interest in this - and, there's perhaps one chance in a million that UFOs, friendly people, and gawd knows what else can actually be found somewhere far beneath our feet. At least it's an intriguing idea!...

- Until now we were unaware that there has long been a Hall of Shame on the Internet, unrelated to the list recently put together by "Saucer Smear". Here we see four wellknown ufoologists who qualify on UFOWATCHDOG.COM. There is Bob Lazar, whose tall tales from Area 51 used to intrigue us; Don Schmitt, the midwestern postal employee who spends a strange amount of time at the International UFO Museum in Roswell; Steven Greer, the M.D. who beams spaceships down with lights, etc; and Billy Meier, the famed Swiss contactee who takes all those too-good-to-be-true saucer photos. Also mentioned in this Hall of Shame list are actress Shirley MacLaine and a few lesser-known entities.

UFO HALL OF SHAME

BOB LAZAR



DONALD SCHMITT



STEVEN GREER



BILLY MEIER



<http://www.ufowatchdog.com/hall3.html>

This web site's criticisms of these people are pretty severe, including accusations such as fraud, lies, plagiarism, and such. We of "Smear" are not fearless enough to use such words. On the other hand, the Hall of Shame site was sued recently by a well-known ufoologist named Sean David Morton. Morton not only lost, but was ordered to pay nearly \$16,000 of the other party's legal fees!

This loss in court brought about the following impassioned response, apparently from one of Morton's hard-core fans. Note how easily New Age "Sweetness and Light" degenerates into gutter insults! (Our thanks to non-subscriber Jerry Lucci for this item.)



----- Original Message -----
 From: *****@aol.com
 To: ufowatchdog@msn.com
 Sent: Friday, May 20, 2005 2:21 PM
 Subject: fuck you from sean morton

dear ASS****E, you hae [sic] done NOTHING but proved yourself as the BIGGEST piece of s**t disinfo government [sic] p***y to have ever lived and lied. you LIED about sean and we all know it and sean can PROVE IT!!!!!! you bring nothing but dark into the souls of those who project lite [sic] and spreade [sic] TRUTH and LOVE. your soul will ROT for an eternity in the mass pits of the dark lord you SCUM F**K!!! you probaly [sic] put a government [sic] fix in when sean sued you so you could win!!! LIAR!!!!!! have fun rotting in HELL as you lick maggots [sic] out from between the toes of SATAN!!!!!!

- The following is one of the strangest things we have ever come across on a UFO web site. Famed contactee Whitley Strieber, author of "Communion" and other important books, has a site called "Unknown Country". We have received a print-out dated May 30th, entitled "VAST CONDOM HORROR IN PACIFIC". The last several letters in every line are missing for technical reasons, and we fill in some of the blanks with dashes in the text we quote below:

"A huge floating reef made up of millions of disposed condoms has been

discovered in the mid Pacific. The condom mass is - - - feet long, up to sixty feet deep, and in places so tightly compacted that a small plane could be landed on it.

"The mass was discovered by the Australian Oceanographic Laboratory outpost on Macquarie Island in the South Pacific. Scientists there explained that the accumulation, which - - - almost exclusively of condoms, is explained by a principle of physics called 'like aggregation'. 'Like aggregation' is caused by the massing of similar objects by ocean currents and winds, the response of the objects to the earth's magnetic field, and other factors...

"The Australian scientists are mapping the reef by satellite because it is a - - - marine hazard. The world disposes of an estimated 300 million condoms a - - - . This could be an environmental catastrophe.

"You get news here you won't find anywhere else..."

Yes, we doubt if we could get this news anywhere else! It obviously doesn't have anything to do with UFOs, and appears to be nothing more than an amusing hoax. Or, does Strieber actually believe this? We hope not! We tried to phone him for comment, but what used to be his private number is now devoted entirely to a robot which peddles his various wares!

- **NEED WE MENTION AGAIN** that "Smear" is very dependent on our loyal fans to [mail us](#), from the net or anywhere else, any material that you feel would add to the quality (?) of our humble zine. All contributions will be sincerely appreciated, whether we actually use them or not!...
- The June 2005 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal is mercifully not as sensational as some issues in the recent past have been. One item therein that attracted our attention is an article by our olde friend Rick Hilberg of Cleveland, Ohio. Rick, who is definitely a conservative in the UFO field, tells us of a "far out" incident in 1981 that intrigued him at the time, and still does.

It seems that Rick received a telephone call from a man he calls John (real name on file), who told him of an unnamed friend he knew back about 1952, who was mysterious in some of the ways that a legendary "Man in Black" might be, e.g., very precise English, astounding knowledge of machinery & technical matters, unusual ability at chess, etc. One day this unnamed friend showed John a photo of a crashed saucer, with two bodies lying on the ground near the craft. He put the photo away after inviting comments from John, and never referred to it again. John thereafter lost touch with his friend, and when he eventually went back to the man's house, someone else was living there who had no idea what he was talking about when he described the missing man. The woman said she had lived there most of her life, and had never known any such person!

This story reminds us of a very strange "Man in Black" kind-of guy whom we met in New York City back in 1963. He called himself "Alexander", with no last name. Just as in the above story, there was weirdness, but no proof of anything. There are indeed some strange people in this world, some of whom may (or may not) have inside knowledge about UFOs. To learn more about "Alexander", you would have to read Pages 172-174 of "[Shockingly Close to the Truth](#)". To do that, you would probably have to buy the book, at \$30 per shot, including shipping costs, etc. And yes, we do happen to have a few copies left, here at "Smear" Headquarters. (How's that for a thinly disguised ad??)...

- Here's an item that really boggles the mind, and our thanks go to loyal contributor Rob MacGregor (and others) for sending it to us.

You may remember that in our last issue we mentioned that a black preacher who calls himself [Prophet Yahweh](#) is going to appear at our NUFOC convention in Hollywood, California (Labor Day weekend) and attempt to call down a flying saucer. He recently

appeared to do this successfully for a Las Vegas TV channel, as described on Page 4 of the last "Smear".

Now we learn some very disturbing facts about Yahweh's religious views. Bibleufo.com tells us that his real name is Raymond Watkins, and that his belief system, as posted on the net can be summarized as follows:

"(1)There is a Messiah, but the Messiah's name is not Jesus. (2) Jesus is a fictional character created by producing 'forged' documents called the Gospels. (3) These forgeries were part of a conspiracy by an unnamed, homosexual, child-molesting 'Luciferian' cult to deceive mankind and turn it away from the true ancient 'Yahwehian' religion first given to Adam. (4) These doctrines and practices of this ancient 'Luciferian' cult have been passed through history, and are now being practiced by the homosexual and child-molesting leaders of what is now the Christian church - including all Catholic and Protestant denominations, and the leaders of all other of the world's religions."

It is apparently Mr. Watkins' mission to destroy these beliefs and practices. How this ties in with bringing down UFOs on demand, we do not know; but Christians will understandably be offended by his wild religious speculations! Bibleufo.com concludes by stating: "We would call this intellectual trash, but there's nothing intellectual about it."

For this and other reasons, Lisa Davis, director of the NUFOC, has decided not to have Yahweh on the convention program after all. Among the other reasons is information she has obtained, showing that Yahweh cheats in his UFO summoning sessions by having a confederate send up balloons at the appropriate time. Apparently this is how he fooled the Las Vegas TV channel.

Can ufology sink any lower than this???...

- We have just received an Update from Lisa Davis conceding the National UFO Conference, to be held Labor Day weekend (Sept. 2nd - 4th) at the beautiful Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood, California. For details contact www.nufoc.org, or phone 858-523-1068, or write to NUFOC 2005; 3830 Valley Center Drive, #705-441; San Diego, Ca. 92130.

The speakers list is now finalized, and will include: Richard Dolan; Nick Redfern; Linda Moulton Howe; David Sereda; Farah Yurdozu; Dr. Lynne Ketei; Greg Bishop; Terry Hansen; Grant Cameron; and Leslie Kean.

There will also be (hopefuLLy) a brief presentation by your humble "Smear" editor, following the dinner on Saturday night. There we will try an experiment in teleporting money from your wallet to pay (\$30) for an autographed copy of our 2002 book (with Karl Pflock) called "Shockingly Close to the Truth".

As already mentioned, Prophet Yahweh will not be at the convention after all. We will leave him to play with his balloons somewhere else!

NEWS BRIEFIES

- A young nude male in a black mask, known as the "Naked Zorro", has been appearing in several towns in recent weeks, in various parts of Pennsylvania, according to researcher Loren Coleman. There is probably also a "copycat effect". Whoever he is, he performs unspecified "lewd acts" in front of people. This reminds us, somewhat, of [Argentina's "Rooftop Madman"](#)...
- Ufologist Bob Lazar has surfaced again, he being the "Area 51" technician who publi- cized "Element 115" in 1989. (For technical reasons, this story had to be a hoax.) Now he is

pushing a conversion kit that would allow your car to run on clean, plentiful hydrogen, rather than gasoline. (Our thanks to Erich Aggen)



Gary McKinnon

- A Briton named Gary McKinnon, said to be the biggest military hacker of all time, stands accused of breaking into 97 U.S. government computers. His primary motive was to find out what information our government has regarding space aliens. (No word on what he actually found out) He also wanted to expose weaknesses in the American security system because he is a pacifist...

- We used to hear regularly from famed avant garde writer Robert Anton Wilson of California, but with the arrival of the dreaded internet, his delightful letters became less frequent. Now we have heard from him again, after a very long gap, & he tells us that he has been in increasingly bad health. We wish him well!...

- Another emotional diatribe from Bob Girard, the genial proprietor of Arcturus Books:

"...Thanks to over 80% of our clientele not ordering from our May catalogue, we have delays in supplying books ordered in May, and we lack money to bring in books we would have liked to have for June. It is nearly the end of the line, people, and quite frankly, I'll be glad when the ride is over.

These last few years of thankless frustration have completely convinced me that the 80% of chronically disinterested and loutish 'customers' are not worth the effort I foolishly waste on them. Unfortunately, I can no longer live on the healthy 20%, and so the day is quite near when I will chuck Arcturus into the landfill and take my chances elsewhere."

Arcturus Books can be reached at 1443 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, F1.34952.

- ...The latest issue of the Roswell Museum's newsletter is full of details about the forthcoming annual convention. Of special interest is their report that the Museum has just bought an entire block on Main Street in Roswell - in order to eventually enjoy much larger quarters. The time frame for the move is two to five years...
- Finally, we must tell you that we already have some good stuff for the next issue of "Smear", and Karl Pflock's glorious column will be back!

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- Long-time skeptical researcher MARTIN KOTTMAYER writes I

"I'm of two minds about [Karl Pflock's two-parter](#) about his UFO experience in 1951/2, in part because he seems of two minds about it. He asks for a down-to-Earth explanation if he's missed any, but then he doesn't. Well, one idea did spring to mind as I read it, and he definitely missed it if the explanations he said were considered in the May 1st column were the only ones - but he did consider 'etc.' among the possibilities, so I can't be sure. UFOdom needs Mystery, not explanations, he warns. Who could disagree? Far be it for me to be a spoilsport, particularly if specifically uninvited, but he did invite explanations before he specifically didn't. Ail too two...

"Betwixt you and me, though, I will tell you my idea. The 5-degree rapid Jumps, the non-scintillation color changes, the right and left and down and up motions: It all reminded me of a kite. Certain varieties of kites maneuver quite impressively and typically hover for brief periods. Often different surfaces have different colors, and depending on the nature of the kite, will cycle through colors in the manner

described. The brilliant flares of light can have several explanations. Depending on how deep into twilight we are and what may be around, the possibilities include, (1) A partner shining a multi-cell flashlight at the kite, to better watch it. (2) A light of some sort dangling on the kite's tail... (3) Auto headlights or other light sources in the vicinity accidentally being reflected off of shiny kite materials. (4) Etc.

"This said, Pflock would come up with details that will disprove this idea - except for (4). Ten says he would turn personal to boot. So, keep it a Mystery. Ultimately, it's ! fifty years plus, and the aliens never landed / invaded /or did much of anything useful.

Yawn on."

Understandably, Pflock disagrees with this conclusion. -Editor.

- The semi-mysterious "RAY X' of Plattsburgh, N.Y. writes:

"...Did you hear about that UFO sighting in Australia back in March, complete with a videotape of the unknown device? A triangular object was spotted hovering in the sky over a town called Dubbo; the local police didn't know what it was. This UFO would suddenly shift position, darting a bit from side to side. It was observed for about five hours, even after the sun had set. The woman who reported the object said parts of it would light up in the evening sky.

"This story made the news - and a father and son came forward about what had really happened. No, they weren't trying to fake a sighting; they were just flying their kite. When it was dark, they would sometimes shine a flashlight to check it out, the beam illuminating its multi-colored bands...

"One net item I've enclosed pertains to Prophet Yahweh, the man who claims to pray and cause UFOs to appear. As you can see, there is a photo of someone who looks like the Prophet holding weather balloons! I watched one of the UFO-summoning videos via the net. The videographer didn't have his camera on a tripod. When he zoomed to the telephoto setting, he had a hard time keeping his camera steady with the increased magnification, and so any details of the object were obscured. If I had to guess what the 'UFO' was with such a shaky image, I would say a weather balloon..."

- Researcher JERRY BLACK writes as follows

"I have read with interest [Mr. Stanton Friedman's response](#) to remarks made about him in 'Smear' by Mr. Klaus Webner of Germany. Did anyone besides myself notice how many times Stanton Friedman used the words I and me in his answer to Mr. Webner?

"There is no one on a bigger ego trip in the field of ufology than Stanton Friedman. (However, I will agree that Kevin Randle comes in a close second.) For over 20 years Friedman has supported the MJ-12 documents and proven absolutely nothing. Maybe if the Fund for UFO Research had not given so many grants through the years to their good buddy Stanton Friedman, they would not now find themselves on hard times...

"Mr. Stanton Friedman appears in his response to Mr. Webner to be saying he did major research on the Ed Walters Gulf Breeze (Florida) sightings. This is definitely not a true statement. Stanton has accepted the word of Dr. Bruce Maccabee, his good friend, that the Gulf Breeze Case is a good case. Bruce Maccabee received at least \$38,000 directly from Mr. Ed Walters for his support of the Gulf Breeze sightings...

"In closing, it is my opinion that Mr. Stanton Friedman has done absolutely nothing to aid the field of ufology in solving the UFO mystery."

Jerry Black recently paid to have Bruce Maccabee take a lie detector test regarding the money he received from Ed Walters. The results of the test were inconclusive. In our opinion, the Gulf Breeze sightings were a hoax, just as Black claims, but this was many years ago and it is time to move on! -Editor.

- **Our secret admirer (?) and "Hall of Shame" member WENDY CONNORS writes as follows - not to us, but to her net list, or whoever! (Our thanks to Jerry Lucci for sending this along to us.)**

"Greetings to the Listarians!

"Why send a 'Love Offering' to James Moseley, when real research materials you can actually use are available?"

Volume 13 in the Audio History of Ufology Project is now available to researchers. If you get a thrill about humanoids getting run over by a car, serving pancakes and getting arrows shot at them, then get ready! Entitled 'Humanoids', this 13+ hour / 34 track MP3 audio compilation contains many formerly unknown CE III cases, as well as important recordings of classic cases. It is more '[Shockingly Close to the Truth](#)' than Moseley could ever dream of offering.

"Thanks to all the wonderful patrons whose support allows for the audio history of ufology to continue. The project has now made available over 150 hours of recordings to the research community, to supplement the written history; and hundreds more to come!

"Details and ordering info for the Humanoids MP3 compilation are available for viewing at www.fadeddiscs.com."

- **Researcher ROB MACGREGOR writes**

"[Robert Sheaffer's position on James Randi](#) is ridiculous. Any logical thinking person can see that Randi's challenge is a farce. He is not going to lose, not as long as he controls everything. If he wanted a legitimate challenge, he would set up a double-blind experiment in which he is not the judge.

"For example, you take ten pictures of ten locations. Seal the photos in separate envelopes. Someone not associated with the experiment picks four of the envelopes, which are given to the remote viewer, who then proceeds to draw each of the four locations without touching or opening the envelope. Then the four drawings and the ten pictures are shown to one or more people who know nothing about the experiment, and they are asked to match each drawing to a photo. If the matches are correct, the remote viewer wins. Of course Randi won't do it, because he can't control the end results. It's also too scientific for him."

Rob MacGregor is the author of "Psychic Power: Discover and Develop Your Sixth Sense at Any Age", due out in September 2005. Incidentally, Randi has an article in the July/August issue of CSICOP's "Skeptical Inquirer". It is very badly written and is apparently merely a transcript of a lecture he gave somewhere. At the end of it, he admits that "it would hurt" if he ever had to pay out the million dollar reward for proof of psychic powers. And it isn't even his money! - Editor.

- **Skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:**

"Hold the phone, Supreme Commander! You are way off base! I am referring to

your 'editorial' comments in the last issue of 'Saucer Smear', where you whine about the Randi challenge. I have no complaint with you voicing objections to Randi regarding what you feel are First Amendment Rights. I do object to your twisted logic about his 'prize'.

"The one million dollars (OK, it is mostly pledged money from other sources) is for anyone capable of demonstrating they have a paranormal power. The person making the claim identifies the nature of their paranormal ability. Once the 'power' is identified, a test is developed with the agreement of the claimant. What's the problem?

"A friend of mine here in Seattle has done pre-qualifying tests on claimants for the Randi prime. On both occasions my friend developed a test procedure (Randi was not involved) to which the claimants agreed. He then suggested they test themselves prior to the 'official' screening test (so as not to embarrass themselves should they not be able to perform). They both withdrew before the official qualifying test, admitting their powers had disappeared.

"Despite your 'save face' remarks, I think Robert Sheaffer won the argument."

- Serious researcher CURT SUTHERLY, in a light-hearted mood, delights us with:

"...Congrats on your inclusion in the roster of the Million Most Influential People in Ufology, as published in the still highly classified Fate 2005 UFO Special Issue. You did indeed make the grade, having been included with such stellar Beings as Dan (the Man) Akroyd, Steven (ET) Spielberg, Edgar (They Want To Make Me An As-tro-Naut?) Mitchell, Lisa (She's sooo Hot!) Davis, and of course the esteemed Uncle Phil (Klass) and the old Jadoo Wallah his-self, John (the Moth. man) Keel. Then again, none of this really matters much, since Fate is really a front for the CIA, operated by former KGB agent Phyllis Galde and her legion of undead slaves. (Phyllis made them undead after they tried to form a union.)"

- Researcher DENIS COREY of Ohio writes:

"I attended the MUFON-Ohio meeting last Saturday (May 28th). It wasn't a convention, just a regularly-scheduled meeting.

"I had a great time! There were about fifty people in attendance, and Rick Hilberg made the drive from Cleveland.

"The featured speaker was a woman by the name of Donnie Blessing, from Cincinnati. She has started a research group called SOAAR - Southern Ohio Alien Abduction Research. Donnie stays in contact with thirty-five people from Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana who claim to have been abducted. Interestingly, all of these people are of American Indian heritage.

"One of the abductees, a woman named Missy, and her ten year old son Luke, made the trip here from Portsmouth, Ohio...What stories they told! Everything from seeing 'translucent blue entities, to shadow creatures, to Asian-looking MIB driving black SUVs with U.S. Government license plates.'

"It was all pretty amazing stuff. Classic stuff, actually, according to Rick. The stories were great examples of how the phenomenon adjusts to the era in which it appears."

ORDER OF MERIT
Police in Montenegro were
hunting a gunman who burst

PHANTOM GOLFER
For three years, residents of
Huntercombe Lane North in

LEGLESS ESCAPE
Francois Johannes Pieterse,
serving a 10-year sentence in

into a classroom of the Maritime School in the town of Kotor and forced teachers to give pupils top marks in their exams, the youth insisted on the grades being put in writing and sent to the exam board - and said he would return a month later if the grades were not honored. Metro, 27 Jan, 2004.

Slough, Buckinghamshire, have been bombarded with golfballs, despite living nowhere near a golf course or park. Ron Greer said he got 20 or 30 a year. His neighbour Richard Baylis said "Some weeks you get none and some weeks you get half a dozen." Slough & South Bucks Express, 6 May 2004.

Durban, South Africa, for fraud and impersonating a doctor, was taken to hospital in July, but escaped "unnoticed" even though he has no legs. "Two months later he is still 'on the run' and the authorities appear to be stumped," the Saturday Star reported. Adelaide Sunday Mail.



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FLASH!

**FATE MAGAZINE'S LIST OF "THE 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE
IN UFOLOGY TODAY":
ARE YOU ON THE LIST?**

We have finally gotten our hands on a portion of Fate Magazine's UFO Special Issue, and we are intrigued by the composition of their list of 100 (actually, 106) leading ufologists. Though some effort has been made to be international in scope (e.g., Esen Sekerkarat of Turkey, whom we've never heard of), the greatest number are Americans, with a few Brits thrown in. In fact, the longest write-up is for Nick Pope, the former British Ministry of Defense Official who has loudly proclaimed the reality of UFOs in recent years.

The list obviously includes only ufologists who are recently or currently active - not voices from the past. This is understandable, but we are not sure what other criteria were used. Film producer Steven Spielberg is here - which might surprise him - and also actor Dan Akroyd, who recently wrote a wild, credulous article for "UFO Magazine". Among the skeptics there's only Phil Klass, though he is no longer active. And yes, your "Smear" editor did make the list, though modesty forbids us from reprinting our write-up here. There's also our esteemed Contributing Editor Karl Pflock, Lisa Davis of NUFOC, and other friends too numerous to mention.

The most colorful write-up went to famed one-armed Swiss contactee Billy Meier. We quote it in part:

"Acting as a mediator and spokesperson for the Pleiadians from planet Erra, Meier imparts their esoteric teachings and wisdom to us. He has taken more than 1,000 of the clearest UFO photos ever seen. Naturally, many people have come forward to claim that the entire phenomenon is a hoax. Underground Video, Inc., for example states that one of Meler's alleged Pleiadian beamships, taken in 1981, is really a miniature model made out of an upside-down cake pan, disconnected copper hose fittings, a bracelet, carpet tacks, and various other identifiable objects. The Meier photograph of the beautiful Pleiadian alien, Semjase, turned out to be a photocopy of a model from a Sears catalogue."

WAY TO GO, Billy!

"Smear's" expanded "Hall of Shame" list includes the following who are also on Fate's lists: Lucius Farish, Jerry Clark, John Keel, Vicki Cooper, Don Ecker, Richard Hall, Budd Hopkins, and Brad Sparks. (Clark was later removed from our list.) Our "Shame" list also includes the following whom Fate did not pick up: Richard Ogden, an obscure Adamski devotee of yesteryear; Julie Shuster of the Roswell Museum; Bigfooter Erik Beckjord; Todd Zechel of CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy)I and Wendy Conners. We were surprised that Wendy did not make the Fate list, because we hear that she has created a nice UFO audiovisual library and is definitely a farce to be reckoned with.

We recommend that you send off \$9.95 to Fate (P.O. Box 460, Lakeville, Mn. 55044), and they will hopefully mail you this Special Issue as soon as it is again available. (It seems to be mysteriously out of print at the moment!)

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- Each month we receive from researcher Lucius Farish (for five dollars each!) a zine called "UFO News clipping Service" (#2 Caney Valley Drive, Plumerville, Ar. 72127). In recent years there has always been a section called Translations, in which Scott Corrales and others send in UFO & creature items from various Spanish-speaking countries - mostly Mexico, Chile, and Argentina. These include not only flying saucers but animal mutilations, sightings of the dreaded chupacabras, crop circles, and more! There is also a recent creature in Argentina called "The Rooftop Madman", who may (or may not) be an ordinary human being in a dark costume. We wonder why life in the U.S.A. is less exciting, but these stories are not made

up, at least not by Corrales. Here's an unusually intriguing one, from the April 2005 issue:

"On March 20, 2005, the time being 0400 hours, two witnesses driving along National Highway No. 35 some 30 kilometers south of Santa Rosa, near the vicinity of Parque Luro, saw a beam or 'tube of light' some 50 meters from the paved road surface. Unable to see the source of said light, they noticed that the 'tube' was projected from a height of some 8 meters in the air down to the ground, without touching the surface. It seemed suspended in mid-air. Faced with this circumstance, they slowed their vehicle, detecting that inside the tube 'it was possible to see two figures in apparent descent, one on top of the other, with their legs slightly raised.' The witnesses add that the 'tube' measured approximately 1.5 meters wide, was entirely white in color, and allowed them to see that 'the beings wore silvery clothing, like astronaut-type jumpsuits.' They further noticed that the beings 'held their arms outstretched, as though carrying some element in their hands, while the rest of the arm was slung downward and slightly away from the body.' Faced with this unexpected encounter and their subsequent feelings of fear, they chose to speed away from the sight, looking back to see that the 'tube of light' remained in place as they pulled away from the area."

Unfortunately the witnesses are not named, and there is no follow-up material. But we admire Farish for grinding out this monthly stuff, apparently for over 35 years. He also sponsors an annual UFO convention in his native Arkansas - which we have never attended. -

Old Lou is on "Smear's" "Hall of Shame" List, mainly because he ignores us completely, due to the fact that we refuse to believe or even seriously consider Billy Meier's too-good-to-be-true photographs & tall tales of alien philosophy. It seems that Lou is a hard-core True Believer, which is a characteristic we do not admire in anyone. Our infamous List should not be taken too seriously, nor should it be ignored. Good luck to Lou Farish, and may all his abductions (if any) be pleasant ones!...

- In our last issue we had a "PRESs-TIME FLASH" about an April 26th incident in which a possible UFO was seen briefly on radar, in the highly restricted airspace over Washington, D C We overlooked another incident, printed in England's "Fortean Times" in which on the night of February 10th, a webcam that routinely records images of the skyline of Washington was found the next day to have picked up a blurred airborne shape for which there was no obvious explanation. There is even a photo, unfortunately not clear enough to reproduce here...
- We were amazed to see James Randi on the local Miami TV news channel on the evening of May 23rd. It seems that some civilian investigators have come forth with a wild theory that the commercial aircraft that hit the Pentagon on 9/11/01 was not really what it was supposed to be, but actually a smaller plane or missile. (They don't explain what really happened to the missing commercial aircraft!)

For some unknown reason it was Randi, of all people, who was called upon to refute this claim. Maybe it's just because he lives in Fort Lauderdale, near Miami. But Randi has never been known to have any expertise regarding aviation, and his appearance on this news segment truly is amazing!

For more info about the Amusing Randi, see the [lettres section](#) of this issue...

- Rob MacGregOr (May the Space People Bless Him!) has called our attention to an upComing conference in Hawaii that is unusual even by ufological standards. This one is called "Dolphin and ET Civilizations", and tries hard (and unsuccessfully!) to link dolphins with Space Visitors - if any. The flier reads in parts:

"As humanity prepares to initiate contact with people living in civilizations beyond Earth, the dolphins impart knowledge and provide examples of living cooperatively and successfully in shared space. The wisdom of the dolphins, including the

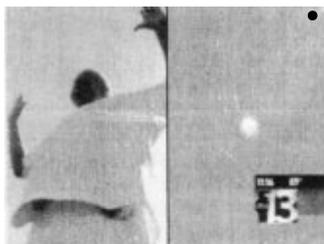
significance of their tones and frequencies in relation to our changing DNA, and our spiritual connections to non-local reality, will be disclosed at this Conference for the first time. This new information is coming through now..."

If some kindly person would buy us a free air ticket to Hawaii, we would surely go!...

- Nuclear Physicist - Lecturer, Etc. Stanton Friedman Uses his "Perceptions" column in the May 2005 MUFON Journal to bash a fellow Canadian named Paul Kimball. Kimball is a lawyer and documentary film producer who was responsible for an opus called "Stanton T. Friedman Is Real" in 2002, and another called "Do You Believe in Majic?" (as in Majestic-12, MJ-12, etc.), which was primarily a debate between Stan and our own Karl Pflock.

At that time, Kimball was sympathetic to Stan's views about MJ-12, as well as the supposed UFO crash at Aztec, N.M. in 1948, and other ufological matters. Now, however, Kimball has (shudder!) apparently changed his mind! What makes this really interesting is that Kimball is Friedman's nephew, although Stan carefully has never mentioned this - in his present column or anywhere else. Can this be some sort of generation gap, in which the younger man has broken loose from Friedman's rigid views?? Your "Smear" editor, as one of Friedman's notorious "Noisy Negativists", has an inquiring mind that would like to know - without really having a "need to know". Egads! All we know for sure is that Stan devotes almost two full pages to attacking his former supporter!

Friedman's column in the monthly MUFON Journal seems to alternate with a similar effort by England's Jenny Randles, whose ufological views are far more moderate and sensible.



Summoning
UFOs

- ...Next we have another zinger from Rob MacGregor, about a Las Vegas resident who calls himself Prophet Yahweh. He, "has been blessed to discover", according to his net posting, the lost, ancient art of summoning UFOs and spaceships on demand". He explains that UFOs are small flying machines, of this world, whereas spaceships are "large futuristic vehicles that are clearly designed to carry passengers in, like you see in the movies".

Yahweh claims that since 1979, more than 1,500 UFOs and/or spaceships have appeared on his signal, in front of witnesses; but he was only performing this (to us) miracle for small groups. However, starting on June 1st, he is "going public" by opening up to the news media, and calling down the objects for them to film and photograph. Some time soon after June 1st, a spaceship will descend from the heavens on his signal and hover in the sky over Las Vegas for almost two days.

Yahweh is already off to a good start, even though, as of this writing, it isn't even June yet. On about May 25th station KTNV-TV (Channel 13) in Las Vegas sent an investigative reporter to check out his claims. Their video appears to show the Prophet successfully calling down a UFO, much to the surprise of the reporter and several onlookers. Above we see Yahweh apparently gesturing wildly (left), and the mystery object (right). MacGregor tells us that the object was in the sky for about a minute, moving around erratically, and then disappeared!

Yahweh has done a very successful one-hour interview on George Norey's radio show, and we read that he came across as "a simple person with a simple theology, who has been placed in a situation he did not really wish to be placed in" - whatever that means. Since his triumph on Channel 13, people are taking him more seriously than before. Hopefully, Rob or some other hard-core Fan of ours will send in followups on all this. (We still are not on the net!)

- We have a fascinating update on Argentina's "Rooftop Madman" ("El Loco Tejado" in

Soanish), mentioned briefly on Page 2 of this issue. The July 2005 issue of England's wonderful "Fortean Times" gives details of how this entity has terrorized the town of Santa Fe, which is a large city about 250 miles northwest of Buenos Aires.

Eyewitnesses claim the creature has glowing red eyes, though he never shows his face. He stands about 6 1/2 feet tall, has claws, has long wavy hair, dresses entirely in black, and wears a cape. He has been seen scaling sheer walls or leaping from one darkened roof top to another. He howls like a beast or cries like a child as he dances on rooftops. One man claims to have fired at him 17 times without the bullets having any effect. (Maybe he just missed!?)

So - is the Madman real or just the product of "mass hysteria"? Our guess would be both. This flap involves hundreds of reports from frightened citizens, many of whom have armed themselves. In one situation the creature was reported at three different locations at the same time - which obviously feeds into the "mass hysteria" theory. Yet, something weird must really be going on, to cause such a terrible fuss.

The most intriguing thing is that in all these sightings, the Madman has never really harmed anyone. Thus, if he exists and is caught, the most serious charges he faces would be trespassing or disorderly conduct!...

- Finally, Ms. Lisa Davis, pictured here, is the new Executive Director of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC). The 43rd running of this annual event will take place on Labor Day weekend (Sept. 2nd-4th) at the beautiful Renaissance Hotel at 1755 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood, California, - the same locale as last year. For details contact www.nufoc.org, or phone 858-523-1068, or write to NUFOC 2005; 3830 Valley Center Drive, #705-441; San Diego, Ca. 92130. Speakers will include a special guest appearance by Jim Moseley - plus Nick Redfern, Richard Dolan, Jaime Maussan, Terry Hansen, Greg Bishop, Lynne Kitei, M.D., David Sereda, Creg Cameron & others.



FLASH! We have just learned at press-time that YAHWEH is going to be at our glorious Convention - although it is not yet clear whether or not he will be a speaker. BUT he is going to invoke UFOs at the outdoor pool area on the 7th floor of the hotel, in full sight of all the convention-goers who want to watch! More details in next issue.

Pflock Ptalk - SO WHAT DID WE SEE?

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Last time, I described my childhood multi-witness UFO sighting during the summer of 1951 or 1952. Before reading what follows, it would be helpful to review that column. (If you no longer have your copy - shame! See www.martiansgohome.com/smeat). Ready?

The sky was clear as a bell that evening and, in the west, still faintly suffused with the light of the setting sun. If there had been any structure behind and larger than the light, we would have seen it, at least as a silhouette. Similarly, if there had been more than one object, one at the object's original location and one at each of the "jump"

points, they would have been visible too. So whatever we were looking at was a single object - just the light itself, a mysteriously self-luminating Something.

The instantaneous displacement of the light certainly was beyond any earthly capacity. The pattern described by the object's movements was precise, seemingly planned, the product of

thought, under intelligent control. At the time, we could think of no natural phenomenon or human activity that would explain what we were seeing. In the years since, I've been unable to come up with anything mundane that comes even close. (Any ideas out there in non-subscriber land?)

But what was the purpose of the performance? The obvious answer is that it was a Signal. But who was signaling whom?

There are those in ufology who, upon witnessing something like this, would immediately assume the signal was meant for them. (Calling Dr. Greer!) Well, I have a healthy ego, but the notion that some superior intelligence from Out There (or Wherever) put on that show just for three boys and their fathers is absurd. Was it perhaps meant as a "sign" for the potentially thousands of people who might have seen it that night? Well, maybe - but not likely, at least to my mind.

No, if it was a signal, it seems more probable that it was meant for one or a team of their own. Perhaps it was time for an agent on earth (Orthon? Just kidding) to be oicked up or resupplied. But that doesn't seem right either. Surely completely covert, secure communication would be routine for Them, making such an exercise in skywriting both unnecessary and foolish.

So our object's dance probably wasn't a Signal. Perhaps the whole performance was just the work of a saucer pilot showing off. If so, I'll bet he/she/it caught hell when he/she/it returned to the mothership!

The bottom line is we saw something very real, something truly anomalous. That is, we saw a UFO, or at least what would have become a UFO had our experience been objectively and competently investigated and recorded. (See Hynek on this critical distinction).

Or perhaps you, Dear Reader, see an obvious, down-to-earth answer I've missed. If so, I'd love to hear it. On second thought, maybe not. There's little enough Mystery in life these days, even in UFOdom.

MISIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Our old friend PAUL FULLER of England writes:

"Thank you for sending me the latest issue of 'Saucer Smear'. I was very Sorry to read about your bad news, and I know a lot of people here in Britain share my sadness and will want to send you their best wishes. This includes Jenny Randles and Dr. David Clarke, whom I think you met at the 2002 Fortean Times Unconventton in London.

"Andy Roberts adds 'I have enjoyed Jim's contributions to the UFO field immensely, found his book a complete hoot from start to finish, am pleased he's annoyed the hell out of as many people as he has done, and that he's been a major player in ufology in the U.S. The subject would have been even more po-faced were it not for Jim, and he was an inspiration to my particular way of practicing ufology. I know from his writings that he's had loads of fun in this life, and what, after all, can you want besides that? I also understand he's smoked a reasonable amount of herbal substances, and a dope smoker's view on ufology is never to be sniffed at! Tell him to make sure he leaves his archives somewhere they can be accessed. 3 to 6 years left? How do any of us know we haven't got that or less? He's got plenty of time to have even more fun and to create more havoc in the subject.'

"Well, Andy always says what he means, and I can't really surpass that...

Fuller has obviously misread the last issue of "Smear", as it is our Contributing

Editor Karl Pflock, not your Editor, who has been diagnosed with the deadly disease called ALS. Pflock's statement ([bottom of P. 6](#) in the March 25th issue) was very clear! However, we sincerely appreciate the very kind remarks of Andy Roberts, whom we admire. As for Roberts' reference to allegedly illegal substances, in this dire era of Bush we dare make no comment whatever.

- Paul Fuller has recently sent us another letter, apologizing for his mistake about Pflock. He also promises to send us some hot updates about crop circles and other matters. - Editor

- **Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER of Pennsylvania writes:**

"I haven't a great deal of info to offer on BUFO (Burlington UFO and Paranormal Radio) of Wisconsin, except to say that a woman named Mary Sutherland owns and operates it. Apparently Mary has had a twenty year interest or involvement with things ufological and paranormal, and her husband Brad reportedly shares her interests.

"It appears from what little I have gathered that Mary started her seemingly meteoric climb in ufology by using a very aggressive and professionally executed combination of internet and radio programming skills. Her many BUFO postings found at various web sites are quite attractively presented, along with her sales pitch for her online store, where quite an array of items is offered - everything from UFO T-shirts, baseball caps, Disney memorabilia, UFO books, spiritual books, Native American dolls, model mini-saucers one can actually fly in the house, and of course, Mary's assortment of BUFO documentary films which you can gaze upon in the privacy of her in-shop viewing room.

"Mary Sutherland's Pioneer Radio programs appear on the net too. The programs feature interviews with UFO witnesses, abductees and researchers - plus her field investigators. Mary has two UFO field investigators working with her at Carbondale, Pa. and the general northeast Pennsylvania area.

"Her lead man is Ron Hannivig, a self-proclaimed 'investigative journalist at large', and a fellow named Frank Scassellati, who seems to be a paranormalist, amateur poet and saucer sleuth. They, along with their friends Rick Fisher of something called Paranormal, Pa., and John Peruka of nearby Olyphant seem to round out the Carbondale UFO crash myth's enthusiastic throng of investigators.

"In fact, Mary is coming to Carbondale and Olyphant in person in June, to shoot documentaries on both the 1974 Carbondale saucer crash 'cover-up' and Mr. Peruka's claim that Olyphant is located near the center of the Universe! There are all sorts of portals or gateways to other time and space continuums, and there is other paranormal stuff associated with both stories.

"Mary also appears on the syndicated Jerry Pippin Radio Show, and she seems to be far better at promoting herself and her fledgling organization than the major groups! She is definitely a rising star in the UFO field, and quite possibly a farce to be reckoned with by the research purists at CUFOS and MUFON!

"Apparently, Stan Gordon and Stanton Friedman are friends of Rick Fisher, and Rick has informed Mr. Scassellati that the two Stans think that BUFO should 'go for it', and thoroughly re-investigate the Carbondale UFO crash 'cover-up' no matter what the outcome may be. Stay tuned!...

Matt, who investigated the famed Carbondale, Pa. incident when it occurred back in 1974, found that a flashlight and later a railroad lantern, shining underwater, accounted for the observations, but obviously not everyone agrees! We will look

forward to an update on this! - Editor.

- Arch-skeptic ROBERT SHEAFFER writes:

"I think you were rather unfair to Mr. Amazing Randi when you said, 'The only trouble is that to get the money you have to follow Randi's strict rules, and if you follow Randi's rules, you'll never be able to prove anything.' That isn't true at all, although the hard-core Believers in psychic crap like to keep telling each other that.

"What Randi requires is simple. You can win the money doing whatever 'paranormal' feat you claim to do, but you have to do exactly what you claimed you would. (You can't say, 'OK my prediction failed, but look, I bent a spoon', and Randi will make darn sure that you won't be able to get the desired result by cheating. If, for example, somebody claims the power to be able to read ESP cards as they are dealt, Randi will carefully arrange the details of the experiment with you. Someone will deal the cards, but you will not be allowed to touch them, get near them, etc.

"Yet, if your powers were genuine you would pass the test. A person could win the \$1 million prize by doing almost anything 'paranormal' - precognition, levitation, telepathy, etc. - but the criteria for success must be spelled out in advance and agreed to by both parties, and conditions will be such that 'cheating' or 'guessing' won't do you any good. So no wonder the so-called 'psychics' ignore or bad-mouth Randi and his test.

"By the way - you mentioned that 'angel hair' is a term infrequently heard these days. Actually, it's making a comeback, but it's now associated with 'chemtrails' not with UFOs.

'Chemtrails' are, of course, believed by certain whacked-out paranoids to be a covert government scheme of aerial spraying, for unknown but probably nefarious purposes. In the movie 'Aerosol Crimes' by Clifford E. Camicom, we are shown light, stringy stuff that ufologists would call 'angel hair'. But Camicom doesn't say anything about UFOs. Instead he says that this stuff is found as a residue after covert government aerial spraying, and that it doesn't have anything to do with spiders."

In our opinion, no psychic could ever meet Randt's standards. If he repeatedly scored 100% on ESP tests, there's always the faint possibility that more tests would eventually ~return him to the "Law of Averages". The psychic would die of old age before proving anything to Randi's satisfaction. And if anyone ever did qualify for the \$1 million prize, (which is not his money anyhow), Randi might have a nervous breakdown - and we would hate to see that happen! - Editor.

- Researcher HAL PATTEE writes:

"While it is true that UFOs lie outside the general purlieu of James Randi, he has not been wholly silent on the issue.

"I saw a pamphlet one time that had a number of articles on different topics. Included was a piece on Betty Hill's 'star map', written by Randi. I've always enjoyed Randi's writings, but in this case it was clear that he was out of his league. It makes me think that he wrote the piece as a mental exercise and it was never intended for publication."

- Anthropologist CHRIS ROTH writes as follows:

"I am surprised that conspiracy theorists with a Vatican orientation - who are legion, what with the popularity of 'The Da Vinci Code' - have not seized on the explicitly flying saucer-shaped urns used as ballot boxes during the last papal conclave. This is a slam dunk for those who feel that the Catholic Church is in on whatever clandestine alien contact is going on. And yet I can find no trace that this is a source of comment. It just shows how low off the collective radar the UFO topic has dipped!..."

- Retired pilot BILL NASH, who had a classic UFO sighting back in 1952, writes:

"Jim, I still think [your book](#) best covers the UFO story, especially since I too lived through those times with you.

"I enjoy your journal. Keep up the good work. You've done a lot for UFO history.

"And stay well! Keen living! It's fun!"

- And, BILL OSBORNE writes:

"I just wanted to write and tell you how much I enjoyed reading your book, "[Shockingly Close to the Truth](#)". What a trip down memory lane that was! I grew up in the 1950s and remember well many of the incidents that you relate in the book. As a youngster, I purchased every UFO book I could find, and constantly - but futilely - scanned the night Skies in hopes that one one day I would be fortunate enough to see one of those elusive 'flying saucers'. To this day I have yet to see anything fluttering, floating, or flying in the heavens that I couldn't identify, but I keep looking. Perhaps UFOs are like the proverbial watched pot that never boils; the more you want to see one, the more disappointed you will eventually be.

"But what a cast of characters populate your book! What a delightful history of a subculture that -as you point out over and over in the book -takes itself much too seriously! Congratulations on a job well done..."

"I particularly enjoyed your account of what you refer to as the 'Golden Age of Flying Saucers' - the Giant Rock conventions, the contactee craze, and the national excitement over a new phenomenon that was gripping the nation - all combine to make the 1950s and the early 1960s a very exciting time..."



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- WILLIAM BIRNES, publisher of "UFO Magazine", writing in his "From the Publisher" column for their February-March 2005 issue.

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NEWS BRIEFIES

- In the February-March 2005 issue of (ugh!) "UFO Magazine", publisher William Birnes calls

"Saucer Smear" an "eminently scholarly publication", at the top of his column. Then, the Letters section starts out with a very unfavorable comment we wrote them awhile back about (ugh!) Don Ecker, their Director of "Research". Still further along, Ecker apparently admits that the notorious "Alien Autopsy" film of yesteryear was a fake, after all. Could it be that "UFO Magazine" is actually seeking the Truth? We doubt it, but in this weird world of ours, almost anything is possible!...

- Speaking of Sex and Saucers (as we often are!), we have a Gem from Chris Roth concerning the latest activities of the Raelians. You may recall that they believe the human race was created by aliens about 22,000 years ago, and that several recently-cloned babies now live in various secret locations on Earth. Of course the first statement can't be verified, and there is also much speculation that the clonings were nothing more than a well-orchestrated publicity stunt.

The Raelians, who also believe in free love, have started holding annual "Femininity Day" celebrations, the latest of which took place this past March 6th on Miami Beach - far from the cult's frigid headquarters in Quebec, Canada. About 15 female members of the group paraded nude or nearly nude (we're not sure which), as a cheerful expression of the joy of living. The only trouble is, we did not see a word in the Miami newspaper about this, and if Chris had not sent us this one item, we would not have heard about the event at all. Perhaps their publicity efforts have worn thin.

Rael, who is head of the movement, is a French-born prophet and former race car driver who says he met an alien in a volcano in 1973 and visited its home planet shortly thereafter. He has of course had other such adventures since then. His movement is supposed to be both atheistic and scientific, though we surely have our doubts about the latter....

- Here's a really strange item from the Net, dated March 30th. In the town of Aracruz, Brazil, a burnt rubber doll was mistaken for a badly injured alien and taken to a hospital. This happened after local people found a burnt "body" on the ground after seeing a fireball fall from the sky. A police spokesman stated: "Many people were terrified, thinking that an alien invasion was taking place. They thought the doll was a burnt ET, and more than fifty residents called the station." A spokesman for the hospital said: "It was obviously a practical joke, but we wonder who would do this in such a small and quiet town." (Our thanks to Dean Zevchek for this one.) ...
- As we have belatedly learned, the back cover of the April 2005 issue of Fate Magazine contains an advertisement for a Special UFO Issue of the magazine (for \$9.95), which is not included in the ordinary subscription. Silly us, we gave away that issue before seeing the ad, and now we learn that the Special Issue is mysteriously out of print already!

What intrigues us is that one of the twelve articles there contains a list of over one hundred "Top Ufologists", and Fate editor Phyllis Galde tells us that we made the List! We can't wait to see it! Who are the others, and what is the overlap, if any, between this compilation and "Smear's" "Hall of Shame" List which we have discussed a lot recently? Is there perhaps even an overlap with Time Magazine's recent list of the 100 most influential people in the world? Probably not, but as soon as we get our hands on this Special Issue, we will discuss it in some detail for the benefit of our breathless readers! Fate Magazine can be reached at: P.O. Box 460, Lakeville, Minnesota 55044.,

- The prestigious Fund for UFO Research (Box 277, Mt. Rainier, Md. 20712) has fallen on hard times, and has sent out a plea for money which reads in part:

"The dearth of serious interest in UFOs on the part of the public, the press and the scientific community deepens, as does the financial bind in which the Fund finds itself. The long-term, near-total absence of the subject in the major news media cannot help give the impression that either UFOs are no longer being seen, or that the mystery of their nature has been solved. Neither conclusion is even close to correct... The stack of genuinely baffling, unexplained cases continues to grow...

"The sources of major funding have faded away, and so individuals will have to carry a larger part of the load. Barring an unexpected influx of funds, we will soon be on the brink of bankruptcy..."

This organization has done good work, and your "Smear" editor was moved to send in a (very) small donation himself. Those of you so moved can write to the address as the beginning of this article...

- Another sad situation is that of long-time researcher Antonio Huneus, originally from Chile in South America, but for thirty years he was a key saucerer living in New York City. Antonio, who is a good friend of ours, has had difficulty making an adequate living here, writing about ufology and related topics. He is a veteran Fate Magazine columnist, a lecturer, and author of countless articles, but fame & fortune have eluded him. This is at least partly because of his admirable integrity, which has prevented him from writing ufological trash - as countless others have done.

By the time you read this, Antonio will have moved out of his Brooklyn, N.Y. apartment, and will be on his way back to Equador and eventually Chile, where he was born. His departure is a real loss to serious ufology in the U.S., and we will certainly miss him - though hopefully we will still be able to keep in touch...

- In the Spring 2005 issue of his quarterly zine "Flying Saucer Digest", Rick Hilberg clears up a burning question that apparently has been bothering some of you. The question is - In the famous 1961 Betty & Barney Hill UFO abduction case, did the aliens take semen samples from Barney or did they not? Apparently the correct answer is - yes, they did.

What the implications of this may be, we do not know, nor did we know we would ever read sexually explicit material in such a staid journal. Way to go, Rick!

For more info on "Flying Saucer Digest", write to Rick at 377 Race Street, Berea, Ohio 44017. Be sure to let him know if you want your issues sent to you in a plain brown envelope!...

- In Dennis Crenshaw's internet zine "Unraveling the Secrets", someone named John Mount makes some excellent comments about the famous Roswell-related photo of General Ramey and the supposedly tell-tale message seen in his hand. (We assume that Roswell fiends will understand what we are referring to here.) Says John Mounts:

"...I can't help wondering if, even during the 1940s, the military would be stupid enough to send such sensitive material via telegram or radiogram...I do a little photography myself and I wonder - what are the lucky odds that the telegram

(1) Was facing not at an angle but directly toward the camera?

(2) Had the correct (written) side toward the camera?

(3) Was not partially folded, obscured by a hand, fingers, or anything else?

(4) Was at such a distance so as to be able to be enhanced enough to read, even with today's technology?

(5) And, finally, held in such a manner (by, of all people, a general) for all the world to see?"

As most of our readers know, several hard-core Roswell freaks have labored mightily, and in vain, to "decode" the message in this communication. It is, at least in some parts, simply too indistinct to see properly, no matter how much effort is made, and no matter what modern technology is used. Your editor has long had in mind the same kind of comments made above by John Mount, but Mount has expressed these ideas beautifully...

- We're a little short of material this time, so we've decided to use some Space to nitpick the glorious new issue of the MUFON UFO Journal, dated April 2005.

First there's the cover, featuring a nightmarish painting of a night scene in which an egg-shaped light appears to be hovering near a rural house. Abductee/artist David Huggins could well have painted this, but didn't. The illustration pertains to one of several "alltime best" UFO cases from the state of California, as recounted by researcher Preston Dennett; but we are never told which case!

Some items on Dennett's sighting list are much better than others, but the one that caught our attention is the classic 1953 story of the two miners who saw a saucer on the same date three months in a row. Naturally it failed to show up on the fourth month, when press & public were waiting. The name of the location is Brush Creek, California, but Dennett carelessly calls it Bluff Creek. Much worse, he states: "The case was investigated by several major researchers, including Gray Barker and Paul Spade, both of whom were actually jailed by the Brush Creek (this time he gets the name right!) Sheriff's station when they tried to conduct a stakeout for the saucer." We know as a fact that Gray Barker was not out there, so he was never jailed - at least not for this

particular offence, and in fact he was never jailed in California for anything!

We were pleased to read "An Update from Walt Andrus", the retired International Director of MUFON. A benign but somewhat gullible man (remember the Texas alien skeleton case a few years ago?), Walt has now sunk into a number of normal retirement hobbies, including dancing (shudder!) with someone named Ruth Howell, now that his wife has died. He says he subscribes to "Saucer Smear" for its "UFO humor and fringe information", and we appreciate this comment. But Walt misstates that MUFON is the oldest UFO organization on the "blue planet" (Earth?), as our own Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (S.A.U. C.E.R.S.) is many years older than MUFON - having been founded in 1954! - We do sincerely wish Walt well in his well-deserved retirement.

Then there's the article by podiatrist (= foot doctor) Roger Leir, giving a summary of his frustrating efforts to prove that rather ordinary substances found under the skin of certain UFO abductees are truly anomalous objects. With unconscious humor Leir states: "There are those who *sit* in their comfortable chairs and hop on the Internet to criticize me..." Leir seems sincere, and all he needs is Money (lots of it!) to make his dreams come true.

Also there are long articles by (ugh!) Budd Hopkins and "Nuclear Physicist - Lecturer" Stanton Friedman, whining vigorously about the recent ABC-TV Special, "UFOs: Seeing Is Believing", hosted by Peter Jennings. Their complaints are not as hysterical as those of Whitley Strieber, quoted in our last issue, but they fail to take into consideration the fact that television specials are written to entertain the Masses - not necessarily to cater to the narrow viewpoint of a relative handful of flying saucer devotees. In our humble opinion the show was reasonably objective, and as we have stated before, we were glad to see that the unpopular Mogul Balloon Theory re Roswell finally received the attention it deserves.

To grossly misquote a famous quote: "You can please some of the people all the time; you can please all of the people some of the time; but you can't please some of the people any of the time!" Or whatever.

Our thanks to Contributing Editor Karl Pflock (still out there kicking ufological ass!) for Guidance on some of the above...

PRESS-TIME FLASH!

Are saucers trying to land on the White House lawn? Probably not, but on April 26th, an "unidentified aircraft", seen briefly on radar, entered the restricted airspace above Washington, D.C. Bush & Cheney were whisked away to underground bunkers till it was determined that the incident was probably caused by a radar malfunction. This same scenario has occurred at least once before, in recent months...

- Finally, Ms. Lisa Davis, pictured here, is the new Executive Director of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC). The 43rd running of this annual event will take place on Labor Day weekend (Sept. 2nd-4th) at the beautiful Renaissance Hotel at 1755 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood, California, - the same locale as last year. For details contact www.nufoc.org, or phone 858-523-1068, or write to NUFOC 2005; 3830 Valley Center Drive, #705-441; San Diego, CA 92130. Speakers will include a special guest appearance by Jim Moseley - plus Nick Redfern, Richard Dolan, Jaime Maussan, Terry Hansen, Greg Bishop, Lynne Kitei, M.D., David Sereda, Creg Cameron & others.



A Short Editorial:
UNRAVELING THE SECRETS MAKES THE BIG TIME
"We be in Saucer Smear!"
By Dennis Crenshaw
Website = www.thehollowearthinsider.com

For the past fifty-odd years one man has kept his nose to the grindstone (he only looks up when he has to chuckle and snicker) when it comes to presenting the odds and ends --- mostly odds --- having to do with the UFO mysteries. But James Moseley and his infamous publication "Saucer Smear" isn't your everyday UFO newsletter with page after page of people reporting lights in the sky or blacked-out "Official Secret Papers" of a government cover-up.

No, Saucer Smear is to Ufology, or as James likes to call it --- "Ufoology" --- what Variety Magazine is to Hollywood Actors. It's main content is about those who would study, lecture and write on the subject. Which for those of us interested in the subject makes for some fun and entertaining reading. Sometimes those working the UFO field are more fun to read about than the stories they tell. This is James Moseley's area of study. Ufoology.

I have always felt honored when James has mentioned me in Saucer Smear over the years. But this time I was over-whelmed when I read [the article he wrote](#) regarding "Unraveling the Secrets" and this editor in his Feb. 2005 issue.

Pflock Ptalk - TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE U.F.O.

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



A warm, clear summer's eve, 1951 or 1952. A few miles south of San Jose, California, two fathers and their three young sons are returning home after a day's fishing, driving westward on a country road in the gathering dusk. Above the black bulk of the coastal mountains on the western horizon an eye-catching "something" hovers.

"Wow! That sure is a bright star," one of the boys says. A father replies, "It's probably the planet Venus." But then all in the car are startled to see the "planet" change color, from white to blue to red, then back to white - not the uncertain flickerings of atmospheric scintillation, but clear changes of color

occurring as though someone were flipping a switch.

The driver brings the car to an abrupt halt. Everyone piles out, talking excitedly. As they stare intently at the strange object, it goes through the same cycle again, remaining each color for a second or two. Then it begins a remarkable dance. It jumps about five degrees to the left of its original position, with no apparent transit time. It's here, then suddenly it's over there! It goes through its color change again - white to blue to red and back to white. Then, instantaneously, it's back where it started. Another color cycle and another five-degree jump, this time to the right. Still another color cycle and -Flash!- back to home base. The same thing again, only this time the jump is downward, then back to the original position. Through the colors again, then a jump upward, another color cycle, and back to the starting point. Then again: blue, red, white.

For a few seconds, the object remains as it was when first seen. Then it rapidly grows brighter, flaring intensely. "It almost hurts to look at it!" one of the kids shouts. As if on cue, the weird thing rockets straight up, in an instant losing itself among the evening's emerging stars.

The witnesses stand in amazed, stunned silence. Then the boys begin a babble of excited speculation, while their fathers figuratively scratch their heads. Back in the car and on the road again, the adults begin to review the "sensible" possibilities, with the kids suggesting something more thrilling. Many explanations are considered: airplanes, fireworks, a military rocket, a balloon, insects, an odd weather phenomenon, etc. In the end, the boys' answer seems the most likely: a flying saucer!

I, then eight or nine years old, was one of those boys. My pop was one of those fathers. Without mentioning our experience, pop, a former reporter, asked a friend on the local newspaper if they had received any calls about something unusual in the night sky. He drew a blank. We heard nothing on the radio, read nothing in the papers. If anyone else saw what we saw, they weren't talking - but neither were we. Despite the urgings of we kids that they contact the Air Force, our fathers didn't file a report with anyone, keeping our experience a matter of family lore.

So what did we see?... That's for next time.

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- Our olde friend STEVE BARNETT writes:

"I was very saddened to hear of [Karl Pflock's Lou Gehrig's disease](#). He seemed so active and engaged when we had lunch at Jemez Springs (N.M.) that it is difficult for me to think of him as anything else but that..."

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"Regarding [your note on page 8](#) of the March 25th issue of 'Smear', please do give details about the 'Hall of Shame' list! Historians and anthropologists in the future will undoubtedly be interested in the buffoonishness of ufology, and your information will be of considerable value.

"Today's ufologists just don't want to admit that UFO and other paranormal phenomena induce irrationality. At least CSI-COP seems to understand that fact."

- Bigfooter ERIK BECKJORD comments on [the remarks about him](#) in our February 15th issue:

"Dear Curmugeon-Master and Keeper of the Sleaze:

"First I thank you for continuing my free subscription to the magazine I named for you in the mid 1970s, 'Saucer Smear', and next I would like to correct the usual false statements you printed re myself on page 5 of the last 'Smear':

"I go to conventions of the Bigfoot type to piss off the boring losers I meet there who actually think Bigfoot is a solid flesh and blood animal. However, few were really upset over my alien mask at all, which I wore to one lecture only, and my then-arch-enemy Henry Franzoni discovered me and we went off to kill a pitcher of beer or two..."

"I am pleased to be in your Hall of Shame, which should have Jim M. in it, since in 'Saucer Smear' only the best people are listed in it. If you are NOT in the Hall of Shame, you did something wrong. Enclosed is a photo where my actual face is shown. One appearance with this man (David Letterman) is worth 30,000 conventions..."

Erik has kindly sent us this much younger picture of himself together with a much younger David Letterman (not shown here) - Editor



- Researcher CAROL HONEY writes as follows in regard to our article about him on Page 4 of the last "Smear":

"I just received your 'Saucer Smear' for March 25, 2005, and wish to thank you for sending it to me, although I am a Non-Non-Subscriber, as I read the copies on the (cursed) Internet.

"My only comment, and I admit it is a very small one as far as importance goes, is that [you attribute a lot of things about my supposed viewpoints](#) - things I have never believed nor do I believe them now. Examples:

- "I never published a newsletter for George Adamski. I did run short articles written by him, but they were published in my own newsletter. He never started his own newsletter until a few weeks after I separated from his group and implied that I could never have published a newsletter without his help.
- "The only part of Adamski's earlier claims that I still back is the photograph of the dome-shaped craft he called a 'Scout Ship'. I do not endorse or approve as genuine the remaining photos of cigar-shaped craft, although the evidence backing them up is far greater than the evidence said to disprove them.
- "Your special issue claiming to be an expose of Adamski's claims is so full of holes that it exposes nothing but a small portion of his original story that I have never endorsed..."

- "You say that C.A. Honey publishes a 'large number of tracts' in which 'he expounds' a certain philosophy in his Science Publications. I do publish a lot of articles (about 800,000 words total in 145 separate articles) which I send no-charge over the internet to people all over the world.
- "When you called me about the Straith Letter you covered enough of the points I had questions about that I accepted your explanation. However, I noted that no one was ever prosecuted for the felony of misusing the machine that impressed the Seal of the United States into the stationery, even though the machine was kept in a locked safe inside the Secretary of State's office.
- "If I was ever engaged in a feud with the George Adamski Foundation (CAF) it was short lived and over many months ago. My article was directed to the CAF back in October, 2001. Since I never distributed any of Adamski's material even back in those years, I am a little confused over your statement that the controversy was over such material.

"It may interest you to know that 'my view of the universe' is exactly what 'real science' visualizes. I am not aware that I ever 'argued about such matters' after so many years have passed. My only point is that 'real scientists' often express a lot of ignorance as to what is really going on in their field of inquiry. I held a secret clearance for over 25 years, and we often had information that differed from that which we could tell the public. In many cases it could not be revealed to others with a secret clearance because they would not 'have a need to know'..."

There is some information about the Straith Letter that we still do not choose to reveal. - Carol Honey can be reached at: 2456 South Woodlark Drive, Ontario, California 91761-6530. - Editor.

- STANTON FRIEDMAN, Nuclear Physicist-Lecturer, Etc., Etc. writes as follows, not to us but to German UFO hoax-buster Klaus Webner, whose [letter to the editor](#) appeared in our last issue:

"Dear Mr. Webner:

"I have read with interest your comments in Jim Moseley's latest 'Saucer Smear'. To answer your question, no, nobody has called me a stupid charlatan. The reason is simple. I am neither stupid nor a charlatan. Funny question from somebody who admits faking movies and photos. I am sorry you are bothered by watching me on Satellite TV programs. That is why TV sets have an off switch. In case you are wondering, I don't get paid for being on those programs.

"I wonder just what research, besides faking UFO photos and movies, you have done on the Betty and Barney Hill case, or Ed Walters, or MJ-12?? Do you make a proclamation every day on some such idiocy? Have you read many or any of my more than 80 UFO papers, or my two books, or watched the videos I have helped make? Have you been to the 20 archives I have been to? Have you read the articles on my website?..."

"Or are you just a blowhard with an ax to grind for some unknown reason? I have met with Betty and Barney Hill and Marjorie Fish and John Fuller and Ed Walters and talked to Dr. Benjamin Simon and reviewed Fuller's files at Boston University, and done a whole book and many papers on MJ-12, even showing that some are fraudulent. What has your contribution been besides making proclamations?"

- Researcher BRUNO MOION writes:

"I recently unearthed a collection of back issues of 'Smear' graciously given to me by researcher and non-subscriber Paul Fisher. I like to take them out and read them, as they are quite entertaining.

"One issue in particular mentions the Canadian scientist and ufologist Wilbert Smith, but unfortunately labels him a 'crackpot scientist'! I must take exception to this. There is an ugly rumor widespread in the research community that Smith died in 1962 of a 'brain tumor'. In actual fact he died of colon cancer. Obviously someone wanted to discredit Smith by raising the spectre that a brain tumor could be responsible for a lapse of logical

judgment. The mystery here is how colon cancer can get transformed into 'brain tumor'.

"In my many years of involvement with UFO research, I have encountered a number of individuals within the UFO community of whom I suspect must have their heads up their ass. Could this be the way in which Smith's colon cancer became rumored to be a 'brain tumor'?"

We don't remember the "crackpot scientist" designation, but Wilbur Smith was known to be "Far Out". J. Allen Hynek did die of a brain tumor, but no one ever called him a "crackpot scientist". - Editor.

- Our olde friend ROB MACGREGOR writes as follows:

"...Here's an update on James Randi. On [Page 3 of your last issue you say](#) that Randi would surely head 'Smear's' 'Hall of Shame' List were it not for the fact that he has never made a public statement about UFOs specifically, as far as we are aware.

"Okay, here's Randi, speaking in the National Geographic Channel documentary called 'Crop Circles', which I watched this evening (April 9th). He said. 'If you were an alien and wanted to make a statement, wouldn't you go make a crop circle on the White House lawn?'

"There you go. Randi is now on the record. Granted, it was more about crop circles than UFOs, but he was responding to the contention of some Believers that aliens are responsible."

- NORMAN HOWARD of Las Vegas writes:

"...I was tickled to see that 'UFO Magazine' did have the integrity to publish your letter to them, despite your reference to Don Ecker as a 'shithead' - even though they used dashes in place of the letters H, I, and T. I loved it that you put Ecker in his place after what he said about you in a previous edition of 'UFO Magazine'. It is his loss that he doesn't speak to you!"

- Researcher(?) WENDY CONNORS writes as follows re [our remarks about her](#) in the Feb. 15th issue of "Smear"

"First, let me assure you that we did not meet in Roswell in 2000. If we had, I would have run from the room to get my shotgun! Also, I am not as physically plump as in the past. Cancer is now slowly correcting that, so my physical attributes shouldn't offend you as much in the future.

"You have done me a great honor by listing me with the likes of Jerome Clark and Richard Hall as the most hated people in Ufology. It is thrilling knowing for a fact that I must be doing something correctly to get you bent out of shape. I noticed your own name missing from the list, but I do understand the reason for the omission.

"Sorry you didn't like my review of your book. It sure got you a lot more press and orders than you were getting before. Otherwise, why would you have promoted the review as hard as you did? You are, by the way, welcome; and I appreciated the inscription in the copy I purchased relaying your appreciation.

"BTW, I demote you to the rank of E-3. Anyone who can't get beyond the pencil or themselves isn't ready for command."

We really don't understand this last sentence! - Editor.

- ROB SWIATEK of FUFOR writes:

"...I'm glad your irregular, nonscheduled publication staggered through another year and hope it forges on into the future with its dishabile of information and observation. One is forced to ponder its continued existence in a world of internet web sites that offer instantaneous feedback and the chance for endless debate at negligible expense. How

does such a newsletter survive, even gain impetus, in such an environment? What induces its contributors to submit material? I suspect the answers lie in its historical significance, reader loyalty, a more direct sense of involvement than an e-letter entails, and the sheer entertaining nature of the thing. It might not solve the UFO mystery, but damn, it's an interesting read!..."

Our thanks to Rob Swtatek for these kind remarks! - Editor.



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NEWS BRIEFIES

- **A**s mentioned previously, Pat Marcattilio of New Jersey will hold his next ufological

conclave on April 16th and 17th. In a recent flier, Pat describes himself (and we quote this precisely): "Internationally, reknown, Unexplained Phenomenon Researcher, Mobile UFO Museum Curator, Conference, Lecture and Seminar Chairman and Master of Ceremonies". One of his most interesting speakers this time will be skeptic John Sherwood, who used to dabble in ufological hoaxes with Cray Barker many years ago, as did your humble "Smear" editor...

- A traveling exhibit from the International UFO Museum at Roswell hit a small museum in Fort Myers, Florida recently, and "Smear" non-subscriber Bill Nash was there to see it. Having seen the "original" material in Roswell a few years ago, your editor did not bother to go....
- The annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood, Ca. again this year, on the weekend of Sept. 2nd-5th. Hopefully it will again include a Saturday evening cocktail party at which your "Smear" editor will spiel forth. Conference phone no. = 858-523-1068. Website: www.nufoc.org. Address: 3830 Valley Center Drive, #705; Mailbox #441; San Diego, Ca. 92130. More details later!...
- A recent edition of the famed Art Bell radio show featured the semi-mysterious Richard Doty together with Greg Bishop, author of a brand new book called: "Project Beta: The Story of Paul Bennewitz, National Security, and the Creation of a Modern UFO Myth". This is a complex tale of apparent government misconduct at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, back in the 1980s. Roswell researcher Paul Davids suggests a shorter, perhaps more appropriate title: "Breaking Dr. Paul".

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- On February 24th we watched the much-anticipated special "UFOs: Seeings Is Believing" on the ABC television network, hosted by Peter Jennings. The two-hour show was well done, but it was disappointing in that, after all these years, there is very little to add to all that has already been said & written on the subject of flying saucers.

Michael Shermer of "Skeptics" Magazine made the interesting point that for most scientists, seeing is not believing, because it involves no physical evidence. This statement has some merit, but doesn't tell the whole story. The late Dr. J. Allen Hynek was a leading astronomer of his day, and he found the visual UFO evidence so convincing that, after about twenty years as a debunker working for the Air Force, he switched sides and became the founder of CUFOSS (Center for UFO Studies), which still exists today. We were glad to see Dr. Hynek receive the recognition that is surely due him.

The program reviewed a few multi-witness cases in which credible people are still alive and available to be interviewed. For abductions, they bowed to Budd Hopkins (#1 on our "[Hall of Shame](#)" List), and as an over-all conclusion they opined that "only contact will solve the mystery". The trouble is, many people think that contact has already been established, and they therefore see the SETI project as a waste of time.

The only segment of the program that we really enjoyed was the one on (gasp!) Roswell, in which our colleague Karl Pflock is finally given the prominence he richly deserves in regard to solving this persistent enigma. Pflock is quoted extensively, and the Mogul Balloon solution is given credence. Stanton Friedman comes across as a money-grubber and an opportunist, which certainly did not displease us. William Moore and Charles Berlitz, who started the modern Roswell craze with a 1978 book, are barely mentioned at all.

Your "Smear" editor was consulted at length by phone regarding this show, and might have been invited to fly somewhere and participate in it. However, we declined because we felt it would be too much trouble for too little. Most "experts" shown on the program were quoted fleetingly, as is usually the case.

Needless to say, the Jennings special did not go over well with the ufological "hard core". Whitley Strieber has written a 3 1/2 page diatribe about this, which states in part:

"...Here is my response to Mr. Jennings and the dirty little men who lurk in his shadow, whispering their lies to him. First, Roswell really happened, and it is the key to everything, because the Air Force made a world-historical mistake there that has led to our being in the state we are in now: isolated on this earth, swimming in ignorance, and denied what is the birthright of every intelligent species, which is access to the great cosmos. Second, the most important aspect of the whole UFO phenomenon is abduction. As ugly as it is, it is also our only point of contact with the outside. And there is a message being sent from them to us. It has nothing to do with radio telescopes and the adolescent tomfoolery of SETI, and everything to do with the hearts, minds and bodies - and the souls - of the abductees."

The title of Strieber's statement is "The Scum Rises: Peter Jennings on UFOs."

Strieber, in his own unique way, is sincere but nevertheless fanatical. Others of the "hard core" were less emotional in their responses, but still not at all happy. Skeptic Martin Kottmeyer was moderately pleased by the presentation. Strangely, none of the critiques that we have seen actually mention Pflock by name, though obviously he is now, more than ever, the anti-Roswell villain!

Well, you can't please everybody! Hopefully the general public found this to be a relatively well-balanced show, which it was....

- It turns out that we were right on target in our recent comment to the effect that the UFOs being seen over Iran are probably American planes. Now the Bush administration has admitted that we have been flying unmanned surveillance drones over that country for nearly a year, seeking evidence of nuclear weapons research. These drones are also seeking weaknesses in Iran's air defense, in case we decide to invade. Scary, huh?....**
- Several non-subscribers have sent us a highly amusing story from Wisconsin, which seems to involve a rivalry between a "far out" UFO group and a more conservative one. Mary Sutherland, owner of the Burlington UFO and Paranormal Center, complained to local police that a rival group headed by one Jennifer Hoppe of Sheboygan, has been stalking her and indeed, Hoppe complained on the Net that "our group spent good money to hire a professional to do surveillance on the Burlington Center from Jan. 22nd through Jan. 30th". Apparently the detective saw nothing unusual in the skies during all that time!**

The problem seems to be that there is a great deal of UFO & paranormal activity in the area, but it all centers around Mary's shop. Mysterious photos have been taken near there, but the police have received no reports. Says Hoppel "The reason people don't take UFO research seriously is because of people like Mary. There have been legitimate cases in the world that defy logic. But what responsible, respectable professional is going to research this, when people like Mary are blathering this hokey-pokey crap as the truth?"

But Mary Sutherland says, "I welcome anyone to come down here and take pictures. Come here at 3 a.m. and see what is lighting up the sky". There is also a legitimate reason why people have not been calling the police about UFO sightings or paranormal activity she claims. "I have a UFO center. Doesn't it make sense that if you see a UFO, you come to me? If you see paranormal activity, you don't go to the police, you would go to a paranormal center. It only makes sense."

All this reminds us of the case of famed UFO author Ed Walters of Gulf Breeze, Florida, who, one night in 1987, was molested by a low-flying UFO over his house, which shot out a "blue beam" and lifted him off the ground briefly. Later investigation showed that a man living right across the Street, who had been outdoors all that evening, watering his lawn & such,

had not seen anything unusual at all!

The Space People are obviously very selective about whom they reveal themselves to. Budd Hopkins seems to know a lot about this peculiar behavior on the part of our (alleged) Visitors...

- **Karl Pflock has sent us a very interesting item, in which it is claimed that the late Johnny Carson, in the year 2000, sent a check for one hundred thousand dollars to James Randi's notorious "Education Foundation" near Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This is Randi's egocentric organization which has a standing offer of one million dollars to anyone who can prove the occurrence of a paranormal, supernatural or occult event. The only trouble is that to get the money you have to follow Randi's strict rules, and if you follow Randi's rules, you'll never be able to prove anything!**

A separate part of this item from Pflock is Randi's tearful remembrances of Carson, who was a fellow magician. Randi claims that Carson kept in touch with him frequently after his retirement as host of the Tonight Show. It is a fact that Randi was on that show several times, the most notable of which was the time he exposed a psychic healer named Peter Popoff as operating with a concealed radio receiver in his ear. Carson and Randi had some things in common. Whether Randi was really as close with Carson as he claims, we do not know. Randi has been known in the past to sometimes deal rather loosely with the truth.

According to Randi's present tribute to Carson, he received "several six-figure checks" from the Tonight Show host, over the years. (Carson left an estate of about \$450 million dollars!) Your "Smear" editor clashed with Randi a number of years ago, regarding the latter's alleged misconduct with underage young men, and his allegedly libelous & slanderous statements about psychic spoon-bender Uri Geller. Randi was sued several times by Geller, and was eased out of CSICOP (Center for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal) as an indirect result. But that's all water under the dam, as they say, (or over the bridge??).

Randi would surely head Smear's [Hall of Shame](#) List were it not for the fact that he has never made a public statement about UFOs specifically, as far as we are aware. Thus he is not in the flying saucer field at all, as far as we are concerned. He is merely a fanatical anti-psychic...

- **Scientists now believe, on the basis of new discoveries, that there probably is microscopic life beneath the surface of Mars. They won't be able to experience these living organisms directly until such time as they send up a probe which can dig fairly deeply beneath the Martian surface, especially in caves. It is unlikely these microbes are piloting spaceships in our Earth's atmosphere, but one can hope for the best!**

To make matters more intriguing, a few days after the above news report, NASA came out with a statement basically denying it. We really don't know what this means!...

- **The February 2005 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal seems to be less sensationalistic than other recent issues have been - possibly in response to complaints from conservative members of the organization. The lead story this time is an interview with our friend Brian Boldman, .who appears to be the only American UFO investigator specializing in cases of "angel hair".**

"Angel hair" is a term infrequently heard these days, as most of the cases date from several years ago, or even further back than that. Many observations are associated with sightings of UFOs, though many others are not. The substance in question has a strong superficial resemblance to spider webs, but chemically it is quite different, and definitely unexplained. We praise Boldman for his perseverance in pursuing this little-known aspect of the flying saucer mystery...

- **We have all heard about ancient paintings that seem to show UFOs, but now attention has**

fallen on a French coin from about 1680 that shows a large image hovering over a landscape. Tilted slightly at an angle, the circular disc has a rim around the top and round patterns on the circumference, suggestive of windows or lights. Protruding from the middle of its bottom is a rod or ray pointing downward. There is a Latin inscription which translates as "It is here at an opportune time", but this may refer to a scene on the opposite side of the coin that shows rain pouring down from the sky over a plant. It's all very mysterious, and coin experts have no explanation!...

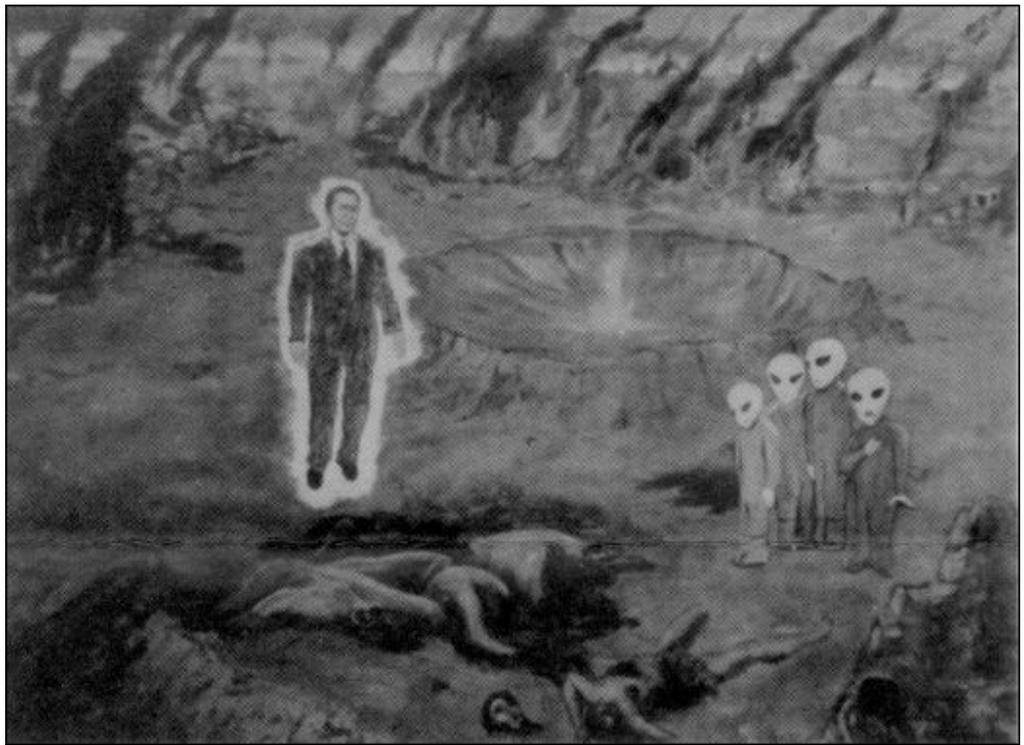
- Carol Honey is a formerly young man who was a co-worker of famed contactee George Adamski back in the late 1950s and early 1960s. He was the ghost writer for a lot of Adamski's material and published a newsletter for him. Honey believed, and continues to believe, Adamski's claims of contacts with space beings and even his claim to have been "Inside the Spaceships", which was the title of Adamski's second book. Honey parted company with Adamski when, in 1962, the famed guru claimed to have gone physically in a spaceship to the planet Saturn to attend a conference there which was also attended by representatives of all the planets in the solar system - 12 in all, although we have not discovered that many planets!

It is truly amazing that Honey, though strongly turned off by the Saturn trip, continues to accept Adamski's earlier material, and he continues to endorse the well-known photographs that were taken of "scout ships", "mother ships", etc. Readers of "[Shockingly Close to the Truth!](#)" are treated to the full text of the Adamski expose your "Smear" editor published in 1957, but Honey now dismisses all this detailed information with just a few words. Honey continues to believe in some sort of Cosmic Philosophy, which he expounds in a large number of tracts he has published in recent years. One can obtain a list of these by writing to him c/o Science (sic) Publications, 2456 South Woodlark Drive, Ontario, Ca. 91761.

Involved in all this is the notorious Straith Letter, which was a hoax perpetrated on Adamski in 1957 by the late Gray Barker and yours truly. It was on a State Department letterhead, and implied official endorsement of Adamski's preposterous claims. The text of this letter is also available in [Shockingly](#). In spite of our well-known published confession after Gray Barker's death, in 1981, Honey persisted in believing the letter authentic until some telephone conversations with your "Smear" editor as recently as 2002. The Will to Believe is not easily killed!

Meanwhile, some forty years after George Adamski's death, Honey is engaged in a complex feud with an organization called the George Adamski Foundation (GAF), headed by one Glenn Steckling (P.O. Box 1722, Vista, Ca. 92085). The crux of the matter in question is who has the right to continue distributing Adamski's material, and there is also the question of whether Honey resigned as a disciple of the Master, or was dismissed for misconduct. How on Earth (or even Saturn!) can grown men continue arguing about such matters after so long a time? Honey seems like a sincere, fair-minded fellow, but his view of the Universe differs dramatically from that offered by real Science!...

- Here is a black and white rendition of another ufological painting by New Jersey artist David Huggins, who has appeared on our pages several times before. He calls this one "Hypocrisy", and it shows a floating rendition of George Bush surrounded by a halo, and he is looking over a killing field of dead bodies, presumably from the war in Iraq. Four grey-type



aliens are watching in astonishment. This painting represents a strong anti-war statement on the part of the artist...

- More about the forthcoming expedition to the north pole opening into the Inner Earth. Dennis Crenshaw's March 9th "Unraveling the Secrets" web newsletter has a 5-page article giving many further details about this unique expedition, though the cost per passenger is still not revealed. The expedition, in a comfortable modern ice breaker, will either (a) just go to the geographic north pole, where a spontaneous celebration will take place, or (b) actually make it into the legendary Inner Earth opening, presumed to be at 141 East Longitude & 84.4 North Latitude. Further information can be obtained by calling 800-937-7238.

Yes, there are flying saucers downthere, and "friendly people" descended from ancient earthly tribes, and these highly advanced souls may actually speak English, we are told. Just when we started thinking there might be a core of truth in all this, we ran into a longwinded quagmire of Biblical prophecy, conspiracy theory, etc.

The expedition is planned to last from June 26th to July 19th, 2006. We are told that the danger ahead isn't in going along on it but in not going, due to all the terrible things that are soon to happen here on the surface. For more details, go for Dennis's zine, at www.thehollowearthinsider.com...

- Multi-millionaire Robert Bigelow is the former head of NIDS (National Institute for Discovery Science), which he founded in 1995. This was devoted to investigation of UFO & paranormal events, and is well remembered for its long-term study of a "haunted ranch" in Utah. Some of the events supposedly recorded there were so weird as to be beyond all reason.

Bigelow eventually claimed that phenomena worthy of investigation were no longer being reported to NIDS (though this is unlikely), so he turned his attention elsewhere, and NIDS died out. Bigelow had made his money as a large-scale slumlord in Las Vegas, Nevada, but apparently his real interests have always been more exotic.

Now he is pouring up to \$500 million dollars into what is to be the world's first hotel in orbit around planet earth. Though the hotel (\$1 million per night!) is still years away from completion, it is far more than a fantasy. Bigelow has hired veteran space-travel engineers to perfect the technology, he has produced nearly launch-ready hardware for testing, and he is floating a \$50-million prize to entice other companies to create a safe, reliable space vehicle to transport guests to the front door - or rather, the airlock!

Bigelow admits that his project is a huge gamble, but he is no wild-eyed visionary. Your

editor might want to visit his hotel, if & when the rates come down quite a bit!

Pflock Ptalk - THE MAKING OF A SAUCER FIEND

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



As I recounted a couple of columns back, I was hooked on saucers very early in life. During the summer of 1958 or '49, when I was five or six, I was reeled in by a story about the discovery of a crashed flying saucer and the bodies of its crew.

My father was interested too, in an open-minded but hardheaded way. Pop ordered saucer books for me through his bookstore, and we speculated about what UFOs were and, if they were real, where they were from and why they were here. We never missed the latest science fiction films, many featuring flying saucers and their usually malevolent operators. Then there was the 1956 docudrama "UFO", which I sat through three times one Saturday afternoon.

In the summer of 1951 or 1952, my dad and I and two of my friends and their father saw a UFO, or what I'm sure would have stacked up as one if our sighting had been investigated. Full Story, next column.

I devoured all the serious UFO books and diligently studied magazine articles about saucers, pro and con. One article, "Have We Visitors from Space?" in the April 7, 1952, Life, had me saying "Yes!" - as did a 1954 special issue of the thinking kid's comic book "Weird Science-Fantasy", in which the intrepid editors issued "A CHALLENGE TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE!" demanding it "TELL US THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FLYING SAUCERS".

I also read not-so-serious saucer tomes, whose authors told of their contacts and space travels with golden-haired Space Brothers and shapely Space Sisters. I even attended a lecture by a woman contactee whose name I no longer recall (Dana Howard?). Yawn... I found the contactees photos of Venusian scout ships and such interesting- and fantasized about the Space Sisters (whee!). But I simply couldn't take the yarns seriously, as much as I wanted to.

Along about 1957, a couple of friends and I determined to get the U.S. Air Force to TELL US THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS. We figured we would do better if we didn't seem to be kids. So we founded the National Committee for Investigation of UFOs (NCIUFO). Much to our disappointment, but not really to our surprise, all we got were releases from the air force press desk, with saucer-report and case "solved" statistics and the usual rhetoric. We also cranked out a couple of newsletters, but lost interest when we were unable to generate enough paying subscribers to cover the cost.

A few years ago, Robert Todd discovered that the air force seems to have taken us seriously, at least as a nuisance. NCIUFO, "Director - K. T. Pflock", was among the pesky UFO organizations listed in two late-fifties classified air force intelligence staff studies. It would have been exciting to know this at the time, though it probably wouldn't have mattered much. Earth girls had by then pre-empted the Space Sisters in our youthful affections. But saucers were in my blood, like malaria...

OF MICE AND MEN - A WORD FROM OUR ESTEEMED CONTRIBUTING EDITOR:

My "mysterious, affliction is mysterious no longer. On February 11, I was diagnosed with ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. There is no cure (yet) for this inevitably fatal condition. Most ALSers shuffle off this mortal coil three to six years after diagnosis, though a good proportion carry on for ten years or so, and a few much longer (physicist Stephen Hawking has been living with ALS since

the 1960s). I'm in the care of Dr. John Chapin, an ALS expert at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, in a program conducted in cooperation with the Muscular Dystrophy Association's ALS Division. I will soon begin participating in a clinical trial of a drug that has been very effective against ALS in laboratory mice. Let's hope it works as well or better in humans. If not, my backup plan is to become the first recorded case of spontaneous remission. (MJ-12 and the Elders of Ufoology won't get rid of me this easily!) For those interested in learning more, etc., here are two websites, <http://als.mdausa.org> and <http://alsa.org>.

THE READERS STRIKE BACK!

- Our friend CHRIS ROTH writes as follows:

"On January 6, 2005, 'India Daily', an apparently serious newspaper, ran an apparently serious editorial claiming that there is a debate within the Indian government over how or when to reveal to its citizens the details of its (the government's) extensive contacts with extraterrestrials. Wondering whether this might in fact be the 'National Enquirer' of India or if there are clues in there that an Indian would catch that would reveal that this is a joke editorial, or whether, say, January 6th is the Indian equivalent of April Fool's Day, I had an Indologist colleague of mine at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland run it by an e-mail discussion group he runs. No on all counts; it's simply a weird editorial, and I can't discern if it attracted much notice in general...



"One last note: A few months ago an ad of sorts was run in Dennis Crenshaw's e-mailed 'Unraveling the Secrets' (formerly 'Hollow Earth Insider') newsletter, reading as follows: 'My wife and I are planning an expedition to the North Pole Opening in Feb., 2005. If you are interested in joining us, please e-mail us... We presently live on Orcas Island, Washington State, in a four bedroom house. If you would like to join us here first and then leave from here, let us know. We are spiritually open minded and we are also poly minded. We have a lot of Love to give! Love and Peace, Noah & Naomi.'

"I did an Internet search on the phrase 'poly minded', and, sure enough, it's an apparent abbreviation for polygamy. It seems we have a couple of Hollow Earth swingers! Their expedition should be leaving this month, and my guess is that if Noah & Naomi - and whoever signs on - don't find the polar opening, they'll find plenty of others!

"Keep your eye on the cavern entrances"

Our understanding is that the real Hollow Earth expedition won't be until 2006, but it is refreshing to know that "swingers" may be involved! As for the Indian editorial, part of it is reproduced above. Editor

- WILLIAM BIRNES, publisher of "UFO Magazine", writes as follows regarding the late Lt. Col. Philip Corso, author of the book "The Day After Roswell":

"...You have asked for my comments on the statement from Carol Honey that Philip Corso was very upset over statements in his book that he said he hadn't made or intended to promote. Moreover, as I understand it, you would also like me to comment concerning Col. Corso's having said that the bulk of the mistakes in 'The Day After Roswell' were attributable to me.

"First, let me be very clear that Corso reviewed his manuscript as it was being written and reviewed it when it was complete I was in close contact with his editor at Pocket Books for over a year, and promoted the book for the entire year before he died. When that book went to his publisher, it went with his full endorsement and his full enthusiasm, which is attested to by his appearance at Roswell in 1997, where he stood up for his assertions in the book. What he said at Roswell is on video tape and is now a matter of public record. I would suggest that Carol Honey review that video tape.

"Second, I am well aware that Phil Corso made statements attributing the mistakes in the manuscript to me. However, those statements were made in the context of litigation between Corso and the movie company what optioned his life-story rights for the book and a motion picture. They were painful for me to hear, knowing he was fully involved in the writing, but completely understandable in that he was seeking to find other outlets for his material while his rights were tied up.

"For the record, I would be the first to say there are plenty of mistakes in that book, mistakes that Col. Corso was certainly aware of at the time the book was published, and he believed he would have corrected them in subsequent editions; but for his rapidly deteriorating health, multiple heart attacks, and the litigation that took place after the book was published..."

- German UFO photographic expert KLAUS WEBNER writes:

"Last Fall, Jim Wales sent me the information that you have published a book. I ordered it immediately and I have read it from the first page to the last page during the Christmas holidays. '**Shockingly Close to the Truth!**' is the only American UFO book that I have read with great interest!

"My own history in the UFO field began in 1973 when I faked my first flying saucer movie and a lot of saucer photos, to examine the methods of the hoaxers. From the very beginning I was interested in 8 mm and 16 mm UFO-related movie material. Today I have one of the largest UFO film collections, including crashing saucers, landing saucers, landed saucers with the difference that I am not a Believer but a skeptical researcher who knows the true backgrounds!...

"If a fairy godmother were to ask me for a wish I would answer: Please bring me with my camera equipment to Jim Moseley! But such a fairy godmother has not appeared and therefore I don't have the money to travel to America. A few days ago I again bought very expensive movie archives material for my project, and I had several other bills to pay. Stanton Friedman has no problems, as he appears every night on a satellite TV program we receive, to tell people the yarn they want to hear - that everything is genuine and mysterious. The Ed Walters hoax is genuine, the Betty & Barney Hill encounter nonsense is genuine and true, the MJ-12 paper hoax is genuine, etc. Has anybody ever told Friedman that he is nothing more than a stupid charlatan???"

Klaus Webner has kindly sent us a copy of his 1993 book "Wesen aus dem Weltraum?", which is a wonderful treatise on hoaxed UFO photos throughout the years, with beautiful reproductions of many of them. The infamous Canadian prone oriental-looking dead spaceman is on the cover, and can also be found (sadly!) on the back cover of Tim Beckley's edition of your "Smear" editor's book "UFO Crash Secrets at Wright Patterson Air Force Base (1991). Unfortunately, Klaus's book is written in German. He can be reached at: Zugspitzstrasse 56; 65199 Weisbaden, Germany. - Editor.

- Our faithful correspondent ROB MACCRECOR writes:

"Jim, that picture of Erik Beckjord (in the last 'Smear') was bizarre. The only face in it was that of Marilyn Monroe - on his tie! That's a 'Smear' classic!..."

We knew Beckjord's face would come out too dark to see. (There was no way of preventing this.) But we didn't notice Marilyn Monroe on his tie! Beckjord has just sent us a long letter together with a better picture. We will run this in our next issue. - Editor.

- Roswell, New Mexico's own DAVE SWINK writes as follows:

"...Someone made the comment that it would be interesting to the rest of us to have you tell us why/how those 10 people made it into the '[Hall of Shame](#)'. Only you know why you chose them, so some elucidation might be in order. Heck, because of the increased mail you would get, it might be fun to do that twice a year..."

If there is enough reader interest, we will indeed give more details about our glorious "[Hall of Shame](#)" List. - Editor.



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PROPOSED CHANGES AND REFINEMENTS REGARDING THE "SAUCER SMEAR HALL OF SHAME" LIST:

Just as we had hoped, last issue's "[Hall of Shame](#)" List has stirred up a lot of interesting comments and suggestions. Let us make it clear again that the List only includes ufologists with whom your editor has interacted personally. If we tried to include all the weirdos, fakes, egomaniacs, and other undesirables in the entire field of ufology, we simply would not have enough Space!

Carlos Mentira has written an impassioned diatribe, demanding to know why the notorious Todd Zechel was not included. Indeed, it was an oversight, as Mentira so eloquently points out at great length. Surely Zechel qualifies just for having stuck your editor with a telephone bill of over two thousand dollars, while he was freeloading for several weeks at our New Jersey apartment in 1977. Most of his calls were in the form of endless ravings with California researcher Brad Sparks, who also deserves to be on the List!

Among Zechel's other Sins: Running a porn shop in Wisconsin while pretending to be an undercover government agent; Ditto with his job as a fireman; Shamelessly promoting the Del Rio, Texas UFO crash story, which has since been determined to have no merit at all; and picking on kindly old Phil Klass!

Another candidate we overlooked is Wendy Connors, who wrote in regard to "Shockingly Close to the Truth!": "...Like the proverbial brain-damaged dog, (Moseley) continues unabated as the decades click onward and good trees are sacrificed to put out a bad product". We think we once met Wendy, sort of, but we're not sure. While sitting in the Founders' Office at the International UFO Museum in Roswell, during the Festival of 2002, we noticed a very obese middle-aged woman who failed to identify herself. We believe this was Wendy, god bless her!

Now for a candidate to be taken off the dreaded List. We refer to none other than Jerry Clark. In spite of his ill-mannered wit and his scathing review of "Shockingly", we have decided to forgive him - and we know he will greet our forgiveness with the total disregard it so richly deserves.

The reason for our New Attitude toward Jerry is that he has evolved in his ufological thinking to the point that he seems to agree with us - which means he is getting better! We refer to an interview printed in the most recent "Fortean Times" (No. 191), in which he is asked, "Do you think the U.S. Government is keeping secret any evidence about the UFO phenomenon?"

To this, Jerry cheerfully replies: "I'm sure there are some interesting classified reports, mostly of incidents such as, say, attempted intercepts over sensitive military or civilian installations. As I have watched the Roswell debate unfold, however, I have grown ever more doubtful that anything so dramatic as UFO wreckage - or any other kind of undisputed proof of ET visitors - is being concealed. Allen Hynek probably had it right when he said of the official approach that it has been more foul-up than cover-up."

Way to go, Jerry!

In the Lettres section of this issue we have printed correspondence from several people with further thoughts about the composition of our List. We are secretly hoping to hear from some ufologist brazen enough to want to be put on the List, rather than taken off it. This may never happen, but in any case, our plea to all of you is to keep those cards & lettres rolling in!

The photo and text at the right are taken from the January 2005 issue of the Bigfoot Times", edited by Daniel Perez (10926 Milano Ave., Norwalk, California 90650). We had not seen this zine before, but it appears to be a good one. Erik Beckjord is a member of our "Smear Hall of Shame", and deservedly so.

Unfortunately, you probably can't see his face clearly in this reproduction of the photograph, nor can you see what is in his right hand, if anything. Sorry about that!



Erik Beckjord as he appeared during a break at the 1998 edition of the Sasquatch Symposium, held at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia. In his right hand is his mask of "E.T." which failed to amuse conference goers. He would later be ejected from the gathering by request of many members of the audience. Photo courtesy and copyright of Todd Neiss, 1998.



TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- **Something went terribly wrong with our display ad on page 3 of our last issue, for our glorious book (with Pflock) "Shockingly Close to the Truth!"** Alas, one can barely read it. So let us reaffirm that this classic tome is still available at "Smear" Headquarters, duly autographed by both co-authors, for the mere price of \$28. In fact, we have just gotten in a new supply of copies - enough to last till Bush turns Communist. The exact number of copies available is, of course, Classified.

We also want to apologize for a glaring typo near the bottom of page I of that issue, in which "congratulations" somehow became "congratularions". Fred Broman does our proofreading, and we now have him under heavy sedation.

Of course, the photo of Richard Hall didn't turn out too well either, but that is just the way we wanted it!

- We should also add that our earlier book, "UFO Crash Secrets at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base" is also still in print, at \$10 per copy. This book was originally published by Gray Barker's Saucerian Press, under the title "The Wright Field Story" - sometimes referred to as "The Wrong Field Story", for complicated reasons. That edition is long out of print, but the second edition, published by Timothy Green Beckley's Global Communications conglomerate in 1991, is still here for those of you who rush your order in to us - and to all others as well! The American dollar may soon become nearly worthless, so send a few of them along before it's too late!...

Our friend Dennis Crenshaw of Yulee, Florida, is starting his second year of publishing a weekly 30-page Internet report called "Unraveling the Secrets". We like his motto: "Don't rock the boat. Instead, kick a damn hole in its rotten bottom". What Dennis does is go through 15 or 20 offbeat websites looking for interesting & worthwhile material, and then he takes the best stuff for his own zine - indicating links at which the reader can obtain further information on a given topic. There's UFOs, Hollow Earth, impending natural disasters, astronomy, the (alleged) New World Order, and much more.

Dennis used to call his zine "The Hollow Earth Insider", which we've always felt to be an unusually clever title. However, when he decided to expand his research into other, more visible areas, he changed the name to the present one. He says that he reaches about 4,000 people, and is - like the universe itself - still expanding!

One thing Dennis has done in a past issue is expose the famed Admiral Byrd diary as a fake. This pertained to a Byrd expedition to the north pole in 1947, which apparently never took place. Years ago we knew Harley Byrd of California, who claimed to be either a son or nephew of the Admiral, and was peddling this obviously fake diary. As it turns out, Harley Byrd was not related to the Admiral at all!

Dennis Crenshaw also has a book coming out this Spring, entitled "The Secrets of Dellschau". It is co-written and illustrated by his friend Peter Navarre. This book pertains to the legendary "Sonora (California) Aero Club", which has been linked to the mysterious nationwide UFO flap of 1897. Dennis Stacy, former editor of the MUFON Journal, wrote an excellent article on this same topic for the July 20th, 2004 issue of "Smear". This subject has always interested us, and we are looking forward to the book - and also more (free) issues of "Unraveling the Secrets". Dennis's website is www.thehollowearthinsider.com...

A core interest of Dennis Crenshaw is still the Hollow Earth, and a recent issue of his zine has a tantalizing story on this subject. It seems that a man named Steve Currey is a highly experienced explorer, who also runs a commercial enterprise called The Expedition Company. Says he:

"You are invited to accompany us on a historic voyage to our Hollow Earth and personally visit that paradise within our Earth via the North Polar Opening, and meet the highly advanced, friendly people who live there. We are of the opinion that they are the legendary Lost Tribes of Israel who migrated into the North Country over 2,500 years ago and literally became lost to the knowledge of mankind."

He goes on to explain that at a seaport in Russia, they will board a world class nuclear ice breaker which is "a literal motel on ice". They will go on a complex itinerary from there.

Thus, the expedition appears to be for tourists as well as serious scientific explorers. Currey makes it clear: "All persons signing up for this expedition come at their own risk, at their own expense (not specified), and for their own reasons...There is NO GUARANTEE that the expedition will reach the Inner Earth. We will make a good faith effort to locate the North Pole Opening and enter therein, but the worst-case scenario is that we will visit the geographic North Pole, explore the region, and continue on to the New Siberian Islands. At all times the expedition will be at the mercy of the weather, ice and sea conditions." (Gasp!)

This Trip is scheduled for some time in 2006. Dennis has told us that he does not intend to join the expedition physically, though he wishes these people the best of luck, as we do. So - how does this relate to flying saucers? Who knows! If the rest of the story is true, there may be saucers down there also - warmed, of course, by the Great Central Sun!

- Actor Dan Aykroyd has a long interview in the Dec./Jan. 2005 issue of (ugh!) UFO Magazine. Aykroyd is a hard-core True Believer in UFO lore, and his views are interesting though decidedly Far Out. He tells of how he recently attempted to launch a talk-show series on the Sci Fi TV channel. He was delivering an episode in person, at their headquarters in Manhattan, when a "big black sedan" pulled up in front of the building. A very large man wearing a black suit got out, looked directly at him, gave him a "menacing look", and then turned back to the car. Ackroyd turned away for a moment, to finish a conversation on his cell phone, and when he looked back, the car had literally disappeared!

A month later the Sci Fi channel officially cancelled his shows. Co-incidence? Hardly!

- From a Net source we learn that the Iranian government has announced it has ordered its air force to attack UFOs, which have been seen near their nuclear facilities a substantial number of times recently. A spokesman has said that "all anti-aircraft units and jet fighters have been ordered to shoot down the flying objects over Iran's airspace". Here it definitely sounds to us like U.S. spy planes must be involved, due to our delicate political situation with Iran. (Our thanks to Dennis Crenshaw for this item and for many others which Space does not allow us to print.)...
- One of the very last of the followers of the late contactee George Adamski is 81 year old Jim Wales of Pasadena, Maryland. He has a 2-page zine called "Update", which he publishes "every so often". In the latest one, we were surprised and amused to notice that he has

woven your "Smear" editor's name into the masthead, along with his heroes George Adamski and Laura Mundo - who was a follower of George's. Also there is contactee Howard Menger, who is still alive. But why is your "Smear" editor there, since we disagree with all this contactee stuff? Inquiring minds would like to know! (Wales can be reached at: 7803 Ruanne Court, Pasadena, Md. 21122, USA, Earth!)

We would like to meet old Jim sometime, before it's too late!...



- The photo above, sent to us by researcher Jerry Lucci, pertains to a lecture we gave at the International UFO Museum in Roswell, during their 2002 annual festival. Since we don't believe in the Roswell Incident as an interplanetary event, it is very unlikely we will ever be invited back. In the accompanying text from the Net, we are referred to as a "long-time ufological prankster and social historian". Hmmmm!...
- Will it never end??? Every time we announce that Pat Marcattilio ("Dr. UFO") is ending his long series of New Jersey saucer conventions, he schedules another one. The date for his gloriously forthcoming con. is the weekend of April 16th & 17th, and the location is the same dreary Days Inn in Bordontown, N.J., where most of the others have taken place. No speakers have yet been scheduled, but Pat can be reached (occasionally) at 609-631-8955. He seems to have postponed indefinitely his plan to move to Orlando, Florida and open a UFO museum there...

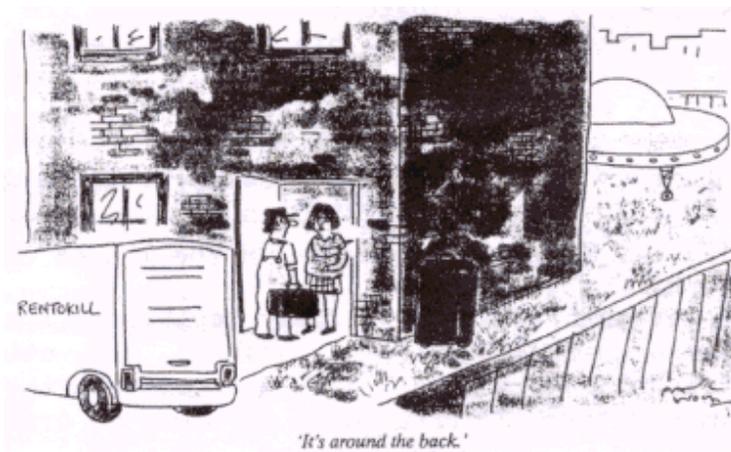
On a much more grandiose scale, March 6th - 12th will see the 14th annual "International UFO Congress Convention and Film Festival" held at the Flamingo Resort in LaughLin, Nevada. We have attended a couple of these in the past, and they are always well attended. At one of these, your editor participated in a "Roast" for contactee Colonel Wendelle Stevens' 75th birthday. Stevens is a hard-core supporter of Billy Meier, the one-armed Swiss contactee, and he will be speaking again this year. Unfortunately, we will not be able to be there this time - or at Marcattilio's event.

There will be 27 speakers in all, including Stevens, and also including quite a number of people we have never heard of - but that doesn't mean they might not be worth listening to. Among those whose names ring a bell: Colonel Donald Ware, a mystic who was defrocked as MUFON's Eastern Director quite a few years ago; Journalist Jim Marrs - an easy name to remember; Sean David Morton, who dabbles in the notorious "Bible Code"; Jaime Maussan, the Mexican videotape guru; famed contactee Whitley Strieber; and (ugh!) Budd Hopkins, who will appear jointly with Dr. David Jacobs, though their views on abductions differ radically! That is one lecture we are sorry to miss!

For more info., contact Bob Brown, 9975 Wadsworth Parkway, #K2-504, Westminster, Colorado 88021.

BRIEF RANDOM THOUGHTS:

- On January 31st, researcher Kenny Young of Ohio died of cancer at a comparatively early age. He was the local host for our 2002 NUFOC in Cincinnati, and was very active in Ohio ufology. He was a nice guy, and we will miss him
- Now that the U.S. Government is at war with so many terrestrial enemies, you can be more sure than ever that they are paying no attention whatsoever to the possibility of interplanetary saucers. So, stick to UFO research & you will be okay!
- Our sincere thanks to New Mexico MUFONite Miller Johnson for the neat stuff he sent us recently - more text and pictures to add to last year's "Roast" on the (cursed) Net. We have all this stuff in one paper (remember paper??) loose-leaf book, and we will always treasure it!
- We have received (but not yet played) a Canadian video, circa 2002, entitled "Stanton T. Friedman Is Real". Many UFO personalities are interviewed therein, including Karl Pflock. Our verdict: Friedman:is indeed real, but some of his views are just too Far Out for us!
- For the first time, part of the "evidence" at the International UFO Museum at Roswell, New Mexico, has been sent to another museum for temporary exhibit. The lucky recipient is the Southwest Florida Museum of History. Incidentally, the Roswell Museum is the third most visited museum in the United States, according to info we saw recently. Egads!
- On the evening of February 24th, the ABC Network will show a better-than-average TV Special, hosted by Peter Jennings. It is called "UFOs: Life in the Universe". Again, our esteemed contributing editor Karl Pflock is among the interviewees.



Pflock Ptalk - NOT SO MYSTERIOUS

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



In my last column, I promised to continue with tales of my saucer-haunted youth when next I re-materialized. Once again, I must disappoint my loyal fan (not a typo) - this time, inspired by recent personal experience, to rant about one of The Field's not so endearing quirks.

The word "mysterious" has a twisted meaning in certain precincts of ufology: the fringe lands of ufology. It's a meaning that would be understood by the Red Queen but few others outside Ufoologystan. In that strange realm, "mysterious" is all but synonymous with "the work

of malevolent forces" - MIB, Reptilians, MJ-12, et al. Congressman Steve Schiff dies an untimely death from cancer, and it's mysterious in the ufological sense. John Mack is killed by a drunk driver, and that's mysterious. Over a period of decades, people connected with the Mothman saga die, and that's mysterious, too. Et cetera ad nauseam.

So I should have known better than to use "mysterious" when I sent a private e-mail to a number of colleagues, including the editor of a Leading UFO Journal, to give them an update on my physical condition.

Last April, I had surgery to relieve a spinal cord compression, which seemed to be the cause of balance, motor control, and muscle weakness problems. After some months of improvement, my recovery came to a halt. My neurologist ordered an MRI, which showed the surgery "worked" and everything else apparently okay. Yet I still have serious difficulties, including major trouble using a computer keyboard. I have been referred to a specialist in neuro-muscular diseases, who should have some - positive, please! - answers for me. Time will tell. Meanwhile, I'm using iListen voice recognition software (no doubt back engineered from alien technology) to write this column and other deathless prose.

In my e-mail, I labeled my problems "rather mysterious", never dreaming this would be taken as anything but a semi-humorous locution. Imagine my, uh, surprise when the text of my message - including my unlisted home phone number! - appeared in that Leading UFO Journal under the headline "Karl Pflock Suffering from Mysterious Illness". Compounding my "delight" was learning this in a telephone call from a complete stranger, who wanted to know if I was - you guessed it - an abductee. Argh!

It's high time The Field got its collective head out of its collective ass. UFO phenomena are quite mysterious enough in and of themselves. We don't need bogus mysteries to "spice" things up.

Next time: With considerable relief, back to the Goode Olde Daze (honest!).

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- For the first time in several years, former UFO authority JOHN KEEL has written us, no doubt influenced by his inclusion on our recent "Hall of Shame" List:

"O Carrier of Unspeakable Diseases:

"Here is my contribution to your impoverished and irresponsible efforts to further decay the Leper Colony of readers of vanity books and victims of misguided moronism."

On Keel's stationery is printed: "In a hundred years this won't matter. It barely matters now." He enclosed weird foreign currency in response to our renewal request. - Editor.

- DAVE SWINK of Roswell writes:

"I loved your latest issue of 'Smear' - acknowledging Julie Schuster in the 'Hall of Shame' List was terrific. I hope she is directed to this issue by her 'readers'.

"I bet the Internet 'Roast' of you was fun to read, and better still, fun for the compilers. Heck, you've lived everything they could possibly say, so you got there first. Ha!

"Too bad that Pflock is fading - we don't live forever (well, so far, until we get the Alien pill!)

"I remain super impressed with you and your ability and interest, to keep up with the ever-changing UFO scene/people/trends/dreams - 'Smear' continues to Link all of us!..."

- **Researcher JERRY LUCCI writes as follows:**

"...As for Ms. Wendy Connors, you should know that she has proclaimed herself "Queen of Ufology" on one of the current Web chat rooms - so that tells you all you need to know!"

- **Frequent contributor ROB MACGREGOR writes:**

"I was surprised to see that James Randi failed to make the top ten on your 'Hall of Shame' List. Didn't he sue you once?"

"Oh, I get it. If you listed him, he might actually carry through on that threat! Here's a donation, \$1 per month for 2005, to help defray your legal costs on any pending suits from the ten who did make the List!"

Randi operates as an intense anti-psychic, and thus is not really in the UFO field. Perhaps he should be on the Fate Magazine "Hall of Shame" List, if they had one! - Editor.

- **England's CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes:**

"You refer to Richard Hall and put him as second of the most obnoxious persons on your current List, Budd Hopkins being number one.

"Here is a simple story of his reaction to a Net posting of mine re Phil Klass. Klass had come under heavy fire, as usual, from certain ufologists. I had said in his defense that Phil had brought out 76 issues of his newsletter SUN for nearly 14 years, each issue appearing regularly and on time, and that I was positive this had not been the case with the great majority of UFO publications, past or present, over the past 50+ years. An enviable achievement, I said.

"Dick Hall's learned riposte was brief and simple: 'There is something to be said for regularity of bowel movements'.

"Hall is clearly not a Klass fan. However, he appears not always to be a Stanton Friedman fan, either. Certainly not over the new Flatwoods Monster book by Frank Feschino. They exchanged some bitter insults in their recent Internet discussions. I do have to take Hall's side here, as apparently this latest author takes ufology to a new low (if such were possible) in claiming that the USAF, under President Truman's orders, engaged in a fierce aerial combat with UFOs over the Atlantic on the very evening of the 'monster' incident, and that many U.S. planes were shot down before the last remaining UFO was finally hit and burst into flames. The total casualty figures are unknown.

"Make of that what you will. Needless to say, you won't find that in the Blue Book archives!

"All for now. As if more were needed!"

- **Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:**

"Congratulations on initiating a 'Hall of Shame' listing in your glorious zine; but I must admit that I was a \ little disappointed that a more expanded explanation on 'why' those mentioned were so honored, was not given. Of course, eS I had no difficulty in regard to Budd Hopkins being the top dog on your listing, as I am well

acquainted with his unique brand of Ufoology.

"But you know, an 'Ain't That a Shame' listing might also be a good addition to your throng of those obviously 'lost in Space' and otherwise out-of-touch individuals who are presently populating the ufological landscape. To this listing I would nominate Dr. David Jacobs, the author of the perfectly rational and logical book, 'The UFO Controversy in America', 1975. But then, the good Doctor apparently underwent a remarkable metamorphosis of some kind and became a self-appointed abduction specialist!

"Naturally, some folks suspect that Dr. Jacobs had simply succumbed to the charismatic charm and abstract thought processes of Mr. Hopkins' shadowy personality - a personality which one British critic felt prompted to call 'something of the night' in his writings. But, Dr. Jacobs' most recent UFO fantasies and delusions about alien creatures lead one to suspect that he is much like one of his greys filtering through a bedroom wall! So, too, David Jacobs' researches appear to be slipping in and out of reality as we know it!

"In this mushy-boundried state of highly elastic reality, Jacobs and Hopkins write of seemingly mundane childhood incidents and long-forgotten boo-boo scars - transforming them into repeated abductions by aliens - and even perfectly harmless things like two fireflies mating on a window screen might become a tell-tale 'screen memory' of a dual-lighted, hybrid-laden Mothership landing in a victim's back yard!

"It is truly a shame that such is the fate of many unbridled ufoologists in the field, and a 'therapeutic support group' should be established to assist them with their special needs. After all, one would think that 'an extraordinary mania requires an extraordinary therapy!'

"On the other hand, perhaps Dr. Jacobs' warnings about the 'invasion of the planet snatchers' already walking amongst us should be heeded. If only he had a big seed pod, a hybrid, or a scout ship's tail pipe to show the authorities! If only he wasn't the lone voice in the grand parade of abductionists, yelling 'The aliens aren't benevolent, they're a THREAT!' Is everyone really out of step except for Dr. Jacobs when it comes to understanding the alien agenda?

"But no one from Homeland Security seems to be listening, and those lunatics at Airbus in Toulouse, France are planning to fly a jumbo 550 seat passenger plane right into the path of those invisible Motherships lurking in our skies. One asks, haven't they read Budd Hopkins' latest book about the invisible aliens and their invisible spacecraft?

"Who knows - perhaps Dr. Jacobs is correct, and insidious alien beings really do regard this planet with cold and envious wrap-around eyes. Perhaps they can filter through walls and invade our homes at will. I've hung a bunch of those super-sticky fly strips all over my house to foil their plans, and my low-tech security system seems to have worked, so far! So, after a quarter century of prolonged anxiety and fear, the abductees finally do have a way to thwart continued abuse at the hands (or claws) of these horrid little intruders.

"Jim, just remind the support group therapist handling such problems to remember the golden rule of progressive counseling - Pay the fee promptly, or you will NEVER get better!"

- Famed psychic and remote viewer INGO SWANN writes as follows:

"Enclosed is a small pittance for your wonderful sociological document of UFO persons. Amazing! I wish I had the witty & sardonic capacities you display -

although you seem to hold back on them, or so I sense.

"I hope to see you in person again, somewhere. In the meanwhile, all best wishes."

- **NORMAN HOWARD** of Las Vegas, Nevada, writes:

"...Enclosed is a check for your book, '**Shockingly Close to the Truth!**' I look forward to reading it, and relishing your autograph and that of your co-author. (A nice touch!)

"MUFON all over the state of Nevada is now dead. No volunteers have come forward to take over. Its magazine is dreadful, poorly edited, and largely irrelevant.

"I am determined to be at the next NUFOC bash in California, a fairly short drive for me. I suggest we call the next meeting "Meet the NUFOCers"!

The December 2004 issue of the MUFON Journal notes the resignation of Nevada's Director and Assistant Director, who are a married couple. No new people are named to take their place. - Editor.

- Long-time researcher **HERBERT TAYLOR** writes:

"I don't know if you subscribe to the International UFO Reporter (IUR), a far better and more serious read than the MUFON Journal, but the current issue carries another article of mine re the very important UFO category of satellite object reports. This makes two issues in a row that have carried my satellite object article as the lead story worthy of the cover, and I am indeed gratified that Mark Rodeghier, et al, felt them worthy of such placement. My intention is to further inform the readers of IUR re the vital importance of satellite object reports, and their central nature within the core UFO problem.

"Indeed, any meaningful answers to the UFO enigma must take into account this baffling and spectacular category of the core mystery. Sorry, no lecture was intended, but 'Smear' non-subscribers should also avail themselves of these two articles (and others that may likely follow), preferably by subscribing to IUR, which is the quarterly publication of CUFOS (Center for UFO Studies), which is located at: 2457 West Peterson Ave., Chicago, IL 60659"

COP CLONES

Police in Sao Paulo, Brazil, discovered a fake police station only 100 metres (328ft) from a real one. Fake police and detectives charged high fees from everyone who needed their services. The real police were tipped off when two men who were blackmailed in the fake station made a complaint. Everybody in the fake station was arrested. *Ananova, 8 Feb 2003.*

PRIZE FOR HARD WORK

Chuck Strickler has spent 30 years as a welder at US nuclear power plants, which has left his fingerprint ridges worn down. Since nuclear plants now insist on fingerprints as ID, Strickler has been given the sack. *Independent on Sunday, 11 Jan 2004.*

PULP FICTION

Engineers used 2,500,000 old Mills & Boon romantic novels in the building of the new M6 toll road in the West Midlands. Unsold copies of the books were shredded into a paste and added to a mixture of asphalt and tarmac to help prevent the road service from splitting after heavy use. *Ananova, BBC News, 18 Dec 2003.*

SPACE ODDITY

An unexplained phenomenon akin to a space-borne car wash has boosted the performance of one of the two U.S. rovers probing the surface of Mars, New Scientist magazine reported

yesterday. It said something - or someone - had regularly cleaned layers of dust from the solar panels of the Mars Opportunity vehicle while it was shut down during the Martian night. The cleaning has boosted the panels' power output close to their maximum 900 watt-hours per day after at one stage dropping to 500 watt-hours because of the heavy Martian dirt. By contrast, the power output of the solar panels of Mars Spirit - on a different part of the Red Planet - has dropped to just 400 watt-hours a day, dogged by the heavy dust. *NATIONAL POST, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2004*



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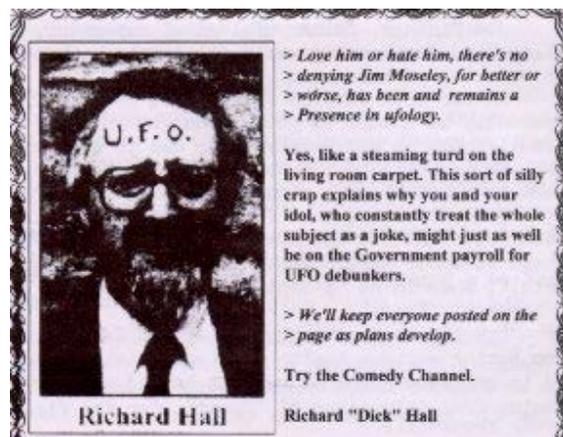
IN WHICH YOUR SOMEWHAT HUMBLE EDITOR GOES ON A WELL-DESERVED EGO TRIP!

In honor of our fiftieth year in ufology, "Smear" contributing editor Karl Pflock decided awhile ago to organize an Internet "Roast" for us, in which friends & foes alike would be encouraged to send in comments about our ufological career. The project went through various delays and changes, but the upshot is a 9 by 12 inch loose-leaf book, containing more than 50 pages, and almost that many comments, from people some of whom we have known for many years. Only one copy of this book exists, which we will keep and treasure.

Pflock was aided in this madness by several kindly people - mainly Steve Mansee, who has been putting "Smear" on the Net since 1994; Ace cartoonist Matt Graeber; and UFO researcher Tom Benson, who is the keeper of all back issues of our zine.

The project was supposed to progress in secret (from us) until it was finished, and this should have been easy, since your Editor, individually, still is not on the (cursed) Net. However, Security was broken awhile back by T. Allen Greenfield, D.D., Ph.D., a delightful intellectual with whom we have had many pleasant times, years ago. Greenfield did not realize what was going on, as nothing on the Net is secret except from those of us who never look. He just assumed we were "in on it", somehow.

Most of the comments were very friendly, with the notable exception of our ex-wife Sandra (nee Sandra Svindsin, now known as Amanda Stevenson), who decided to share a crazy nightmare fantasy about our wedding night. Somehow this delusion is still vivid in her mind after 42 years! And then there was Richard "Dick" Hall, whose opinions appear at the right. In this Net exchange Karl Pflock is leading the dialogue and "Dick" is replying. Way to go, "Dick"! There is obviously no Space here to print all the nice comments we received from ufological cohorts, so we will focus briefly on just a few, from people we barely know or don't know at all: Says Linda Cortile, "Congratularions for fifty years of interesting and funny stuff you've said and done..." Linda, whose real married surname is Napolitano, was the star of the "Manhattan Transfer" ufological caper of the late 1980s. Her mentor, Budd Hopkins, has never forgiven us for our "Smear" exclusive, revealing her real name to the masses, but Linda is a good sport and still a very attractive lady!



Says Bird Gillespie: "Jim saved me from a life of believing the likes of Budd Hopkins and Whitley Strieber. Go, Moseley!" Says Jack Hunter Daves: "Your serious yet wry take on the world of UFO-dom is above reproach and your front row seat over the years makes you the perfect commentator. Thank you for keeping folks like me alerted to what's going on... I salute you!"

Our thanks to these two gentlemen, whom we do not know, and to all the others who contributed. May the Space Brothers bless you, one and all! We just wish Gray Barker was here to share this "Roast" with us!

For those of you who are interested, most of the "Roast" comments can still be seen at: http://www.martiansgohome.com/moseley_roast/. It is too late to add anything, however.



In this delightful photo, "Smear" fan Lydia Mancini sits at a recent UFO convention in Minnesota, showing off her collection of ufological nostalgia from Gray Barker, Ray Palmer, and (blush!) Jim Moseley. Lydia also made a touching comment for our "Roast", but it is too long to quote here. Keep your Eye on the Sky, Lydia!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

- Prolific UFO writer Kevin Randle is back from a tour of duty in Iraq and elsewhere, and is again at home with the Iowa Army National Guard. He has been promoted to Major. His Net posting does not say when he will be getting back into UFO research, but he does opine in passing that the war in Iraq is nothing like we see on the TV news. What he means is that, in his opinion, things have been going much better than we have been led to believe. We learned this by phoning him at his home in Iowa
- Joe Firmage, former ufological superstar, has come back with some ravings about the (allegedly) forthcoming world oil crisis. There's absolutely no mention of UFOs in the Net material we have read...
- As for arch-skeptic Phil Klass, he is still alive in retirement in Florida, but he apparently is unable to get around without a lot of help from care givers. We phoned him recently, but he can barely talk, due to a throat injury during spinal surgery a few years ago. He is still on the Net at times. We wish him well, as we have been friends for many years in spite of very significant differences in our views about flying saucers...
- Howard Menger, that famous contactee of the 1950s, is still alive & kicking, in Vero Beach, Florida. He and his wife survived the Florida hurricane season with substantial damage to their home. Amazingly, Howard has just ordered our book "[Shockingly Close to the Truth!](#)", wherein he is mentioned extensively. You should do the same, if you have not done so already. Egads!...
- Our esteemed contributing editor Karl Pflock, who was co-author of "[Shockingly](#)", has been having serious health problems lately. He had major surgery on his back in mid-2004, and is not recovering as well as he had expected. For this reason, his usual column is missing from this issue of "Smear", for the first time in several years. We wish him a speedy recovery!...
- Finally, our old friend contactee Frank Stranges is in reasonably good health, and still promoting his magazine "UFO Journal" plus various UFO-related books, tapes, etc. He can be reached at: www.nicufo.org.

EDITORIAL: WHO WAS CHARLES FORT, AND WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

One very rarely hears the name of Charles Fort in urological circles, and this is indeed a shame, as he was the modern founder of the study of anomalies, including what we now call flying saucers. Fort, an American who lived from 1874 to 1932, literally went nearly blind as a collector of oddities from newspapers, magazines, scientific journals, etc., spending most of his time in the New York Public Library and the British Museum Library. He published four books crammed with these oddities plus his own philosophical thoughts - and these appeared from 1919 to 1932. Unlike most saucerers, he held no dogmatic views, but merely enjoyed pointing out things that science could not explain. Said he: "I conceive of nothing, in religion, science, or philosophy, that is more than the proper thing to wear, for awhile."

Fort had friends who were major writers of his generation, and some of these formed an early version of the Fortean Society. We understand that Charles Fort himself gave little or no encouragement to this effort to keep his legacy alive. Tiffany Thayer, one of these well-known writers from the 1920s, became secretary of the Fortean Society around the time of his mentor's demise, and edited a slick little magazine called "Doubt" - a very appropriate title. We used to have quite a few issues of "Doubt", which we exchanged in the 1950s for our zine "Saucer News". Thayer had no use for flying saucers, recognizing correctly that the field was more of a cult than a serious inquiry. We corresponded with Thayer a bit, and once asked him to send back a printable comment about "Saucer News". He answered to the effect that since he could say nothing good about it, he would be kind enough to say nothing bad!



After Thayer's death in the late 1950s, the original Fortean Society folded, but there were several attempts to revive it in subsequent years. The (then) well-known naturalist Ivan Sanderson formed an organization called SITU (Society for the Investigation of the Unknown), which for many years published a slick magazine named "Pursuit". This struggled on after Sanderson's death, and then went out of business. Another Fortean organization has its home base in Maryland, and still exists, in that it sponsors annual conventions there. And then there was a short-lived attempt by the notorious John A. Keel to run a Fortean Society in New York City in the 1970s. Such a group should, by definition, have the same sort of openminded skepticism as did Fort himself, but Keel's highly opinionated beliefs may well have contributed to the death of this particular group. Also lack of funds, as often happens.

In 1973 the British newsstand magazine "Fortean Times" was founded by Bob Rickard, who was later joined by two other gentlemen. This zine is a force to be taken seriously. Currently it is a very professionally-done monthly production of about 80 pages, sold on some newsstands on both sides of the Atlantic, and available by subscription for the hefty price of \$59.40 per year. Getting in touch with them may be somewhat difficult, but the subscription address appears to be: Fortean Times, Cary Court, Bancombe Road Trading Estate, TAlI 6TB, United Kingdom (UK). Here you have in-depth articles on an endless array of interesting off-beat subjects, written by professional writers rather than amateur hacks. Karl Pflock and Jim Moseley have contributed a few times, and your humble "Smear" editor has crossed the Pond twice, in 1997 and 2002, to speak at their annual "UnConventions" in London.

For devotees of "Fortean Times", UFOs are only one topic out of many, and we have noticed, in our two convention appearances, that the interplanetary hypothesis, even among those drawn to the topic of saucers, is far less prevalent over there than it is here in America. Charles Fort reported on countless mysterious lights in the sky, on the Moon, etc. - seen through telescopes or by the unaided eyeball - and he facetiously suggested that these might be spaceships from other planets. But he most definitely did not make a quasi-religion out of it!

Our gratitude to "Fortean Times" is not only for the honor of having been invited to two of their "UnConventions" in London, but for the remarkable tolerance they have shown for the fact that we "borrow" material from them (mostly in the form of little printed vignettes) in almost every issue of "Saucer Smear". We doubt that the present "plug" in our magazine will do much to

increase their circulation, but we do want to express our thanks for the intellectual enlightenment we have received from them, over the years. We wish a very long life indeed to Bob Rickard and his literary efforts!

THE "SAUCER SMEAR" HALL OF SHAME

Below is a list of ten people with whom we have had Problems over the years. Like David Letterman, we list them in reverse order of importance - i.e., obnoxiousness. In other words, #10 is the least obnoxious of the group. It gets worse from there.

- #10 - Richard Ogden - long-ago pro-Adamski fanatic
- #9 - Julie Schuster - Roswell UFO Museum
- #8 - Lucius Farish - "UFO Newsclipping Service"
- #7 - Jerry Clark - touchy UFO historian
- #6 - John Keel - former UFO writer
- #5 - Vicki Cooper - UFO Magazine
- #4 - Don Ecker - UFO Magazine
- #3 - Erik Beckjord - Bigfoot nut
- #2 - Richard "Dick" Hall - humorless UFO historian
- #1 - Budd Hopkins - Twilight Zone abduction guru

Let us add, however, that we, as followers of the Great Spirit (or whoever), hold little if any grudge against the above-named people. They are listed here for entertainment purposes only.

"NIGHT SHIP 282" - by Curt Sutherly

As per our recent phone conversation, I've been following up on the crash of "Night Ship 282" - the call sign for a Cessna 208B Caravan that plunged out of control into a swamp near Mobile, Alabama. The accident occurred on October 23, 2002. The pilot of the aircraft was Thomas J. Preziose, 54, a veteran aviator and flight instructor, and a former member of the NYPD.

As you may recall, the accident occurred after Preziose's aircraft apparently struck another object only minutes after departing Mobile Downtown Airport. The incident occurred at about 7:45 p.m., just after Preziose had sent a final radio transmission declaring: "I needed to deviate, I needed to deviate, I needed..." The wreckage of his plane was found in a swamp near Spanish Fort, Alabama.

Debris at the crash site was covered with numerous red smudge marks, which NTSB refers to as "transfer marks". These marks did not match the color of anything on or in the Cessna. In addition, the ship's engine was found split in two and separated from the airframe. Inasmuch as the crash occurred in a swampy area eight to ten feet deep, the rational conclusion is that the engine was split before hitting the swamp - by impact with some thing in the air! The preliminary report from NTSB states quite bluntly that Preziose's aircraft is believed to have "collided in-flight with an unknown object at 3,000 feet."

Since then, the investigation has been transferred to NTSB's Washington headquarters. Here's where it begins to sound a bit like an X File.

According to a spokesman for NTSB, the comment about a mid-air collision should not have been included in the preliminary report since it was analytical and not based on fact. In so saying, they appear to be ignoring the evidence of the split engine block, and appear to be trying to prove that the red transfer marks were caused by something inside the aircraft rather than from something hitting the plane. They also appear to be ignoring the final cryptic radio message, and are openly suggesting that Preziose may have lost control of his aircraft - clearly leaning toward an explanation of "pilot error".

Conspiracy theories about hand-launched missiles have been proposed, as well as speculation about impact with a meteor. For various lengthy reasons, none of these notions fit. This leaves a UFO. By that, I do not mean "spaceship'." The red transfer marks seem to indicate something of terrestrial origin, and I suspect there are people out there who know but of course aren't talking. Stay tuned!

NEWS BRIEFIES:

- We now have a more sensational version of a story printed a couple of issues back. Under the heading, "Did Aliens Save the Planet in 1908?", we are told again that Russian scientists researching the site of the Tunguska meteorite crash have found the remains of an extraterrestrial spacecraft. The object appears to be a huge metallic block, and the investigators chipped off a piece of it which will now be tested for its chemical composition. Incredibly, no further description is given!

One of the scientists claims that, based on his calculations, the mass of the space object headed for Earth in 1908 was nearly one billion tons. He believes that this meteorite was blasted by a spaceship at an altitude of ten kilometers, to prevent the destruction of all humanity on this planet. Says he: "I am fully confident that I can make an official statement that we were saved by some forces of a superior civilization. They exploded this enormous meteorite that was headed toward us at tremendous speed. Now this great object that caused the meteorite to explode has been found at last. We will continue our research." Until 2004, members of numerous expeditions had apparently failed to find any remains of the object that caused this event.

Thus, we seem to be talking about two distinct objects here - the meteorite and the spaceship. It all makes little sense to us, but we await further word on this fascinating case. (Thanks to non-subscriber Dean Zevchek)...

- Recently the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) posted a "Teleportation Physics Report" on the Net, and it struck a raw nerve with physicists and critics of wasteful military spending. In the report, the author says that psychic teleportation - moving yourself from location to location through mind power - is "quite real and can be controlled". The 88-page report also reviews a large range of teleportation concepts and experiments. Among the items mentioned are spoon bending phenomena, a la Uri Geller!

One scientific critic says, "It is in large part crackpot physics". He describes the Air Force report as "containing some things adapted from reasonable theoretical studies, and other things from nonsensical ones".

Some experts have long criticized what they see as a military sweet tooth for junk science. A "remote viewing" project, for example, undertaken by Defense intelligence services and declassified in 1994, sought to see whether psychic powers could be employed to spy on the Soviet Union. Says an Air Force Research Laboratory statement: "The views expressed in this (above-mentioned) report are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy of the Air Force, the Department of Defense, or the U.S. Government. There are no plans for additional funding on this contract."

When asked why they commissioned this study in the first place, a spokesman said: "If we don't turn over stones, we don't know if we have missed something."..

- The December 2004 MUFON Journal is out, and we paged all the way to Page 21 without being unduly offended by anything. But thereon, we read the incredible story of a Michigan man who had a series of close encounters with UFOs back in 1967. This would not be all that unusual, except for the fact that, for some of them, he was accompanied by a priest named Father Boyer, who "claimed to be one of the extraterrestrials incarnate in human form". No

further information is given about the priest's belief system. We wonder if the Pope knows (or cares) about this!...

There is also a touching story by Whitley Strieber in the same issue, discussing a serious illness that recently befell his wife. We wish them well...

- Finally, we have a thought-provoking Quote from the sentimental 1948 movie, "Miracle on 34th Street". The quote is: "Faith is believing in things when common sense tells you not to."

This is a fitting motto for a sentimental movie about Christmas, but it is a very bad mind-set for everyday life. In the UFO field, we find a great deal of faith in events that common sense tells us we should not believe without proof. But what constitutes proof? This is something that can be argued endlessly. All we can say is - try to keep your research objective. Faith should be saved for (ugh!) religion!

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- In a letter postponed from our last issue because of lack of Space, DR. GARY POSNER of Tampa Bay (Florida) Skeptics writes as follows:

"Dear Demigod of UFOdumb:

"Although you phone me regularly to touch base and pick my brain, there is seldom anything there worth mentioning. Wait a minute. That didn't come out right. What I mean is, I am seldom motivated to pad my resume with a letter to 'Smear'.

"But I must take issue with your comments about Harvard's problems with Dr. John Mack. The concern of his peers was not simply for Mack's beliefs, but for his patients. The head of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins Hospital, who had known Mack for 40 years, agreed that Harvard's investigation was 'long overdue', referring to Mack at the time as 'a brilliant fellow who occasionally loses it, and this time he's lost it big time'. Now he's lost it for good, for which I am sad for his family, but not for his patients."

Rather unduly harsh! - Editor

- Legendary former ufologist WILLIAM MOORE writes as follows.

"I received your 'Confidential' postal card today, for which many thanks. I thoroughly enjoyed spending some time with you and renewing our olde friendship over lunch at the Snow White Cafe on Hollywood Boulevard. Too bad you don't live nearby. I'm sure we could have some good times together, and I know the comraderie would lift you out of those doldrums.

"I continue to be very busy here, as the newspaper for which I work part time is planning a special holiday issue with pages filled with patrons' greetings to our troops abroad, and I'm up to my ears laying out ads and preparing copy. The boss wants everything ready by Thanksgiving, which gives me barely two weeks to get it done.

Since you have retired from being chairman of the annual NUFOC conference, I think it is only fitting that I join you by offering my resignation from the largely symbolic Permanent Organizing Committee, thus happily relinquishing my last toe-hold in ufo-dumb.

I join you in wishing your successors many happy cons to come."

- Paranormal expert **GEORGE HANSEN** writes:

"Dear Supreme Commander (Esteemed Turd on the Carpet):

Richard Hall's calling you 'a steaming turd on the living room carpet' is a wonderful tribute, because you, Supreme Commander, are a glorious agent of the trickster archetype.

"The 74-year-old Hall is widely regarded as a distinguished elder of 'conservative' ufology, but he acts like a potty-mouth 5 year old. How could this happen? When status-conscious old white men encounter the paranormal, they often lose critical judgment and emotional restraint (e.g., Mack, Maccabee, Wood, Andrus, Hopkins, etc.) But they don't realize it. Richard Hall is another example.

"Hall longs for ufology's respectability and has dedicated his life to that goal. He often mentions his degree in philosophy, to emphasize his serious, sophisticated interest. He diligently adheres to the advice of high-status dead white men, but those efforts do him no good. He doesn't understand why!..."

- Long-time non-subscriber **ROBERT DAVIS** writes:

"I haven't yet seen any comments on Frank Feschino's book on the Braxton County Monster, but I have read it and found it to be extremely strange. He's clearly done an enormous amount of first-rate research, but the book switches back and forth in a bewildering way, from straightforward presentation of his research (which unearthed much information that was totally new to me) to bizarre speculations that don't really seem to follow from it. The dramatic interpretations of the sightings of one particular day as bringing the world to the brink of interplanetary war, the peculiar combinations of the aliens' superhuman technology and their inexplicable ineptitude...and the grotesque descriptions of the protective suit and of the aliens themselves, make for spellbinding reading but are hardly believable. He could, of course, be guessing right, but the data seem open to any other interpretations. Any ideas?..."

- Researcher **GARY HEMPHILL** writes:

"I just finished reading the Dec. 2004 'Saucer Smear', and I could not help noticing the Christmas Greeting and the plea for money. Thank you for your honesty. I think your 'Saucer Smear' Ministry is why I am a devout believer in the Flying Saucer Religion. Therefore, please accept my humble offering, to help enable your ministry to continue its mission of enlightenment, entertainment, and hope for all mankind. (I found that girly picture last year to be very enlightening!)"

"Best to you and yours this Holiday Season. I must close now and return to my current project of photographing one of those invisible UFOs I've read so much about!"

- Researcher & author **ANN DRUFFEL** writes:

"Thank you very much for your nice note. I always read 'Saucer Smear' carefully, all the way through...It was a great NUFOC conference, with delightful ambience and exchange of ideas, just like 2003, but with more people embracing & exchanging. I look forward to next year. I hope they will keep the separation between abductology and ufology. It is so important!"

- Researcher **SCOTT BOND** writes:

"Regarding NUFOC, what can I say? While I'm very glad to see that NUFOC has

survived another year and is in the hands of people who seem genuinely interested in keeping it going, it's still the end of an era and that's for certain! NUFOC will voyage on into an increasingly uncertain, hopefully prosperous future, but the familiar, reassuring figure of the Commander will no longer be on the bridge to guide it. There's also the unhappy fact that those of us who don't live on the west coast will no longer be able to look forward to a possible visitation from NUFOC a little bit closer to home. So be it - that's how the Adamski scout ship crumbles! But I hope, after so many years as permanent chairman of this event, that most of your memories are happy ones and that you had a good time doing it..."

- Non-subscriber KEVIN HENDERSON sends us this delightful letter:

"Here's my Love Offering for another glorious year of 'Saucer Smear'. I can't say enough about what an inspiration you are and what a treasure your magazine is! Thanks to you, my wife discovered 'Fortean Times' and got me a subscription for Christmas, which is my definition of true love! 'FT' and 'Smear' are the only journals in this field that have the necessary combination of common sense, humor, and most importantly, fun - which is what got me into ufology in the first place. Thank you, thank you!"

- MUFONite Walter Sheets writes as follows:

"This is a note to let you know that my six year stint as State Director for MUFON of Georgia is over. I recently stepped down and resigned, having become dissatisfied with some of the parent organization's policies and practices that keep it mired in mediocrity. While our Georgia chapter was in pretty good shape due to its motivated and sensible membership, we experienced some difficulty with other divisions within MUFON. International Director John Schuessler, a true professional (along with a few others) deserves something MUCH better out of the various MUFON sub-groups.

"Please find a check enclosed, as I do wish to continue abreast of the various happenings that you never fail to humorously report..."

- Researcher NORMAN HOWARD writes from Las Vegas:

"I saw the made-for-TV movie about Betty and Barney Hill, which you mentioned in your recent 'Smear'. However, you got the wrong Estelle. It was Estelle Parsons who played Betty, not Estelle Getty..."

"I agree with you about the MUFON UFO Journal. It is poorly written and getting more absurd all the time. By the way, our local MUFON group died. It no longer exists. I no longer subscribe to the Journal, so I can't even put 'J.S.' ('Journal Subscriber') after my name like you do!..."

"Robert Bigelow is Las Vegas's biggest slumlord. He rents to anybody with a nickel, and his properties are filled with drug dealers!"

- Author & researcher PATRICK HUYGHE writes:

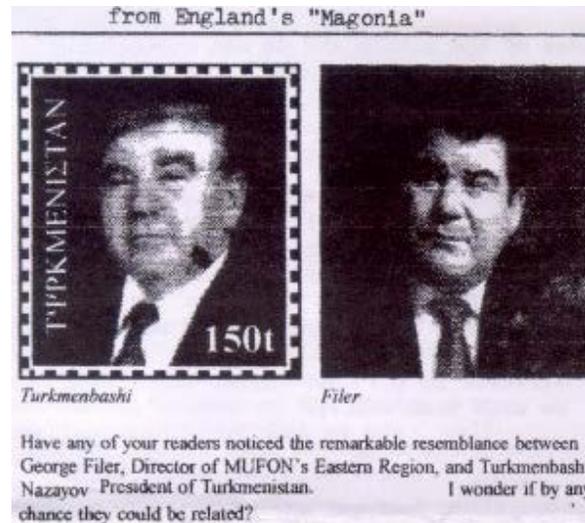
"...With the end of the year 2004 comes the end of another major UFO-related organization, NIDS (National Institute for Discovery Science). People might not have liked NIDS, but it was the best thing going for UFOs while it lasted. It certainly did more than what CUFOS (IUR notwithstanding) and MUFON have done during the past 8 years or so. Now who's going to step up to the plate?..."

- Finally, we hear the following from aviation writer CURTIS PEEBLES:

"Regarding Don Ecker and his editorial about you in 'UFO Magazine': Just consider

the source! I was included on his enemies list back in May of 2003. The deliberate misspelling of your name in the editorial struck me as being particularly juvenile. This is the kind of crap that goes on in elementary school playgrounds...

"Another year has passed, and the 'Dreaded X' is back. To maintain my non-subscription to the only UFO publication worth having, I am sending a check to brighten your holidays...Best wishes for the New Year, and Keep Watching the Skies!"



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MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND PLEASE SEND MONEY!

As we approach another festive Christmas season, please keep in mind that this is also the time of year that we here at "Smear" Headquarters put in our annual Pitiful Plea for funds to keep our little magazine going. Our publication has never broken even financially, and it never will; but our aim is to keep the loss at a tolerable level.

If there is an "X" following your name on the envelope in which you received this issue, this means that your non-subscription has expired. (If there is no "X", we would appreciate a contribution anyway!) Those who have been labeled with the "Dreaded X" will be purged from our esteemed mailing list unless we receive a reasonable contribution from you before the end of this year. The best thing to do is to put the money into the mail quickly, before it slips your mind - or (shudder!) before you have time to reconsider!

And by all means, continue to keep your Eye on the Sky during the coming New Year. Wheee!
And please make checks out to James Moseley, not "Saucer Smear"!

THE FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE PASSES INTO HISTORY, OR WHATEVER

It is with pleasure that we report to "Smear" fans on our 41st NUFOC, which took place in the lavish Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood, California, on the weekend of October 29th-31st. Although attendance was not as high as hoped for, it nevertheless was about double last year's, and the plan is that it will continue to increase through the coming years, due to the fact that the convention will be held in the same general area of California. Previous NUFOC conventions were held in ever-changing parts of the country, which made it hard to build up a following.

Saturday's speakers included the following: Peter Davenport, reporting on the latest cases from the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington. This is the organization which was run by famed ufologist Robert Gribble for many, many years. Then there was Lynn Kitei, M.D. who gave a convincing presentation showing that the famous "Phoenix (Az.) Lights" of 1997 could not all have been flares. Next came Terry Hansen on "UFOs, National Security, and the News Media", followed by Bob Salas on "The 1967 Missile Shutdown". In that situation, flying saucers appear to have made a few of our atomic missiles temporarily inoperable, and that was a very scary situation for the military people involved. The Saturday program was concluded by Paul Davis, talking about his 1994 documentary called "Roswell", and the government's response to same.

We missed Sunday's lead-off speaker (at 9 a.m!) named Richard Dolan, whose topic was "UFOs and the National Security State". Next came Dr. Robert Wood, the elder of the two ufological Woods, speaking as usual on the latest MJ-12 documents, which now number more than 4,000 pages. Dr. Wood believes we are being visited by several different extraterrestrial races. Then there was Dr. Eric Kelson, on "Re-examining the Rex Hefflin Photographs", in which he presented very strong evidence that this classic 1965 case involved a genuinely mysterious object. Next came a very entertaining talk by author/researcher Ann Druffel, commenting on her more than forty years of involvement with the UFO phenomenon. Finally we heard from John Greenwald in a lecture entitled "Inside the Black Vault" (shudder!)

Sunday's program concluded with a panel discussion hosted by Stephen Bassett, who once ran for Congress on a basically one-issue platform, regarding UFOs. The panel included the above-mentioned lecturers, plus your humble "Smear" editor. Strangely, we were on the Convention program, but not on the official list of speakers. We were intrigued by some of Mr. Bassett's views. He believes that "full (government) disclosure" re flying saucers will come soon and suddenly, but we've heard that before, for some fifty years! Bassett also expressed interesting

views on Joe Firmage, the oh-so-wealthy ufological wonderboy who made a big splash in the field a few years ago, and then faded out when his fortune did. Bassett believes that one reason Joe Firmage quieted down was because of vague pressure from the government.

There was a "no-host" cocktail party on Friday evening, and another at the same time on Saturday evening. The latter featured an informal talk by your "Smear" editor, and we must admit in all due modesty that this was well attended and well received. We spoke a bit about ufology back in the 1950s, and naturally plugged our 2002 book ["Shockingly Close to the Truth!"](#) We wished Lisa Davis well in her new role as Permanent Chairman of the NUFOC, and corrected a misstatement in the last issue of "Smear" in which we failed to identify Ann Druffel as the 2003 conference host. (Our apologies to her for this!)

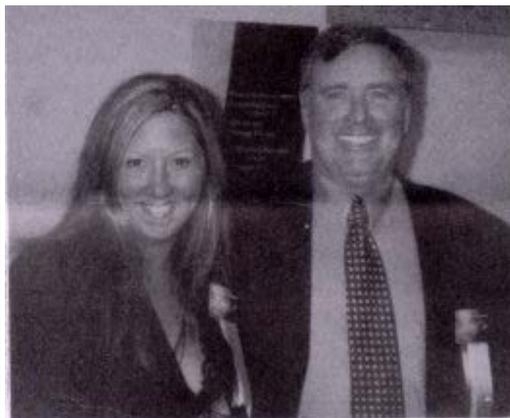
At this party, we were presented with a plaque inscribed as follows: "41st NUFOC James W. Moseley - In Honor of 33 Years of Service to the National UFO Conference as Permanent Chairman - 'Shockingly Close to the Truth' - 2004". It should be explained here that although the NUFOC began in Cleveland, Ohio in 1964, your editor did not become Permanent Chairman till 1971. Incidentally, this plaque is made of curved glass, and we feared it would break in our suitcase on the flight back to Key West. However, the Space People watched out for us, and this did not happen!

Naturally, many of the ufological "hard core" from southern California and elsewhere were present at the conference, but mercifully Vicki Cooper and Don Ecker of "UFO Magazine" did not show up this time. Last year they were highly offended because we dared to speak to them, and Ecker thereafter wrote a libelous editorial about your editor in the next issue of their sensationalistic zine. On the other hand, this dreadful duo printed, in their most recent (Oct./Nov. 2004) issue a very nice article by Ann Druffel about the 2003 convention, entitled "Examining the Elusive at NUFOC: Angel Hair and Fluorescence". The term "angel hair" is not well known these days, but describes an unexplained whitish, fibrous material sometimes seen drifting down from hovering UFOs. Our friend Brian Boldman, who was again present at this year's NUFOC, is the leading researcher into this mysterious phenomenon.

At an informal Sunday night dinner at the Renaissance Hotel, your editor had the chance to talk at some length with Eric Kelson, whose doctorate is in chemistry. He is thus in touch with the current mainstream scientific theories about the universe, and these involve more than four dimensions. Dr. Kelson believes (if we can quote him correctly) that the so-called aliens may well be from earth, co-existing with us in another dimension. In that case, they obviously would not be coming here from other planets. Others have said the same thing. We found Dr. Kelson to be a very bright light in the ufological sky, and we hope he will be heard from again.

We should also mention that in the course of the weekend, we managed to have an interesting "secret" meeting with former ufologist William Moore, who dropped out of the scene back in 1989. We had hoped to obtain an exclusive for "Smear", but alas, we were asked not to report on the meeting at all, so we won't. Another fun meeting was with a lady referred to in ["Shockingly"](#) as Isabel Martinez (pages 144 & 146-148). This is the woman who shared some of our experiences in the ancient Peruvian graveyards, way back in the late 1950s. We had not seen her in many, many years.

Our thanks to Dr. John Miller and Lisa Davis for the fine job they did in co-hosting this year's event. Your editor has retired from NUFOC, but not from ufology. "Smear" will lurch on! All material sent to us by our readers, whether it's from the (dreaded) Net or elsewhere, will continue to be most sincerely appreciated; and, needless to say, so is Money!



PHOTOS FROM THE GLORIOUS 41st NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE:
Top left: Lisa Davis, new Permanent Chairman of the NUFOC, poses with your humble "Smear" editor. Top right: Lisa Davis and Dr. John Miller, co-hosts of this year's convention. Bottom photo: Hardcore UFO personality Timothy Green Beckley of Global Communications, together with Dave Swink, a key ufological figure in Roswell, New Mexico

REGARDING: THE UNFORTUNATE DEMISE OF NIDS (NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DISCOVERY SCIENCE), THE SEMI-MYSTERIOUS COLONEL JOHN ALEXANDER (Ret.), & HOSTILE RAVINGS FROM THE NOTORIOUS RICHARD "DICK" HALL

We are becoming more & more dependent on material that Fans and others send us from the (cursed) Net. Recently we have received information about the death of the NIDS organization, which purported to be a seriously scientific study of several kinds of anomalies, including UFOs. For example, they researched the mysterious black triangles that have been seen so many times around the world in recent years, and more or less concluded they are U.S. military airships of some sort. Their most interesting investigation was of the "Skinwalker Ranch" in Utah, where truly weird paranormal events occurred over a long period of time. Activity there has died out for the past two or three years, and NIDS strangely uses this as one of several excuses for folding its tent!

Retired Colonel John Alexander of Las Vegas was a part-time employee of NIDS for quite awhile, but has gone on to other activities. He is best known as a nationally-recognized expert on non-lethal weapons. Recently a rumor emerged that John has been seen aboard spaceships where

people, previously abducted by aliens, were being re-abducted by the U.S. government. This is a pretty wild story, and we asked Colonel John about it by phone. He replied that he wouldn't do a thing like that, because most abductees are overweight middle-aged women. We assume he was being facetious. Was he covering up? Probably not.

One reason NIDS threw in the towel was that its multi-millionaire sponsor Robert Bigelow of Las Vegas went on to other projects, such as trying to build a tourist hotel in Earth orbit - a very far-out & expensive project, to say the least. Ufologist Richard "Dick" Hall, who has interacted with Bigelow as have many others in the UFO field, has this to say as a final comment on the man: "I personally clashed with Bigelow and incurred his hatred when I walked out of a key meeting in disgust at his arbitrariness and unfair treatment of people. He hates my guts, and well - I consider him to be a nouveau riche, manipulative egomaniac who thinks he knows more than anyone else simply because he became wealthy buying and selling real estate."

Hall is a very bright but emotionally challenged individual, with whom we have clashed since the 1950s. Recently there was a "roast" on the internet for your "Smear" editor, in honor of his fifty years in ufology. In this context, Karl Pflock stated: "Love him or hate him, there's no denying that Jim Moseley, for better or worse, has been and remains a Presence in ufology". To this, Hall replied: "Yes, like a steaming turd on the living room carpet..." We should add that most comments in the "roast" were considerably more complimentary than this. Modesty prevents us from repeating them here. As for Hall, we have not spoken to him in a very long time - but not long enough!

Finally - getting back to NIDS for a moment - another reason for their demise, according to their literature, was that they had received no new UFO/paranormal cases in quite awhile. Someone has said that "this is like Hell closing down because there are no more sinners!" (Several "Smear" readers contributed material for this article, for which we offer many thanks!)

FAMED ABDUCTEE BETTY HILL DEAD AT AGE 85

When we talked to Betty Hill by phone last June, we knew that her death was not far away. She had lung cancer, and was being cared for in her New Hampshire home by two dedicated younger relatives. She died about October 17th. We have kept in touch with Betty over the years, but the reason for our phone call that day was a truly weird incident reported on the Net by Cathy Marden, one of her care givers. This story was written up in some detail in our [July 20th issue](#) of "Smear".

In brief, Betty had suffered a sprained wrist from a fall, for which she had a splint. She was also in severe pain for this and other reasons, and was on morphine. Somehow, while Betty was asleep one night, the splint was removed and the ace bandage that was tightly wrapped around her hand and forearm were also removed from her arm without being unwrapped. These items plus a sling which held her arm in place, were found neatly placed on a chair approximately ten feet away. Also, the dead bolt lock on the back door of Betty's house had been unlocked, and the door was wide open. All this happened without waking Betty up!

This story, if true, defies explanation. In our brief conversation with Betty, she was unable to offer any explanation at all!

This "last miracle" was a fitting end for a life that had been filled with ufological weirdness. Betty Hill, later known as "The First Lady of UFOs", was traveling home from Canada on September 19th, 1961 with her late husband Barney, when they were apparently abducted by humanoid aliens and subjected to two hours of "missing time". Their memories were later refreshed



under hypnosis (separately) by a trained psychiatrist, who, however, concluded that there was no objective reality to the event. This did not stop a 1966 book by John Fuller, called "Interrupted Journey", from becoming a best seller. There was also a made-for-television movie called "UFO Incident", starring James Earl Jones and Estelle Getty as the Hills.

Betty Hill lectured around the country about her experience for many years, accompanied by Barney until his death in 1969. She also had numerous sightings of strange objects in the area around her New Hampshire home, which she considered to be a "window" area. She would take selected friends with her on these little expeditions. Unfortunately the slides she made from these sightings were not at all impressive, as we found out in 1980 when she lectured for a New York City NUFOC convention of ours. On that occasion the highly pro-saucer audience became rude & unruly, and your humble "Smear" editor had to plead with the people to be respectful to our esteemed guest!

In 1995 Betty self-published a book called "A Common Sense Approach to UFOs". In recent years she has complained about the deluge of UFO sightings and abduction reports, believing that most of these abductions are not physically real. Betty often said that if they were all true, airplanes would not be able to fly through the skies because of the overwhelming number of alien aircraft hovering around! While she was right about that, we should also consider the fact that she probably wanted her own experience to remain relatively unique.

We never knew Barney, but we liked Betty Hill, and always felt that she was sincere in her statements and beliefs. Her 1961 experience set the standard for what are now called "greys", though her aliens looked a bit different from what is now the norm.

It's sad that there is such a large number of deaths (none of them mysterious) of leading saucerers in the past few years. Hopefully new people will replace them. Further along, in the Letters section of this issue, we have a brief discussion of the recent death of former astronaut Gordon Cooper, who was apparently more of a UFO buff than any of the other astronauts.

TIDBITS OF TRASH

- We continue to critique most issues of the MUFON UFO Journal. In general, this zine is getting more & more speculative (=wilder) as the years roll by, at the same time that the hierarchy tries in vain to achieve respectability for the subject. Obviously they can't crash into the mainstream while publishing material that is increasingly subjective!

The October 2004 issue contains articles about an alleged alien hybrid and also about reptilians. There is, however, a well-done piece about Nikola Tesla, though of course this has nothing to do with UFOs. Stanton Friedman presents a somewhat incoherent treatise on his differences with SETI. There is also an interesting article about an "impressive" crop circle in Ohio. The link between UFOs and crop circles has never been firmly established.

We decided to interview retired MUFON czar Walt Andrus by phone about all this, especially in regard to the fact that MUFON's journal circulation has dropped to about 2,400 from a peak of over 5,000 during the 1999-2000 period. He correctly believes that the 9/11 disaster has a lot to do with this, as people's minds are more than ever focused on national security. Andrus spoke of two alleged chupacabras that have recently been shot & killed in his home state of Texas. Though still having no connection with UFOs, this story should be most interesting when it comes out...

FLASH: There's a book just out featuring the Flatwoods (West Virginia) Monster - now known as the Braxton County Monster. Author Frank Feschino Jr. uses both terms in his title: "The Braxton County Monster: The Cover-Up of the Flatwoods Monster Revealed". The publisher is Quarrier Press of Charleston, W.Va.

Your "Smear" editor has been through Flatwoods many times, when visiting the late, great Gray Barker, who lived very near there during his last years on earth. We never reinterviewed the witnesses, however. Barker wrote one of the two original reports on the incident, which occurred on the night of September 12th, 1952. The other report was written by the late Ivan Sanderson.

The famous Monster, or whatever it was, was seen by a woman named Kathleen May and a group of local boys who went up a hill to investigate the crash of a fireball of some sort. According to Ms. May and other witnesses, the group came upon a 12-foot-high metallic creature perched in a tree. The creature spewed oil on Ms. May's clothing, and it emitted a noxious mist which sickened those who came near it. The little group ran back down the hillside in disaray, and soon contacted appropriate authorities.

Ms. May, who is still alive, was honored two years ago at a 50th anniversary celebration near Flatwoods. Also present was Frank Feschino Jr. and the inevitable Stanton Friedman. Friedman, who is running out of steam with his "Cosmic Watergate", has jumped on several new bandwagons in recent years!

Incidentally, Gray Barker died twenty years ago this month, and we still miss him as much as ever. (Our thanks to researcher Tom Benson for this item, from the Net.) ...

- Next, there is the semi-mysterious disappearance of a gentleman named Curt Sutherly, who lives in a small Pennsylvania town and is a civilian employee of the U.S. Air Force (just as Larry Bryant used to be). Friends did not hear from Sutherly for a period of months, and became worried. He is the author of two very good recent books on UFOs and Fortean subjects (monsters, etc.), and more importantly, he is a member of the Permanent Organizing Committee of the NUFOC. (We're just kidding about the importance of this.)

It turns out that Sutherly was merely away, in Canada, on temporary duty for his military bosses. He's back home now, and back in touch.

- Finally, Pat Marcattilio ("Dr. UFO") recently held his last convention at the usual seedy motel in Bordontown, N.J. The featured speaker was famed Mexican journalist Jaime Maussan - the man who brought us the recent video of invisible (to the eye) objects apparently stalking a Mexican military plane. Now he has come up with video footage of winged humanoid creatures cavorting in the clouds, and also an injured alien lying on the ground. The entity somehow got away, thereafter. (Wild!)

Pflock Ptalk - SAUCERS OF THE SIXTIES

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



This time I'm taking a slight detour from my personal reminiscences of the Golden Age of Saucers to review an important contribution to the study of that age. Never fear, next time it's back to tales from my saucer-haunted youth.

If ufology is ever to emerge from its marginal status on the fringes of scientific respectability, it's volumes such as Richard Hall's new "Alien Invasion or Human Fantasy? The 1966-67 Wave" that will make it possible (152 pp., large-format paperback, \$29 including s&h, from the Fund for UFO Research, POB 277, Mount Rainier, Md. 20712).

As loyal "Smear" non-subscribers, especially the Really Olde Ones, well know, the UFO sighting wave of 1966-67 was a watershed for ufology. It brought serious and thoughtful demands from the mainstream media and, in turn, the U.S. Congress for an independent scientific investigation. It gave us "swamp gas" as an almost universally understood joke and characterization of the U.S. Air Force's approach to the problem. It also brought us, for better or worse, the emergence of Stan Friedman and one James W. Moseley as lecture-circuit stars. Sadly, it ended in frustration for those of us who had high hopes, when the Air Force-funded University of Colorado UFO Project proved to be not so independent and not so scientific.

However, the wave also left us with a rich, deep vein of data. Ufological graybeard Dick Hall has done an outstanding job of compiling 787 sighting reports from what he rightly calls "the Mother of All UFO Waves" (the Father was the wave of 1952) and putting them into historical context with his highly readable and concisely informative introduction. This is a volume densely packed with information. Sighting distributions are displayed on U.S. Census maps throughout and on a color national map in the appendix, relating sightings to population densities. Many sighting summaries are illustrated with genuinely illuminating rather than sensational drawings based upon witness descriptions. Salient features of the sightings - shapes, colors, times of day, reported physical effects, occupants and interactions with them, radar contacts, unusual maneuvers, luminosity, and more - are collected, related, and compared in an extensive set of color bar graphs.

This is the sourcebook with which anyone conducting research into the 1966-67 wave should begin. Those who consider Hall's careful presentation and interpretation of the data with open minds will be hard pressed not to discount entirely human fantasy as an explanation for what was going on then - not to mention during the two preceding decades and the years that followed. Whoever/whatever They are, They were here. Maybe They still are. Maybe.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

- WALT ANDRUS, retired International Director of MUFON, writes:

"It was a pleasure to hear from you by telephone and more recently the receipt of 'Saucer Smear'. Yes, it is about time that I mail you a contribution for future copies of your zine, since I was on the complimentary list for so many years. This is a means of learning about the fringe news in Ufology that is interesting and keeps me in touch. Thank you. A check is enclosed... I hope you did not receive major damage from the numerous hurricanes that struck Florida recently."

- Long-time researcher BILL JONES writes as follows:

"I must respond to your comments in [the Oct. 15th, 2004 issue](#) of "Smear" because I was involved with one of the MUFON UFO Journal articles that you critiqued.

"With regard to the Alaska case, I was approached by Victoria Jahnke at the MUFON Dearborn, Michigan symposium. She told me the story about the Strange visitors and the salve material that they provided during their visit so many years ago. The visitors certainly acted and looked alien, but she made no claim that they were alien to this planet. There was no saucer hovering nearby. It was just an interesting story that may or may not involve UFOs. That possibility, unstated and however far out, certainly makes the case a candidate for the Journal. When Ms. Jahnke said that she wanted the material analyzed, I thought of Mrs. Budinger, who was also attending the symposium. I introduced them to each other and then went on my merry way.

"I think it is important to note that Mrs. Budinger is a trained and experienced analytical chemist who is more than qualified to do this type of analysis. For example, she did an excellent study of the late Betty Hill's dress that Betty had worn during her quite famous abduction event. The analysis of Ms. Jahnke's salve was completed with like skill, and the results published in the MUFON UFO Journal, as you noted. The report's potential value is that if another similar case occurs, hopefully a better-documented case with a UFO hovering nearby, then there will be a completed analysis against which to compare the materials from the new case. The fact that the material wasn't anomalous may be the most important finding. Why does an alien material, assuming that is what it was, always have to be different from something we on Earth might manufacture?..."

Editor's Note: It seems to us that the "alien material" probably was not alien at all! That would explain why it was no different from something we on Earth might manufacture!

- Loyal "Smear" fan CHRISTOPHER ROTH writes:

"I suppose you're on top of the news regarding the two major recent deaths in the UFO world: John Mack and astronaut Gordon Cooper. Cooper, as you know, claimed to have seen a UFO from aboard a space capsule in 1963 and to have chased UFOs as a military pilot in Germany in the 1950s. He also addressed the United Nations on the issue of UFOs in the 1980s. I think he was the most outspoken of all the astronauts on the subject..."

Cooper, who died at the age of 77, wrote "Leap of Faith: An Astronaut's Journey into the Unknown" in the year 2000, and in this book he devoted seven chapters to the flying saucer subject. He even lectured at one MUFON convention. He could well be described as a True Believer!- Editor.

- Researcher BILLY RACHELS writes as follows regarding [the 1973 Alabama incident](#) reported in our last issue:

"...As to your postcard dated Sept. 30th, I don't know what happened to the police chief. You might be able to look him up on the Net. I do know that for six months to a year after the encounter, he believed that what he saw was real and unknown, and he reported the facts as they were. He was a no-nonsense type of police officer.

"There is, however, sad news: For just doing his job he caught hell from some of the local townspeople. He received some death threats. His wife left him and his trailer home was burned up. They think someone set it on fire. With all this shit coming down on him, he was forced to resign his post as police chief.

"It's kind of hard to do your job in a smalltown when you lose the people's respect. Why they turned on him, I don't know. After all, he was just doing his duty as he saw it. You either believed him or you didn't. There was no need to get shitty about it!

"I do not know if all this turned him off police work or if he stayed in the field. That's the best I can do for you. I hope it helps. Thanks for writing, and stay in touch!

***Editor's Note:** We have here an interesting letter from hard-core skeptic Dr. Gary Posner, and also a couple of other worthwhile missives which, unfortunately, Space does not allow us to publish until our next glorious issue of "Smear". That issue should be out some time in the early part of January, 2005. Happy New Year to all of you!*

KEEPING THEIR NAME

The 150 or so residents of the Austrian village of Fucking have voted against changing the name. despite road signs being regularly stolen by Anglophones.

Spokesman Siegfried Hoeppl said the name came from Herr Fuck and his family who settled in the area 100 years ago, while the suffix "-ing" meant village or settlement. Locals didn't know the English meaning until Allied soldiers arrived in 1945. Similar votes on a name-change have taken place recently in the Austrian towns of Wank am see, Vomitville and Windpassing. *Ananova, 8 June 2004.*



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MUFON ON THE MARCH!

One of the strangest stories we have ever read in the MUFON Journal, or anywhere else for that matter, is in the August 2004 issue, entitled "Salve Analyzed from Strange Case in Alaska".

It seems that sometime between 1949 and 1951, a stark naked couple came to the door of a resident of an unnamed town in Alaska, and asked for permission to bathe. The resident, named Victoria Jahnke, reluctantly agreed. The couple were covered in dirt or dust. Before they left, she gave them clothes! When she cleaned out the bathtub after them, her hands went numb for some unexplained reason. Nothing she did would help. Then came a knock at the door, and a very tall man was standing there with a tube of salve in his hand.

Victoria used the salve on her hands, and the numbness went away. She then kept the remainder of the tube of salve for all these years, until an analytical scientist named Phyllis Budinger recently learned about the case and took an interest. The bulk of the Journal article is devoted to her chemical analysis of this substance, without any mention of whether there was anything anomalous about it or not!

What does all this have to do with flying saucers, you might ask? Absolutely nothing, as far as we can tell. The term isn't even used anywhere in the article. All we have is the outline of an unproven unusual event that doesn't seem to have had anything to do with UFOs or anything else. Phyllis Budinger is known for her pro-abduction views, but whatever point is proven in this article is completely lost on us. Shame on the MUFON Journal for printing such nonsense!...

The lead article in the same issue of the MUFON Journal is written by an engineer from North Carolina named Scott Ramsey. Since 1988 he has made countless trips all the way to New Mexico to investigate the legendary Aztec UFO landing story, and he claims to have spent over \$200,000 of his own money on this research. However, the truth is that a large part of this money was the cost of business trips he would have been making anyhow. Nevertheless, this is quite a commitment.

The Aztec crash/retrieval syndrome, too long to recount in detail here, began at approximately 5 a.m. on March 25th, 1948, when two men claimed to have found a "large disc" lying on a mesa in the desert. Some of the alleged witnesses involved in this incident are still alive, and they have been interviewed by Ramsey. Their stories differ from each other in many ways.

Of course, the Aztec story got its start in Frank Scully's famous 1950 book "Behind the Flying Saucers". His sources included a (later) convicted con man named Silas Newton and a mysterious "Dr. G". The whole thing was later exposed by a magazine writer named J.P. Cahn, but naturally that was not the end of it. Interestingly, the alleged Roswell crash of 1947 is not mentioned in Scully's book at all.

Your "Smear" editor interviewed Frank Scully and Silas Newton in late 1953, and was not at all convinced of the sincerity of either of them. However, our negative impressions are not proof of anything. No less a luminary than Nuclear Physicist Stanton Friedman says, "I have spent a lot of time with Scott (Ramsey), and am very favorably impressed with him...I too was anti-Aztec, but have changed my mind and have spoken at three of their annual celebrations."

Like Roswell, Aztec has jumped onto the annual convention bandwagon in recent years. It is generally understood that the Aztec story is less well substantiated than the similar story from Roswell. In neither case is there a "smoking gun". so speculation will continue forever!

The September issue of the MUFON UFO Journal is even more weird than the August one! Included is a nice advertisement for the forthcoming National UFO Conference in Hollywood, California, so we will try to be kind in our criticisms.

We begin with the drawing on the cover, showing the face of a possible alien hybrid, who was for awhile a blind young lady's college roommate. Then we come to an Ohio case (no names or date

given) called "Witnesses Report Encounter with Entity", which the author himself gives only a rating of 4, on a scale of one to ten, for "Strangeness and Reliability". Next there is a pro-reptilian article by Reverend Bev Trout, who is MUFON's Iowa State Director. She seems to be saying that there are strong reptilian/alien influences in mankind's past and present. Maybe, but where on earth is the proof?

Our favorite article is a short item entitled "'Mantis' Entities Reported in Arkansas". An unnamed witness and his girlfriend were "lying on the grass in Key Rogers Park... (just) hanging out", when they were astounded by two very tall figures "that had preying mantis-like heads... Their eyes would change from blood red to neon green. We stood there staring at each other for five or six minutes, at which time they disappeared into a white light..." Did anyone else see these figures? Inquiring minds would like to know. Or maybe it's just a case of sex and saucers!

Finally, there is a review of Budd Hopkins' latest book "Sight Unseen: UFO Invisibility and Transgenic Beings". Here it seems that the aliens have the ability to not only make themselves invisible, but to make humans invisible as well. Included in the book is the strange experience (we kid you not!) of UFO abductee and author Katherina Wilson in a Chicago airport, when none of the restroom's automatic faucets would activate for her, "although they were working fine for other travelers". We really don't know what to say about this! Apparently she was not only invisible, but somehow, she simply was not there! We will leave it to more highly advanced minds than ours to get to the bottom of this sort of thing!

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- There's new hope, no matter how faint, that we earthlings have recently received radio signals from intelligent beings way, way out there in Space. According to New Scientist Magazine, a signal from a point between the Pisces and Aries constellations has been picked up three times by a telescope in Puerto Rico. The magazine warns that the signal could be generated by a previously unknown astronomical phenomenon or even be a by-product of the telescope itself. But the mystery has excited astronomers around the world!

The signals were broadcast on the main frequency at which the universe's most common element absorbs and emits energy, and which astronomers say is the most likely means by which intelligent aliens would advertise their presence. These signals were picked up through the SETI@home project, which uses programs running as screen-savers on millions of personal computers worldwide, to sift through the huge amount of data coming into the telescope, Dr. Paul Horowitz of Harvard University, a worthy successor to Dr. Donald Menzel (a supreme UFO debunker of yesteryear), had this to say: "It's not much of anything at all. We're not investigating it further". Other mainstream scientists gave similar opinions. All we can say is, "Time Will Tell"! (Our thanks to Denis Corey)...

- "Smear" readers know that we have been following the career of self-appointed whistleblower Larry Bryant of Alexandria, Virginia. Larry's main focus is UFOs, though he has recently veered off onto other topics, such as asking for the impeachment of the President for purely political reasons! Now he presents us with a copy of "An Open Letter to the New Mexico Governor". It seems that Governor Bill Richardson has stated publicly that he favors "a formal governmental re-examination of the so-called Roswell Incident". We would be more impressed with this were it not for the fact that old Bill has also asked for an investigation of the true burial place of famed western outlaw "Billy the Kid". (Sites in New Mexico and Texas have been claimed to be authentic.) It seems that Bill Richardson favors anything that will increase tourism to his beloved state!

Bryant asks that a grand jury be impaneled to, among other things, answer the questions "Who authorized, conducted, and suppressed the official crash-retrieval operation? Where are the confiscated material and other wreckage of the craft being stored, and by whom, and under what legal authority?" Etc., etc.

Of course Roswell has been examined and re-examined numerous times, with no "smoking gun" emerging. What if there really is no wreckage or alien bodies? Some people will never be satisfied here; but for those with an open mind on the subject, we still recommend the worthy tome published in 2001 by our esteemed contributing editor, Karl Pflock. It is called **"Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe"**. We wonder if Larry Bryant has ever bothered to read this!

- Lucius Farish's "UFO Newsclipping Service" continues to carry English translations of interesting articles about weird events in South America. Chile continues to host its own versions of the dreaded "chupacabras". An item headlined "Alleged Winged Creatures Cause Panic Among Peasants" tells us of a man named Juan Acuna who was attacked by two animals while returning home in a rural area late one night in early July. They scratched him badly with their claws until he escaped by jumping into a nearby canal. Juan was taken to the hospital for his injuries and then released. Unfortunately, no attempt was made at the hospital to ascertain the exact nature of the wounds and what their cause may have been.

Juan Acuna described the animals as dog faced and having wings. The creatures followed him along the edge of the canal and then flew away, he claims.

There were no other witnesses to this event, but a large number of farm animals were killed mysteriously in the same area around that time. The mayor of a nearby town called Parral was quoted as saying, "If the chupacabras has done anything positive by its presence, it's that we have fewer people on the streets at night, which I think is good. I hope the chupacabras won't attack decent folks but only the delinquents who are up to no good in Parral".

We believe he was kidding!

- The well-known giant explosion over Siberia in 1908 was back in the news again recently. A new expedition of Russian researchers claims to have found evidence that an alien spaceship had something to do with it, but no such wreckage has been found, as far as we know. This new ET claim is "a rather stupid hoax", according to one scientist; but the expedition members now claim to have located "an extraterrestrial device" consisting of "a large block made of metal". They have chipped off a piece of it for laboratory study. p> The orthodox viewpoint is that the Siberian devastation was caused by a very large meteorite which, instead of hitting the ground, exploded above the surface. The explosion on June 30th, 1908 was equivalent to twenty million tons of TNT! Witnesses twenty to forty miles from the impact point experienced a sudden thermal blast that could be felt through several layers of clothing. The blast was recorded as an earthquake at several weather stations in Siberia. No crater was ever found, and wild speculation has been running rampant ever since.

Some reputable researchers believe that the cause was a comet nucleus or a stony asteroid, rather than a meteorite. But those with a sufficient "Will to Believe" can't rule out the possibility that it was a spaceship. (Our thanks, once again, to Denis Corey.)

- Ufological debunkers often ask - quite legitimately- if aliens from other planets are really visiting us, why are there no clear pictures of them? In the current issue of "The Messenger", editor Ray Cecot (P.O. Box 12233, Albany, N.Y. 12212) takes up this question. The following story was supplied to him by long--time researcher Billy Rachels of Georgia, whom we have had contact with on & off over the years.

On the evening of October 17th, 1973, there was an incident near Falkville, Alabama, in which a policeman named Jeffrey Greenhaw took four polaroid photos of a mysterious humanoid seen walking down the middle of a rural road. The officer was responding to a phone call to the police station, in which it was claimed that a spacecraft had landed nearby. However, no such craft was ever seen - making this into one more UFO incident without a UFO! Jeffrey Greenhaw, at age 23, was police chief of the little town of Falkville, and it is not clear how many other men were on the force, if any. He happened to have a polaroid camera

in his police car, and as the creature approached him on the highway, he took one picture at a distance of about 50 feet, another at 20 feet, and two more at a distance of only ten feet!

At that point the entity stopped walking toward him and just stood there. The chief considered pointing his revolver at it, but decided against the idea. Instead, he chased it in his patrol car, but the frightened creature allegedly outran the car and quickly disappeared.

This entity was said to be very human in size, and wore a one-piece tinfoil-type "spacesuit". Its movements were described as rigid and stiff, not with the flexibility of a normal human being. It could move about ten feet in just one step, according to the chief.

Cynics said that the outfit worn by the creature looks like a fire fighter's suit, but though similar, the suit is not the same. "The Messenger" shows two photos side by side - one of the entity and the other of an admitted human being in such a suit. They do indeed look different from each other, but the pictures are too dark to reproduce here.

In our humble opinion, this incident was probably a hoax, but the policeman would have had to be in on it. No sane individual would face an armed cop in this manner, not knowing what said cop would decide to do. We wish we knew more about young Greenhaw's background, and what his attitude toward the incident really was. Perhaps some of our readers have more information.

PSYCHIATRIST JOHN MACK MOVES ON TO A HIGHER PLANE

The world of ufology was shocked at the sudden death, on September 27th, of Dr. John Mack of Harvard University. He was 74 years old. The prestigious professor was in London for a lecture on a topic not related to UFOs. He was hit by a drunken driver while walking and was apparently killed instantly. We just hope the UFO field will not read anything sinister into this, but one internet version of the obituary is entitled "ANOTHER UFO RESEARCHER KILLED". Why search for mystery when there is none?

Mack was the author of two important books about alien abductions. He believed that such incidents have both a physical and spiritual component, and in this he disagreed with abduction researcher Budd Hopkins and others, who stuck to the physical aspect.

Mack's greatest fame was his biography of T. E. Laurence (Laurence of Arabia) in 1977, for which he won the Pulitzer Prize in biography. His interest in ufology developed in more recent years.

We did not know Dr. Mack personally, but he seems to have been a brilliant and eccentric man. In 1994 the Dean of Harvard Medical School appointed a committee of Mack's peers to investigate his treatment of abductees who came to him to tell their stories. Mack won out completely in this embarrassing episode, and his freedom to study and state his views freely was reaffirmed. This was, in our opinion, a great triumph for academic freedom, irregardless of whether one agrees with Dr. Mack's views or not!

"SMEAR" EDITOR RESIGNS AS PERMANENT CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE!

In the year 1964, the National UFO Conference was co-founded (under another name) in Cleveland, Ohio by ufologists Rick Hilberg, Allen Greenfield, and the late Al Manak. Manak was Permanent Chairman until 1971, at which time your humble "Smear" editor assumed that position, up to the present time.

Moseley personally hosted conventions in New York City in 1967 and 1980, and in 1990 he and Tim Beckley co-hosted the event in Miami Beach, Florida. The gatherings in other years were hosted by many other ufologists in various cities around the country. Many of these involved Rick Hilberg, who continues to be the leading ufological light in Cleveland. Others of these annual events took place as far away as California.

The main task of the Permanent Chairman has been to find someone each year who is willing and able to undertake the complex responsibility of sponsoring a convention. Few of these gatherings have made any money for the sponsor after all expenses were paid. Obviously, a sponsor has to be motivated at least in part by a desire to be an active part of the ufological scene and "to get the Truth across".

There has always been a "Permanent Organizing Committee" to advise the Permanent Chairman, if he (or she) so desires. Currently this group consists of: Rick Hilberg, Karl Pflock, Matt Graeber, Tom Benson, Tim Beckley, William Moore, Allen Greenfield, Antonio Huneus, Curt Sutherly, and Tim Brigham - most of whom are well known in the more conservative wing of ufology.

The 2003 NUFOC convention was hosted by Dr. John Miller of California, with help from a lady named Ms Lisa Davis. The 2004 event, amply advertised in this issue of "Smear" is co-hosted by Miller and Davis. For the 2005 convention, Ms. Davis will take over as Permanent Chairman and local sponsor, no doubt aided again by Dr. Miller. It is the intention of these people to continue holding the NUFOC in southern California, rather than moving it around the country as before. (See John Miller's letter further along on this page). In this way, it is hoped that the organization will succeed in building up more of a following than it has in the past. It appears that MUFON may be going in this same direction, as this year's convention was in John Schuessler's home state of Colorado, and next year's will be there also.

Lisa Davis has been an abduction researcher for seven years. In 2003 she formed the Foundation for Abduction Research and Support (FFARS), the goal of which is to educate, support, and empower individuals unwillingly involved in the abduction experience. FFARS provides a world-wide platform of objective information for the general public on the abduction phenomenon. Lisa's website is www.ffars.com. There is also a support group that meets monthly in San Diego, where Ms. Davis lives.

Lisa Davis is a vivacious young lady with enthusiasm for the UFO subject, and we know she will do well. In her personal views, she has studied the Bible for enlightenment on the subject, and is currently working on a book. Says she: "I now believe this mystery to be a multi-faceted phenomenon, with many different meanings and reasons. My book is about the four main trains of thought on what the abduction mystery may be."

We will have more to say about all this in our next issue.

SPEAKING OF DELLSCHAU

by Dennis Crenshaw

You really got my attention when I ran across the article, "Charles Dellschau and the Sonora Aero Club" by Dennis Stacy, in the July 20th, 2004 issue of "Saucer Smear". It perked my interest because it just happened to be that the very next day I was leaving for Houston, Texas for meetings with Pete Navarro and Bob Gunner on that very subject - Dellschau and his Sonora Aero Club.

As you may know, Pete Navarro is the man who broke the Dellschau code. Today anything that is known about Dellschau and his Aeros comes from information furnished by Pete or his research partner, the late Jimmy Ward, or both, regardless of what others may claim.

Seven years ago Pete asked me to help him condense his over 5,000 pages of documents,

drawings and photos into a manageable report, and then collaborate on a book on the subject. After many years of work in a partnership that has grown into a very warm friendship, we have finally completed the project. We scheduled our last meetings to finalize details on our book about Dellschau for the week of August 6-15, 2004.

Bob Gunner is Editor/Publisher of Cyber-Pulp/HoustonUSA, which will be publishing our book, which is called "Secrets of Dellschau: The Sonora Aero Club and the Airships of the 1800s". Bob is on the cutting edge of using the computer as a publishing tool. Our expected publishing date is mid-December of this year.

Over the years there have been many different theories regarding Dellschau and his detailed drawings - everything from his having been an alien, to "he was just a crazy old man with too much time on his hands". And, naturally, after seven years of studying Pete's research, I have started to develop my own ideas.

Of course there is the possibility of the obvious: Dellschau may simply have been obsessed with getting information he had in his possession - or even only in his imagination - documented before he passed on.

However, whether he got the information from a secret society named the Sonora Aero Club, or the even more secretive NYMZA, or his friend Peter Mennis - or even from his own mind - the most important questions to be answered are: Did the machinery and the flying machines he diagramed in his thousands of drawings actually work? And, was the NB gas he claimed to be the source of power and "lift" actually an anti-gravity fuel?

Unfortunately when it comes to being able to answer a concrete "yes" or "no" to anything regarding Dellschau and his claims, we have a very big problem. The first and most important half of Dellschau's story is lost. There are still 2,500 of his drawings out there somewhere. These are drawings made before the ones studied by Pete. These early parts of the story are the ones that naturally would have covered just how NB gas and the machinery worked. By the time of the creation of the 2,500 Dellschau drawings that Pete has studied, the background would all have been explained in the earlier works. Dellschau would have had no reason to repeat the information in these later drawings.

Although Pete had unlimited access to every Dellschau drawing that is known to exist, he believes that the final answers we seek are hidden in those early, lost drawings.

Our book, "The Secrets of Dellschau" was not written to "solve" the mystery. For the reasons stated above, that can't be done. Our purpose was to pass Pete's research and findings along to others who might be interested, or who might even have missing pieces of the puzzle in their possession and not even know it. We also wanted to present these findings in an enjoyable and easy to read format. We think we have accomplished our goal, and are very proud of our book!

Today Dellschau's notebooks have now been broken up into separate pages and spread all over the world. One framed page out of Dellschau's notebooks sells for a hefty \$15,000 to \$25,000! Never again will anyone be able to study the complete known Dellschau collection. We hope our book in some small way will help to fill that void. Such an amazing story should not be lost!

So - Mr. Stacy may be right. Dellschau may have been, and probably was, an Outsider Artist. But I think that after he has read "The Secrets of Dellschau" and has studied the illustrations therein, he would agree with us that there's more to the Dellschau drawings than what first appears.

Editor's Note: We look forward to this book, and we definitely intend to review it in the pages of a forthcoming "Smear".

Pflock Ptalk - THE COMING OF MY SAUCERS

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Last time, I promised to devote a few columns to recollections of my saucered-up youth, recalling the Golden Age of UFOs from a kid's-eye point of view. This time, I begin making good on that "threat". Just so there's no doubt about what I think I'm doing: This ain't Serious Ufology, loyal Smearites. It's just my memories, flawed, fragmentary, beclouded, and "enhanced" by time, of a perhaps too smart, imaginative boy's summer days and winter nights made magical by flying saucers from outer (and inner) space.

It was during my sixth or seventh summer (1948 or '49) that I first heard a crashed-saucer tale. Perched on the tailgate of a surplus army truck at another child's birthday party, I listened raptly as several of the fathers discussed the capture of a downed flying saucer and the bodies of the hapless crew of little men from another planet - an event in which one of the fathers claimed to have participated.

This fellow, now long dead, had been in the U.S. Army, stationed somewhere in the American southwest sometime after the end of World War II. He said he was part of a detail sent out to recover the strange craft and bodies. Everything was rounded up and whisked away to some unknown location. All involved were sworn to secrecy. This yarn, now all too familiar in one guise or another, fascinated me, inspiring a nearly life-long involvement with UFOs.

Needless to say, I don't recall the story I heard that day so long ago in any detail (hey, I'm no Gerald Anderson). My recollection of it, probably somewhat conflated with other stories over the years, bears a close resemblance to the discredited Aztec crash of 1948, now on at least its second round of attempted resuscitation, this time by my friend Scott Ramsey and the Inevitable Stan Friedman - and wait'll you read my book with Nick Redfern. The saucer was tracked to its grounding by radar. When military search and recovery teams located it, they discovered it was only slightly damaged, having floated gently to earth. However, the "bunch of little men" (these words I remember without any doubt) who crewed the thing were dead, though not visibly harmed. The saucer was dismantled and trucked out, and the bodies of the crew were "shipped back east" (again, very clear memories).

Definitely sounds like Aztec, doesn't it? The only thing is, it's certain I heard this account before Frank Scully broke the Aztec story in his "Variety" column in October 1949. When I again started giving serious consideration to crashed-saucer tales back in the 1980s, I did my best to recall all I could about what I'd heard. I discussed it with my parents, both of whom remembered the party well. They confirmed it was a summer event and for a number of reasons were certain it was held in 1948 or 1949, definitely not earlier or later.

My father also had a vague recollection of the captured saucer yarn. It should be noted that both my folks remembered the man who told the story, one of my father's college bookstore employees, was a blowhard and teller of tall tales, who had a habit of claiming to have lived a life far more exciting than the one he'd actually lived. However, he did serve in the army during World War II and, somewhere in the southwest, for a time after.

Try as I might, I have never been able to come up with any independent confirmation of this titillating tale. Back then, though, all that mattered to me and the other kids was, "Wow! A real flying saucer, with little men from Mars in it". It made great fodder for the make-believe game we played well into the evening that day, and for the dreams that followed that night.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

- MARTIN KOTTMAYER writes:

"I enjoyed the latest 'Smear'. I had to write because it was too-quickly pointed out to me that I am ineligible to be called a 'Super-Skeptic'. The present issue of Vogue has a piece that ponders why the Era of the Supers is over. It points out that there has been no newly named supermodels, or for that matter superstars, in several years now. The acid test is whether the person is recognized when there is no surname attached. Say Tyra and everybody knows it is Tyra Bankis. Say Christy, obviously Christie Brinkley. Say Kate; obviously Kate Moss. Of stars, think Nicole.

"In ufology, only 'Jerry', 'Uncle Phil' and 'Supreme Commander' have that kind of NoSurname-Required recognition. While I have been told more than once that I have a weird type of legendary status, nobody would say I have the level of recognitmon to be 'super-anything'. There are individuals who would say I'm not even a proper skeptic, whatever that means.

"So, too little and too late."

- DR. JOHN MILLER writes as follows:

"It was good talking to you the other day. I'm fine with the idea of Ms. Davis taking over the National Chairmanship for the NUFOC. She has the money and youthful enthusiasm to keep on putting on conferences out here on the West Coast...She plans to establish a continuous annual presence for NUFOC in this area-probably Hollywood. I will help her, but I can't be the main guy next year. I have too many irons in the fire. I am honored that you would seriously consider me for the National Chairmanship.

"Ms. Davis has rented office space and plans to create a continuing presence for NUFOC there and on the Internet. I see this as the proper way to go!..."

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A "SMEAR" EXCLUSIVE! DR. BRUCE MACCABEE TAKES A LIE

DETECTOR TEST REGARDING THE CLASSIC GULF BREEZE UFO CASE!

Our readers hopefully will remember the sensational Gulf Breeze, Florida UFO sightings and Photographs, orchestrated by local businessman Ed Walters. These began in the Fall of 1987 and culminated in a startling episode on May 1st, 1988. After that, the Space People apparently abandoned Ed Walters permanently, for some reason.

One of the experts who came forth to examine these photographs was atmospheric physicist Dr. Bruce Maccabee, who is affiliated with MUFON and is still active in the UFO field. His conclusion was that the photos are genuine, whereas other experts disagreed! Ed's first book, written with his wife Frances, came out in 1990 and was ca31ed "The Gulf Breeze Sightings". For this Ed received a publisher's advance of about \$200,000, and Maccabee received a net payment of \$18,000 for contributing one key chapter.

One Gulf Breeze skeptic in particular has insisted that Maccabee received a "pay-off" of \$5,000 or more, "under the table" for his contribution, in addition to the \$18,000 that everyone agrees about. This skeptic is named Jerry Black, and he is a stubborn soul. He has pursued the matter all these years, and on May 10th of this year, Dr. Maccabee took an agreed-upon lie detector test, paid for by Black, and administrated by a polygraph expert named Don Seiler. There were three questions in the test, worded as follows:

1. Before July 1st, 1988, were you offered any amount of money to write a chapter for the Ed Walters book?
2. Before July 1st, 1988, were you offered any amount of money to write a chapter for the Ed Walters book or for any other reason?
3. Before July 1st, 1988, did you receive any amount of money to write a chapter for the Ed Walters book?

Obviously, the \$18,000 Maccabee admits receiving was after July 1st, 1988. Actually, it was in January of 1989. He therefore answered NO to all the questions! Don Seiler sent a detailed written report on the test to Black and Maccabee, which we have not seen. However, the gist of the conclusion was: **INCONCLUSIVE**. This means that nothing has been proven either way, in regard to Maccabee's veracity. Black wasted his money and Maccabee wasted his time!

We talked by phone recently to both gentlemen about all this. Black seems frustrated and disappointed, whereas Maccabee seems light-hearted about the result. Black wanted the questions worded differently, but apparently they had to be worded so that the answer would be based on a very simple concept; the answers to more complicated questions would be harder to judge.

Dr. Maccabee is not sure why the result was "inconclusive", but he says that it may have been because he was somewhat spooked by the polygraph device, and also, he chose to give his answers very slowly. Whatever the reason, this leaves the controversy unresolved. In our opinion, polygraphs are not 100% accurate, and even a definite result one way or the other would not have settled anything, nor proved anything.

Regarding the Gulf Breeze sightings of 1988-1989, there will always be True Believers and True Nonbelievers. Our own opinion is definitely negative, though we have met Ed Walters several times and liked him personally. We have detailed opinions which are expressed eloquently in Chapter 15 of our book (still in print!) **Shockingly Close to the Truth!**, written with "Smear" contributing editor Karl Pflock.

Our thanks to Bruce Maccabee for his cooperation for this article.

TIDBITS OF TRASH

- **Researcher Tom Benson has sent us a wonderful UFO-related story from Roswell. It seems that a man named David Baumann has a permanent attraction there, which sounds like it is basically a haunted house, on Main Street, where tourists go in and are grappled by fake aliens of various kinds. The attraction is called Alien Encounter, and has been duplicated elsewhere, in theme parks and such.**

In front of Alien Encounter sits Fred, a 50-pound mannequin (a word we misspelled in our last issue!), designed to look like a grey space alien. This is part of the permanent display. Fred sits reclining in a wheel chair on the sidewalk in front of the building. Baumann tells us tongue-in-cheek by phone that Fred was injured in the 1947 crash, and he needs a special diet and such. Anyhow, on the afternoon of July 17th - long after the recent annual Roswell Festival - two men pulled up in a white & brown pick-up truck and whisked Fred, wheelchair and all, into the vehicle and quickly sped away!

Baumann is concerned that his other-worldly friend will be mistreated, and hopes to get him back soon. He did not mention whether or not any reward is being offered, but the value of the mannequin plus wheelchair is about \$3,500. He says that on about July 21st, a young man called on the phone, apologized, and promised to bring Fred back; but so far he has not done so. One assumes that the caper was a teen-aged prank of some sort. Again tongue-in-cheek, Baumann tells us that the wheelchair is important, because Fred can't get around without it!

This theft may be the first case of humans abducting an alien, instead of vice versa!

It is obvious that the serious (?) side of the alleged Roswell crash has gradually been overshadowed by good-natured parody, such as Baumann's...

- **We have a recent communique from Pat Marcattilio of New Jersey, also known to himself and a few others as "Mr. UFO". His group is called "The UFO/ET World Traveling Museum & Library of Scientific Anomalies", and Pat has hosted a "UFO/ET Congress" near Trenton twice a year for the past several years. Your humble "Smear" editor has attended a few of these, sometimes as a speaker and sometimes merely as an awed observer. We had thought that the last of this series of conventions was the one this past March, as Pat is retiring from his job at the post office and has made plans to travel. However, according to the above-mentioned blurb, there will be another conclave on the weekend of November 6th and 7th, at the same dreary Days Inn in Bordontown, N.J. that has hosted most of the earlier ones. No list of speakers is yet available...**
- **As if in retaliation to the above-mentioned "Museum & Library of Scientific Anomalies", the dreaded CSICOP organization is expanding its display of non-anomalous items at a public location in Amherst, New York, near their Headquarters. On hand are "snake oil and other murky cure-alls, fortune-telling tools, and a bug-eyed alien", among other exhibits. The purpose is to hammer home to the public how gullible they would have to be to ever believe or even half-believe in such things. The article we have received unfortunately does not list all of the "harmful" objects on display, but we are intrigued by the implication: Anything that is not currently endorsed by mainstream science is to be shunned and ridiculed! There is no "grey area", not even for grey aliens! (Thanks to Denis Corey.)...**
- **Here's another vaguely UFO-related obituary, from July 11th. It seems that death has come at age 94 to billionaire Laurence Rockefeller, the oldest grandchild of the original John D. Rockefeller- founder of the Standard Oil Company over a century ago.**

Laurence was best known for his efforts at environmental conservation, and he also made some astute investments in major American corporations. Not mentioned in the obituary is the relatively small sums that the man spent on ufological projects in recent years. One of

these was a report called "Best Evidence" that Rockefeller paid for. Others involved saucerers Peter Sturrock and also Scott Jones, as well as the "Coalition" that we know once existed between MUFON and several other saucer groups. Why no mention of any of this in the obituary? Possibly it was a well-intentioned effort to keep his image clean!

Laurence hosted several informal UFO conferences at his home in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where selected researchers were invited. It is not clear what his own views were, but it seems that he never reached any firm conclusions. (Wise, indeed!)

- **In our last issue** we told you about Bob Shell, one of the alleged photo experts on the notorious Alien Autopsy Film several years ago, who has recently been charged with felony murder in the death of a young female assistant. There is no connection between these two events, except to show that perhaps Shell is not of the highest moral fiber or whatever.

We now have a similar scenario regarding a (former) teenager in Columbus, Ohio, who in 1984 achieved her "fifteen minutes of fame" by supposedly teleporting objects across her living room without touching them. There's a famous photo of Tina Resch sitting in a stuffed chair while a telephone and its cord fly by. Her hands are in the air, far from the moving objects.

Many reporters and psychic investigators came to her home, and for awhile she received the kind of attention she perhaps craved. One of the researchers was James "The Amusing" Randi, who, however was known to be extremely "negative" (which he certainly is!) and was not allowed inside the house at all, much to his disappointment.

Tina was soon caught cheating, and all but her most ardent supporters lost interest. Many years went by, and in 1992 she was charged with the beating death of her 2-year-old daughter. Tina was given a sentence of life plus twenty years, and just recently was refused parole. She, of course, maintains her innocence.

What is the connection between the teenaged teleportation and this dreadful murder? Probably none, but we find it to be an interesting story...

- Remember the "Phoenix (Arizona) Lights" UFO incident of March 13th 1997? Some said they were all military flares, others thought that at least some of them were truly mysterious, and then there are the True Believers. One of said Believers is a woman named Lynne Kitei, who saw what she considers to be otherworldly lights over Phoenix on several different occasions, and she definitely gives them a spiritual meaning. How mere lights in the sky can convey a "soul level sense of enlightening connectedness" we do not know, but her videos are available at www.thephoenixlights.net.

Ms. Kitei has also written a book, appropriately called "The Phoenix Lights", which is available from Hampton Roads for \$16.95. She is currently peddling her book full time, having given up a medical career in order to do this. She will be one of the featured speakers at the forthcoming National UFO Conference in Hollywood, California. (Our thanks to Scott Elliott)...

- Another new book of more than passing interest is "The World's Best UFO Cases", written by Dwight Connelly, who is the esteemed current editor of the MUFON UFO Journal. We were pleased & flattered to receive a free copy of this, as our support for MUFON through the yeses has been somewhat less than wildly enthusiastic. Also, we are mentioned in the index!

Connelly carefully states that though MUFON cooperated fully in the preparation of this book, the opinions he expressed are his own, etc., etc.

One case that is mercifully omitted is the Ed Walters Gulf Breeze, Florida ufological events of the late 1980s; and then there is one case that in our



humble opinion should have been mercifully omitted. It is the continuing, never-ending debate over the "Ramey Memo", which is all too familiar to hard-core Roswell fans. "Experts" can quarrel till the end of time about the exact words in this Memo, but the fact is that most of the words are too indistinct to be anything better than an ink-blot test. And we continue to wonder why a competent general would have been carrying a sensitive Memo in his hand during a press photo opportunity in the first place!

Apparently Dwight Connelly's favorite case of all is the Kelly Kahill abduction story from Australia in the year 1993. This contains multiple witnesses, missing time, and other good things, but there is also, admittedly, a lot of weirdness involved, and the editor of this tome admits that this adds complications. The cover of the book features a crude drawing of this case - three purple & red alien creatures, standing under a red & yellow spaceship with blue & green rays coming from it. Very colorful if true.

Among his Best Cases Connelly includes crop circles, animal mutilations, alien implants, Bigfoot, and other topics that are on the fringe of UFO research. We are not ridiculing him. He has done the best he can, and admits that there is no "smoking gun".

This is a worthwhile little book - 235 pages softcover, and can be obtained for \$11.95 from Bookseller, Inc; 14026 Ridgelawn, Martinsville, Illinois 62442. It is a very good read, no matter what your point of view on all this may be!...

- Here's disappointing news for saucer fiends: Certain mainstream astronomers now feel that our solar system may be unique after all, despite the discovery of at least 120 other systems with planets. All of the other solar systems that have been found have big, gassy planets circling too close to their star to allow them to be anything like Earth or its fellow planets. Most of these giant planets have elliptical orbits rather than circular. This could mean that astronomers have been wrong in assuming all planets in our galaxy formed in basically the same way.

Don't be disheartened, however. We'll bet that further research will discover planets that are a lot like ours. We're willing to bet that the Space People are out there somewhere, whether or not they are currently visiting Earth! (Thanks to Denis Corey.)...

Below left we see researcher George Filer, known as "Director, MUFON Eastern Region", posing with "Debbie D", one of Bob Durant's fabulous stable of Roswell girls. They were attending Pat Marcattilio's most recent convention.

Filer has a column called "Filer's Files" (clever name!) which appears in every monthly issue of the MUFON UFO Journal. It gives raw data on a large number of recent UFO cases, as does a similar column he does weekly on the Net.

People chatting on the Net have pointed out that Filer sometimes refers to an organization called the "Filer Research Institute about which little is known. Is it an actual organization with an office, board of directors, etc? Or is it (more likely) merely a sham? Long-time researcher Ray Stanford states: "I think you will find out it is just as imaginary as are all the ancient carvings and letters of a terrestrial alphabet that Filer perceives in almost every

Mars photo that comes along...Filer announced his 'Institute' at the same time he released to the media his alleged evidence of ancient, intelligent life in JPL's Mars images. Maybe he felt the media would swallow his claims more easily if he appeared to be with a research institute, albeit one with his own name."

In any case, Filer has certainly made a splash in ufology, and we wonder why the Directors of the other MUFON Regions (central and western) are never heard from, whoever they may be!

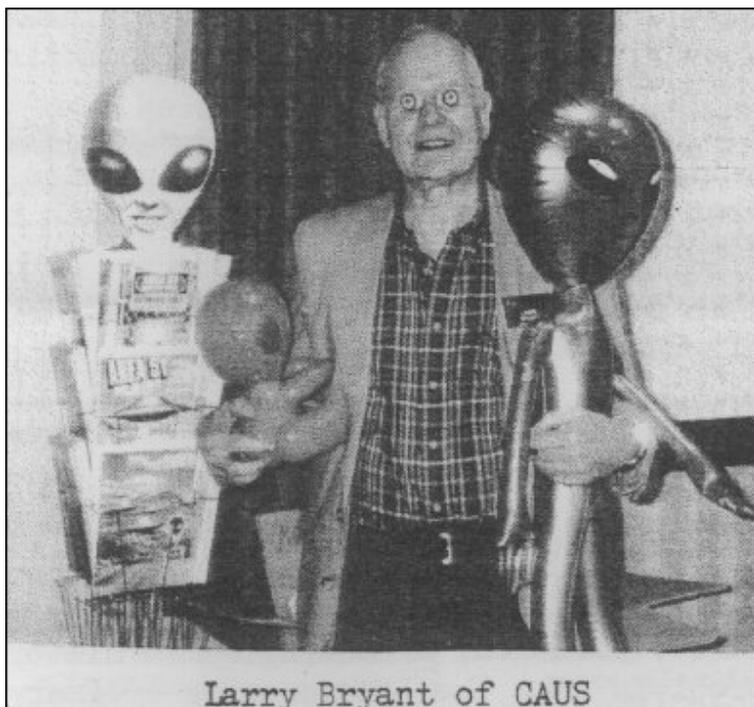
- A previous MUFON "Eastern Region Director" was the colorful Colonel Donald Ware, who - to make a long story short - became so Far Out in his views that he was eventually relieved of his high post, and disappeared into ufological oblivion!...
- Below right is Larry Bryant, the maverick serious saucer researcher who has been thrashing away at government secrecy for lo these many years. Larry has an article in the current (August) issue of Fate Magazine called "A Retrospective Review of the UFO Habeas Corpus Petition", in which he reviews a UFO-related petition that he actually got into a federal court back in 1983.

By distorting the meaning of the Latin term "habeas corpus" ("you may have the body"), Larry took this term to refer even to alien bodies, dead or alive, which might have been found at Roswell or elsewhere. Needless to say, the court did not agree with his interpretation, and his petition was duly thrown out of court!

Very recently, [as mentioned in our last issue](#) of "Smear", Larry has accused our beloved President of lying about his reasons for invading Iraq, and he claims that this is an impeachable offense. He is suing Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld over this because a military magazine refused to print a paid advertisement he submitted, in which he asked for said impeachment! How long will it be, we wonder, before federal agents, perhaps dressed in Black, knock gently at Larry Bryant's door? We are being semi-facetious in this remark, but - who knows? (Shudder!)



(Photo courtesy of George Hansen)



Larry Bryant of CAUS

Pflock Ptalk - TO THE FUTURE THROUGH THE PAST

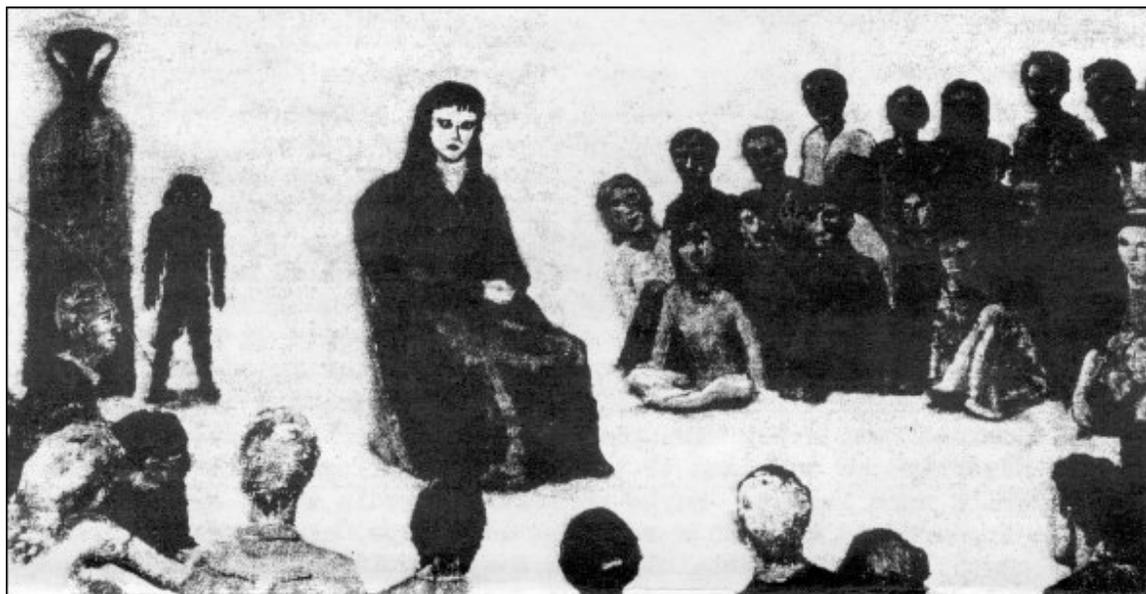
by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



It's no news to loyal "Smear" non-subscribers that I'm convinced the answer to the UFO mystery almost surely lies in the vast body of case material from the Golden Age of Saucers, the mid-1940s through the late 1960s/early 1970s. In recent years, it appears other ufologists have come to similar conclusions. More and more, the focus of UFO research and its published results is historical, as our best and brightest (a very small club) mine the rich veins of evidence from days gone by for meaningful data and apply new thinking to what they find. Two outstanding examples are Richard Hall's new book from the Fund for UFO Research, "Alien Invasion or Human Fantasy? - The 1966-1967 UFO Wave", and Herb Taylor's monumental satellite-object study (see his article in the next "IUR"). I'll have more to say about both in future columns.

This new historical emphasis, reminiscing conversations with other old ufarts and, no doubt, a new appreciation of my own earthly mortality brought on by my current struggle with the aftermath of spinal surgery, has brought on a flood of nostalgic memories. I find myself thinking back to the late 1940s, when as a boy of five or six, I first heard tales of crashed saucers...to my sighting in 1951 or '52...to the Flatwoods Monster, the "Washington Nationals", and the Florida scoutmaster saucer "attack", all in 1952...to the eager anticipation of the return of the Brush Creek saucer in the summer of 1953...reading- devouring- the books of Ed Ruppelt and Donald Keyhoe (and, blush, George Adamski)...and more, on through the Fifties and into the early Sixties. I find myself regarding them as I did then, reliving the feelings and sense of wonder that reports - and my own sighting! - of these strange visitors inspired, recalling the high hopes of an imaginative boy and teenager that They would soon land on the White House lawn - or better yet, in the vacant lot around the corner.

Those were simpler and less cynical times, or so they seemed from my youthful perspective. They are also times now all but forgotten by today's generation of saucerers, much to their and ufology's detriment. So in my next few columns, I will share some of my recollections of those days and what it felt like to gather around a portable radio with family and friends, listening to a reporter broadcasting live from the foothills of California's High Sierra without a hint of ridicule in his voice: "The men say the flying saucer has showed up here on the same date and at the same time for two months in a row. On the last visit, a little man dressed in green was seen to descend from it and dip water from the stream. Will he return this evening?..."



Every so often over the years, we have brought you reproductions of paintings by a Hoboken, New Jersey artist named David Huggins.

This unusual man claims to have had countless experiences throughout his lifetime with beings from another realm, whom he usually meets on astral voyages while in a dream-like state, while in bed at night.

Above we have a black & white rendition of a brightly-colored recent painting, in which a woman he calls "Crescent" speaks uplifting words of wisdom to an assembled group which includes a number of earthlings such as himself. The tall figure at the far left is an insect being from that realm, and next to him is a creature that Huggins calls "the little hairy guy". He has seen these same creatures many times before.

We have never known quite what to make of all this, but Huggins is a sincere truth-seeker who has never tried to exploit his unique experiences. We appreciate his kindness in sharing some of his strange adventures with us!

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

- **We are delighted to have a letter from famed British ufologist JENNY RANGLES, part of which is reproduced below:**

"I wanted to drop you a line for a number of reasons, not the least of which is to include a small donation toward your costs. Now that I no longer have "Northern UFO News" to send in exchange, this is the least that I can do. Especially since I always enjoy reading the no-nonsense, insightful and otherwise unmissable content of 'Smear'. Keep up the unparalleled good work.

"I also wanted to fill you in a little on how things are going in the United Kingdom and with me. Ufology has gone in a strange direction- almost underground. Everything seems to happen on the Net these days, and the era of big groups, conferences, lots of magazines and in-field investigations almost seems to have faded into history. Not that this is necessarily a bad thing. Ufology was ripe for a period of soul searching and to get back to the basics of what we are supposed to be doing. I think we lost that somewhere along the way, and in about 2000/2001 - when the world changed in so many different ways - ufology became less of a relevance to many people. Suddenly it dawned on folks that 'They' were not about to land, there were no massive secrets being covered up, and decades of false promises and expectations were not going to be met by the UFO community..."

Jenny goes on to explain that, because she is taking care of her seriously ill mother full-time, she now has little time for writing and none for going to conferences, etc. Pity! - Editor.

- **Super-skeptic MARTIN KOTTMEYER writes:**

"John Harney's review of William Birnes' UFO Encyclopedia seems too cheritable. He says it is not the worst UFO encyclopedia around, but I don't see how that is possible. He sees the omission of Jerry Clark as a bit of mischief, but there is just so much blundering in that book I feel Clark may honestly have tumbled away unnoticed in the mess they created!

"I was able to see the transit of Venus on the sunrise of June 8th. It happened just as astronomers said it would. It should amuse you to know that the ZetaTalk website is claiming that Venus did NOT transit and that NASA and the establishment are conspiring to hide all the astronomical mayhem they allege is accompanying the passage of 'Planet X' thru the solar system.

"Oh, did you hear that Wendy Connors - self-described as open-minded, learning,

and journeying beyond the lies of science - has determined that all debunkers are certainly deluded, small minded, and hollow? Ufology marches on!

- Finally, GAINES CROOK writes as follows:

"In your card, you appear to say that there is no reality unless it is joined by proof. I strongly disagree with this point of view. For over 4 1/2 billion years, the universe got along fiust fine with its reality, without any attempt by mankind to prove that it was real. These attempts at 'proofs' started sometime about 2500 years ago, and we have had philosophers strutting around ever since...

"My answer is that UFOs constitute the greatest enigma encountered by mankind in our time or probably any other time. We cannot expect for the solution of an enigma structured totally outside of our Earthly standards and environment to be solved in terms of those same Earthly standards and environment...

If we are patient and stick to the goal, it might only be about 20 years before we begin to understand what it is all about. On the other hand, it may be a thousand years, but there is no reason to give up. After all, from the standpoint of today's science, it is the most interesting subject that one can imagine!..."

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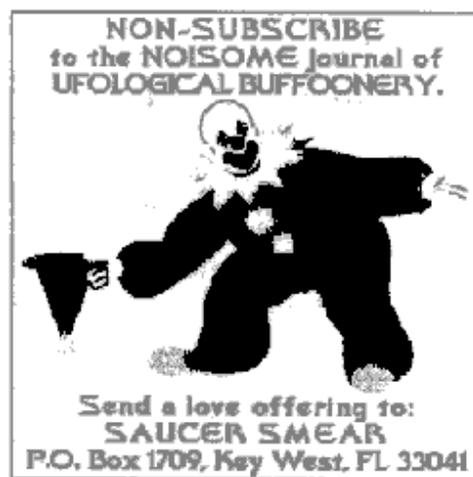
Route 666 from Gallup, New Mexico, to Monticello, Utah - often dubbed the "Highway to Hell" or "Satan's Highway", and notorious for its high accident rate- has been renamed Route 491 after 77 years. Since the planned change was announced, nearly all the old highway signs were stolen. The ceremony took place on a stretch of the highway south of Shiprock, a Navajo sacred site, on 30 July. *Albuquerque Journal*, 18 July; [R] *Tallahassee Democrat*, 31 July 2003.

SELF REGARDING

Two of a Swedish firefighter's multiple personalities have fallen in love and married. Bjorn Ullberg, a gay man diagnosed with multiple-personality syndrome, shares his body with Lars, a fast-talking used-car salesman and Sigg, a shy bookworm. "He somehow found a minister who was willing to perform the ceremony", said Ullberg's exasperated psychiatrist. *The Week (New York)*, 22 Dec 2003.

TURKISH ENCOUNTER

An Austrian tourist with dyed red hair, hoop earrings, facial piercing and a black cloak was stoned by Turks who thought he was a Satanist or an alien. Sascha Mariacher, 28, who was visiting his Turkish father in Edremit, 120 miles (193km) southwest of Istanbul, was taken into protective custody until the angry crowd dispersed. He was not seriously injured. [AP] 29 Oct 2002.



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Yes, dear friends (and others) - As of July, 2004, it is now exactly fifty years since the first issue of our zine, then called "Nexus", which means "connecting link". This unusual title, currently

used by a major Australian offbeat magazine, was proposed by UFO researcher August C. Roberts. He, together with his friend Dominick Lucchesi, (and of course Jim Moseley) were the co-founders of the zine.

Augie and Dominick soon dropped out, and the name changed to "Saucer News", which continued for many years. There are those who still believe that "Saucer News" was the best UFO magazine of its era. Due to television publicity, it briefly reached a subscription circulation of almost 10,000.

In the late 1970s we came out with a new format and a series of facetious titles, culminating in 1981 with the present "Saucer Smear". Humor, sarcasm, and offbeat thinking are now our focus.

What does the future hold? That depends on our health and state of mind. Meanwhile, our sincere thanks to ace cartoonist Matt Graeber for the art work above!

THE MUFON UFO JOURNAL DOES IT AGAIN!

Under the screaming headline "Entity Reportedly Photographed in Holland", the lead story in the June 2004 issue of the above-mentioned zine includes the somewhat astoUding picture on this page. In our efforts to ask other researchers their opinions of this photo and the story that goes with it, we were surprised to find out how many active ufologists no longer receive the Journal at all. This is a clue to their dramatic drop in circulation in recent years. Maybe sightings such as this one have turned off the more conservative readers, whereas there hasn't been enough "new blood" to fill the gap - or whatever.

Anyhow, the story swirls around a 24-year-old Dutchman named Robbert (two b's, please) van den Broeke of Hoeven, Holland, and his family, which consists of parents and at least two sisters, living in a middle-class house. Interacting with this group is Nancy Talbott, of "BLT Research, Inc.", who visits the family annually for relatively long periods of time, and is obviously intrigued by the strange goings-on there,

"Smear" readers may remember that back in 2001, she and Robbert watched together one night as a crop circle was actually being formed in front of their eyes, just outside the family home.

When the present photos were taken, in May of this year, Robbert was apparently alone in the house, or at least he failed to call any witnesses. He suddenly felt compelled to get his digital camera and wait in the living room. Over a period of about 90 minutes, a smoky, faint mist gradually evolved into the ethereal figure seen here, which seemed to be sitting on a couch in front of a wall photo of Robbert's two-year-old nephew. (In this "Smear" reproduction, the nephew is completely lost, and the figure looks more ethereal than ever!)

Robbert says he is able to communicate mentally with the beings he is photographing (apparently this occasion was not unique), and he adds that they are not the "common greys" often described in abduction reports, although they are responsible for crop circles. It is not at all clear just how he is able to make this distinction.

Robbert has shown an "incredible ability" to see things, both in the present and in the future. His father, who is general manager of a bank, says that his son is "always 100% correct. I have no reason not to believe him."

Paranormal events are so common in and around the home that one of his sisters treats them



This is the fifth in a series of photos reportedly taken by Robbert van den Broeke of Hoeven, Holland, on May 6. Robbert's two-year-old nephew is in the photo in the background.

matter of factly. There are entities, "orbs", crop circles (outdoors only), and other unbelievable phenomena. Robbert also claims healing powers, and spends a great deal of his time outdoors in the fields near his home, just meditating. He does not work. Clearly all this goes far beyond the scientific study of crop circles, which was Nancy Talbott's original mission!

We have had a long and interesting phone conversation with Nancy Talbott. She says she can't help being impressed by these phenomena, some of which she has witnessed herself. At the same time, she admits that there is no proof (although she claims to have chemical proof that some crop circles are anomalous).

Getting back to this picture - is it a hoax or not? MUFON is on very shaky ground giving it so much importance in their zine, but they say it is because Robbert is already known to them and they consider him to be "sincere and reliable". We of "Smear" have always felt there is a definite correlation between some UFO cases and the human mind. As skeptical as we are about most things, we don't put this picture (and the others in the same series) down. On the other hand, they would have been ridiculously easy to fake!

We are disturbed that Robbert's father, the conservative banker, is putting together material for a book on all this, and it will include some of Robbert's pictures. We seem to have a syndrome here which is some sort of crude combination of George Adamski and Ed Walters. So - what is the truth of the matter? As old George would say, "Time Will Tell!"

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- In the same current issue of the MUFON UFO Journal there is another report that grabbed our interest. This occurred in the early morning hours of March 6th in the small town of Centerville, Ohio, which - interestingly - is less than 20 miles from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton.

The investigator was Kenny Young, the fellow who sponsored our 2001 National UFO Conference in Cincinnati. Though Kenny is a very active ufologist, he no longer subscribes to the Journal, so when we telephoned him we were the first to tell him that his story had appeared in print.

The incident in question consisted of a number of brilliant lightning-like flashes in the sky over a short period of time, though there was no thunder or rain. This caused power disruptions over a wide area, and a number of emergency calls to "911", of which Kenny obtained a transcript. Although the many other callers simply described the mysteriously flashing lights, one caller & his wife claimed to have seen "an object hovering at near tree-top level, which was interacting with nearby power lines", causing an arcing flash that would send a powerful explosive sound over the sleepy and confused neighborhood.

This unnamed resident went on to say: "This house-sized object was a saucer-shaped metallic structure with a polished aluminum surface, with alternating sets of rotating, flare-like lights. Two sets of lights clearly rotated in opposite directions and were very bright, consisting of several colors...There was no smoke or exhaust that I could see."

The fire department responded, and according to the primary witness quoted above, the firemen with whom he spoke also admitted seeing the same object he saw. Yet, when Kenny tried to confirm the incident with town officials, he got absolutely nowhere!

This is a fascinating case, but the sad part is that the detailed description of the object depends on just one man and his wife. None of the other "911" callers reported seeing anything of the sort. So we are left frustrated, as usual. There's no proof that this one fellow didn't make the whole thing up as far as the structured craft is concerned, but in any case the incident remains mysterious...

- Remember the infamous "alien autopsy" film of a few years ago, relating to the 1947 Roswell UFO crash? One of the supposed experts called in to examine this footage was named Bob Shell. Whereas he rejected various aspects of the film as being fake or questionable, he did express the opinion that it shows "the dissection of non-human humanoid bodies of unknown origin". He thus rejected the (to us) obvious conclusion that these were artificially-made manikens. Shell also lamented the fact that Ray Santilli, who exploited the film, never would let him speak directly to the cameraman.

We bring this up now because Bon Shell has recently been charged with felony murder of a young woman who worked for him in Virginia as his studio manager and model. The woman, named Marion Franklin, was only 19 years old when she died of an overdose of morphine. Shell is also charged with three counts of drug distribution, four counts of defiling a corpse, and one count of attempted forcible sodomy.

Shell admits that he and Franklin had consensual sex and that she stopped breathing as she napped afterwards. The prosecution contends that the woman would have been incapacitated beforehand by cocaine, morphine and other drugs in her system.

Shell has not yet gone to trial. (Our thanks to K.P.)...

- Awhile back we reported that scientists at the Australian National University teleported a laser beam from one spot to another. Now, about two years later, we learn that physicists in the United States and Austria have teleported "quantum states" between separate atoms. Atoms are considered to be "massive particles", and thus this successful experiment is an important step forward. We're still a long way from the "Beam me up, Scotty" of Star Trek, but this breakthrough could eventually lead to superfast computers.

What does all this have to do with UFOs? Probably not much, though the story does help to fill this page. All we are trying to point out is that atomic physics is a vast and still little-known realm, and somewhere out there may be the secret of what causes flying saucers, poltergeists, and other disturbing anomalies. Or, the answer may come from an entirely different direction. (Thanks to Denis Corey.)...

- For those of us with a tendency toward Paranoia, a new anti-terrorist law has overtones of the notorious Men in Black, a la Albert K. Bender & others. The new provision would no longer require government agents to identify themselves when seeking information from a resident, or to disclose what they want the information for! They will also be allowed to recruit citizens as informants.

All of this, of course, is a consequence of the very nasty new world we live in since 9/11. "We have to do what is necessary for force protection" (whatever that means), says a Pentagon spokesman. So we had all better hope that no one in the government ever sees a link between UFOs and National Security. It's unlikely, but one never knows, does one! (Our thanks to Tom Benson)

- extinction of anything that smacks of superstition and/or irrational belief. In its own way, it is no more objective than a New Age rant!

One of the Inquirer's frequent topics is the philosophy of science, and we are all in favor of this. But we were amused and dismayed by just the title of one of the articles in the current issue. Believe it or not, the full title is: "Defending Science - Within Reason: The Critical Common-sensist Manifesto: A noted philosopher of science proposes a 'Critical Common-sensist' account of how science proceeds, which she believes can correct the over-optimism of the old Deferentialism toward science without succumbing to the facitious despair of the anti-scientific New Cynicism."

The author of this piece is listed as Susan Haack. We have not read her article, but hopefully it throws some new light onto something!...

- Flying saucer activist Larry Bryant has spent many years pressing for FOIA information and doing other good deeds, but lately he has moved on to non-ufological topics. His latest caper is formally suing Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, because a weekly military newspaper called The Pentagonam refused to print the following pre-paid ad:

"BLOW THE WHISTLE ON BUSH'S 'GULF OF PERSIA' RESOLUTION! History shows that presidential lying constitutes an impeachable offense. If Bush has lied to the world about his No. 1 reason for waging war against Iraq, then he should be impeached. If enough whistleblowers on this issue decide to come forward, their evidence may be enough to guarantee that impeachment..."

We really don't think Larry has a chance on this one!

ONE LAST MIRACLE?

"Smear" readers will remember Betty Hill of New Hampshire, who, with her late husband Barney, allegedly had a "classic" alien abduction experience back in 1961. This gave rise to John Fuller's book "Interrupted Journey", plus a TV special, and a great deal of other publicity. In 1980, Betty lectured in New York City at that year's National UFO Conference, where her UFO slides, made in the years following her initial experience, drew a decidedly mixed reaction from the audience. Many thought they showed only planes, reflections, shadows, etc. A few slides showed nothing at all!

Now Betty is 84 years old and terminally ill with lung cancer. One of the two women who have been caring for her is a niece named Cathy Marden, who recently wrote the following letter to John Schuessler of MUFON:

"Dear John:

"I suspect that Betty had an ET visitation on Tuesday, June 15th, or in the early morning hours of June 16th. Whatever occurred, there was an element of high strangeness associated with the following events.

"To update you on her condition, Betty is no longer able to support her own weight, and her right arm is fractured and paralyzed. Sunday, June 13th, while using her walker, she fell and sustained a severe fracture of her upper humerus and a hairline fracture of her wrist. She is under Hospice care and is totally incapacitated, crippled, and on morphine for severe pain. My cousin Connie put Betty to bed on the sofa on Tuesday evening and then retired to Betty's bedroom, a few feet away. Connie is a light sleeper and she awakens whenever she hears Betty stir. However, she did not awake on the evening in question. In fact, she overslept on the following morning until 7:00 AM.

"When she awoke she found that Betty's splint had been removed and the ace bandage that was tightly wrapped around her hand and forearm was still intact around the splint, as if it had been removed from her arm without being unwrapped. This would have been impossible. Also, her sling, which holds her arm in place above her heart, was removed, intact. This was tightly fastened and taped, and could not be removed without unfastening the tape and Velcro. Both items were neatly placed on a chair approximately 10 feet from Betty. Also, the dead bolt lock on the back door to Betty's house had been unlocked, and the door was wide open.

"It would have been physically impossible for Betty to commit these acts independently. Also, Connie has never been known to sleepwalk. Hypothetically, under the remote possibility that Connie perpetrated these acts in a sleep state, the pain would have been so severe that Betty would have screamed in agony.

"Even stranger, Betty's external appearance has suddenly improved and her pain level has been significantly reduced. This was witnessed by Connie, myself, and a medical doctor who visited her on June 16th."

This incident is indeed baffling, but if it's not a hoax, what else can it be? Did the Space People really come back to see her? In any case, Betty Hill is a very nice lady, and we continue to wish her well. We spoke to her briefly by phone in regard to the incident, and she simply said that she has no idea what happened. (Our thanks to K.P.)

CHARLES DELLSCHAU AND THE SONORA AERO CLUB

- by Dennis Stacy, former editor of the MUFON UFO Journal

Charles Dellschau was born in Brandenburg, Prussia, in 1830, and immigrated to the U.S. in 1853. His exact whereabouts for the next few years are unknown, but by 1856, he is in Texas, where he will live until his death in 1923. Upon his retirement from a Houston saddle shop at the age of 70, Dellschau literally retreated to an attic room and fashioned a second career.

For the next 20 years, Dellschau cranked out drawing after drawing of brilliantly colored airships in "a charming style", according to a New York Times reviewer, "that presages Monty Python!" Were Dellschau's fantastic flying machines some sort of private joke, or, as some ufologists think, a significant clue to the so-called Great Airship Mystery the hundreds, if not thousands, of reports of unusual flying objects made from one coast of America to the other, between the fall of 1896 and the spring of 1897.

What attracts some researchers is the mysterious context in which Dellschau cast his airships - as flying devices actually produced and flown in the early 1850s by a secretive California organization known as the Sonora Aero Club. The society was supposedly funded by an even more shadowy group known only as NYMZA. The genius behind the Club's "aeros", as they were called, was one Peter Mennis, a pilot and the alleged inventor of an anti-gravity gas or substance variously spelled "supe" or "suppe". Dellschau was apparently the Club's draftsman.

The Aero Club reportedly disbanded sometime in the 1860s, after Mennis died and took the secret of suppe to his grave. Some ufologists believe, however, that one or another member of the Club may have continued operations, or at least contributed to the construction of one or more of the aerial machines that gave rise to the Great Airship Mystery.

But there are some obvious obstacles to a literal interpretation of Dellschau's account. For one thing, there is the "embarrassment of riches" J. Allen Hynek referred to in terms of UFO reports. In other words, the sheer volume of aeros drafted by Dellschau argues against the case. And why would each new aero require a different, complicated design, never mind the cost and problems associated with producing such vehicles in secrecy? Furthermore, why no trace in the historical record of a Sonora Aero Club, prior to the discovery of Dellschau's notebooks circa 1969? Those who have bothered to check the local cemeteries and census records for members named by Dellschau have largely come away emptyhanded.

But if Dellschau wasn't the Aero Club's draftsman, what was he? My best guess is that he was what is now known as a "Visionary" or Outsider, Artist, a phrase only coined in English in 1972, in art historian Roger Cardinal's book, "Outsider Art".

Outsider artists flock to a different pylon. Without going into a complete psychological profile, they are often anti-social in that they keep largely to their own counsel and paint or produce for an audience of one - themselves. Almost universally, their art doesn't court popular appeal or approbation, nor do they play to byproducts like fame and commercial success associated with normal artists working in whatever medium. In addition, they are typically self-taught, manic or compulsively prodigious in output (Dellschau produced more than 5,000 individual pieces), and

their oeuvre often reiterates a single personal theme or inner vision.

Dellschau would seem to qualify as an Outsider Artist in almost every regard. He created in solitude and never sought credit or profit for his supposed role in aviation history. (Indeed, his life's work almost wound up in a land fill; it was only discovered and rescued by the sheerest serendipity.)

In short, Dellschau's Sonora Aero Club, rather than a historical record of a secret society and its unsung pioneers of aviation, should properly be seen as a personal flight of fancy, a near obsession with the advances in aviation that were taking place outside his self-cloistered garret as he drew and dreamed.

It was his way of participating, a collectively compelling act of an individual too old to physically fly, but still young and innocent enough to imagine that he could or had. While Dellschau's Sonora Aero Club may not illuminate UFO history, it does nothing to diminish our appreciation of Outsider Art. In fact, it only enhances it.

Interestingly, the obscure California town of Sonora is currently in the news: There is now a website devoted to "The Sonora UFO Sightings", and these sightings, together with photos, are briefly described. This "flap" has spread to various parts of California in recent weeks, but we don't have enough details to comment further, as yet.

Pflock Ptalk - BLASTS FROM THE PAST

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



We here at "Pflock Talk" Central recently were delighted to receive two new publications of note. Both conjure up memories of the Good Olde Daze of ufology and other food for thought and no little amusement.

First is "42 Years: A UFO Editor's Perspective", compiled by prolific Ohio saucerer Rick Hilberg (36 pp. booklet, \$8.00 postpaid from Hilberg, 377 Race St., Berea, Ohio 44017). Rick has been writing for, editing, and publishing saucerzines for, you guessed it, 42 years, and he's still going strong. Here he offers up as many of his favorite articles from his various publications and the late Al Manak's "Flying Saucer Digest" as he could cram into 36 pages, covering the years 1962-2002. Most are from Hilberg's own pen. All are at least interesting. Some are fascinating (Wait'll you meet "Jerry", the NASA guy with the instrumented trailer, a la the "X-Files".) Taken together, they paint a unique picture of four decades of ufological history that's well worth the eight bucks.

Next up is "The Carbondale UFO Crash - The Reality, the Hoaxes and the Legend", by Matt Graeber (18 pp. booklet, \$5.00 postpaid; order from William E. Jones, 829 Bethel Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214). Matt's well known to "Smear" non-subscribers as a UFOtoonist extraordinaire. Less well known are his accomplishments as the founder-director of UFORIC, the Philadelphia-based UFO Report and Information Center, a small volunteer outfit that did some first-class research during the 1970s. There's no better example of this than Matt's investigation of the alleged crash of a UFO into a pond near the town of Carbondale, Pa., presented here in delightful style.

On the night of November 9, 1974, some teenagers breathlessly reported to the town police that they had seen a strange glowing object streak through the sky and splash down, sinking to the bottom of the pond. There it continued to emit an eerie light, observed by police officers over a period of several hours.

I'm not spoiling the story by revealing that the "UFO" turned out to be a lantern, tossed into the

murky water, probably by the teenage "witnesses", to stir up some excitement. For the real story is the hoopla this little hoax generated and the mythology it has spawned, a tale so durable that some in UFOdumb...uh.. -dom still believe the lantern had to be a saucer, which was hauled and hidden away by the military.

The true, funny-sad, cautionary story of "The Carbondale UFO Capers", ufology a la the original "Saturday Night Live", is a must read for all thoughtful saucerers. You decide if Graeber is telling the truth or is a dissembling "government agent or high-ranking Air Force officer disguised as a UFO field investigator". Personally, I think he's a MIB with a sense of humor.

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- Skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"I was shocked by [the mention in your current issue](#) of a bogus item in the previous magazine. Reading the account a second time it seemed to me a typical monster narrative: a strange massive creature is spotted on the road at night, followed by a high speed 'escape'. No collaborating evidence of Bigfoot's presence can subsequently be produced. I'd like to know what the 'clues' were in the May 10, 2004 issue, so as not to make the mistake in the future of taking a report in your magazine as authentic when it might be a 'ringer'.

"Was the hint the large genitalia reported on the creature? Does that mean the review of 'UFO Warning' in your current issue (page 6) where you state 'Barbara seemed ready to succumb willingly to its sexual advances (see ridiculous illustration), but for some reason the monster abruptly departed', is a clue to another 'ringer', or an accurate recounting of the yarn?

"Perhaps it's more likely you are making fun of Bigfoot, a.k.a. Sasquatch, now that it is down for the count? (What with the revelations Ray Wallace faked the 'original' Jerry Crew tracks, and the Greg Long book busting the Patterson film.) I bet if Erik Beckjord was still active we'd hear from him in these pages, as we know he has an ax to grind (whatever that means) with the Editor!"

Re the "ringer", one clue was the large genitalia and another was the name of the sighter, Claude Balsworth (= "Clawed Balls") We were not influenced by the current badmouthing of Bigfoot, who may indeed exist, even if the Patterson film is fake. - Our review of "UFO Warning" was accurate! - Editor.

- Super-skeptic ROBERT SHEAFFER writes as follows:

"Thank you for your recent letter, and please excuse my delay in replying. Since your publication has become petty and mercenary, its funding must take its place in the queue of household expenses in which, sad to say, it does not rank very high.

"I'm sorry if in my 'Skeptical Inquirer' column I overstated the attendance at last year's glorious NUFOC Con., for which error you should have been most grateful. I'm also sorry if I created the impression of you as a doddering old has-been. We know that isn't true - you're still as fun-loving as you ever were. You just can't tolerate as much fun as you once could.

"It's really funny how the pro-UFO crowd has jumped on these Mexican infrared videos as an 'instant classic UFO'. My article about it, based upon collaboration with a source whose expertise on infrared imaging cannot possibly be critiqued or surpassed, will be coming up soon in the 'Skeptical Inquirer'.

"Please accept the enclosed love-offering to get me back onto your non-non-subscriber list... There is no better publication than yours for staying in touch with the lunacy of UFOdumb."

- Pilot BILL NASH, whose "classic" 1952 UFO sighting is still remembered, writes:

"I just finished reading your 6/15 newsletter, and I enjoyed your inclusion of some UFO sightings, which added interest to the zine.

"[The Mexican sightings](#) are very strange. Maybe the visitors got tired of us yapping about them, and have gone invisible!

"Though I haven't read 'UFO Warning', I can't agree that it's the best saucer book ever written. That title goes to the book that you and Karl Pflock turned out..."

- WILLARD "WILD BILL" McINTYRE writes as follows:

"Well, how does it feel to be snubbed? The new 'UFO Magazine Encyclopedia of UFOs' has an entry for Todd Zechel, but alas, none for you. But don't despair. William Birnes, the editor, is effusive ad nauseum in all his thanks to you in the introduction, so I guess it balances out.

"Ahab, old wizened one, at last the smoking gun!:

"Page 293 of Jacques Vallee's book 'Forbidden Science':

"On July 10, 1967, Dr. J. Allen Hynek showed Vallee his contract with the Air Farce (spelling intentional). But the contract was not with the USAF but the Dodge Corporation - a well-known subsidiary of McGraw Hill.

"When Vallee pointed out the discrepancy, Hynek responded that the government used the Dodge Corporation as a cover to pay and legitimize the employment of people conducting intelligence operations for Uncle Sam. Obviously this was all accomplished with the blessing of McGraw Hill!

"Where is this all going, you ask? Well, we all know who works for another wellknown subsidiary of McGraw Hill, i.e., 'Aviation Ueek' - don't we!"

Bill refers of course to retired ufologist Phil Klass. - Editor.

- RICHARD ("DICK") FREEMAN writes as follows:

"I don't know anything whatsoever about photos of Elvis on Mars, but [the woman on the right in the photo on page 6](#) of your May 10th issue looks very much like Debbie D. to me. You might know that mermaid vampire personally, as I believe she once stood next to you in a previous photograph in 'Saucer Smear'.

"Debbie D is both a scream queen and a mermaid vampire (surely the categories are not exclusive). She's mainly in R rated films, but has appeared with her fellow scream queen, Debbie Dutch in some semi soft core homemade girl/girl stuff. You might ask her about it the next time you see her at a UFO convention. She's a sweet young woman, but you might want to keep your major neck veins protected by a crucifix, or a garlic necklace."

Debbie D is one of Bob Durant's Roswell Girls, who help him promote his famous pro-Roswell video. We agree that there are sexual overtones in all this. - Editor.

- Anthropologist & UFO enthusiast CHRIS ROTH writes:

"I can announce, officially, for printing in 'Saucer Smear' in whatever form you choose, that Duke University Press will soon, perhaps in 2005, be publishing an anthology of writings by anthropologists on culture and ufology, edited by Debora Battaglia of Mt. Holyoke University, who has in the past done fieldwork infiltrating the Raelian cult. My piece, 'Ufology as Anthropology: Race, Extraterrestrials, and the Occult' will be featured in it, as will others, by, for example, Susan Lepselter, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Texas who has done fieldwork among UFO believers in various locales, including Rachel, Nevada. 'Encountering the Extraterrestrial: Anthropology in Outerspaces' is the book title on the contract so far, but it is not carved in stone, and another title being tossed around is 'ET Culture: Anthropology in Outerspaces'. I'll keep you posted on developments, and I will do what I can to see that 'Saucer Smear' is on the list of publications to receive review copies.

"I cleaned out my desk at the University of Chicago yesterday as my post-doctoral position ends, so it's possible this chapter will be my last hurrah in official academia..."



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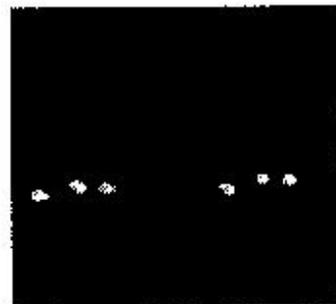
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MEXICO AIR FORCE VIDEO CREATES UFO STIR

The Mexican Air Force has released footage of what are said to be eleven invisible unidentified objects that harrassed one of their drug surveillance planes over the eastern part of that country last March 5th. The story reached the Net, and was seen at least twice very briefly on CNN television around May 15th. It is not clear what caused this delay.

The objects in the night sky were invisible to the eye, but were seen on radar and were photographed with an infrared surveillance camera. At one point they seemed "intelligent", in that they changed direction and surrounded the plane that was chasing them. In the video, the objects appear as blobs of light that hover or dart about, sometimes moving into a cloud. These weird events apparently went on for quite awhile, as the video released by the Mexican Air Force is about fifteen minutes long, including commentary.

Unnamed scientists are trying to solve the case as being "gasses in the atmosphere". No details are provided. At the very least, this is obviously an exceedingly rare type of atmospheric phenomenon! Or, it could well have been a squadron of new stealth strike aircraft operating from the U.S.A.



Mexican Air Force infrared footage of what one expert claims was a close encounter with UFOs. (Reuters)

Our only problem with this sighting is that the man promoting it is Jaime Maussan, a Mexican journalist and UFO enthusiast who has lectured many times in the United States. (He was recently booked at Pat Marcattilio's last convention, but couldn't make it.) Maussan appears to be a "true believer", and in the past several years he has been linked to many UFO videos from Mexico - some of which were of very dubious validity. But since he was only involved in the publicity for the present sighting, not the making or analysis of the video, we will assume that the case is authentic.

"This is historic news," said Maussan. "Hundreds of UFO videos exist, but none have had the backing of the armed forces of any country. The armed forces don't participate in frauds." (Credit: Denis Corey, Gene Steinberg, and others.)...

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- Awhile back we printed [a rather negative review](#) of "Firestorm", a biography of UFO scientist James McDonald, which was written by researcher Ann Druffel of southern California. Then in our latest issue, we printed [a letter from "Harry Lime"](#), also critical of the book. Ann Druffel has written us, asking for an apology, which we are glad to give her. However, we have reminded her of our policy of printing material on all sides of controversial ufological issues. Certain aspects of her book are very controversial, although other aspects have been highly praised, including by our reviewer. Ann Druffel is a nice lady, and we are sorry if we have offended her...
- We are disappointed that, so far, none of our vast array of non-subscribers has made a complaint about the Bigfoot sighting we printed on Page 5 of our last issue. Unfortunately, this story was a "ringer", made up out of Whole Cloth (whatever that means), to see if our readers were paying attention. Alas, there is no Claude Balsworth, and no one noticed the deliberate clues put into the story to indicate that it is a fake!...
- Martin Kottmeyer, whose latest letter appears [further along in this issue](#), has kindly sent us excerpts from a new book by William Birnes, publisher of the ufological newsstand disgrace called "UFO Magazine" - which we have commented on in this zine from time to time. Under "Acknowledgments", Birnes states: "...No acknowledgments list would be complete without a thank-you for keeping all of us in the UFO community honest - to our friends at 'Saucer

Smear', CSICOP, and 'Skeptical Inquirer'. In particular, acknowledgments need to be handed to Michael Shermer, James W. Moseley, Karl Pflock, and of course, Phil Klass".

We appreciate the compliment, even if sarcastic, but the truth is that James W. Moseley and Karl Pflock are not complete skeptics on the UFO subject. Shermer, who is the publisher of "Skeptical" Magazine, and retired ufologist Phil Klass are complete skeptics (= debunkers.)

As Kottmeyer points out in his letter to us, the worst, most horrible error in the Birnes book is his belief, expressed on Page 152, that the U.S.'s first Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, who died in 1804, is the same Alexander Hamilton credited with a sensational saucer sighting in 1897, during the famous "airship" flap. The 1897 sighting was correctly exposed as a hoax by Jerome Clark in recent years. But back in 1966, Frank Edwards' best-selling book called "Flying Saucers - Serious Business", took the 1897 story very seriously (before it was exposed), and your humble "Smear" editor used it many times in his lectures to college audiences. However, never did we go so far afield as to think this was the same man as the historical Hamilton. Birnes needs not just a proof-reader but a psychiatrist!

We should add that among the sincere skeptics who should be acknowledged is Martin Kottmeyer himself!...

- Don Ecker, "research director" of the above-mentioned "UFO Magazine", devotes most of a full-page editorial in the June-July issue to bashing your "Smear" editor. In this weird diatribe, the only true thing he says about us is that we smoke too much. Nasty, nasty!...**
- In another Blast from the Past, a book is about to come out regarding the classic Flatwoods Monster case of 1952. The author is Frank Feschino Jr., and the title is "The Coverup of the Flatwoods Monster Revealed". (Why would there be a coverup of something that was never said to be a "conventional" flying saucer in the first place??) There is a foreword by Stanton Friedman, which is expected to add authenticity.**

The incident in question occurred in the tiny town of Flatwoods, West Virginia, near the birthplace of the late Gray Barker. It involved a "monster" seen briefly one evening on a rural hillside. Barker began his long career in the UFO field by writing the story up for FATE Magazine, and Ivan Sanderson, who was another offbeat investigator of that era, also did his own separate investigation. Little ceramic dolls are still available, showing the supposed creature in vivid colors, but in spite of a recent festival in Flatwoods, the sighting never reached anywhere near the stature of Roswell. Some of the witnesses are still alive, and participated in the festival.

In his Web posting about the Flatwoods book, Friedman modestly adds that he was inducted into the "PRG Hall of Fame" at the recent X-Conference near Washington, D.C. Also inducted, among others, were the late Dr. J. Allan Hynek and the late Lt. Col. Philip Corso. The reasons for this particular trio being chosen are not clear, but Friedman can bask in the fact that in 1980 and again in 1987, he received the Ufologist of the Year award from the National UFO Conference, of which your editor is Permanent Chairman. This does not mean that his research is beyond reproach (far from it!), but merely that he has been a leading figure in the field for a long time...

- Also about to emerge from the ether is a documentary film featuring the Flatwoods case, plus two other classic incidents which deviate considerably from the ufological norm. The culprit here is Barcon Video Productions of Glendale, California, and the name of the documentary is quite simply "Monsters of the UFO".**

The primary event being studied therein is not really a monster case at all, as it involves "conventional" little humanoids which appeared at a farmhouse near Kelly, Kentucky in the year 1955. The event occurred on August 21st of that year, when several residents of the farmhouse saw the glow of a landed spaceship on their property, and then battled for hours with several "little green men", perhaps called green in later versions because of the Irish name Kelly. Actually, the creatures they shot at were not originally said to be green at all,

and there were not 12 of them, as reported in the current Net version. The residents of the house never knew how many there were, as they would keep appearing outside the house one by one over a long period of time, and were duly blasted with shotguns. When so blasted, they would fall down and leave, but apparently they were never hurt. No physical evidence of their visit was ever found.

The third topic dealt with in this film is the Point Pleasant, West Virginia Mothman syndrome, which occurred back in 1966-67, and has received a lot of attention in very recent years. Is John Keel the perpetrator of the Mothman scenario or merely its best-known chronicler? In any case, we look forward to this documentary, which will probably air as a two-hour special on the Sci-Fi Channel around Halloween of this year...

- We continue to be intrigued by crop circles, whatever they may ultimately turn out to be. The obvious explanation is the cynical one - that they are all made by pranksters; but upon careful examination, this does not really seem to be the case.



Nancy Talbott

Again the lead article in the May 2004 MUFON UFO Journal is from the respected BLT Research Team, for which Nancy Talbott, pictured left, is the spokesperson. The article is quite technical, but the tentative conclusion, based on precise scientific studies, is that "some sort of atmospheric plasma system might be involved...The fact (is) that plants and soils at crop circle sites have been shown to exhibit abnormalities consistent with their exposure to brief bursts of intense heat...Plasmas are known to emit micro-waves when they spiral, and this could be a possible source of the heat."

• The best story yet is in a different, apparently unpublished article by BLT Research, which was kindly sent to us by researcher David Perkins. On the night of July 21st-22nd of 2000, a Polish farmer named Jerry Szpulecki was working late, building a new house at the edge of a wheat field, when the electric lights in the whole area went out; and he proceeded to watch two crop circles as they were actually being formed. (He and his neighbors had not even heard of such a phenomenon, and he did not realize till the next day just what had happened.) As Mr. Szpulecki watched, a strange red light came down very slowly toward the field in front of his house.

The object was spherical in shape, about 20 meters in diameter. As the light came closer, he saw what looked like a misty "white fog" above the red light, which appeared to be a solid craft. It was directly in front of his windows, at very close range. As the object descended to about 20 meters above the ground, he began to feel a "pressure" on his body, but he was not hurt or frightened. When it touched down there were brilliant flashes, like lightning; and, as it landed, multiple "arms" suddenly extended out from the center of the object, slowly bending down toward the ground.

The witness reported that the UFO sat touching the ground for at least one minute, with sparks flying, and giving off an intense light. Thereafter the protruding arms retracted and the object rose a few meters into the air, and then descended into the field again, a short distance away. Finally, after sitting on the ground this second time for about a minute, the arms again retracted and the "red shell closed in again around the white center" so that all he could see was the original red ball of light, which slowly drifted away across the fields and disappeared in the distance. The whole thing took about seven minutes.

The next morning a neighbor informed him that a peculiar marking - a pictogram-style crop circle - was flattened into the wheat in the precise location where the amazing object had landed the night before. It looked "something like a cross", and was thus shaped very similarly to the strange object itself when it had its "arms" extended. A second circle, about 20 meters in diameter, was found at the place where the object landed for the second time.

Other people came forward as having seen the UFO while it was in the air, but apparently Mr. Szpulecki was the only one who saw the amazing (if true) details described above.

We should add that there are also much larger & more complex crop circles, especially in England, and these are probably manmade

- **Most of you have heard of the dreaded "chupacabras" ("goat sucker" in English) which has been spotted off & on for years in several Spanish-speaking countries and also in Spanish-speaking areas of the United States, such as Miami. This peculiar pattern has never been explained, and most of the stories are so weird and varied in detail that they are very hard to believe.**

Now we have a somewhat similar creature, in Argentina (also Spanish-speaking), but this fellow has a different name - "El Unudo", meaning "the clawed one". He has been described variously as "large with a mask and horns; small and apelike; black or brown; with a nude upper torso and covered with tattoos; walking upright or on four legs; leaving goat-shaped hoofprints; climbing trees, pipelines or metal silos; jumping over wire fences and large lagoons; swift and elusive". Strange indeed! (Credit: Lucius Farish).

- **We are highly intrigued by an item boldly entitled "Another Flying Humanoid", in the current issue of a UFO/Forcean zine called "The Messenger" (address [further along in this issue](#)). It seems that in a Mexican town, on the night of January 16th of this year, a policeman named Leonardo Samaniego was making his rounds in his patrol car, when a decidedly unusual event occurred. We swear that if anyone has made this story up, it is not us!**

As the police officer turned a corner, a large black object fell from a tree. It stopped falling before it hit the ground, then slowly turned around to face the patrol car. What he saw was a woman dressed in black - not standing on the ground, but floating several feet above it. She then softly floated to the ground and stood there looking at him. She was almost "witch-like", with a cloak and a cape. The scene turned ugly when this creature suddenly jumped onto the hood of the car and tried to grab the officer right through the windshield with her claw-like hands. He put his car in reverse and raced backwards to the end of the street, where he covered his eyes and fainted!

Minutes later, backup patrol cars arrived with an ambulance, but Officer Samaniego was not injured. An extensive search for clues was made in the area, without results...

- **Bob Girard of Arcturus Books is still unhappy about how his UFO and related books are selling, and in a recent Net posting he threatens to scrap printed catalogues entirely, "perhaps as early as July". Thus if you're not on the Net, you're out of luck - though frankly we don't remember ever having bought anything from him anyhow! He has, in the past, sold "Shockingly Close to the Truth!" for us, and also some UFO buttons we had a long time ago.**

Girard thanks one unnamed customer for having bought loyally from him over the years, and about all the others he says: "Your deepening neglect of the non-material aspects of life has not only made perfectly clear your apathy toward spiritual growth...but you have also managed to completely collapse the market for UFO literature." Girard is bitter, but he has a point here. Though he hates the Net (as we do!), he will apparently be on it exclusively from now on.

Girard can be reached at Arcturus Books, 1443 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952. (Our thanks to K.P. for this one.)...

- **Another demise of a rather obscure (in this country) pro-UFO advocate, this time in England: Lord Hill-Norton, aged 89, has died, presumably from natural causes. At the peak of his military career, he was Chief of the (British) Defense Staff and Chairman of the NATO Military Committee. After his retirement, he became greatly interested in the UFO phenomenon. He wrote forewords to a number of flying saucer books, and was particularly interested in the still-debated Rendlesham Forest incident of 1980. He appeared in several UFO documentaries and was frequently quoted on the subject in the media. (Credit: Tom Benson.)...**

- **Sadly, we have recently learned that our organization, the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (S.A.U.C.E.R.S.) is not the oldest such group in the world after all. Under the direction of Denis Plunkett and his late father Captain E.L. Plunkett, the British Flying Saucer Bureau was founded in 1953 - one year before us! Although they no longer have a publication or regular meetings, they are still out there, according to a recent letter from Denis, explaining the details. As a matter of fact, their letterhead stationery boldly states: "Founded in 1953 - The Oldest Established Flying Saucer/UFO Organization".**

Plunkett's group was originally merely a branch of the International Flying Saucer Bureau, founded in 1952 by Albert K. Bender of Bridgeport, Connecticut. When Bender claimed to have been visited and frightened out of his wits by "Three Men in Black", he folded his group in 1953 - but the British branch of it kept right on going. To this day, in spite of various books and endless speculation, no one knows for sure just what got into Bender back in those early days. When last heard of, he was still alive, living in the Los Angeles area, but he refuses to discuss the flying saucer topic with anyone. A strange man indeed, and a strange case in the history of ufodom!

EDITORIAL

Throughout the years, most UFO researchers have been strongly of the opinion that our government knows a lot more about the subject than they are telling, and thus, if the government released all of its information we would probably have proof of interplanetary spacecraft.

We have never believed this to be the case. In the early 1950s, the government fretted that UFOs might be a threat to national security, and once they determined this was probably not the case, they tended to lose interest. The media attitude toward the subject is not because of government censorship, but because superficially, UFOs lend themselves to ridicule; because there is never any final proof; and because more urgent things are always going on!

The media attitude reflects the public's attitude. Most people do have a mild interest in flying saucers, but especially in this country, our thinking is dominated by career and other monetary considerations. Since there seems to be no urgency about it, the UFO subject is relegated to an intellectual pursuit - only important to a handful of intellectuals and to the relatively few people who have had personal experiences. There is, in general, no motive to pursue the subject vigorously.

Especially since 9-11, our focus is on survival. Just a few weeks ago, when a UFO appeared on radar near Washington, D.C., the government took it very seriously for a short time; but once it became clear that there was no threat, the matter was forgotten!

We of "Smear" strongly believe there is a genuine scientific mystery here, probably not involving visitors in 3-D interplanetary spaceships. What it does involve, we do not know; but science is advancing so rapidly that someday - maybe as soon as the next few years - an objective solution will emerge. In the meanwhile, the subject will remain irrelevant to everyday life for most people.

Perhaps "Smear" too has become increasingly irrelevant, but we intend to press on!

BIZARRE BOOK REVIEW

In its own unique way, "UFO Warning" is arguably the best flying saucer book ever written - not so much for its unprovable content, but for the way it captures the ufological paranoia of the 1950s. (Bender, of course, was an important part of this syndrome.)

The author of "UFO Warning" is John Stuart of New Zealand, who once headed a group called

Flying Saucer Investigators. The original publisher of the book is our late, great friend Gray Barker of Saucerian Books, Clarksburg, West Virginia. Though the events described are from the early 1950s, this volume - now reprinted by Tim Beckley of Global Communications - did not see the light of day until 1963.

Says Barker in his introduction, "If the struggle with Satan were easy, the muscles of the angels would be flabby"; This sets the scientific tone!

Beckley's contribution is only on the back cover, where he proclaims in huge type, "FORCED INTO SEX ABOARD A FLYING SAUCER". This is not accurate, however, as the heroine of the narrative, named Barbara Turner, was actually forced into Sex while alone in her bedroom. There were thirteen invisible creatures involved, though only three of them participated in the rape, we are told.

John Stuart joined the New Zealand Flying Saucer Investigation Society in 1953, intrigued by several of his own UFO sightings in his earlier years, but within six months he was "expelled in disgrace" for misusing the organization's stationery. He then formed his own group, which consisted only of himself and Barbara - though (GASP!) John was married at the time and living with his wife! This research group - or relationship - lasted till December, 1954, at which time they dramatically CLOSED their Files!

But, for awhile there, John and Barbara were getting together almost every night, discussing flying saucer sightings and theories into the wee hours. (Sure!) There were "Warnings" that Barbara might be in physical danger from "Them", but this valiant couple pressed on.

Then one evening they saw a "loathsome, hideous, evil, disgusting, horrifying" creature about eight feet tall. Barbara seemed ready to succumb willingly to its sexual advances (see illustration), but for some reason the monster abruptly departed. Another night, some time later, it (and twelve other Beings) apparently returned for the rape scene already described. Barbara ended up with scratches on her lovely body!

Nowhere is it explained what kind of work John and Barbara do, if any. The only thing mentioned is that John was once in the military, and we suspect that this must have had some adverse effect on his Nerves!

Illustrations, such as the one on this page, are by Barker's friend Gene Duplantier, who is alive and still living in eastern Canada.

There is much MORE to this story, but it's better if you find out for yourself! BUY this RARE collector's item, at a special price to "Smear" readers of only \$25. Send to Global Communications, Box 753, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903. And keep your EYE out for invisible monsters! (Shudder, gasp, etc!)



Pflock Ptalk - BIGFOOT IS DEAD! (Part 2)

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist

Greg Long's book "The Making of Bigfoot" (Prometheus, 476 PP., \$25), all but demolishes the credibility of the iconic 1967 Roger Patterson film of a loping female Bigfoot. In the process, the leading Bigfooters who swear by the flickering frames take major credibility hits (or should).



Long establishes beyond any doubt that Patterson was an utterly unreliable character. By itself, this doesn't make his film a hoax. But link it with the clear evidence that, rather than being a less than credible guy who just happened to innocently get lucky, Patterson had been attempting for some time and in various ways - including shooting film for a "documentary" - to make his mark and fortune as a Bigfoot hunter-investigator. Now the odds of a hoax are sky high. A hoax isn't proven, but darn close.

The smoking Bigfoot (Bigfoot hotfoot?) that would finish off the Patterson film would be answers to four questions: Who wore the monkey suit? Where is the suit now, or how was it disposed of? Where did it come from? Can Patterson's footage be recreated, or shockingly close to it, using materials, equipment, and skills available to Patterson?

Long fairly credibly gives us "who" with the claims of Bob Heironimus, a Patterson associate who says he played Mrs. Bigfoot for a promised but never paid \$1,000. (Note: Heironimus is only the latest, albeit the most credible of a number of men who have "confessed" to being Patterson's lady Bigfoot.) As for where the suit is now or what became of it, oddly, Long did not pursue this with any vigor and offers no answers.

It is with "Where did it come from?" that Long fumbles badly. He inexplicably attempts to lash together two utterly incompatible explanations in a sort of Unified Bigfoot Suitology Theory. Moreover, one of these is critically at odds with Heironimus's recollections of how the suit he alleges he wore was constructed, the awful smell, the number of separate sections it was comprised of, and how he donned it. One is left to wonder how Long's publisher let such a glaring and clumsy mishmash pass, especially since the suit issue is central to the author's case.

It remains to be seen if Robert Kiviat will include a believable reenactment of the Patterson mini-epic in his upcoming TV expose based on Long's work. To be convincing, it will have to exhibit all the features of body-mass movement, stride, posture, etc., that have persuaded several primatologists and others with relevant expertise that Patterson filmed a genuine cryptid. If Patterson hoaxed his flick, it should be easy enough. Time will tell.

Even if Patterson's filmic proof ultimately goes conclusively poof, there remain all those other accounts of Bigfoot sightings and encounters dating back literally for centuries and down to the present day - not to mention the many Bigfootprints, smelly hair tufts, and such. Long live Bigfoot!

41st NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN LOS ANGELES AGAIN!

We are very pleased to announce that, under the local leadership of UFO researcher John Miller, this year's National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will be held at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel in Hollywood, California - not far from the location of last year's convention. This gala event will take place on Halloween weekend - October 29th, 30th, and 31st.

The convention room rate is \$119, which is less than half the normal rate. The Renaissance Hotel is located at 1755 North Highland Ave., Hollywood, California 90028. Phone: 323-856-1200. Web address: www.renaissancehollywood.com.

The mailing address for the convention is: NUFOC 2004, 1621 West 26th St., San Pedro, California 90732. Phone: 310-548-4420. E-mail: jm@nufoc.org. Web site: nufoc.org. - Details regarding speakers will be forthcoming shortly!

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

- DR. BRUCE MACCABEE, the Flying Saucer Physicist, writes as follows:

"I noticed in your most recent 'Smear' the mention of [General Garland's memorandum for General Sanford](#). This has been around for almost twenty years now. It is in my UFO FBI book, published in 1999.

"For your amusement I have enclosed a portion of the recent paper I presented at the X-Conference. This portion includes Garland's memo and puts it into a context of the times (the beginning of 1952). There is also more information going beyond his memo. Note that Captain Ruppelt said Garland was a UFO witness!...

"I would have included more pages - like the whole 60-some page paper - but I realize that your reading attention span would be stretched by just the 15 pages I have included here. So Enjoy!"

Editor's Note: Apparently the General Garland memo discussed in our last issue has been around for a long time. Maccabee also makes the point that Garland himself was a moderate believer in the possibility of interplanetary saucers. BUT none of this changes our basic point: The fact is that, if there had been crashed UFOs with physical evidence (such as Roswell in 1947), none of this discussion would have been going on in 1952!

- Genial skeptic MARTIN KOTTMEYER writes:

"I felt you might enjoy knowing you are mentioned in the new 'UFO Magazine UFO Encyclopedica' by William Birnes. Not in any of the entries, mind you, but in the acknowledgments, where they thank you, among others, for keeping them honest. My hunch is that this is insincere, since the book is filled with nonsense that any skeptic would have recommended rewriting or cutting. My favorite howler is an entry that thinks the 1897 Hamilton calf-napping yarn involved the Alexander Hamilton who wrote the Federalist papers, even though that Hamilton was shot to death by Aaron Burr in 1804! Any skeptic would also have told them that Jerry Clark wrote a famous expose of the case, providing evidence that it was a Liar's Club prank!

"I was updating my prediction file this week and it reminded me that Don Johnson's prediction for a UFO flap last year was an even worse failure than I realized. He predicted the flap for what turned out to be the lightest period of saucer activity of the whole year! As you may recall, I mentioned that his theory was likely based upon Saunder's 61-month cycle theory. The original theory by Saunders would have predicted the flap would have happened in May, but that, too, flunked! The best numbers happened in September.

"You may enjoy learning that those folks who predicted there would be a poleshift cataclysm last May have reported that the pole did finally shift this past January. It first shifted to Iceland, but later moved to Mongolia. They also allege that Venus has been backing up in its orbit, though last I checked, it was exactly where it was supposed to be, according to the star chart program I consulted. I wonder if that means that the Venus transit of the Sun that is famously supposed to take place in June should not happen?"

- **Researcher JERRY LUCCI writes:**

"...Regarding [the Patterson Bigfoot film](#), for starters there are now four different individuals claiming to be the man in the monkey suit. All have agents and are writing books, doing TV, etc. No one has produced the kind of evidence to bury the film, photos of costume, etc. As a matter of fact there are now several costume makers taking credit for the construction of the suit, although when one company was challenged to recreate it, the imitation was not even close. While I don't have a particular belief on this, I don't believe 'The Making of Bigfoot' is a legitimate book."

- **RAY CECOT of "The Messenger" (P.O. Box 12333, Albany, N.Y. 12212) writes:**

..I have difficulty understanding why it is so hard for science to explore the possibility of the UFO reality. In fact NOT exploring it, is not what science is about, at all!

Science, by its very nature, is exploratory - looking into things that would be otherwise unknown. The only explanation for their lack of interest has to be the government telling them that the subject is 'off limits'..."



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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

Kindly readers have informed us about a number of typographical errors in our glorious April 15th issue of "Smear", and we are sincerely pleased to hear about them, as it means our non-subscribers are reading our magazine very carefully!

On Page 4 we erroneously referred to UFO researcher Jerry Black as Jerry Brown at one point, though we corrected this in the remainder of the story. On Page 5 we called Antonio Huneus "a second-strong lecturer", instead of "second string". And, in an unintentional pun, we stated on Page 3 that astronomy buff Richard Hoagland was given a metal from a Swedish institution, rather than a medal. (Maybe it was a metallic fragment from a flying saucer!)

Keep those cards & lettres (intentionally misspelled) rolling in, and please continue to send us items from the Net and elsewhere which you think would fit into our format. We will even give you credit in our zine, sometimes. Our special thanks to graphic designer Miller Johnson of Albuquerque for the "[U.F.O. Museum](#)" cartoon in this issue.

SMALL PLANE BROUGHT DOWN BY AN "UNKNOWN OBJECT", KILLING PILOT!

Here's a real UFO story, rare and mysterious in its details: Federal investigators have just issued a preliminary report on the crash of a single-engine Cessna near Mobile, Alabama, back on October 23, 2002. The plane slammed into something very solid about 3,000 feet above the ground. The engine was split in half by the impact!

The highly unusual National Transportation Safety Board account points to unidentified red marks on the severely damaged nose and front belly of the plane, and takes this as evidence that it hit another object in mid-air. Agency officials stated that they do not know of any other accident in their files that states "collision with an unknown object"!

Thomas Preziose, the 54-year-old pilot, was of course killed. Preziose was an experienced pilot, and had worked for the New York City Police Department and as an instructor on the Cessna 208 for the Pan American Flight Academy in Memphis. He had flown the same route numerous times. An autopsy revealed no drugs or alcohol in his system at the time of the crash.

Various theories were explored as to what known aircraft could have caused the collision, but after careful research none were found. There is a possibility that a drug smuggling plane was involved, but there is no direct evidence of this. No one at all mentioned "space ship", by the way!

For some reason this case reminds us of the classic 1948 death of Kentucky National Guard fighter pilot Captain Thomas Mantell, while chasing a UFO at high altitude. There are those who believe Mantell was "zapped" by the object, whereas the more likely explanation is that the thing was merely a then-classified Skyhook Balloon, and that the unlucky pilot blacked out from lack of oxygen. As in so many UFO instances, it is impossible to find a solution to the Mantell case that satisfies everyone. (Our thanks to K.P.)...



Tim Beckley (left) of Glocal Communications and parapsychologist George Hansen pose with two of Bob Durant's famous "Roswell Girls" at Pat Marcatilio's last UFO extravaganza in New Jersey this past March. Note the UFO in the background! (Photo courtesy of Frank Conway)

TIDBITS OF TRASH

- An item from Whitley Strieber's website speaks of recent confirmation of Ed Walters' notorious UFO activities in Gulf Breeze, Florida in the late 1980s. The confirmation is in the form of a very similar saucer photographed in Venezuela in 1990. We doubt if this proves anything, one way or the other.

Most intriguing is a paragraph stating. "Ed Walters was unjustly dismissed by a press eager to follow the lead of Air Force Office of Special Investigations operatives and a CIA officer who had taken over the Gulf Breeze MUFON". We immediately wondered who this "CIA officer" might have been, and sure enough he turns out to be (in Strieber's opinion, apparently) retired Colonel Rex Salisbury.

Salisbury never "took over the Gulf Breeze MUFON". His Sin was writing a negative report on Ed Walters' claims & photos, after having been appointed by MUFON czar Walt Andrus (since retired) to do an investigation of same. All the True Believers, such as Donald Ware, saw this as a betrayal rather than an honest assessment - which it was, in our opinion. Thus Salisbury then sank into the depths of official MUFON Rejection, from which he has never emerged! (Our thanks to Rob MacGregor for this one.)...

- Steven Bassett, a leading political proponent of UFOs, has been in the news a lot lately. As head of Paradigm Research Group (PRG), he recently sponsored a successful event called the X-Conference near Washington, D.C., in mid-April. Having run very unsuccessfully for Congress in 2002, Bassett is now trying to make the final cut to get onto a new "Reality" TV show called "American Candidate" - where a group of 12 contestants will "run for president", with the viewers doing the voting. At this time several hundred prospective candidates are being considered for the final 12. Perhaps, in the unlikely event that Bassett is the winner at the completion of this TV series (around the end of summer), he could then call himself PRG-12 or even MJ-12!

We have looked at Bassett's position statements on various matters, including, of course, the

flying saucer controversy. The only thing we're sure we agree with him about is the war on drugs. He is against it...

- **Peter Gersten, whose Web address starts with "ufolawyer" (as he once was a real lawyer in New York City), is more on a metaphysical kick than a political one. Says he, among other recent ravings: "During the 'end-times', the period leading up to the 'Singularity', there will occur a specific scenario in our solar program involving both a catastrophic event (2004-2006) that will threaten our survival, and the arrival (first-contact) of an 'extraterrestrial' intelligence (6 to 12 months after the threat) to save us."**

We have brushed off ufological predictions for nigh onto fifty years now, and we don't intend to let this one get to us. But on the off chance that Gersten is correct, remember that you read it here first!...

- **Former UFO researcher William Moore and your "Smear" editor have had further correspondence recently and have agreed to "bury the hatchet" and remain friends. Moore prefers that we not discuss him in our zine, and we will cease doing so unless he (a) has a vivid abduction experience (which he has never had in the past), or (b) does something else so overwhelming that we can't resist sharing it with our readers. Moore, as you probably recall, was involved in the original set of MJ-12 documents, released to the public in 1987...**
- **We have here a very interesting item from the Net, dated March 24th of this year. The subject is given as "WMD" (weapons of mass destruction), and the original is marked "SECRET" and is dated January 2nd of 1952 - just months before the gigantic flying saucer flap of July, 1952, when unidentified radar blips were seen over the nation's capital.**

The title of this document is "Memorandum for General Sanford", he being the Chief of Air Force Intelligence at that time. The memo, which runs about 1 1/2 pages, is written by Brigadier General W.M. Garland, who signs himself as Assistant for Production, Directorate of Intelligence.

We won't quote the text in full, but a key part reads: "In view of the above facts and the persistent reports of unusual flying objects over parts of the United States, particularly the east and west coast and in the vicinity of the atomic energy production and testing facilities, it is apparent that positive action must be taken to determine the nature of the objects, and, if possible, their origin. Since it is a known fact that the Soviets did not detonate an atomic bomb prior to 1949, it is believed possible that the Soviets may have developed the German aircraft designs at an accelerated rate, in order to have a suitable carrier for the delivery of weapons of mass destruction.

"In other words, the Soviets may have a carrier without the weapons required, while we have relatively superior weapons with relatively inferior carriers available. If the Soviets should get the carrier and the weapon, combined with adequate defensive aircraft, they might surpass us technologically for a sufficient period of time to permit them to execute a decisive air campaign against the United States and her allies. The basic philosophy of the Soviets has been to surpass the western powers technologically, and the Germans have given them the opportunity.

"In view of the facts outlined above, it is considered mandatory that the Air Force take positive action at once to definitely \ determine the nature and, if possible, the origin of the reported unusual flying objects..."

There are several points to note here: First, the term "WMD" is certainly timely today, 54 years after the memorandum was written. Secondly and more importantly, one must notice that there is no hint here that the mysterious objects could be from another planet rather than from the Soviets; and lastly - it is obvious that as of Jan. 2nd, 1952, no flying saucers from anywhere had crashed in the United States, or even elsewhere, to the best knowledge of these top Intelligence officers. If UFOs didn't crash anywhere, that would certainly include Roswell!

Joel Carpenter is the researcher who placed this document on the Net, and one can assume it was recently released to him through the FOIA. Karl Pflock has over forty other relevant documents from those early days, all leading to the same conclusion regarding UFO crashes. Many of these can be found in his 2001 book, **"Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe"**...

Another important though little known UFO researcher has recently departed to that Great Saucer Landing Field in the Sky. The name Roy F. Craig may not be familiar to most of you, but he was the chief field investigator for the famed Colorado (University) Project, also known as the Condon Committee - headed by the late Dr. Edward U. Condon.

This was the official government search, back in the late 1960s, for scientific evidence of the existence of unidentified flying objects. Craig was co-author of the three volume Condon Report, which (sadly) concluded, in essence, that the subject was not important enough to be pursued further. This conclusion was to be expected, partly due to Dr. Condon's very negative personal attitude toward UFOs; and the publication of these books brought much anger and anguish to the saucer research field.

Years later, Craig wrote his own book about his experiences with the Committee. It was called "An Insider's View of the Official Quest for Evidence". Craig, unlike Condon, said that he liked flying saucers, and he even wrote silly poetry about them. Some time before his recent death at age 79, Craig donated his papers and research findings to the Science Fiction and Fantasy Research Collection at Texas A&M University. (Our thanks to Martin Kottmeyer & others)...

- There's a major motion picture due to be shot late next year, based on H.G. Wells' classic alien-invasion epic "War of the Worlds". Steven Spielberg, Tom Cruise, and other big names are involved in the production.

The novel was written back in 1898, and was the basis for Orson Welles' (no relation) famous 1938 live radio drama of the same name. In this, a Martian spacecraft was said to have crashed in New Jersey, and many people (including our mother, in New Jersey) took this fictional story very seriously, and even went into a panic over it!

The Internet story we have on this subject omits the fact that there was a successful 1953 movie on the "War of the Worlds" theme, starring Gene Barry. There also was a very unsuccessful TV series on the subject, in the late 1980s. Anyhow, the new movie is something to look forward to, though it won't actually hit the screen until 2006...

- The nitwits are at it again, buying real estate on the Moon! A man named Dennis Hope, with a company called Lunar Embassy, is based in Nevada and apparently has the legal right to unload Moon land at \$19.95 per acre. He claims that he has 2.5 million property owners in 80 countries, and more than 1,300 corporations (which should know better!) have purchased plots. Never mind that there is no air or water on the Moon, and that the daily temperature ranges from a low of 245 degrees below zero, to a high of 225 degrees above zero! Hope, aptly named, claims that his business is not a scam. He also sells T-shirts, plaques, and maps - presumably of the Moon...
- A small item in the April 2004 MUFON UFO Journal informs us that the Australian International UFO Flying Saucer Research organization (AIUFOFSR) has folded, as of late last year. Founded in 1952, this is said to be "one of the oldest UFO organizations in the world". This could well be true, but we have never heard of it! The British Flying Saucer Bureau, a branch of Albert K. Bender's original International Flying Saucer Bureau, was founded in 1952 also, and appears to still be in existence under the direction of Denis Plunkett.

We find this of interest, because the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (S.A.U.C.E.R.S.), publisher of "Saucer Smear", was founded in 1954, and seems to be well on its way to becoming - if it's not already - the oldest UFO group on this planet. Some

say that we don't do research. Some say that we aren't even a group. But we do grind out "Smear" and hold annual conventions around the U.S.A., under the title of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC). More details about this year's NUFOC will be announced soon....

- After all the recent nonsense about artificial objects - even rocks shaped like letters of the English alphabet - being found on the surface of Mars, we now have a case of an authentic unidentified flying object being photographed there! One of NASA's rovers recently sent back to Earth a photo showing a UFO flying above the red planet. It is thought that this was probably Viking 2, launched in 1975, which continues to orbit Mars, but we prefer to believe that the Martians are keeping our rovers under surveillance. Maybe they're worried that Richard Hoagland will try to give a lecture up there! (Our thanks to Gene Duplantier of Canada.)...
- Finally, here's a really strange item, from a Georgia newspaper, that we received at our humble Headquarters just at Press Time: It seems that late on the evening of April 2nd, Claude Balsworth and his son Bruce were driving on U.S. Route One in southern Georgia, near the tiny town of Homeland, where they live. This is in the vicinity of the dreaded Okeenokee Swamp, where strange creatures have allegedly been seen for decades.

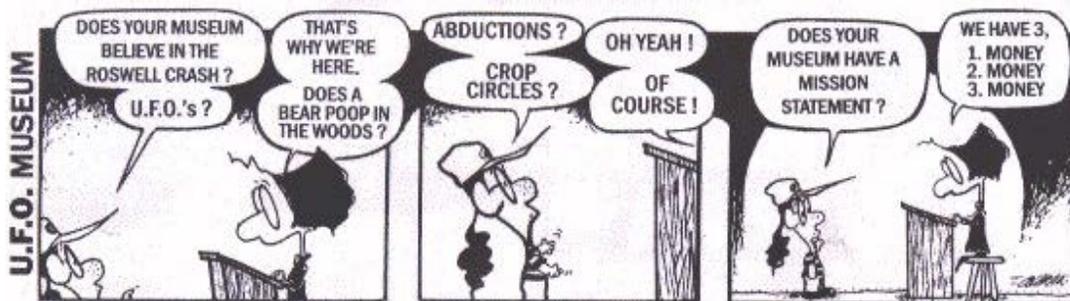
Suddenly a huge heavy-set humanoid creature started to cross the road just ahead of them, became transfixed by the headlights, and stood there for several seconds during which he could be seen clearly. The creature was facing their car, and looked to be almost seven feet tall, covered with long hair which glowed with a faint greenish light. They could not help noticing that it had very large and prominent genitalia, which they described in cruder terms later when calling in the sighting to police.

After a few seconds, the creature bolted from the road, and ran toward a small nearby lake, making an erie howl as it ran. They could hear a loud splash as it entered the water, and then there was silence.

Next they noticed a hazy white glow coming from about 100 feet away in the nearby woods. They stopped their car next to the highway and were about to approach the woods, when the glow flared up extremely brightly for a moment and then disappeared completely.

Spooked out by all of this, they drove home at top speed. The next morning Claude Balsworth returned to the exact spot (or so he claims) with a sheriff's deputy, but nothing unusual could be found. Apparently there were no other witnesses to the previous night's events.

This is surely a case for "Filer's Files", and we hope to see it there. (Credit: Carlos Mentira.)



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Reading Greg Long's new book "The Making of Bigfoot" (Prometheus, 476 pp., \$25), was a "deja vu all over again" experience.

I'm not referring to the over-italicized, over-exclamation-pointed, over-ALL-CAPPED, overblown foreward by Kal K. Korff ("President and CEO, CriticalThinkers, Investigative Journalist, Author") and Long's fawning reciprocation in his introduction - taken together, a textbook case of verbal mutual masturbation. Nor am I referring to the jacket blurb by Robert "The Alien Autopsy Film Is Real. No Wait! It's A Hoax" Kiviat, who just happens to be producing a television tie-in with Long's book.

Nor do I mean another such blurb by one Michaela Kocis, Czech "Investigative Journalist" and, I suspect, Korff's wife.

Instead, it's the remarkable similarity twixt Long's quest for the truth about the (in)famous Roger Patterson film of "Mrs. Bigfoot" and mine for the same about Roswell. We both spent eight years investigating. We both learned there was much more/and Much less to our respective mysteries than met the eye. We both discovered the so-called experts didn't ask questions they didn't want the answers to, and ignored, glossed over, and poohpoohed the inconvenient facts. In both cases, the truth was in plain sight or almost so for anyone unblinkered by a Will to Believe or driven by less savory motives to see: Regrettably, at least for me if not for Long, both Patterson's film and Roswell's crashed flying saucer are phonies.

To the general public and even to many putative Bigfoot experts, the film shot by Patterson allegedly on October 20, 1967, at Bluff Creek, California, seemed genuine, showing a real crypto-creature. Proof at last! Seemingly very scientific analyses and investigations supposedly established the hairy critter in the film couldn't have been a man in an ape suit, in cahoots with Patterson and his semi-Indian sidekick Bob Gimlin. It was all very convincing!

It turns out the late Mr. Patterson was an artistically talented dreamer and third rate con man with an aversion to honest work and paying his bills, who pursued fame and fortune with all sorts of oddball schemes before becoming obsessed with Bigfoot and a Conviction the hairy cryptid would make him "a million bucks". Moreover, Patterson's Schemes and shady character were well known to his Yakima, Washington neighbors. So, too, were his efforts to film a Bigfoot "documentary" locally - before that fateful day in 1967. Oh yes, then there was his Bigfoot book, self-published in 1966, and the Bigfoot sightings near Patterson's home, in an area where no such sightings had been made before. And what about the guy who claimed to play the role of Mrs. Bigfoot, and the question of how the film could have gotten from California to Yakima and developed in time to be shown to three leading Bigfooters, just two days later.

Somehow, these inconvenient facts and more have been dismissed or conveniently left out of accounts of Patterson and his film. Still, Long doesn't... Oops! Out of Space till the next "Smear".

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- Researcher GORDON LORE writes as follows:

"I have read, with some degree of trepidation, [Karl Pflock's somewhat blistering review](#) of Ann Druffel's 'Firestorm: Dr. James E. McDonald's Fight for UFO Science', which appeared in the Feb. 25th, 2004 edition of 'Saucer Smear'. While he spends much of his review nit-picking over what he views as mistakes and padding, he does get two things right: (1) 'Firestorm' 'is an important book', and (2) it is 'a first-class...personal and intellectual biography' of a man whom many of us in the UFO field in the mid-1960s until his tragic death in 1971 knew, loved, and had the good fortune to work with.

"While McDonald could be 'in-your-face' honest and demanding in his pursuit of getting the scientific community to take an objective look at the plethora of unexplained UFO cases, he could also be kind and tender and was more than willing to hear other points of view. As Ann Druffel points out in her superb biography, he jumped with equal enthusiasm, total dedication, and strict scientific scrutiny into UFOs and other areas of interest. His copious note-taking was legendary.

"As Vice President/Assistant Director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), headquartered in Washington, D.C., I, along with my late wife, Marty, worked long and hard with McDonald. We thought our enthusiasm for UFOs was great, but Jim McDonald blew us away. After traveling from his home in Arizona and following local meetings, he often stayed up until the wee hours of the morning discussing the latest UFO cases with us. His dedication to what he was doing was unquestioned.

"He first visited NICAP headquarters in 1966 as a skeptic, saying he wanted to look at some UFO reports in our files. Following one long afternoon of reading and taking notes, he became convinced that there was a lot more to the subject than he realized. He was 'hooked', and did not stop searching for the UFO truth until his death...

"Marty and I spent many hours in Ann Druffel's home working with her on her manuscript. She was careful about letting us peruse what she wrote about our contribution, and assiduously corrected any mistakes prior to publication. 'Firestorm' is not only a biography of a great scientist. It is also the first full, too-long-delayed, in-depth story of what happened at NICAP, then the world's largest UFO organization, and of the troubling forces that eventually overthrew it. In some ways, it's a disturbing, even frightening story, but it does shine the light of truth into some dark corners that badly need illumination. In this and other ways, it may, indeed, be the most important book on the subject ever written!..."

- The semi-mysterious HARRY LIME of Lime Industries, Ltd., writes:

"I found [Ann Druffel's defense of her book 'Firestorm'](#) against Karl Pflock's insightful review most amusing and a bit sad. First, she quotes Berthold Schwarz, a man incapable of penning or voicing a coherent paragraph, let alone a comprehensible book, saying her bloated opus is 'tightly stiched together in a highly-readable (sic) style'. Then she defends her editors by saying Pflock 'has no idea of the year-long copyediting and fact checking process' she and they went through, in effect admitting it could have been much worse (the mind boggles!) Of course she also resorts to the refuge of all 'wronged' authors - utterly irrelevant appeals to authority - by referring to favorable reviews in unnamed 'refereed scientific journals' and by sundry 'prominent authorities'.

"Sadly, Druffel does not muderstand how foolish and amateurish this makes her look. Professionals never waste their time taking reviewers to task!"

- Ufological Authority Figure JEROME ("JERRY") CLARK writes as follows:

"I [enjoyed your comments about me](#) in the new 'Smear'. I always appreciate your interest in my views, even if for some reason you don't always get them right. I'm sure that is not because you have bad intentions, simply that you're too busy to read carefully.

"You refer to two letters I wrote you, in which I asked you to admit that your wild charge about George Hunt Williamson - that he murdered his first wife Betty - is a falsehood and that the slander's source, the late Yonah Fortner, whom even you

admit not to be reliable (except, apparently, when you want to believe him), ought not to have been credited without independent verification. Unfortunately for you, no such independent verification exists.

"In any case, your characterization of my communications with you is not recognizable to me. Nor is your claim that my alleged beef with you 'seems to be that we' - divine 'we', I presume - 'don't have, nor do we (sic) claim to have, any special credentials'. I (not, note, 'We') have no idea where that comes from. That thought, in fact, hadn't even crossed my mind, not even once. It's nothing I've ever said either privately or publicly. I can only assume that you just made it up. Sort of, one might say, in the same way Fortner made up the story that had Williamson tossing his wife off a cliff in Peru.

"Anyway, that aside, I write for another reason, which is to make the following generous offer to 'Smear' readers. Those who are interested - if any - are invited to contact me, and I'll be happy to send copies of my March 18 and 19 letters, and they can judge for themselves whether you have accurately depicted their tone and content. And even better, for any correspondent who asks, I will be happy to provide, free of charge, a copy of my IUR review of [your and Karl Pflock's book](#) in which the Williamson tall tale appears. I can be reached at 409 West 2nd Street, Canby, Minnesota 56220, or at jkclark@frontier.net. Thanks much."

- Long-time researcher MATT GRAEBER writes:

"This latest issue was a great 'Smear', and was a saucer gossip's gourmet delight, having just the right amount of back-biting, muck-slinging and eye-gouging. It was simply delicious!

"I'll be sending you a copy of the expose I penned on the hoaxes that were perpetrated in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, back in 1974 - where a UFO had reportedly crashed and sunk in a silt pond within the town's limits. I know that you do not like to read too much stuff that people send you, but I thought you might puruse the article and mention it in a future edition of 'Smear'. Actually, the part that will probably interest you the most pertains to Ohio MUFON and a deputy sheriff who compounded the drama by perpetrating his own hoax, which the MUFONites swallowed hook, line, and saucer!

"I am hoping you can give the article a plug, as I am also planning to post it on the dreaded Net at - use your search engine - carbondale, pa, ufo crash. On the Net the incident is taking on Roswellian characteristics and is being presented in a grossly distorted fashion!..."

- Researcher FRANK CONWAY writes as follows:

"...When I got back home from my recent visit to Florida, there were voice-mail messages on my phone from George Filer awaiting me. It seems he's quite concerned about the photos that the Rover Spirit and Opportunity are sending back from Mars. George thinks he sees evidence of a Martian civilization in the pictures (letters of the English alphabet engraved on rocks, statues lying around on the desert, etc.) I've been dutifully examining all of the raw images on NASA's web site, as instructed, but, as I've told George, so far I haven't seen anything but sand and dust and rocks. I suggested to George that if NASA discovered even a hint of anything exotic on the Martian surface, they would not cover it up and keep it secret (as he seems to think they're doing) but would instead broadcast the news from the rooftops! Those guys live on funding and any discovery that would attract more federal funds would be on CNN in a microsecond!..."

- Back in late January we received the following letter from RAY CECOT of IRAAP (P.O. Box 12233, Albany, N.Y. 12212):

"Our hard copy newsletter, 'The Messenger', has been in existence since 1997... People are still interested in the UFO topic and want to receive a hard copy publication. Not everyone has Internet access, which many who do have a computer find difficult to comprehend. Internet and email cannot do it all. Hence, our newsletter remains in paper form.

"Besides the U.S., we've established contacts in other countries, and the newsletter gets sent there, as well. These include Japan, France, England, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

Since 1997 IRAAP has come a long way, due mainly to perseverance when times were not good."



Let us take breath here and understand quite how dangerous Hopkins is now becoming. People have a natural tendency to fear the 'Other' and can be easily tempted to hate and fear anyone who seems just a little bit odd and different. Now the 'Other' are no longer safe on the spaceship, but down the road, where bricks and worse can be thrown through their window. Hopkins is licensing new forms of persecution.

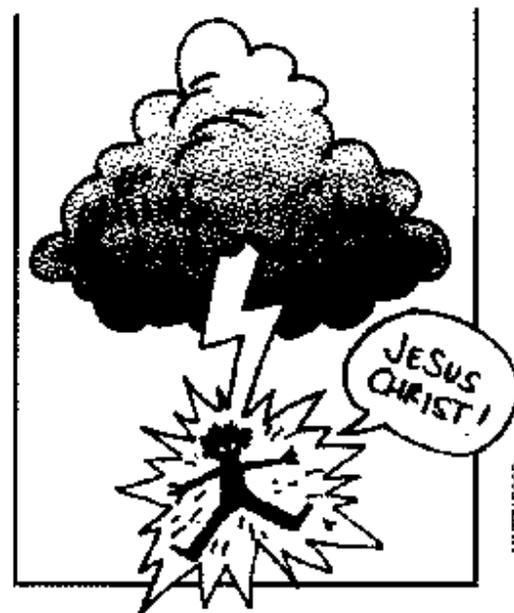
The above is from a review in England's "Magonia" of the new book by Budd Hopkins and Carol Rainey. The book is called "Sight Unseen: Science, UFO Invisibility, and Transgenic Beings". Note that the word "Unseen" in the title is unseen here! (Atria Books, 2003, \$25.00)

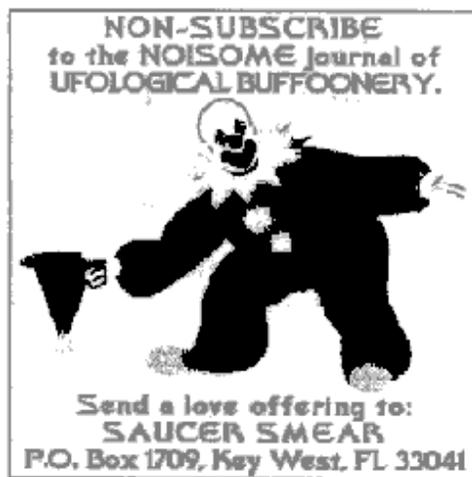
A LAY IN A MANGER

A man was arrested for having sex with a sheep used in an undertaker's live nativity tableau. Joey Armstrong, 29, broke into the shed housing the animals in Charleston, West Virginia, where he was caught in flagrante delicto. A week later, one of the sheep had a lamb, which became part of the display. Whether it was the same sheep is not specified. *Ananova*, 17 Dec; *NY Post*, 23 Dec 2002.

DIVINE WARNING

Jim Caviezel, the actor playing Jesus in Mel Gibson's film *The Passion of Christ*, which has drawn complaints from religious leaders, escaped injury after being struck by lightning during filming. Smoke was seen coming out of his ears. The bolt also hit the umbrella of assistant director Jan Michelini, who had already suffered light burns on the tips of his fingers when struck by an early bolt during filming on a hilltop months earlier. [AP] *BBC News*, 23 Oct; *NY Post*, 24 Oct 2003.





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NOTES OF PASSING INTEREST

irst, a few comments about our last glorious issue, dated March 15th: You may (or may not)

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have noticed that some of the print was too light to read easily - especially capital letters. This is because we use an ancient electric typewriter on which, over a period of time, the capitals start to hit more lightly than small letters. The reasons are complex, but we will just say that we have taken steps to correct this problem - short of buying a modern typer!

Typographical errors are not unknown in our issues, though we do our best, having no independent proofreader. **An outstanding example of a typo** in our last issue is at the top of Page 4, where it states that Giordado (misspelled in the text!) Bruno was sentenced to death at the stake 4004 years ago. That would be long before the beginning of the Christian era: The correct figure is 404 years.

Then, in our postscript to Dr. Frank E. Stranges' letter on Page 8, we gave his Email address incorrectly. The right answer here is: drfes@earthlink.net.

There are doubtlessly other mistakes, but these are the only important ones that have come to our attention.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- For the second month in a row, the lead article in the venerable MUFON UFO Journal has caught our serious attention. This story, in the March 2004 issue, is headlined "A different kind of 'crop circle'", and indeed it is: Actually, it is not a crop circle at all, but a circle of glowing green stones which was found at the edge of a field, on a farm in a very sparsely-populated rural section of Poland. This occurred back in 1998, but it was two years later before any investigation was done.

In brief, an elderly woman named Evelina Kuss, living with her family on a small farm, was awake late one night and saw a brilliantly glowing red object which descended very slowly from the sky and landed nearby. This apparently was one solid object, 3 or 4 yards across and several yards long. While it was descending her whole room was lit up by the red glow, but after it landed the light gradually dimmed. For some reason she did not tell her family about this weird event until the next morning!

The next day, her 11-year-old grandson went to the spot where the UFO had landed, but instead of one object, he found a crude circle of basket-ball sized stones, with a smaller one in the middle. This object had a faint greenish (not red) glow to it, which could be noticed best at night. A day or two later, the grandson went back with a wheelbarrow to attempt to retrieve the rest of the stones, but they were no longer there! In talking eventually to an investigator, the family pointed out that no one at all could reasonably have come by and taken them - since they had not yet told their neighbors about the incident, and the farm was so isolated.

Eventually all this came to the attention of the famed BLT Research Team, in which Nancy Talbott is a leading light - neither red nor green. BLT's past work on crop circles has been criticized, but at least it is done carefully and with proper scientific equipment. Their conclusion, after examining three small pieces of the greenish stone, is that it is "highly vitrified soil. The source of this vitrification/conversion to a glass remains unknown". That's hardly the only unknown element in this unique report!...

- Incidentally, the cost of the MUFON UFO Journal has just jumped to an outrageous minimum price of \$45 per year. Your editor, as a humble "Journal Subscriber", pays this amount. But won't this high fee scare off more potential members than it attracts? Inquiring minds want

to know!...

- Famed former ufologist William Moore of Burbank, California has finally written us a not-for-publication letter, after communicating with us only through intermediaries since August of last year. (Why be direct when an indirect approach is more mysterious?) Moore is mad at us, principally because we refused to leave last year's NUFOC convention in North Hollywood, Ca., to take a subway train to meet him privately at an undisclosed location. This would have separated us from our Fans and anti-Fans at just the time (Saturday evening) when we wanted to be available to hang out with them, since your editor is "permanent chairman" of the NUFOC.

The other reason Moore is upset is that he insists we have overstated his unfriendly relationship with the late Charles Berlitz, with whom he co-authored two books circa 1980. (One of these books was "The Roswell Incident", which started the fuss that goes on to this very day!) We remember clearly that Berlitz didn't like Moore at all, and Moore's recent remarks about Berlitz continue to justify our contention that he didn't like Berlitz, either. So what's the fuss about? Does it really matter after all these years?

We find it amazing that after all the time (since 1987) that we have been knocking and even ridiculing MJ-12 and Roswell, Moore never took offense. Now he does, feeling incorrectly that we didn't find him "important" enough to walk out on the NUFOC scene last year. Ufological egos are as strange as is the subject itself!...

- Also mad at us is Jerome ("Jerry") Clark, of the semi-prestigious "International UFO Reporter". A few months after the publication of our book (with Karl Pflock) "[Shockingly Close to the Truth](#)", Clark wrote a scathing 7-page review of it for his zine, centering around our accusation that 1950s contactee George Hunt Williamson might have killed his first wife, while just the two of them were on a trek through the Andes mountains of Peru. Then, in our March 15th, 2004 issue of "Smear", we commented at some length on [the recent death of Yonah Fortner](#), a Jewish scholar from whom we originally received the information about this unfortunate-if-true event in long-ago Peru.

Upon reading our obituary on Yonah Fortner, the erratic Clark fired off a very disagreeable "FOR PUBLICATION" letter, which we fully intended to print, as part of our policy of presenting all sides of important ufological issues. But in the very next day's mail, we saw that Clark had made (as he often does) a 180-degree turn. He withdrew permission to publish the first letter, and urged us to simply admit that the murder allegation is untrue. We really don't know at this point if it is true or not, and we had been hoping in recent months to get further clarification from Fortner. Now it is obviously too late to do that!

Clark seems to admire Williamson's scholarship and despise Fortner's. Perhaps there is an anti-Semitic nuance here. It was Williamson, not Fortner, who flunked out of college (the University of Arizona, as reported in SAUCER NEWS years ago), and who wrote crazy New Age archaeological-type books that offered no reasonable documentation. Fortner's forte was his own unique interpretation of the Old Testament and other ancient documents, leading him to claim that Jehova was in reality a space being of some sort. Maybe that too is crazy, but hardly a "running prank" as Clark claims in his second letter!

Scholarship, when it goes far beyond the range of peer review, is a very shaky thing. Clark, who, like Williamson, never finished college, is hardly an impartial judge. His beef with your "Smear" editor through the years seems to be that we don't have, nor do we claim to have, any special credentials - other than having observed the various nonsense (and occasional truth) in the UFO field for longer than almost anyone!...

- It used to be that the answer to the age-old question, "Is there life on Mars?" was "only on Saturday nights". Now, however, one of the two rovers currently on the surface of the Red Planet has come up with something not too far removed from Life - the fact that shallow, salty seas once existed there. Obviously there is much more that needs to be learned about

this.

Meanwhile, astronomy buff Richard Hoagland, and others of his ilk, are having a field day, on the Net and elsewhere, showing pictures of Martian objects that, at least superficially, look like they were artificially manufactured. The most famous of these is the well-known Face, about which NASA itself once said: "Shadows in the rock formation give the illusion of a nose and mouth. Planetary geologists attribute the origin of the formation to purely natural processes." There is a well-known psychological phenomenon which makes us see familiar objects in, for example, clouds on Earth and rocks on Mars. The scientific term for this is "pareidolia", though we can't find this word in our dictionary!

Anyhow, a real scientist named Philip Plait has recently started taking Hoagland to task, after having tried to ignore his wild claims for years. Plait is the author of a book called "Bad Astronomy", and he attacks Hoagland's credentials as well as his conclusions. Hoagland tries to squirm out of it, but the headline on his home page regarding one anomalous small object flatly states "An Unmistakable Machined Fitting". Another caption says, "A Collection of Mechanical Bits". Then there's an embarrassing-to-NASA giant glass-like "worm" that's a mile long! Plait says that its rib-like features are probably sand dunes, created by Martian wind blowing through a valley.

Hoagland has no real degree in anything, apparently, and that dooms him from ever being taken seriously. (We should know!) He does have an award-type metal from an institution in Sweden with a name very similar to a prestigious institution, but upon careful examination it turns out not to be the same place.

How many times in the saucer field have our leaders indulged in this kind of deception? We predict that tiny, crawly things will eventually be found on Mars, but there will still be no sign of the "little men" that your editor used to believe in, years ago. (Our thanks to Tom Benson for this one.)...

NOTE: For "Smear" back issues, write to Benson at P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J 08606...

- The legendary creature known as Bigfoot, whether he really exists or not, has been getting a lot of attention lately. A man named Bob Heironimus claims that it was he who donned a gorilla costume and appeared in the famous Patterson amateur film clip back in 1967. This 60-second grainy film is acknowledged to be the strongest available evidence for the creature's existence. If it was indeed a hoax, then public belief in the whole Bigfoot legend would decrease dramatically.

The matter is made somewhat confusing by the fact that there is a Bob Heironimus, with a slightly different spelling, who is a long-time radio personality dealing in offbeat and New Age topics. (Your editor has been on his syndicated show a couple of times, long ago.) In spite of this coincidence, there is no relationship between the two men.

The above-mentioned confession is contained in a new book by paranormal investigator Greg Long, called "The Making of Bigfoot". He traces the shaggy Bigfoot costume to a North Carolina gorilla suit specialist named Philip Morris, who says he sold it for \$435 to Roger Patterson, who died in 1972. The hoax was staged near Bluff Creek in northern California, according to Heironimus.

On March 1st there was a heavily-hyped radio show about all this, hosted by Jeff Rense, which was heard on over 100 stations in the U.S. and broadcast around the world online. (Your editor was on Jeff Rense's show in 2002, promoting "**Shockingly**".) We missed hearing the Bigfoot show, but are told that Greg Long was on it, together with at least a couple of questionable characters. There was former UFO researcher Kal K. Korff, who seems to be determined to outdo CSICOP in his frenzy of negativity, and there was also Robert Kiviat, best known for the horribly hoaxed "alien autopsy film" a few years ago, which he vigorously promoted on one TV show, followed by another show in which he exposed his own hoax! **That takes balls!**

Defenders of Bigfoot, of whom there are many, insist that no expose means anything unless a convincing re-creation of the Patterson film can be produced by those determined to discredit it. This sounds like a reasonable position to take. There can be fame and money in a phony expose, as much as there can be in the original hoax - if the film is indeed bogus. It is clear that we don't yet have the final word on this complex subject...

- Here's a current feud which your editor is not involved in personally, but we nevertheless have strong views because of the ufological players involved. On the one hand we have the prestigious Dr. Bruce Maccabee - a real optical physicist, who gave a thumbs-up to Ed Walters' UFO photos and stories, back in the heyday of the Gulf Breeze, Florida incidents of the late 1980s. Maccabee endorsed Walters' questionable pictures and contributed material for Ed's book, for which he was paid by the publisher. This is well known, and there's no argument so far.

However, researcher Jerry Brown of Ohio, who remains obsessed with the Gulf Breeze saga after all this time, insists that Maccabee received other payment(s) directly from Ed, and in effect his positive opinion on the whole subject was bought & paid for. Black has asked Maccabee to take a lie detector test about all this, and surprisingly Maccabee has agreed to do so. This probably won't settle anything however, as, for example, the polygraph tests that abductee Travis Walton took after his return to Earth are still in dispute! But we'll be very interested indeed to see what happens next.

Backing up Jerry Black is Cincinnati researcher Kenny Young, who is a friend of Black's. Young has been very active on the Net for quite awhile now, and is considered a Serious Researcher. We agree that the Gulf Breeze saga was just a series of private pranks that got way out of hand, and we gave our insights about this in "Shockingly" - based on several first-hand interviews in Gulf Breeze at the time.

However, Black is overly emotional about the whole thing. Lined up against him and supporting Maccabee's integrity are Important (?) Researchers such as Jerry Clark (UGH!), Richard Hall (EEEE!), and Wendy Connors - who, in reviewing "Shockingly" in 2002 lamented that "good trees were sacrificed to put out a bad product". (We printed part of this review in our August 10th, 2002 issue.)

One or more of the above-mentioned trio has suggested that Black take a psychological test. He agreed, if they would pay for it! But the results would undoubtedly be inconclusive. Meanwhile, the battle goes on! (We interviewed Maccabee, Young and Black by phone for this article. The original Net information came from Tom Benson, who like Karl Pflock and a handful of others, often sends us material that we would miss otherwise.)

- Dave Swink, a former volunteer with the International UFO Museum in Roswell, N.M., continues to send us updates on this year's upcoming festivities in that grand old saucer town. Again the time will be July 4th weekend, which is vaguely the anniversary date of the Roswell Incident in 1947.

We attended the big fiftieth anniversary celebration in 1997, and in 2002 we were honored to be on the short list of speakers at the Museum - along with Stanton Friedman and others. Now it can be told: It was Swink who made our appearance possible! Museum Director Julie Shuster would never have booked us without a strong nudge from Swink, who was at that time involved with the speakers program. Julie doesn't like us at all, as she resents the fact that we don't believe in the Roswell Incident as an interplanetary event - though we love it as colorful folklore!

We are therefore astounded & disappointed that the title of this year's event has been changed from "Roswell UFO Festival" to "Roswell 2004 Festival". This is apparently an attempt to appease some locals who are embarrassed by the flying saucer connection; but without it, why would there be a celebration at all? Another reason for the name change is that Julie, not being a team player, has not been cooperative with the other organizations

involved in the planning. Thus her museum is no longer the central focus of the event.

Among the luminaries scheduled to appear this year is former astronaut Edgar Mitchell. He has spoken frankly with colleagues about UFOs and aliens, but he avoided mentioning them in public until recently. Says he: "A few insiders know the truth, and are studying the bodies that have been discovered". Someone should tell Karl Pflock about this discovery, because his research has turned up no dead alien bodies at all! Mitchell also claims that, since President Kennedy, a "cabal" of insiders have stopped briefing our presidents about extraterrestrials!

There will also be musical groups at Roswell this year, including Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Los Tigres Del Norte, the Platters, the Drifters, and the Temptations. We thought that a couple of these groups no longer exist, but never mind! And there will be nostalgic 1940s music, vintage cars, over 100 films by independent film makers, a fly-by involving over 100 airplanes (but no saucers), and many other jazzy components. If nothing else, it is a whole lot better than anything Pat Marcattilio of New Jersey has ever produced, we can tell you that!...

- **As stated** in our March 15th issue, the above-mentioned Pat Marcattilio held another of his twice-yearly conventions in Bordontown, N.J., on the weekend of March 27th-28th. Several speakers canceled shortly beforehand, and the crowd was even smaller than usual. Our friend Antonio Huneeus, who often comes as a "second-strong" lecturer, was called upon to be on the program, as were several other substitutes. Bob Durant and his Roswell girls (pictured in previous "Smears") were there, and a number of old friends of ours were in the audience.

One of the substitute speakers was researcher George Filer, author of "Filer's Files" on the Net and in the MUFON UFO Journal. Filer is apparently a follower of Richard Hoagland, and he actually believes that specific things such as letters of the English alphabet have been seen in recent photographs of the Martian landscape. We truly wish we could have been there to learn more about this!

After 14 or 15 years, this was probably Pat's last conference. He is retiring from the post office and probably moving to the Orlando area of Florida, where he hopes to open a UFO museum. However, all he seems to have now are very large pieces of cardboard with flying saucer clippings pasted onto them, and this may not be enough to draw much of a crowd. But we do sincerely wish him good luck!...

- Space does not allow us to discuss all the many interesting past and future UFO conventions in the U.S., but on April 18th-22nd there will (or will not) be a most peculiar gathering hosted by contactee Dr. Steven Greer. Only 15 people will be allowed to attend, and if less than 10 people sign up, the event will be scrapped. The cost is a hefty \$600 per person. The literature promises "a unique event that will be an oral presentation of the unvarnished Truth". The exact location is not clearly defined, but appears to be on a farm somewhere in rural Virginia. If you can't get there you are out of luck, because "everyone will be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement". But hopefully our Secret Sources will fill us in, later...

We have more material, but no more Space this time! See you next issue.

WHERE IS PFLOCK, YOU MIGHT ASK?

Contributing Editor Karl T. Pflock's widely-acclaimed column is missing from this issue, but will return next time. Karl is away from home, spreading George W. Bush's message of Peace and Love to the inhabitants of nearby galaxies!



Actually, it is more like health problems and other private matters that have temporarily laid low his mighty pen. And that's Shockingly Close to the Truth!

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

- Long-time researcher ANN DRUFFEL, who hosted the 2003 NUFOC convention in North Hollywood, California, writes as follows:

"Regarding [Karl Pflock's review of my book](#), 'FIRESTORM: Dr. James E. McDonald's Fight for UFO Science', in the February 2004 issue of 'Saucer Smear', Pflock seems to strangely disagree with the numerous prominent scientists, engineers, technicians, medical doctors and other professional persons in the UFO and parapsychology research fields who have also reviewed it.

"For example, Berthold E. Schwarz, M.D. of parapsychology and ufology fame, in his recent review in a scientific journal, states that FIRESTORM '...is a tour de force, tightly stitched together in a highly-readable style, with a vast array of disparate, stellar facts dealing with craft that could seemingly defy gravity and make aerodynamically impossible maneuvers that will hold the reader's interest at all times. No stones are left unturned...' Dr. Schwarz' review falls right in line with all the other reviews of FIRESTORM which have appeared in refereed scientific journals, research journals, newsstand magazines and internet sites by such prominent authorities as Stan Friedman, George Earley, Hal Puthoff, Brent Raynes, Dwight Connelly and many others.

"Contrast these glowing reviews to Karl Pflock's assessment of FIRESTORM as a 'sprawling, repetitive, undisciplined morass...' Are all the other reviewers out of step but Karl? I would also like to defend my editors Brian Crissey and Para Meyers of Wild Flower Press against Pflock's criticism that 'they allowed Druffel to lard up her text with irrelevant and marginally relevant and lengthy asides and dark allusions to conspiracy and coverup...' and that they failed to provide 'any consistent copyediting or fact checking ...' Karl has no idea of the year-long copyediting and fact-checking process that was done with McDonald's personal files, handwritten journals and interview sources. All the sources used in the book are readily available, as referenced in the text."

- Veteran researcher BOB PRATT writes:

"Thanks for [the kind mention](#) in your March 15th, 2004 issue of 'Smear'. I don't know if Brazil is unique, but it sure is a marvelous place to research UFOs. It seems that no matter where you go, you will find someone who has seen or experienced something unusual.

"I've gone there 14 times since 1978 and have interviewed 250 to 300 people. Many of them have been poor and poorly educated people who live on farms and in the tropical forests, possibly because UFOs are more easily seen in the interior rather than in the big cities. However, there are sightings in the cities too.

"I have never found any cultural, educational, racial or religious pattern that would explain who sees what. Witnesses include well-educated, professional people.

"One of the most interesting men I ever talked to was a retired army general who taught mathematical mechanics for 23 years at Brazil's equivalent of West Point, and for 12 years was deputy director of the military academy. Almost every night for about 10 months in 1968 and 1969, he and his son (then an army lieutenant and now a retired general himself), a cousin who was a law professor, and five or six other people saw UFOs on a farm some distance west of the national capital of Brasilia. The objects were usually sitting on the ground 100 to 140 meters away from them. But the general, now dead, told me that at times he and the others had been able to get within 15 meters of the objects.

"He said that he eventually learned to use light signals to communicate with the unseen occupants, who seemed to be able to read his thoughts, but wouldn't let him go aboard!..."

- **DENNIS STACY, who is a special correspondent for "Smear" in San Antonio, Texas, writes as follows:**

"I am saddened to report that the Seven Oaks Resort, the site of arguably the most successful NUFOC ever (in 1999), recently succumbed to an act of wanton arson. This will preclude the possibility of the NUFOC being once again held in San Antonio anytime soon, as it was the only convention center the NUFOC could locally afford!

"The sprawling resort, once a flagship of the Sheraton chain, has a storied history. In its heyday, it hosted the Miss Texas Pageant. By the time of the NUFOC, however, it had gone somewhat to seed, or, if you prefer, it got funky. Following NUFOC, the Seven Oaks went entirely defunct and had remained officially vacant for the last couple of years, until the disastrous fire of Friday, March 5th, 2004. The fire specifically consumed the auditorium room in which NUFOC, which that year featured Whitley Strieber, Kevin Randle, the late Constance Clear, Senor Moseley, and others, was held.

"On another front, those following the curious career of Charles A.A. Dellschau will be pleased to learn that an exhibit of his eccentric portrayals of supposedly pre-Wright Brothers airships is now on display at the Mennelo Museum of American Folk Art in Orlando, Florida, from March 12th until May 30th, 2004. Adult admission: \$4. The museum is located at 900 East Princeton St., Orlando, Florida 32803-1437. Telephone: 407-246-4278. The exhibit is entitled 'Flight or Fancy? The Secret Life of Charles A.A. Dellschau'.

"Some UFO commentators believe that Dellschau and his alleged Sonora (California) Aero Club may have played a fundamental role in the 1896-97 Great Airship Mystery, with its subsequent influence on UFO reports in this country and the world at large."

- **CHRISTOPHER ALLAN, our faithful correspondent in Jolly Olde England, writes:**

"You may have heard via the Internet, but the UK 'UFO Magazine' has folded just six months after the death of its former editor Graham Birdsall last September. Its website has also closed. Yet there was nothing to suggest it was in trouble financially. This was the UK's only newsstand saucer magazine, as opposed to those bought on subscription, and it seems to have been the decision of Graham's widow, even though others on the staff were hoping to continue it.

"At least two press articles have appeared attributing the closure to a dearth of UFO sightings and a fall off in public interest, something which ufologists have

been quick to denounce as typical uninformed journalism (and they may well have a point).

"Thus the only remaining UK zine is 'Flying Saucer Review' (by subscription only), but it is hard to see this surviving much longer, as its contents have steadily deteriorated in quality for some years, making it less attractive even to true believers

"I shall not mourn the passing of either magazine, but I do wonder what the future is for UFO and related magazines nowadays, with the internet rapidly taking over the scene and drowning everything else in the process.

"Presumably the same situation exists on your side of the Atlantic, with of course one big exception: 'Saucer Smear'. Now, if you can really outlast the curse of the internet, you will have achieved something for civilization, though not necessarily for ufology.

"So be thankful you are still alive and surviving!"

- Saucer buff & high-flying intellectual MIKE GENSLER writes:

"...I spotted a very wild error on Page 4 of our last issue, re [The Raelians & Giordano Bruno](#). The 'r' was left out of the man's first name, and he was said to have been burned at the stake '4004 years previously'. I'm sure you meant 404. So, do I get a nitpicker's prize, or just a handful of nits?

"I've spent many years being fascinated by the likes of Galileo, Copernicus, and Bruno. I'd hate to think this puts me on the same page as a nutbag club like the Raelians. So it goes. In addition to asserting that the Universe is infinite and extraterrestrial life is likely to exist, Bruno also defended the notion that Christ was human and not divine. This really started the ball rolling against him, poor bastard! He also wrote a number of dialogues containing challenges to the heliocentric notion of the universe, along with arguments in which the following points were asserted: that the Bible is a good moral reference but lacks any scientific credibility; that religion is good for guiding ignorant people while philosophy is good for the elite who know how to behave themselves; that the Universe is a union of form and matter (setting the stage for the Unified Field Theory); that all religions should coexist peacefully and with mutual understanding through the exchange of ideas rather than the assertion of absolute rightness. For this, they gagged him and burned him alive. Typical! The man had his faults, to be sure, but Bruno was a pivotal player in the development of Western scientific thought and liberal ideals. Too bad the Raelians are waving his flag. He deserves better company!"

- The semi-mysterious EDWIN RUSSELL JR. writes as follows:

"...I enjoyed [your book](#). I've long held the opinion that the ET's, assuming that there were some, have long since departed for more interesting climes, leaving behind a saucerdom movement here; a movement that they didn't create, but also one that they couldn't eradicate. Your book about the personalities involved in this movement was most interesting... "

- Researcher STEVE DUNN writes:

"Apparently if they're not called UFOs, looking for them is okay with the scientific community: In April of 1973 an astronomy student named Duncan Luman had an article published in the British Interplanetary Society's 'Spaceflight' magazine. The article concerned the possibility of an alien space probe orbiting at the L4 Earth/Moon Lagrangian point. The article was a nine-days wonder, and had 'real'

astronomers searching the Lagrange points for anything they could see. Some saw possible objects; some saw nothing. (Not unlike the search for the Martian canals, 'way back when'.)

"One eventual result of this was the formation in the '80s of the term 'SETA' for 'Search for Extra Terrestrial Artifacts'. Coined by R. A. Freitas, et al, the link to 'SETI' is obvious."

- Skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes as follows:

"Thanks for keeping the underside of flying saucers in front of our eyes! No one else manages to dig up as much muck as you do! Seriously - I very much enjoy both 'Saucer Smear' and your consistent sense of humor..."

Dennett kindly enclosed a "Love Offering" consisting of a jar of jam from Maury Island, Washington - site of a complex classic UFO-related event back in 1947. Long story here. Editor.

- And, RICHARD FREEMAN writes as follows:

"Acks(as Bill the Cat used to say) - I can't quite remember what my last semi-illegible missive to you might have said. It dealt with the matter of implants - alien ones, I believe - and how so many young women in Florida seem to have them. I had hoped that you & I could back engineer better implants - so as not to leave unsightly scars!..."

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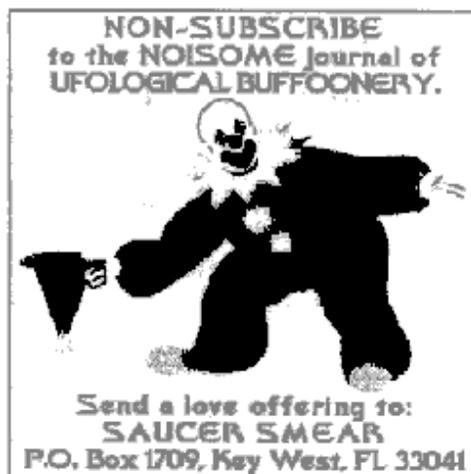
Elcio Berti, mayor of Bocaiuva do Sul in Brazil, cancelled a planned landing by an alien spaceship during the Brazil v Peru football match in November because, he told Estado de Sao Paulo online, "I was worried they might abduct one of the Brazilian footballers". The mayor claims to be in regular touch with aliens and says they are helping to fund a UFO landing pad he's building in the town. *Ananova, 21 Nov2003.*

HOLY RACKET

A Romanian priest was defrocked and a second sent to a new diocese for drowning out each other's Masses using loudspeakers. Fr Mihai Dumitru said he was forced to retaliate after Fr Dutu Timis held an outdoor Mass just 10ft (3m) from where he was conducting his Sunday service. The pair occupied churches next door to each other in the town of Borsa. *Metro, 9 July 2003.*

COMPUTER GLITCH

A Norwegian insurance firm apologised to a customer for giving him the Internet password "wooden penis". The company's webmaster, Thomas Aam, promised the furious 31-year-old he would rewrite the software to rule out the chances of rude passwords being generated in future. *Metro, 27 Aug 2002.*



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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- **S**hockingly, we gave the Internet address of "Saucer Smear" incorrectly on Page One of our last issue. The proper address is: "www.martiansgohome.com/smea". If you leave off

the last part ("/smear"), as we did, you end up on a page that says: "Attention: You have reached the last page of the Internet. I hope you have enjoyed your browsing. Now turn off your computer and go outside and play". This is apparently a humorous touch by Steve Mansee, the very helpful fellow who puts "Smear" on the Net in the first place. Steve tells us that, at our suggestion, he will now modify this with a "link", so that it is no longer a complete dead end!

- Not being on the (cursed) Net ourselves, we are dependent on our loyal fans to send us good UFO & Fortean material that they see there - or anywhere else. Please don't hesitate to send along anything that you think would be our kind of Thing. Don't assume that we will receive the same item from somebody else. The Space People will Bless you for helping us - if they exist!...
- Here's a semi-amusing story from a Vacaville, California newspaper dated Dec. 5th of last year. Four local teenaged boys have confessed to having made a crop circle that appeared mysteriously in a farmer's field on the previous 28th of June. But they are vigorously opposed by an area UFO researcher named Steve Moreno, who assembled a team of "experts" who insist, after months of investigation, that "the scientific data tend to point toward some other, perhaps anomalous, unknown source".

One of the boys' mothers laughed when she heard that Moreno denied her son's claim. Said she: "What is scary is that these are so-called real scientists. If these guys can be fooled by four kids, then this makes me disbelieve in all scientists!" She added that the teens will repeat their feat and videotape their work this time. But they will have to wait until wheat grows again, presumably in the Spring...

- Pat Marcattilio ("Dr. UFO") will soon be holding another of his UFO extravaganzas, called "The Great UFO/ET Congress of 2004", at the usual Days Inn on Route 206 in Bordentown, N.J. - near Trenton. Our preliminary info from Pat includes almost ten speakers, including Jay Soloman, listed as a contactee from the Pleiades Star System; Rosemary Ellen Guiley, speaking on "Vampires from Outer Space"; and Michael Salla, Ph.D., whose topic is "UFOs and ETs in World Politics". Sounds wild!

This may well be Pat's last conclave, as he will soon be retiring from his post office job and moving to Florida, where he hopes to set up a flying saucer museum near Orlando. We wish him well, and regret that we won't be able to attend this meeting, which is scheduled for the 27th and 28th of March.

See also [Tom Benson's letter](#) about Marcattilio's forthcoming convention in the letters section of this issue...



Pat Marcattilio

- The Passing Parade: We have learned that Yonah Fortner, alias Yonah ibn A'haron, died on February 26th of a heart attack, while on his way to the hospital to be treated for pneumonia. He was 65 years old. Yonah acquired polio as a child, and suffered all his life from bone problems related thereto, made worse by his being severely overweight. He was in a wheelchair for many years, but could still drive a car until his eyes went bad from diabetes.

Our relationship with Yonah Fortner was a long and complex one, dating back to the late 1950s, when he wrote frequent articles for the old SAUCER NEWS. One series of articles was called "Extraterrestrialism as an Historical Doctrine", which purported to show that the god of the Old Testament was in reality a space being of some sort. Had he been willing to put this material in marketable form, he could have done very well, as he could have been covering some of the same ground that later made Erich von Daniken a rich man. But Yonah

was always stubborn, if nothing else.

In the early 1960s we sent Yonah to Peru at our expense, to try to straighten out our legal problems there, relating to our alleged grave robbing activities a few years earlier. It is hard to say, objectively, whether Yonah made things better or worse. We did finally go back to Peru, but the good old days were over, and we never did get back into the business of exporting antiquities for fun & profit.

Yonah moved from New York to the Los Angeles area long ago, and we saw him there a couple of times, in conjunction with UFO conventions. He was one of the minor speakers at William Moore's legendary 1987 convention in Burbank, Ca., where the notorious MJ-12 documents were officially brought forth to the public for the first time. Yonah also spoke at several previous NUFOC conventions, and was arguably one of the founders of the NUFOC (National UFO Conference).

Yonah Fortner was a legitimate scholar with various degrees, real and imagined. He claimed to speak many languages, including very obscure ones. As a Jew, he hated anti-Semitism, and this is why he wrote articles for SAUCER NEWS strongly condemning contactee George Hunt Williamson, whom he perceived as an enemy.

Very recently we have been in touch with Yonah by phone, hoping he would clarify a possibly false statement about Williamson in our book (with Karl Pflock) "[Shockingly Close to the Truth!](#)" On information from Yonah, we wrote that Williamson had been suspected of pushing his wife Betty off a cliff in the mountains of Peru, when the two of them were down there (with others) on metaphysical adventures - totally unrelated to our adventures in the same country during roughly the same period. In short, this accusation about Williamson gave kindly critic Jerome Clark an excuse to condemn the whole book, in a 7 1/2-page diatribe published in the International UFO Reporter, where Clark is an editor.

Could Fortner have made up the story about his arch-enemy Williamson? In retrospect we would have to say quite possibly. When dealing with Yonah, the truth was hard to come by. As mentioned earlier, he was a very complex individual!...

- There's a new documentary movie out there, called "Touched", which is about the alien abduction syndrome. Harvard University psychiatrist & abduction guru John Mack is involved in this project, and he supplied a few of his patients to participate in the film. "Touched" has been shown in several cities, but the report we have is from Santa Fe, New Mexico, where a large percentage of the viewing audience raised their hands when someone asked if they had had similar experiences themselves. It is said that people in New Mexico are more "open" to this sort of thing than the population in general.

John Mack has written two books on this subject, after having been introduced to the abduction phenomenon by Budd Hopkins. Mack's first book, aptly called "Abductions", came out in 1994, and a second book in 1999 is called "Passport to the Cosmos: Human Transformation and Alien Encounters". Obviously Mack himself has gone "further out" on the subject over the years, and this is also true of Hopkins, whose latest book defends the viability of invisible aliens - the existence of which is admittedly hard to prove! (Our thanks to Steve Barnett.)...



Dr. John Mack stands by his out-of-this-world books

- On the morning of February 15th, we got up bright and early, even though it was a Sunday. From 9 to 10 a.m. we were heard on a local Key West radio show, called "Cruisin' with Grusin", on 98.7 FM. We were the guest of genial host Richard Grusin, and in the course of our rant we went deeply into various aspects of the saucer mystery. Then we gave our mailing address several times, and invited listeners to write in for a free sample copy of "Saucer Smear". The exact number of letters we received is Highly Classified, but we can reveal that it was slightly less than one! That's show biz!...

- We have another fascinating (if true) story originated by Kenny Young, the fellow who hosted the 2002 National UFO Conference. (Will he eventually become another Stanton Friedman or even another Jim Moseley???) This time there is no flying saucer involved just a weird-looking humanoid figure on a lonely country road.

In brief, a teenager was driving alone after dark near Aurora, Indiana last January 24th, when he saw a "figure" crouched down near a puddle of water. He kept on going, and noticed in his rear view mirror a tall, abnormal creature walking on two legs, moving strangely with "pointed joints that buckled out" - whatever that means, he estimated the height at 6 feet, 7 inches (which is a suspiciously precise estimate, we would think!)

The sighting could perhaps be dismissed, except that an elderly couple going in the opposite direction spotted the same thing, turned their car around, and stopped to talk to the teenager. They had apparently seen the creature in detail, and it was thought, somehow, to be male, "although no clothing was noted". The passenger in the second vehicle stated: "It was no human being. It was no man".

The Web printout we have is not clear on this point, but apparently the young man failed to get the names or any other information from the elderly couple. This indeed makes the sighting less convincing, but still worth reporting to our faithful readers...

And if that story didn't rattle your nerves, here's a recent (early January) tale of a Chupacabras (literally, goat sucker) seen in central Chile by a state prosecutor, his wife, and daughter, as they drove through secondary roads in order to make their trip more scenic. We usually avoid Chupacabras sightings, as we are turned off by the fact that they are seen exclusively in Spanish-speaking countries and Spanish-speaking barrios in the United States. Why is this dreaded animal so selective in where he/she/it appears?

It was about 6 a.m., after driving all night, that the couple saw the creature. Their daughter was asleep on the back seat of the car. Say they: "It was horrible..I swear to you I've never seen anything like it. It was not like any known animal. It was halfway in the middle of the road, standing on two feet. It was completely covered in hair and had red eyes, and it was bent, with a hump on its back. The body was like a kangaroo. There were two small hands (forepaws) that it moved quickly. It looked at us, appeared to be just as scared as we were, and ran off, jumping into the bushes".

After recovering from the shock, the couple agreed that the most frightening detail was the creature's gaze and the two large fangs protruding from its upper jaw. They were like two tubes, one stuck to the other. "I don't have a word for it, but it's supernatural", said Robert Ayar, the state prosecutor who made this report. (Our thanks to Denis Corey for this one.)...

- "Smear" readers will recall that it was about a year ago that the Raelian UFO cult, based in Quebec, Canada, received a great deal of publicity from their claim that they had cloned a human baby. Eventually the news coverage died cut, and it became clear that the whole thing was a publicity stunt.

Now the Raelians are in the news again, in a smaller way. Calling themselves "an atheistic religion", they believe that all forms of life on Earth were created scientifically thousands of years ago by extraterrestrial visitors. In line with this, they organized demonstrations in Rome and around the world this past February 17th, to ask the Roman Catholic Church to rehabilitate a defrocked monk named Giodano Bruno, who, exactly 400 years previously, was sentenced to death at the stake for his unorthodox beliefs.

Bruno dared to declare that the Universe is infinite, and even worse, he suggested that some forms of life might exist outside the Earth. These ideas were considered heretical and contrary to Catholic doctrine. Now, with the very recent discovery of planets outside our solar system, Bruno is coming back into favor. Other philosophers from the late Middle Ages

such as Galileo have been rehabilitated, but not Bruno.

There are about 60,000 Raelians around the world, and they have declared 2004 to be the "International Year of Atheism". It's a bizarre belief system, but they are right about Bruno! (Our thanks to Tom Benson.)...

And, we are surprised to learn that the Raelians are still into cloning! An article passed along to us by the mysterious "Ray X" of Plattsburgh, N.Y. informs us that the cult now claims the birth of a sixth cloned baby, this time in Sydney, Australia. Reaction seems to be split between those who feel it is another hoax, and those who believe it is immoral, illegal, and should be stopped. Stay tuned!...

- Every once in awhile we see something in the MUFON UFO Journal that tickles our fancy, so to speak. The Journal's usual material ranges all the way from tedious to wild; but the lead article in the February 2004 issue was somewhere comfortably in between these two extremes. We refer to "UFOs Still Haunting Brazil's Valley of the Old Women", written by veteran ufologist Bob Pratt, with the help of three other investigators.



Pratt is the author of a book called "UFO Danger Zone - Terror and Death in Brazil", and has also written numerous articles on the subject. Actually, he has devoted a great deal of his time and his own resources to studying this one area of the world - Brazil. It now seems that this ongoing Brazilian mystery, while definitely involving UFOs of some sort, is separate from and somewhat different from the over-all worldwide saucer phenomenon.

Since the 1950s more than 1,500 sightings have been investigated in this one section of that country. Most of the events are similar, involving extremely bright relatively small balls of light, of various colors, that appear at very low altitude and seem to follow or even chase some extremely frightened people. There have been a very few abductions - one lasting 4 1/2 days, allegedly - and a handful of deaths and injuries. But most of the sightings are of the kind just described, almost as if the witnesses had been comparing notes. Could this be the case? Though unlikely, the possibility must be considered. Nevertheless, "The Valley of the Old Women" (English translation) does indeed seem to be a land of mystery! We can only hope that someday more investigators will become involved there, in spite of the isolation of the area in question...

- From hard-core non-subscriber Rob MacGregor we have an item with the screaming headline "Fiftieth Anniversary of Eisenhower Meeting with Aliens". Yes, friends, it was on February 20th, 1954 that then-president Dwight Eisenhower was mysteriously missing for several hours during a supposed golf vacation in Palm Springs, California. (We remember this hotly-debated incident from our early days in UFO research.)

The legend is that Ike made a secret trip to nearby Edwards Air Force Base to meet extraterrestrials. Just as strange - and this is historical fact - the president was actually reported dead in an Associated Press story that day, which stated: "Pres. Eisenhower died tonight of a heart attack in Palm Springs". Two minutes later, they retracted the story and said he had merely gone to the dentist! It is highly unlikely that anyone would confuse these two events! Subsequent investigation shows that in all probability Ike did go to the dentist that day, but it cannot be proven.

A fringe group called BSRA (Borderland Sciences Research Foundation), which still exists under contemporary leadership, made a big fuss about the alleged Eisenhower meeting with the ETs. We remember dimly that in their journal, they named three prominent citizens who were either witnesses or had direct knowledge of the event. None could ever be induced to comment, however.

It's all somewhat strange, but by no means definitive, one way or the other!...

- **Two Australian scientists have concluded that methane gas bubbles rising from the ocean's floor could sink a ship, depending on the position of the vessel and its size relative to the upwelling of gas. A series of small bubbles or one large bubble of this odorless, colorless gas could cause a ship to lose buoyancy. Researchers discovered an ancient sunken ship 500 feet down, near the center of a large site in the North Sea, where methane bubbles are known to sometimes shoot to the surface. Further study may well reveal a similarly dangerous area in the dreaded Bermuda Triangle off the coast of Florida, where mysterious disappearances of ships have become the subject of endless books and articles...**
- **Karl Pflock has kindly sent us a fascinating item about the recent discovery of Element 115, together with a similar element numbered 113. (Presumably #114 has already been discovered.) These radioactive, highly unstable artificial elements are man-made in the laboratory, as the highest numbered natural element is #92, which is uranium. The atomic number, as in these examples, indicates the number of protons in the atom. Incidentally, there are a hell of a lot more artificial elements now than when your editor went to school circa 1950!**

Anyhow, the excitement here is that Element 115 was the legendary item which engineer Bob Lazar claimed to be "saucer fuel", many years ago. As nearly as we can recall, Lazar lifted a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of #115 while working at top-secret Area 51, and it was later taken away from him somehow. The details are unclear to us now, but it is amusing that the real #115, now discovered for the first time, lasts less than one second before changing back into something else. That would make it hard to walk off with! Being highly radioactive, it would also be extremely dangerous to walk off with. 2.2 pounds of it would perhaps be very valuable, if that amount could ever be created at one time.

Lazar raved that higher artificial elements such as #115 are stable, and this may yet prove to be true regarding #118 and higher. Perhaps there is weird matter out there somewhere with properties we can only guess at, at this stage of scientific development. All we know for sure is that Bob Lazar was a buffoon - and dead wrong! We have not heard anything about him for a long time, and we assume he has crept back into the woodwork, perhaps to search for more weird elements.

P.S: There was a rumor recently that #118 has been discovered, but it turned out that a scientist from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory had falsified the data in making this claim. Ain't science grand?...

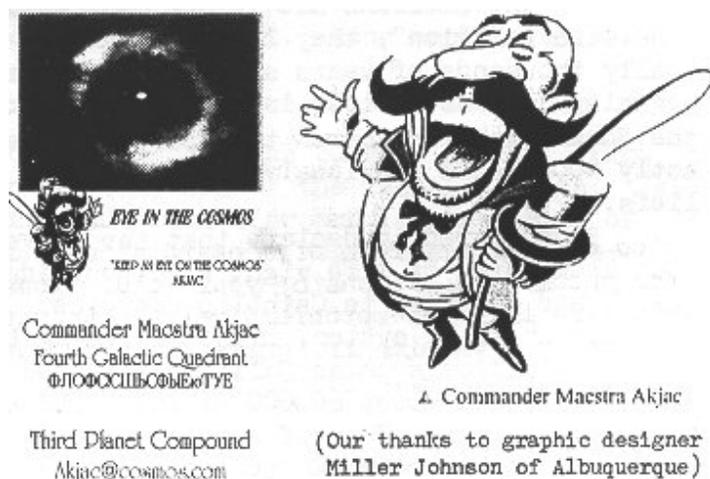
- **"Where Are They Now?" Dept: Some of you may remember the name John Ford, a man who in the late 1980s headed a UFO investigative group on Long Island, New York. They claimed validity for a couple of sensational flying saucer landing stories in the area, but could never convince the rest of ufology that they had properly judged the evidence regarding these events.**

Eventually Ford apparently went off the deep end completely, and was jailed for trying to poison a Long Island public official. He was supposed to get out in a few years, but we now learn he is still being held in a facility called the Mid-Hudson Psychiatric Center, in New York State.

Ford corresponded with "Smear" for awhile after going to prison, and we printed his letters - in which he proclaimed his innocence. We then lost track of him. He is still seeking to file lawsuits against those whom he feels railroaded him into the slammer. Thank goodness most ufologists are at least in somewhat better mental health than Ford!...

- **It's been a long time since we've heard from or about our erstwhile chum James "The Amusing" Randi, but a recent article in Newsweek tells us that he is still running his "Million Dollar Paranormal Challenge". It is for anyone who can "show, under proper observing conditions, evidence of any paranormal, supernatural, or occult power".**

Of those few who have actually accepted the Challenge, no one has won, so far - maybe because the terms in the "fine print" make it almost impossible for such talents, if any, to shine through. "Randi doesn't optimize conditions", laments one loser, and in this statement he is absolutely correct!



Pflock Ptalk - CHARLES BERLITZ, DISINFORMATION AGENT?

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist As noted in "Smear" before last, Charles Berlitz, famed author of books about things strange and mysterious, departed this plane of existence/vibration level/mortal coil/vale of tears in December. He left behind a legacy of entertaining but vexing humbuggery: Roswell, the Philadelphia Experiment, the Bermuda Triangle. This has sown confusion in UFOdom and assorted other Fortean realms for decades, generating controversy, gulling the credulous, making it too easy for the debunkers, inspiring seemingly perpetual crashed-saucer hunts, wasting limited research resources.

Curiously, no one seems to have considered 'the implications of something revealed in the various death notices. Berlitz was an active duty U.S. Army intelligence officer for at least 13 years. Egad!

Since The Field's usually watchful paranoids dropped the ball or were too frightened to pick it up, I decided Something Must De Done. I contacted one of my many Reliable Sources, a man who knew Berlitz very well. Here's what he said:

"He was a Lt. Col., I think. Served from about 1940 until maybe just after Korea. Most of his wartime service was in South America (Argentina, Brazil) socializing with, and keeping tabs on, the various pro-Nazi factions in that region. As such, he fell under the purview of the OSS, the Army group that would later become the CIA. I recall him once telling me about getting picked up by some other American agents and having a devil of a time convincing them he was one of them. After the war, I think he went to Europe to train Army language instructors in the 'Berlitz method.'"



Perhaps teaching language-instruction techniques wasn't all Berlitz was up to during those post-World War I1 years - and who knows how many more of covert reserve duty thereafter. Suppose his teaching was nothing more than a cover for espionage. Suppose his Believer persona was a fiction, setting him up perfectly as a disinformation agent in place. Suppose he wrote "The Bermuda Triangle", "The Philadelphia Experiment", and "The Roswell Incident" at the behest of those who seek to keep The Truth from us, further muddying the already murky ufological-Fortean waters. Berlitz' coauthor on "Philadelphia" and "Roswell" was none other than William L. Moore, self-confessed collaborator of shadowy government agents. Suppose "Falcon" and friends were just pawns in an elaborate scheme to protect the identity of the major player: Charles Berlitz.

Hey, if Donald Menzel makes sense to you as a member of MJ-12, why not Charles Berlitz as an agent thereof? Ponder this and be afraid. Oh, oh..

Help! The paranoids are after me!



LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- **TOM BENSON**, who is a former MUFON State Director and a close associate of Pat Marcattilio ("Dr. UFO") writes as follows:

"There have been recent vitriolic attacks on an Internet discussion website regarding our upcoming "Great UFO/ET Congress of March, 2004", the final such event for our geographical area, where the attackers claimed that two of our speakers' topics appear laughable to scientific circles. Perhaps the attackers were thinking about the likes of Dr. Condon, Dr. Menzel, and Dr. Sagan.

"One of the speakers attacked claims he is in contact with entities from outer space. This is not much different a claim than those of potential millions of abductees referred to in the Roper Poll, or who appear at MUFON Symposiums as speakers or on the 'experiencers' panel at the UFO Abductions Study Conference held at M.I.T. in 1992, which I attended as a presenter.

"The other speaker attacked has a Ph.D., and is the author of 30 books, including one on Vampires. The attacker wrote that Vampires are from 1930s Eastern Europe. This speaker has done extensive research onsite in Eastern Europe and elsewhere on the Vampire topic. The topic has also been referenced by Dr. Jacques Vallee and Bob Pratt in their books...

"If the attackers want to do real science, instead of jumping to misleading conclusions regarding the speakers' veracity, and want to expand their scientific horizons, they need to attend our conference!"

Dates and location of said conference already given earlier in this issue. - Editor.

- **Graphic designer Miller Johnson** who runs a shadowy research organization from his home in Albuquerque, N.M., writes:

"...On February 17th, the day after President's Day, our London Branch Office received a very out of the ordinary letter with a photograph which is enclosed for the 'Smear' editor's evaluation. It appears that this letter from Agent M. Akjac may have opened a stealthy door into the Crop Circle phenomenon. The machine in the photo looks very much like a scaled down motorcycle with a CropCycle nameplate for identification. The figure behind the machine is very recognizable as a Grey in what could pass for a CropCycle Showroom. The Akjac letter indicated that more than two dozen CropCycles are now in use worldwide producing Crop Circles!



"The technology used in creating the actual complicated Crop Circle designs is still not fully understood, but it is under study in London. It is suspected that the legitimate ...hmmm... Crop Circles are created with the ...hmmm... CropCycle, using Quantum values of black light gravity beams. Not easy to understand, but neither is the Crop Circle phenomenon!"

- Noted author & long-time researcher GREG BISHOP writes as follows:

"Sorry for not writing sooner. I was finishing up my book about Paul Bennewitz. As of right now, the title is 'Project Beta: An Adventure in The Disinformation Age'. Who knows what the publisher (Paraview/Simon & Schuster) will do with it by the time it is released in October?..."

"Last week I went to Bob Brown's Laughlin, Nevada conference for a day and a half. I don't know what's happening, but the UFO people seem to have recovered from the post-9/11 doldrums, and there were about 700 people there. Bob's daughters and their friend Emily (?) are still the hot attraction, although the program also featured remote viewer Joe McMoneagle and the ever-present Budd Hopkins, who reports in his new book that the reason for the apparent invisibility of saucers and aliens to any outside witnesses in many abductions is that they ARE invisible. He and his lovely wife proceeded to explain that invisibility is advancing apace in the world of cutting-edge science, to prove that it's not impossible. Personally, I couldn't understand how not seeing anything advanced the subject or would prove anything to anyone outside the UFO community, it was interesting, nevertheless..."

"For awhile I thought you were angry with me for the mysterious film disappearance episode during my party at the Las Vegas (Henderson, Nevada) party. You didn't even mention my (or Kenn Thomas') name as the host. Who do you think was responsible? Have you seen the piece examining that fateful night that Grant Cameron put up on the (cursed) net? I'm glad to finally be accused of being an evil government agent!..."

We are 99.9% sure that the villain in this "mysterious" but trivial film incident was none other than Nick Redfern, co-author of a new book that we plan to review. - Editor.

- Legendary contactee DR. FRANK STRANGES writes:

"Warm greetings and many thanks for 'Saucer Smear'. When I receive it, I sit down and read all of the pages. I find it very interesting. Believe it or not, I respect your point of view on many of the issues, I still maintain that you are one of the (very) few in the field that still reports with honesty and straight

forwardness. I also share [your viewpoint](#) on 'UFO Magazine'...

"You will notice our new information on the masthead of this letter, regarding our new phone numbers along with our fax and e-mail address. I would deeply appreciate it if you would list these in your next issue of 'Saucer Smear'".

Phone = 818-882-0052. Fax = 818-882-0047. E-mail = nicufo@earthlink.net. - Editor.

- Long-time Roswell opponent JERRY LUCCI writes:

"...I have spent some time reviewing the new (sic) MJ-12 documents, and while I admit I had dismissed them out of hand as the work of some frustrated wannabe researcher who had nothing better to do with his time, I am now not so sure this is the case. Don't get me wrong. I am not convinced that they are legit in terms of the info revealed, but I'm not sure they are the work of one of our own. The sheer bulk and number of documents argues against this. Unlike the first batch which numbered 15 to 20 pages, we are talking about hundreds of pages that the Woods have released, with many more still being studied. Many of them make no sense in terms of a hoaxer spending time to rattle our cages, but some do make sense if there were bigger fish to fry. There may also be a link to the late Leonard Stringfield, but I have not finished studying the connection. I'll tell you more as it develops..."

MATING MISERY

Almost 50 bulls in Wisconsin suffered groin injuries in February and March after attempting to mate with a cast iron cow that a farmer had placed in the middle of a pasture to scare off birds. "I'm currently being sued by several dairy farmers for vet bills," he said. *The Week, 22 Mar 2003*.

The rapturous welcome to the young spoon-bender Uri Geller was beginning to fade. This month, claiming to have received death threats, he fled back to Israel, where he was greeted by a new controversy. A Swedish woman blamed him for her pregnancy. Her copper IUD coil bent, she said, while watching Uri on TV. Her doctor confirmed that it was quite buckled and rendered useless as a contraceptive device. No legal suit followed and Uri toughed it out. *Fortean Times, March, 1974*

CHAMPION TURD

A fossil found near Onefour in southeastern Alberta has been identified as the world's largest dinosaur dropping. The 75-million-year-old coprolite is about the size of a kitchen stove and contains well-preserved dinosaur muscle tissue, which is extremely rare. A paper on the find was published in the scientific journal *Poloios*. [UPI] 7 Sept. 2003.

FOURTH TIME LUCKY

Mark Stentoit survived being struck by lightning for the fourth time on 3 August. He was working on his truck at home in Chatham County, North Carolina, when the strike knocked him out. The soles of his shoes burned off and his watch melted. "I either draw it or I've Got the worst luck anybody can possible have - I haven't decided which," he said. *Local 6 News, Ananova, 7 Aug 2002*.



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TIDBITS OF TRASH

- **W**e want to sincerely thank all of you who responded favorably to our recent plea for renewals. Our exact print circulation is Classified, but we can tell you that a significantly higher percentage of non-subscribers than usual sent Love Offerings in response to our request.
- As most of you know, "Smear" is on the Internet, even though its editor definitely is not. A very helpful fellow in Chicago named Steve Mansee puts the zine on the Net for us, and has done so since 1994. Recently we asked him for the Net circulation figures for the year 2003, and this is the essence of what he told us:

A total of 8,597 people visited the web site. The range of people at different web addresses was 135 to 187 per day. The total number of hits for the year was 516,434. We don't really know what this means and how it compares with other zines, and we would be interested in commentary on this from our readers. By the way, the web address for "Smear" is: "[a href="http://www.martiansgohome.com/smeat"](http://www.martiansgohome.com/smeat)>www.martiansgohome.com/smeat....

- There's good news about veteran abductee Betty Hill, whose lung cancer appears to be in recession. Betty, now 84 years old, had her famous UFO abduction experience, together with her late husband Barney, way back in 1961....
- We learn that Barry Greenwood, publisher of "U.F.O. Historical Revue", will be folding his publication before too long, due to lack of interest. It's a pity, because Barry has dug up and researched a large number of obscure cases from olden times (late 1800s & early 1900s), some of which are very intriguing indeed. We will be truly sorry if he retires from the field!...
- At the other end of the circulation scale, UFO Magazine has just staggered out of another "reorganization" period, and is back on newsstands. That charmless couple, Don and Vicki Ecker, will continue to spew out their ghastly mixture of sensationalized trash.

A really stupid poem on Page One of the February/March 2004 issue ends with: "And for Mosley (sic), Shermer, Karl Pflock and Phil Klass / Someday I'll abduct you, put a probe up your nose." They apparently wanted to say "ass" rather than "nose", but didn't have the balls!

The trouble with the February/March issue of UFO Magazine begins, unfortunately, on the front cover, which contains a one-inch-high flaming red colored headline reading "There is no God". This is apparently an opinion expressed by space entities in communicating with our government. The secret-teller is John Lear, the now-retired airline pilot who has made indescribably outlandish claims for many years. The first "Lear Briefing" was in 1987, about the time that the first group of MJ-12 documents surfaced. Lear's claims involve underground alien bases; UFO crashes too numerous to count; animal and human mutilations; a treaty with the aliens allowing them to make a limited number of abductions in exchange for their highly advanced technology; etc.

Lear recently updated his ravings for an appearance on the syndicated Art Bell radio show. (Bell has retired from the airwaves at least twice, but keeps coming back.) On the question of whether the U.S. government should reveal to the masses all they know about interplanetary matters, Bell answered no, and Lear agreed! So howcum they were together, revealing highly classified (if true) information over the radio? It makes no sense at all!

The editors of UFO Magazine seem to be encouraging Lear without really endorsing him. Says publisher William Birnes, "We're going to be more inclusive in the kind of material we publish and the kinds of ads we take. Frankly, we need to expand so as to broaden our base. But we're still going to maintain an editorial skepticism..." Yeh, sure!

There's plenty more material in this issue that will excite the gullible. To learn more about

all this madness, write to UFO Magazine at their new address: P.O. Box 11013, Playa del Rey, Ca. 90295. Say Jim Mosley sent you, or better still, put two E's in Moseley just to be accurate!

- A New York Times article, kindly sent to us by Chris Roth, discusses one of the least known & least discussed of all Fortean mysteries. It is usually called the Taos Hum, as it is heard in the town of Taos, New Mexico, and other areas nearby. However, the vast majority of the population hear nothing! Scientific tests, though sporadic and ill-funded, have discovered no solution.

The most common description of the hum is that it sounds like the low rumble of a distant diesel truck idling. Some people also feel a vibration, or simply feel the vibration with no sound at all. The minority of people who have this problem don't appear to have other hearing problems or to fall into any other neat category. A similar phenomenon has been experienced in recent years in other cities in the U.S. and around the world.

In the 1990s, complaints about the humming sound in Taos reached Congress, and an investigation was conducted. The results were inconclusive, and the matter was soon forgotten.

Gregory Speis, a senior electronic technician at the University of New Mexico, made a study of the complaints in one home, and found nothing he could prove. Said he: "I'm the kind of guy that believes in UFOs even though I've never seen one; and I would say this is not as provable as a UFO."...

IN DEPTH DIATRIBES (a new category!)

- A lot of you will remember Todd Zechel, who was prominent many years ago with Bill Spaulding of Arizona, in the activities of CAUS - Citizens Against UFO Secrecy. They filed Freedom of Information (FOIA) lawsuits against the government, demanding the release of information regarding specific UFO cases. In some instances they were successful. Renegade lawyer Peter Gersten has also been involved in this, and currently Larry Bryant of suburban Washington, D.C. seems to be the loudest voice.

Zechel eventually retired from the UFO field, having had what he describes as a mild stroke. Presumably he lives on a government check of some sort. We remember him in his earlier days, when his greatest achievement, in our opinion, was forcing politically conservative UFO debunker Phil Klass to actually admit he had socialized with a known Russian spy on more than one occasion. One of Todd's lesser achievements was running up a telephone bill of over two thousand dollars, when he was a guest at our apartment in New Jersey during part of the year 1977.

Zechel retains the title of "Director of Operations, Associated Investigators Group" Many have speculated that this group consists entirely of Todd himself! Occasionally he "reaches out" with a phone call to us or an email to Karl Pflock, whose background in the Intelligence community seems to enrage the retired ufological warrior.

Todd's most recent email to Pflock - too long to quote here in full - is entitled "Did Zechel Come Shockingly Close to Busting a CIA Covert Operation?" Zechel rambles on, furious enough to accuse Pflock of having (years ago) accepted Big Money in CIA covert funds from FUFOR (Fund for UFO Research), and then having disappointed the Fund by not endorsing the Roswell Incident as an interplanetary event. Zechel calls the Roswell Incident merely "the radar-reflecting disc strung from a cluster of six balloons launched from White Sands". This solution is Zechel's opinion, and is indeed shockingly close to the truth. Yet, he seems to be greatly peeved that Pflock apparently let the Fund down.

We are not aware of any "vicious attacks" in "Smear" against Zechel or anyone else, and yet he raves on: "If Agent Pflock was part of a disinformation project designed to lead people away from the real (UFO) evidence, he did a masterful job. And credit him too for finally churning out a UFO book, albeit with the shameful grave-robbing hoaxer, Jim Moseley... Pflock uses whatever means are available to him, such as Moseley's 'Saucer Smear'...to launch vicious lie-filled attacks at me." It is apparent here that Zechel is off his medication, if any! (Our thanks to Karl Pflock for this item.)...

- In ["a href="ss040110.htm#berlitz">](http://www.martiansgohome.com/smeat/v51/ss040110.htm#berlitz)our story in the last issue, we incorrectly stated that Charles Berlitz's book "The Roswell Incident", co-authored with William Moore, preceeded "The Philadelphia Experiment", also co-authored with Moore. More importantly, we failed to realize that although Roswell eventually became a much bigger story - as it still is today - initially the other book was by far the more successful of the two.

In the same "Smear" article we also stated that Berlitz and Moore ended up hating each other because of royalty disputes. Moore takes exception to this. We stick by our recollections of oral statements made to us by both these gentlemen, years ago. Perhaps "cordially disliked" would have been a better way of putting it....

- **A truly offbeat item: Famed psychic spoon bender Uri Geller of England purports to be a very close friend of singer Michael Jackson. Recently Geller is reported to have hypnotized Jackson and asked him about the persistent rumors that he has abused male children. Geller claims that, under deep hypnosis, Jackson denied the rumors and said: "My relations with children are very beautiful." Geller is sure that Jackson was telling the truth, but we aren't sure at all!**
- **In late January, the prestigious World Economic Forum held its annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland, attended by about 2,300 global leaders, including 31 heads of state. Ordinarily this would be of little interest to "Smear", but this time there was a dinner seminar entitled "The Conspiracy Behind Conspiracy Theories: Have Extraterrestrials Made Contact With Government Leaders?" The seminar was closed except to forum participants. In other words, there is no reason to believe that there is or ever will be a publicly available transcript of just what was said. Presumably the real topic was closer to "How to Make Big Money from the Space Age", but who knows??**

Strangely, the story of this mysterious dinner meeting has received relatively little comment on the Net. The heading reads "Are ET and Corporations in Cahoots?", but there is no provable answer to this rhetorical question. The pro-UFO person chosen to comment on the matter, in the article we read, is none other than Richard Boylan, well-known to your Smear editor as the de-frocked California psychologist who lost his practice by indulging in a "hot tub massage" with a patient, and maybe also because of his extremist views about saucers. He is quoted as saying: "I've learned to live with insults. Billions of dollars have been spent to intimidate witnesses and use the giggle factor to put on a funny farm anyone who suggests corporations have privatized alien technology.

- **As Boylan tells it, the ETs first came to Wall Street in 1947 by way of (you guessed it!) Roswell, N.M. It was in that year that the late U.S. Army Colonel Philip Corso said he found five aliens amid the buzzards and rattlesnakes at a UFO crash site in the desert.**

The new arrivals were just over four feet tall with Crayish-brown skin, four-fingered hands, and watermelon-size heads without hair. In his book "The Day After Roswell" Corso claims he salvaged parts of the downed UFO and managed a government-sponsored reverse-engineering program that farmed out the technology to various major U.S. corporations...

- **The MUFON UFO Journal continues to entertain and amuse, and occasionally enlighten. The January 2004 issue contains an interesting editorial by MUFON International Czar John. Schuessler on the subject of alien implants, in which he basically concludes that since we earthlings have recently developed advanced implant technology, the aliens may well have done the same, on a much more sophisticated level. However, he admits that "the purpose**

of the implants and how they work is still the subject of speculation". This is most certainly an understatement!

In the same issue of the Journal one finds an article by Dr. Roger Leir, a foot doctor reporting on his 11th implant removal. The good doctor became involved in this although the alleged implant was in the abductee's mouth. Various anomalies were discovered during and after the removal, but Leir admits: "What does it all mean? To be quite frank, I would have to say we do not know..."

Abuction stories are confusing enough, all by themselves, but when it comes to implants, the investigators seem to be just guessing! No one has suggested a detailed study of a control group of non abductees, chosen at random, to see how many of them have small peculiar objects embedded somewhere in their bodies. This would be a tedious task, but it might (or might not) get rid of the suspicion that the implants removed from the bodies of abductees have something to do with the interplanetary experiences they claim to have had...

CONVENTION ROUND-UP

- We are most pleased to announce that the 41st running of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will take place somewhere in the Los Angeles area, some time in the early Fall - further details to be announced soon. The local sponsor is Dr. John Miller of San Pedro, California. He is a medical doctor who has been a life-long UFO buff and a close associate of author/researcher Ann Druffel, who sponsored last year's NUFOC convention in North Hollywood.

Dr. Miller can be reached at: igornla@earthlink.net. He is very interested in input from "Smear" readers regarding forming a local working committee; speakers; publicity; etc. Let's make this Con. something to remember for a long time. Wheee!...

- In spite of the scarceness of really good UFO sightings these days, it seems there are more conventions than ever before! From the Net we learn of one being sponsored by Stephen Bassett, who recently ran for Congress, very unsuccessfully. Unlike John Lear and Art Bell, Bassett is openly & strongly in favor of full public disclosure regarding the flying saucer subject. His group is called Paradigm Research, and his conclave is called the First Annual Exopolitics Expo- X-Conference- an odd title indeed. It will take place near Washington, D.C. on April 16th-18th, and includes 23 speakers, most of whom are very well known in the UFO field. Wish we could be there!...
- Finally, there's the annual festival - some would say fiasco - in Roswell, N.M. It will again be on July 4th weekend, but the organizational structure has been changed. The relationship between the International UFO Museum, the local Chamber of Commerce, and the festival itself is a complex one, but the "bottom line" is that they all hope to reverse the trend toward smaller crowds of visitors in recent years.

This year the theme will be the 1940s - as the Roswell incident is alleged to have occurred around July 1st of 1947. There will be vintage cars, 1940s style clothing and music, and maybe even concerts by famous musicians. And, inevitably, Stanton Friedman will speak! Wish we could be there, and good luck to all involved in this folksy venture!

Pflock Ptalk - JIM MCDONALD, WE HARDLY KNEW YE

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Ann Druffel's "[Firestorm: Dr. James E. McDonald's Fight for UFO Science](#)" (Wild Flower, 2003, trade paperback, \$34.00) is an important book. It is also a significantly flawed book. Despite its shortcomings, it is must reading for anyone with a serious interest in ufology and a knowledge of The Field and its history that is both deep and broad, the only defense against becoming ensnared by the errors of judgment and fact littering the book's 623 pages.

"Firestorm" is a sprawling, repetitive, undisciplined morass, in which is bogged down a first-class 350-or-so-page personal and intellectual biography. Druffel, a lovely lady and ufological pioneer, has been ill-served by her editors at Wild Flower. They did not exercise the tough love that is the stock and trade of all good book editors, firmly keeping their author focused on the inspiring and tragic story of a brilliant, quixotic man who attempted almost single-handedly, and in vain, to bootstrap ufology into scientific respectability.

Instead, they allowed Druffel to lard up her text with irrelevant and marginally relevant and lengthy asides and dark allusions to conspiracy and coverup, most aimed at suggesting the Silence Group/MJ-12/the CIA/Them hushed up McDonald and NICAP, the UFO organization with which he worked most closely, and perhaps even were somehow responsible for McDonald's self-inflicted (Druffel: ?) death in June 1971. A minor example of this, required to be mentioned here by the Truth in Book Reviewing Code, is her unquestioning repetition of the allegation that Yours Truly arguably was a CIA plant at NICAP Headquarters, a canard that originated with that paragon of truth-telling W. Todd Zechel, and was "sexed up" by the ufological gossip mill.

There also seems not to have been any consistent copyediting or fact checking applied, leading to such minor problems as Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown being identified both correctly and as secretary of the army, and such very serious errors as this one: In text and a footnote on p. 60, Rcuffel asserts that in 1966 McDonald had been given official access to the still classified "Project Blue Book Special Report 14", for which she gives the wrong date and which she says McDonald discovered was in some important respects different from the declassified version published in 1976 by Leon Davidson. When I read this, I immediately realized something was amiss: "Special Report 14" had been declassified in 1955 and its essential elements first published by Davidson the following year. McDonald died in 1971. Hmmm.. I contacted Druffel and learned that the classified document in question was, as I suspected, actually the infamous Robertson Panel Report.

Similarly, a good many of Druffel's summary accounts of UFO sightings are inaccurate or, worse, tricked out with bogus mystery. One such is her rendering of the Socorro, New Mexico, saucer (?) landing of April 1964. In addition to a number of factual errors and overstatements, she includes the clearly false claim that, almost immediately after Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora reported his encounter, a specially equipped U.S. government vehicle showed up at the site and wiped it clean. She also finds something mysterious in the fact that one of the first persons on the scene was an FBI agent (the guy just happened to be at the town police station when Zamora called in).

Unfortunately, the foregoing examples are but the tip of the iceberg. Thus my warning that "Firestorm" isn't a book for the ufological un- and ill-informed. But then there is that first-class personal-intellectual biography trapped inside.

Druffel, with the help of a grant from the Fund for UFO Research, spent years archiving McDonald's UFO files and papers, now held at the University of Arizona library. Through this work and tireless pursuit of interviews with family, friends, and colleagues of McDonald, she has become the authority on the atmospheric physicist's remarkable quest to crack the UFO mystery and to get mainstream science to take the subject seriously.

In "Firestorm", Druffel gives us an often exciting and moving account of McDonald's efforts,

which coincided with one of the most important periods in ufological history, a time when ufology probably had its one and last best shot at gaining scientific respectability. Among many other things of considerable interest, she reveals just how close McDonald came to being named to conduct a UFO study sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences, only to have this derailed by the air force decision to fund an "objective", "independent" university-based study, resulting in the Condon Committee fiasco. (Talk about an "if only...") She also establishes beyond any reasonable doubt that Phil Klass' charges that McDonald was misusing U.S. Navy contract monies for his personal UFO work were baseless and destructive misrepresentations. (Note to Gary Posner: Yes, she documents this.)

In sum, in recounting McDonald's personal struggle, Druffel portrays that of ufology at large and the clash of personalities and human foibles that have shaped our would--be science as we know it today.

In the course of this, we also come to know James McDonald as well as it may have been possible to know such a private person - difficult, single-minded, brilliant, abrasive, politically naive, and heroic. Ironically, those personal characteristics that gave him the courage to buck the scientific establishment and make such a major mark on and contribution to ufology seem also to have been the very factors that, along with the discrediting campaigns of such enemies as Klass and Donald Menzel, brought him up short of his goal.

If only...!

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

- Researcher KEVIN HENDERSON sends us one of the most ego-enhancing letters we have ever received, & which we greatly appreciate:

"I hereby submit my yearly non-subscriber offering. As far as 'Smear' and yourself being in shitty financial times, that sucks and makes me very depressed. In fact, the day that 'Saucer Smear' ceases to exist is the day that Ufology exits the scene for every thinking person. You have done more than just be a 'court jester of Ufology' - you have also provided one of the only honest records of anything whatsoever to do with The Field, and I suspect your name and book will be remembered long after Budd Hopkins and his fraudulent ilk are but a depressing hangover memory for even the most deluded followers concerned.

"Anyone, including MUFON, who ever protested your style simply resents that you have long been the guy at the bar calling spades spades, which you continue to do, which irks them even more. I have no idea what the UFO faithful think of your zine, but for anyone with half a brain and a sense of humor, 'Saucer Smear' is the only UFO journal that matters, period."

- Veteran ufologist GEORGE EARLEY makes a comment with which we agree strongly:

"I note in your current issue that Phil Klass [takes a poke](#) at Jerry Clark for his long ago, one-time wrong-headed assessment of the importance of Todd Zechel to ufology. Of course, Mr. Klass can be similarly faulted for his initial and incorrect assumption that UFOs were some sort of natural plasma phenomena. We all discover, over the years, that some of our assumptions are wrong. Some learn from such errors and move on. Others remain unchanged. Both Klass and Clark have moved on, though Phil prefers to revisit the past when it suits his purpose."

- Long-time correspondent DENIS COREY writes:

"Thanks for the latest 'Smear', which arrived yesterday. I enjoyed reading all of it, as usual. I paid careful attention to [the last-page comments](#) of the semi-

mysterious 'Carlos Mentira'. He makes a good point when suggesting 'Smear' be turned over to Mr. Pflock someday. It would certainly make things easier on you. But maybe not. People would continue sending items to you and then you'd end up having to forward them to Karl! Either way, at least it's nice to know you have someone to carry on whenever you decide to mothball your typewriter!"

- Anthropologist CHRISTOPHER ROTH writes as follows:

"...I was intrigued enough by your reference in the latest 'Smear' to one Steve Curry's [plans to launch an expedition to the Hollow Earth](#) - and by references to Mormon folklore about a hollow planet, which was news to me - that I tracked down his Web site. Most of it is a humdrum advertisement for kayaking and rafting trips which he charts. But the section on his Hollow Earth expedition has a very different tone. It goes so far as to promise that, once inside the hollow earth, expedition members can sail up the River Hidekkel 'to the City of Jehu, to meet the inner earth inhabitants...take an inner earth monorail train to visit the lost Garden of Eden located under America on the highest mountain plateau of the Inner Continent', and 'perhaps visit the palace of the King of the Inner World', who he claims is named King David and is descended from one of the Lost Tribes of Israel. Mormonism per se is not mentioned, but it has the same Barnumesque smell. Something tells me there is a potential false-advertising lawsuit in here somewhere. But anyone who reads such ad copy and plunks down twenty grand for the trip deserves what they get!"

- ROB SWIATEK of FUFOR (Fund for UFO Research) writes as follows:

"As usual, I find your monthly newsletter - oddball thing that it is - a useful font of UFO information and humor. Like a mother lode, once it peters out there will be nothing to replace it..."

"Here are a couple of observations from the year just past:

"(1) The International UFO Museum and Research Center continues to impress me as an organization striving to set scientific ufology back five years every time it holds a conference or stages its wacky July fandango. My suspicions were buttressed after I was denied help with an important research project for not agreeing - in effect - to relinquish control of the project to the Museum. I'd suggest the Museum reevaluate its so-called commitment to research, or just forget the posturing and proclaim itself a boutique!

"(2) The resolution to the UFO enigma won't come during my lifetime...In fact, we most likely have the basic solution at hand - a nonhuman intelligence - so our task becomes one of convincing everyone outside the field that we're onto something. Serious researchers might accomplish the latter feat, but they won't succeed in unraveling the why behind the UFO presence or the mechanism by which it travels/appears here. For that we need the Ph. Ds in the universities and the engineers in the corporations - and even they might not succeed. Are you ready to hit the lecture circuit again, Commander?..."

We agree completely with Rob's basic thoughts in #2, above. We do not agree, however, that "Smear" is a monthly magazine. We have struggled all these years to make it clear that ours is a non-scheduled newsletter. - Editor.

- FRANK CONWAY, a very thoughtful researcher, writes:

"I divide the ufological community into two camps: the Researchers and the Storytellers. As a scientist, I would like to identify myself with the Researchers - men like Jerry Clark, Bob Durant, Stanton Friedman and George Hansen. I know you love to make fun of these guys...but, far out as some of them are, at least

they're trying to apply the Scientific Method to the resolution of an as-yet inexplicable phenomenon. They've had little success because - to put it bluntly - the real-world impact of the phenomenon is minimal. UFOs simply do not impinge on anyone's life (anyone who has a life, that is). That's the real reason for the Air Force's indifference to the subject; there isn't any "cover-up". There just doesn't seem to be any justification for spending money or manpower investigating a phenomenon of no consequence.

"Also, many of the researchers, in frustration, have fallen into the philosophical trap of becoming True Believers (Roswell, MJ-12, etc.) When scientists start believing things, science goes out the window. When researchers in a largely unfunded field find that they can make a few bucks selling books or giving talks on sensational topics to a gullible public, intellectual integrity follows science - out the window...

"Do I see a light at the end of the tunnel? I don't think so, Jim ... Ufology is and will remain marginalized for two reasons: One reason I have mentioned above: UFOs, while intriguing to some of us, have proven to be of no practical consequence to anybody. The other reason is that in 57 years not one piece of solid, irrefutable evidence as to the nature of UFOs - or their origins or purpose - has turned up... In five decades in a nation where almost everyone has a camera around somewhere, and videotapes of police beating up thugs are commonplace, why has no really good, clear, close-up, incontestably genuine photograph of a UFO or a UFO occupant ever emerged? Why do we get pictures of nothing but out-of-focus blobs or tossed hubcaps or lampshades suspended from a string? Talk about frustration! But I still have hope. Wait till next year, as we Philadelphia Eagles fans are wont to say!..."

- Researcher MILES LEWIS writes as follows. He, as you may recall, was in charge of the 2001 NUFOC - which got wiped out by the 9/11 disaster. Currently he is Director of the Scientific Anomaly Institute, 2007 Bert Avenue, Austin, Texas 78704.

"Dear Supreme Commander Moseley:

"...I don't know what we would do without 'Smear'. I am always amazed at how much information I glean / grok from reading your monthly collection of verbiage - especially considering your lack of connectivity to the Great Beast System, the 'cursed' Net.

"Part of the reason I've been unable to write you sooner is that I've been hard at work getting my new non-profit lending library and research institute off the ground. Long before taking responsibility for the ill-fated 38th annual National UFO Conference, I had dreamed of using my UFO and Parapsychology book collection as the foundation of a library and research organization. Modeled after the 30-year-old Archives for UFO Research in Sweden, the Exceptional Human Experience Network in North Carolina and other respectable research organizations, the original Anomaly Archives collections number over 1,000 books on UFOs, Mind, Fortean, and all points in between!..."

"The Anomaly Archives will begin publishing a quarterly newsletter within the next month or so. Ultimately, its lending library will expand beyond the local venue and become available to folks across Texas and then across the United States via snail mail....

"Please let your readers know that the Anomaly Archives does take donations of money and materials. Enclosed you will find further information on the activities and goals of the archives. I hope you will promote us within the pages of 'Smear'. Please consider donating past issues of 'Smear' for archiving within our library...We are a non-profit corporation with the State of Texas and are in the

process of getting our 501(c)3 status from the Fed, so donations will ultimately be tax deductible.

"On a final note - I am worried by your assertions that the National UFO Conference (and 'Smear') may cease in the near future. WE CAN NOT LET THIS HAPPEN! You, and this historic conference must live on!... "

- Researcher DAN POLING writes:

"Enclosed is my donation to your Cause, to stay on as a non-subscriber for 2004. I notice your book, '**Shockingly Close to the Truth!**', is holding steady as the 263,738th bestseller on Amazon.com, which is where I bought my copy. Given the comments in your December newsletter about your financial situation, I take it that having a book on the bestseller list isn't as lucrative as it used to be. I loved the book, by the way. You are like so many alchemists, astrologers, and parapsychologists out there who have the distinction of getting to spend a lifetime studying something that doesn't exist! Unlike most, however, you've had a lot of fun doing it..."

A Bristol man, caught with 17,000 worth of cannabis, convinced a jury it was for personal use. The man and his partner chain-smoked joints to relieve paranoia, agoraphobia, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and light sensitivity. His name was Christopher Blow. *D. Mirror, 23 Nov 2002*

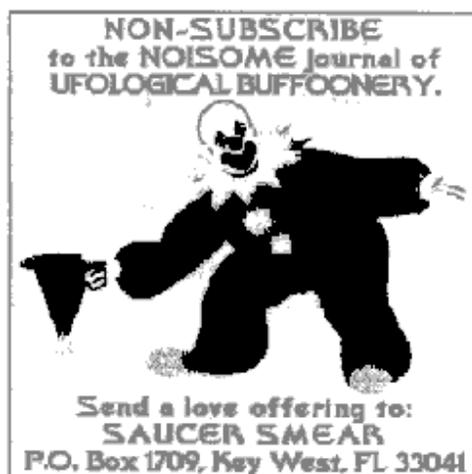
LOST LUGGAGE RETURNS

A suitcase full of clothes belonging to a German hairdresser was lost by an airline after he went on holiday to Senegal in 1979. Twenty-four years later, in September 2003, it was found lying outside a police station in Dusseldorf. Where had it been? *[R] 9 Sept 2003.*

ALIENS A GAS

A man, his wife and daughter in Yukhnov, Russia, were amazed when a flying saucer appeared outside their window. The man called his teenage son to warn him not to come home as there were aliens outside. Sceptical, the young man came home anyway, to find gas pouring from the kitchen stove. A forgotten kettle had boiled over, putting out the flame. Doctors said the family had experienced a mass hallucination brought on by the gas. *Ananova, 23 Oct 2003.*

WILLIAM POTOGI, 33, WAS GIVEN A ritual bath by a witch doctor in Paramaribo, Surinam, to make him bullet-proof. He asked the witch doctor's assistant to test whether it had worked and was shot dead with his own sawn-off shotgun at point-blank range. According to Ronal Gayadhar, a policeman: "Both men deny murder and claim Potogi died because he lacked faith in the spell". *[AFP] 5 Sept; Sun, 10 Sept 2002.*



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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS`

- **T**here was, unfortunately, a Big Error on the masthead of our last issue. For some

unknown reason we gave the year as 2002 rather than 2003. Also, we omitted the Whole Number, which was 366. (This is the total number of issues published since we began, in 1954.) The masthead on the present issue, above, is hopefully correct

- We sincerely appreciate the Dedication to our Cause expressed by all those who renewed their non-subscriptions to "Smear" after receiving an "X" on the label of the envelope containing the December 1st, 2003 issue. We have decided to give a (shudder!) Second Chance to those who failed to renew. Thus, if you see an "X" on this envelope, you know what we would love for you to do! May the Space People bless you, either way!...
- We have a truly unusual recent UFO report, coming from Kenny Young, the saucer investigator who was the local chairman for our 2002 NUFOC convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. The heading on the story reads "Screaming Sounds Firmly Linked to UFO Sighting" - which may not be accurate, as the screams may have come a few minutes later, from the same rural location.

After various maneuvers in the sky, the UFO landed, or nearly landed, in an open field near a house from which it was observed for a period of several minutes by the occupants. Two young men later heard the associated screams, which were described as "a desperate, blood-curdling sound of a female voice that kept saying, "Help me, oh my God, help me'." This suggests an abduction in progress, but police who came a little later found no evidence of anything like that. The unidentified object was seen by several people at slightly different times and locations, and this may have included law enforcement officers.

The date of the sighting was the evening of November 30th, 2003, and the location was near Morehead, Kentucky. One of the key witnesses was a college professor named Dr. Virgil Davis, who teaches at the University of Kentucky. He gave a calm, rational account of what he had seen over a period of several minutes. He did not, however, hear the screams.

Egads!...

- One night around October 6th of last year, an apparent fleet of seven flying saucers crossed over the city of Heilbronn, Germany, and was visible in the sky for about fifteen minutes. They flew in formation, and exuded an "unearthly, orange-red glow", according to witnesses. The only trouble was, they were merely balloons, made of kite paper, and the flying formation was due to the wind. The perpetrators are identified only as "a group of ufologists". Hopefully no one from MUFON or any other reputable(?) UFO research organization took part in this outrage! (Our thanks to non-subscriber Dean Zevchek for this one)...
- Karl Pflock has passed on to us a fascinating item about an intended expedition to the Inner Earth. A man named Steve Curry, who lives in Utah in the heart of Mormon country, has a long history of organizing difficult, offbeat expeditions of all kinds. In turn, some of the Mormons have a history of belief that human-like creatures exist in the Inner Earth, and there is even a sun down there, and maybe even flying saucers.

The expedition in question is scheduled to take place from June 26th to July 19th, 2005. Why the long delay is not made clear. Curry will charter a nuclear icebreaker and go to the North Pole area, looking for an opening. There is a capacity for 108 passengers, and the cost will be about \$20,000 each. There is, of course, no guarantee that they will find any opening, but in any case it should be an exciting if frigid trip. We do not intend to sign on!

Legend has it that the late Admiral Richard Byrd flew through the Inner Earth in 1947, and kept a diary of the trip. Only a few years ago, a supposed nephew of the Admiral was promoting this line of belief in California, in tracts and lectures. We knew Harley Byrd, who has since disappeared, but probably not mysteriously...

- We have already told you about how the science fiction TV channel is pushing for the government to release more UFO-related information. Now, in a similar news release, we

learn that they are also bringing together the major UFO investigative organizations in a multi-group effort to study the physical evidence associated with some flying reports. "This unprecedented initiative" (according to the public statement) brings together all of the major UFO groups, namely the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS); The Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR); The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON); The National Aviation Center for Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP); The National Institute for Discovery Sciences (NIDS); and the National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC). (The Roswell Museum is not included!)

We can't help viewing all this with a cynical eyeball, as co-operation between major flying saucer groups has been tried again & again through the years, with minimal results. The latest effort was by Robert Bigelow of NIDS; but when the various groups found that Bigelow wanted a loud voice in their activities, due to the money he was providing, the whole thing quickly collapsed. Then we can go all the way back to the late 1960s, when Steve Barnett, then a stary-eyed ufological buff from Utah, tried to form something similar. He didn't even have any money to throw into the pot, and the effort got nowhere. In the years between, there have been countless other attempts. Egotism, adherence to pet theories, and plain nuttiness have been major factors in these well-intentioned failures. (Credit: Karl Pflock.)...

- Returning again to the Passing Parade, we note that famed author Charles Berlitz died on December 18th, 2003, at the ripe old age of 90. He was a grandson of Maximilian Berlitz who was the founder of a successful group of language schools. Charles served for several years as a U.S. Army Intelligence officer, and was the author of many books on language, plus several others on various world-wide mysteries. He owed much of his success to "The Bermuda Triangle", published in 1974, which sold over five million copies in hardcover, in several different languages.

Berlitz was one of the early promoters of the Roswell myth. His 1980 book "The Roswell Incident", co-authored with William Moore, brought a vast amount of attention to an alleged spacecraft crash that occurred way back in 1947. A year later, Berlitz again collaborated with Moore to write "The Philadelphia Experiment-Project Invisibility". This involved a supposed military experiment in a Pennsylvania naval yard which had terrible unexpected consequences. The book was less successful than the one about Roswell, because the evidence was much less abundant.

Your "Smear" editor was friends with both Berlitz and Moore, and for many years he was the only ufologist on good terms with both of them. (They ended up hating each other because of royalty disputes.) Berlitz lectured a couple of times at our National UFO Conference (NUFOC) annual conventions. He lived out his later years in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and was connected with the Graves Museum there. This is the museum to which your editor donated a large number of valuable pre-Columbian antiques in 1992. At his lectures, Berlitz always made sure to bring a heavy suitcase full of books to sell from the podium- even though he must have been an extremely wealthy man'. Charles Berlitz was very educated, urbane, witty, and European. He is said to have spoken a number of languages, himself. We don't know for sure, as we always conversed with him in English...

- The news item at the left is presumably a spoof, but we honestly don't know the source or date...
- In our last issue we wrote a bit about a young man named Chris Barker, who is a grand-nephew of the late, great Gray Barker of Clarksburg, W. Va. Chris located us on the Net (yes, "Smear" is on the Net, though we are not), and we had a long, interesting phone conversation with him. He promised to send us some photos of Gray together with your editor, in the old days, but alas - no photos have arrived, and we have heard nothing further from Chris. We don't know what went wrong, but we are quite disappointed!...



This story is admittedly far removed from the UFO topic, but nevertheless may be of interest to our readers: One night last December, security cameras at Hampton Court Palace, near London, England, caught on film something that might be a ghostly visitor of some sort. It seems that someone or something kept

leaving open one of the palace's five doors. This led to a series of surveillance photos of a man in a very strange costume, reaching out for the door handle! A palace spokeswoman insisted that the story was not a joke. They do have guards in old-fashioned costumes on duty at the palace, but their costumes are nothing like the one worn by the mysterious figure.

The picture carried in newspapers at the time shows a man whose face appears unnaturally white compared to his outstretched hand. The area around him is strangely blurred. We don't want to try to reproduce the photo here, as there is not enough contrast to make it turn out well...

- Maverick ufologist Larry Bryant of Alexandria, Virginia, has recently petitioned his state court for a "Writ of Mandamus", to make them cease the practice of using churches for polling places. The principle, of course, is separation of Church and State, but this specific instance of it is so obscure & unimportant that the American Civil Liberties Union refused to be of help to him.**

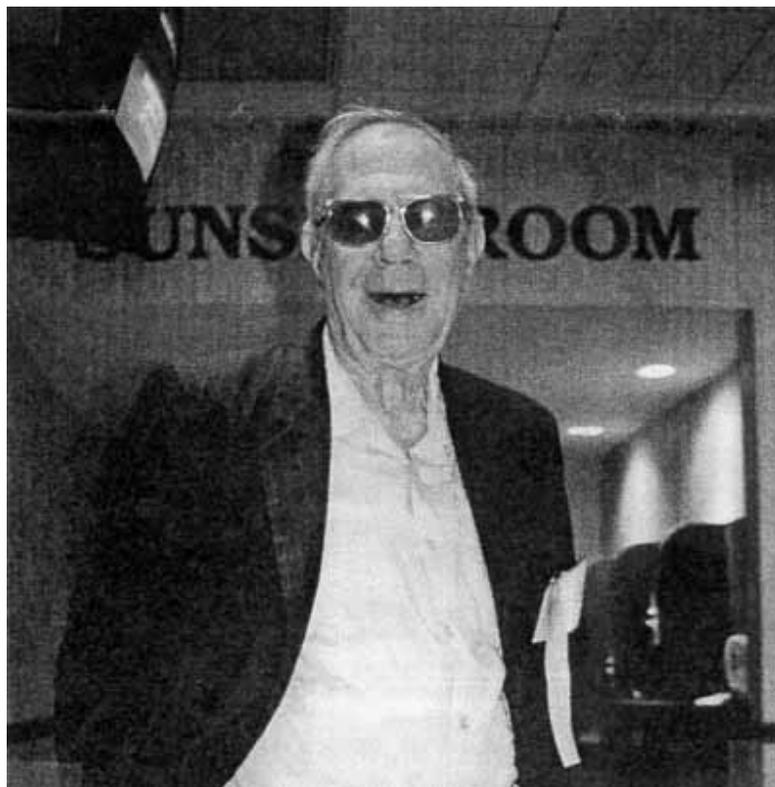
Bryant is better known for his endless FOIA requests regarding flying saucer secrecy, and in that area he has had limited success. He has also gone after substandard nursing homes - a worthy pursuit - and no doubt has gone off on other tangents at various times. Our hat's off to Larry Bryant, the champion of Obscure Causes!...

For those of you in search of new thrills, a brand new museum has opened in Portland, Oregon. It is billed as "the world's first museum of alien studies", whatever that means. Portland is a long way from the International UFO Museum in Roswell, New Mexico, so there shouldn't be any competition.

In Portland, in addition to the usual photos, articles and models, there is a '3-D thrill ride, an adrenaline-producing video roller coaster adventure, guided by a group of mischievous, oddly-attired aliens" It sounds like they are one-up on Roswell!

Details can be obtained from the museum's director, a man with a Ph.D. in theology named Lawrence Johns, who can be reached on the (cursed) Net at: johns@athenapolis.com. Good luck in reaching him!...

- A search is under way for a location for this year's National UFO Conference, which will be our 41st annual event. Stay tuned!...**
- The photo below shows a strange but not unduly mysterious creature, snapped while wandering the halls at the recent UFO Crash/Retrieval conference in Henderson, Nevada, near Las Vegas**



ANOTHER BRIEF BOOK REVIEW

Just a few short months ago we told you about a new 32-page booklet from Rick Hilberg of Cleveland, Ohio, entitled "A Gray Barker Reader". In this thin tome Hilberg reprinted the first five uncopyrighted columns by Gray Barker in Ray Palmer's long-defunct "Flying Saucers" Magazine. These columns were called "Chasing the Flying Saucers", and were from the 1957 and early 1958 issues of Palmer's publication.

Now, by "popular demand", Rick Hilberg has lurched forth with a sequel, predictably entitled "A Gray Barker Reader II". It includes the next five columns, from late 1958 and early 1959. The one we liked best, and actually read completely, was the May 1959 column, in which Barker goes into a lot of thrilling (?) detail about one of his trips to New York City from his home in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Barker stayed with your humble "Smear" editor in nearby New Jersey (we were close friends for many years), and we went together on one of our several co-appearances on Long John Nebel's famed all-night radio show on WOR in New York - a "clear channel" fifty thousand watt station that was heard in 38 states, according to John. The program had really hooked many thousands of people, most of whom were middle aged to elderly shut-ins and insomniacs who were attracted to the offbeat - though most of John's shows were about more mundane subjects than flying saucers.

What we like most about Barker's commentary is not so much the mention of well-known ufological figures like George Adamski and Albert K. Bender, but the dredging up of UFO researchers who are now all but completely forgotten - like August C. Roberts, Dominick Lucchesi, Carlos Mentira, Douglas Hancock, Lee Childers (also known as Prince Neosom of the Planet Tythian!), Mike Mann, Reinhold Schmidt, Leon Davidson (who is still alive, the last we heard), and several others.

The tone of the whole column is that we all knew Important Things about a Real Mystery, and thus there is a genuine air of excitement about the whole thing. Barker's writing is not all that great (he reached his peak in a book called "The Silver Bridge"), and after all these many years

it's hard for us to remember just how much of his material is true. There is obviously a good deal of "literary license", whatever the exact meaning of that phrase may be. Nevertheless, this is wonderful nostalgia for us older ufologists, and the book is well worth the humble price - eight bucks. Send same to UAPA, 377 Race Street, Berea, Ohio 44017.

Pflock Ptalk - AND THE MAD COW JUMPED OVER THE MOON

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



The latest Mad Cow Disease scare (yawn) inspires me - with thanks and apologies to Dave Perkins - to give over my first column of '04 to an alleged Expert on the subject, the infamous and much maligned Kurt Peters. While Kurt enlightens, I'm going to make a couple of cheeseburgers for myself and my other house guest, Commander-Doctor Zork, Reticulian Space Navy Exo-Veterinary Corps. Take it away, Kurt!

A recent report from the semi-mysterious National Institute for Discovery Sciences (NIDS) attempts to link animal mutilations with the emergence of Mad Cow-related and human "prion" diseases. NIDS "speculates" that mutants are part of a monitoring operation conducted by "an extremely knowledgeable organization" to determine the extent of spreading prion diseases. Moreover, the mutilated carcasses are left behind as a "brutal warning" that "the human food chain is compromised". Shudder!

Although the term "UFO" appears nowhere in the report, we're told the unknown perpetrators are so advanced that "the evidence points away from the (U.S.) government". Hmm... Who, pray, is better equipped, more sophisticated, and able to act on a global scale unapprehended for 35 years than a government that's kept Roswell under wraps even longer?

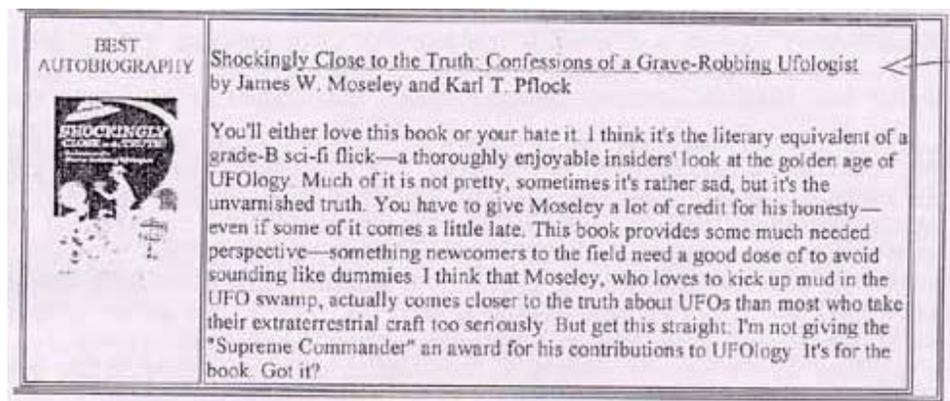
The NIDS report also correlates outbreaks of prion diseases and mutants and plots parallel timelines for their spread. It goes on to assert that the huge 2002 wave of mutants in Argentina was "an emergency monitoring program" to test for prion diseases there.

But the really scary claim is that, through a massive invasion of our food chain, these diseases allegedly have jumped to humans in a big way, with hundreds of thousands of Alzheimer's sufferers actually being misdiagnosed victims of a human variation of Mad Cow Disease. Eeek!

All this reminds me of Phillip Duke and his "theory" that AIDS was developed by aliens to decimate the human race in preparation for the Big Takeover. While NIDS is careful not to go that far, it does state that prion diseases are "the perfect stealth killer". But if "someone" knows we humans are on the brink of extinction and actually cares for some nefarious or benign reason, how long will they monitor the situation before doing something? As for the warning supposedly embodied (heh, heh) in the mutant carcasses, how effective can it be if, like Crap Circles, only a handful of us can "read" it?

For those with a taste for entrails reading, the full report is available on the NIDS website: www.nidsci.org. As for me... Hey, Karl, Zork! Any chance of talking you guys into fixing another burger for me?

RECOMMENDED READING



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An Environmentally Sound Approach to a Lost Art. By Kathleen Meyer. First published in 1989. Covers topics important to people who enjoy the outdoors, such as portable potties, travelers' field water disinfecting systems, crotch-accessible clothing for women, and a fresh batch of "worst experiences" stories. 107 pages. Ten Speed. Paperbound. Pub. at \$7.95 **\$3.95**

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- We were surprised & pleased to hear from PHIL KLASS after quite a long Silence. He writes as follows:

"Enclosed is my check to help underwrite the cost of 'Saucer Smear', which I find more interesting than its three competitors to which I have paid subscriptions.

"Reference Jerry Clark's e-mail comment to Karl Pflock, it reminds me of Clark's August 1978 comment about Ufologist W. Todd Zechel, in 'UFO Report': 'At this moment in history, it's distinctly possible that W. Todd Zechel is ufology's major figure'. In a letter from Jerry Clark dated September 12th, 1978: 'Those of us who know him personally...know him to be a man of great personal decency and uncompromising integrity.'

"Within a year Jerry Clark would drastically revise his assessment of one of the biggest 'con men' in ufology, as my investigation had revealed. In his letter of July 23rd, 1979, Clark wrote: 'Zechel and I have long since parted ways and for many reasons I no longer consider him an individual of "great personal decency"...' A year later (July 15th, 1980) Clark wrote: 'You and I have disagreed about many things in the past, but you were dead right about Zechel. If I'd listened to you, I'd have saved myself a hell of a lot of heartache...'"

Zechel is still out there somewhere, but he has largely retired from ufology. - Editor.

- WILLIAM (BILL) JONES, a real wheel in Ohio ufology, writes:

"We want to see you continue with 'Saucer Smear' for many years to come. Every copy I receive goes to a large, ever growing UFO collection at the Ohio State University. It is a permanent non-circulation-designed collection that will help preserve our literature for research purposes for years to come. Keep us in mind for duplicates or unwanted UFO journals, newsletters, magazines and monographs. The help would be appreciated... Keep up the good work!"

Jones can be reached at: Box 139, 829 Bethel Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214. - Editor.

- **Non-subscriber SCOTT BOND writes:**

"...I have enclosed a check for this year's Free Will Offering of the Monetary Kind. Put it to good use and keep them 'Smears' rollin' along. I look forward to each and every one..."

"On a more serious note, I was truly appalled at the low turnout for this year's NUFOC convention. I'm sure this was very discouraging to you as well as my fellow nonsubscribers, but - the Last NUFOC of All?? If you don't already have one, please start a 'Say It Ain't So, Commander' file and put this letter at the top of the pile. I firmly believe you should go out with a Bang, even if it's a modest one, rather than a whimper! NUFOC has been a fixture in The Field for far too long to just let it die away without an official Last Hurrah. You are, after all, a living link back to the halcyon days of the forties and fifties when we were all watching the skies, and strange, weird and perhaps even wonderful futures seemed just around the corner! One more time for old time's sake - what do you say?..."

We are hunting for a 2004 NUFOC site, but have nothing yet. - Editor.

- **Our faithful correspondent CHRIS ROTH writes as follows:**

"In your last letter you wondered aloud as to when the next UFO flap was going to be. Coincidentally, soon after came the enclosed news story (from last Nov. 20th) which in my estimation is the first UFO sighting to make the national media in quite awhile though in these days of terrorist hijackings no one is calling it a UFO sighting, though that, by definition, is clearly what it is'. Note in the 3rd paragraph: '....Somewhere, somehow, someone monitoring a computer screen saw something disturbing on a clear blue late fall morning in the nation's capital' - i.e., a radar blip which caused NORAD to scramble planes over the White House. They're releasing very few details at the moment; who knows if it was or wasn't as anomalous as the famous blips over the White House in 1952!

"Thanks also for the latest 'Smear'. It's sad to see Phil Klass departing from the Field. A golden age, or at least some kind of silver age, is ending in ufology. I've often thought future historians of the UFO topic will speak not only of the famous flaps of the '50s and '60s and the Golden Age of the contactees, but also of a Silver Age of the abductees in the '80s and '90s, and will wonder why the phenomenon seemed to evaporate after that. What happened last November 20th is an indication: Actual unidentified flying objects appear on radar near the White House and absolutely no one bothers to theorize that they're spaceships! You see, this would be the historical moment for any real aliens to arrive. They'd never even be noticed!..."

- **Veteran UFO researcher GEORGE EARLEY writes:**

"...I wonder if anyone has done the math on John Lear's ufological claims: 10% of 275 million (our approximate current population) = 27.5 million people! How many Enterprise-type spacecraft with how many Enterprise-size transporter chambers would we need to pick up that many folks each and every day? And how many alien crew beings would be required to operate all these space vehicles? Doesn't anyone at any saucer gathering ever question anything?? (And saucer buffs wonder why John Q. and Mary Public display so little interest in the topic!)"

- **"COMMANDER Y" (real name known to us) writes as follows:**

"Well, another year of 'Saucer Smear' has come and gone. Enclosed you will find my non-subscription pledge for AD 2004. Alas, I too have fallen victim to the 'Bush Prosperity Boom' plaguing the country, so I'm sending what I can afford...

"It has occurred to me that if our defense/technology companies can't see their way through a relatively low-tech systems modernization on time and on budget, how in the Hell could they ever be expected to actually re-engineer recovered alien spacecraft? That Kecksburg saucer, for example, would have been pretty busted up. After all, it tore into numerous trees and burrowed its way into a sizeable crater during its unscheduled(?) visit to southwestern Pennsylvania in 1965. So even if there were an Owner's Manual on board, who the hell could read it!?!?...

"While I didn't reveal any secrets in my reference to the 'modernization' project, above, it's probably best to burn this letter once read'. Well, that may be going too far, but not by much. My employers have a decided lack of tolerance for humor of any sort, much more so when they have highly visible projects that are missing deadlines and are over budget. In the unlikely event any of the above is deemed suitable for reprinting in an upcoming 'Saucer Smear' please refer to me as 'Commander Y'. I believe the more desirable 'Commander X' and 'Commander M' monikers have already been taken."

- **Legendary abductee BETTY HILL**, now 84 years old and battling cancer, writes as follows on her Christmas card to us:

"Thanks for asking. My health is improving after seven weeks of chemo and radiation. All the best to you."

- **"Actor, Spokesperson, & Voice-over Artist" BOB BARNES** of Indiana writes:

"Enclosed please find my check in payment of another year's 'non-subscription'. I never tire of your rants, raves, and ribaldry in 'Saucer Smear'.

"I'm also enclosing copies of my latest UFO projects. I've worked for most of the year transferring old UFO-related tapes, cassettes, LPs, acetates, and even a couple of wire recordings onto today's digital media. The result so far is the three mp3 CD's I've enclosed for you.

"Now, I know you're very anti-computer, anti-web, and probably still have a rotary-dial phone, but hear me out. This new technology allows me to cram up to ten hours of listening onto one CD! To listen, just drop it into most any computer with a CD drive or into a DVD player and boot 'er up...

"Let me know what you think after hearing them, and gee - if you like 'em, you might drop a line or two into the next newsletter about 'em. At least I have bribed you with comp copies!..."

*Bob Barnes can be reached at 1570 Avon Place, Huntington, Indiana 46750.-
Editor.*

- **COLONEL JOHN ALEXANDER** of non-lethal weapons fame, who was formerly associated with Robert Bigelow and his NIDS (National Institute for Discovery Science), writes us now from Afghanistan, where he is serving with something called the Office of Military Cooperation:

"I recently received a copy of 'Saucer Smear' so I decided to write. We get to send letters free, you know. I thought you might like a non-report update: I have asked people here in Kabul about UFOs. Basically, they have no idea what I am talking about. Although George Knapp did ask me to check in on MUFON-Kabul, I don't think there is a need to rush to set up a local chapter!"

- Retired engineer GAINES CROOK (real name!) writes:

"When the Rosetta Stone was discovered in 1799, which led to the translation of the Egyptian demotic and hieroglyphic characters, it also had Greek characters for translation. I cannot imagine a similar instrument for understanding of the paranormal. There have been attempts to study the paranormal for almost 150 years, and the results yielded are so puny that it takes advanced statistics to locate the tiniest result above the 'noise'. At present, we have absolutely no tools to prove the paranormal...

"UFOs are one of the most thought-provoking subjects I have ever encountered. The biggest problem is that 99.9% of the thoughts they provoke are pure garbage... Humans cannot conceive something that is not part of their experience, so they automatically put it in some familiar category. I had hoped to live to see some explanation to the UFO problem, but it will have to happen pretty fast, as I am over 80 now!..."

- JERRY LUCCI of anti-Roswell fame writes as follows:

"...I recently read a book of the new MJ-12 documents, and let me tell you that ufology is missing out on a great researcher - whoever put these things together really knows their stuff! Too bad they don't have an interest in real research!

"On another front - what do you hear about our old friend Bill Moore? What is he up to these days?..."

Bill Moore recently sent us a Christmas card with no handwritten message. Before that, the last we heard from him was early August, 2003. Is he mad at us for some reason? No one seems to know for sure! - Editor.

- The semi-mysterious figure known as CARLOS MENTIRA writes:

"Dear Supreme Commander:

"In your latest 'Smear' you hint darkly at the possible demise of your long-esteemed zine. Say not so! You have been at it for nearly fifty years - longer than any other saucer fiend - and that is quite a record to be proud of!

"When you get too old and/or feeble to continue publication, why not turn the whole thing over to Karl Pflock? He being younger and far more handsome than you, could go on publishing for eons to come, or at least for a few more years!

"By then the Space People may have landed en masse, to make Earth a paradise, as promised by numerous contactees of yore. (Even if this never happens - and it probably won't - it's still something to hope for!)"

SATANISTS FALL OUT

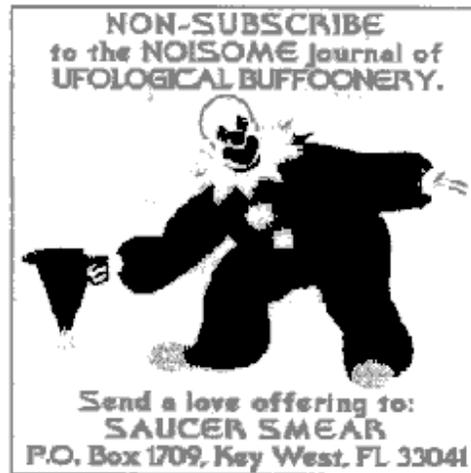
The American Free Church of Satan has proposed a theme park, provisionally called Perdition, with features based on the devil, black masses and heavy metal music. The group sees it as an antidote to the Christian theme park currently pulling in vast crowds in Florida. However,

POINTLESS HIJACK

In 1999, 15 minutes before a British Airways plane was due to land, Auburn Mason, 62, grabbed a stewardess, threatened her with scissors and said he would blow up the plane unless he was flown to Gatwick. This year, he was

the Church of Satan, which claims to have founded the modern version of the religion in the 1960s, has blasted the plan as "ludicrous". *The Universe*, 3 Nov 2002.

sentenced to four years in jail. It was all rather unnecessary, as the plane was heading for Gatwick anyway. *Xit (Aland, Finland)*



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MAY YOU HAVE AN EXTREMELY MERRY CHRISTMAS and PLEASE SEND MONEY!

Yes, this is the time of year when we make our annual Pitch. As a matter of fact, unless we continue to receive generous support from our little band of non-subscribers, we really don't know how much longer we will be able to continue grinding out this colorful trash. (It's been almost fifty years now!) Your editor is a victim of the Era of Bush Prosperity, in that we are getting older and poorer. Heed not the rumors of long ago about our great wealth. Times change, and we try to adjust.

Please make checks or money orders out to the editor by name, not to "Saucer Smear". And remember, **THERE WILL NOT BE A SECOND NOTICE**. If there is an "X" after your name on the envelope in which you received this issue, this is it!

Try to get something off to us while the idea is firmly in your mind, and before the Christmas Rush. We will indeed be most sincerely appreciative, even though we probably won't be able to thank you individually. And keep your Eye on the Sky during this Yuletide Season, as always!

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- Congratulations to England's "Fortean Times", a newsstand magazine which has just brought forth its thirtieth anniversary issue. Founded in 1975 by Bob Rickard, who is still its co-editor, this magazine began as a simple fanzine of sorts, little better than "Saucer Smear". It now has a circulation in the tens of thousands, and consists of about eighty pages of all sorts of news of the weird. The anniversary issue gives a history of the magazine, and tells in detail how the scene in various fields of offbeat inquiry has changed over the years.

They actually pay for articles, and thus attract professional writers from both sides of the Atlantic. Our esteemed Contributing Editor has written for them several times in recent years, including a cover story about the real U.S. government documents (not NJ-12!) that should convince any thoughtful person that the Roswell Incident was not an interplanetary event.

The title "Fortean Times", as many of you know, comes from the name of the late, great eccentric writer named Charles Fort, who died in 1932. Fort literally went almost blind doing research in libraries and chronicling strange events which the science of his day could not explain. With tongue in cheek, he suggested that anomalous things in the sky might be spaceships from another planet. But though his research was careful and accurate, his theories were whimsical, intended to entertain rather than indoctrinate. Most UFO buffs, at least in the United States, are not really Forteans, because -like the scientists they dislike- they are wedded to specific theories, and adjust the evidence accordingly.

The newsstand price is a bit high - 3.20 British pounds, which comes to about \$5. It is also available by subscription, but if the subscription price is given, we have not been able to find it in this issue. A phone number is given for "subscribing to 'Fortean Times' in the USA", but we get only a whine out of it, like a line used for fax rather than voice. A different number is given for "subscribing to 'Fortean Times' outside the United Kingdom". Funny, we have always felt that the USA is outside the United Kingdom! Those of you on the Net can try: www.forteantimes.com. It's worth the trouble and expense, as there is no other zinc just like it to be found anywhere on this planet!

Your editor has lectured twice, in 1997 and 2002, at their annual "UnConvention" in London. There we were delighted to meet some highly evolved intellectual people.

Finally, our special reason for liking "Fortean Times" is the way they have never complained about the way we often snip out short items from their magazine for use in ours...

- In a move that many of you may have already heard about, the science fiction TV channel is suing the U.S. Government for documents related to a 1965 incident in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, in which an unknown object apparently crashed to the ground and was (allegedly) hauled away by the military. The case is being called (groan!) "The Second Roswell".

Helping in this re-investigation is UFO/paranormal researcher Stan Gordon, who has long lived very near Kecksburg, and did a preliminary study of the case very shortly after it happened. Gordon believes the object was truly unknown, and not a Russian space vehicle as has been conjectured by many people. The case is quite complicated, but fortunately not as much so as Roswell.

While news organizations routinely pursue Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests with the Government, it is rare for a cable TV channel, especially one focused on fantasy- not the gathering of news- to pursue such a course of action. But a spokesman for the channel says it is just part of their effort "to find the line between science fiction and science fact". Lots of luck!

- How scientific is the MUFON UFO Journal, one might ask? Well, the October issue features a cover drawing of the mysterious object described by the prophet Ezekiel in the Old Testament, and io and behold, it looks exactly like a modern conception of a flying saucer with dome, portholes, and a shiny nuts & bolts look all around! This research comes from Frank Carlisle, an "independent Biblical scholar", who is writing a book on the subject.

On the other hand, another Biblical scholar named Mike Heiser considers Carlyle's material "utterly bogus" and states that "there are hundreds of artistic representations of the merkabah throne from Ezekiel's day (and prior and after), and none look anything like a modern UFO of any type."

The next article in the October MUFON Journal is a wild attempt to resurrect the credibility of Frank Scully's classic 1930 book "Behind the Flying Saucers". Long story here, but in essence the attempt fails completely!

As a loyal MUFON member, and having achieved the exalted rank of Journal Subscriber in that esteemed organization, your "Smear" editor merely wishes they would do a better job!

- More About Roswell: It seems that the July 2004 festivities at that ufologically famous town will involve at least three separate entertainment Programs, which is bound to confuse the visiting public. Julie Shuster of the International UFO Museum has decided that they will "do their own Thing", and not co-operate with an effort being made by the Chamber of Commerce to co-ordinate the festival under a new umbrella organization. The Chamber has apparently received a great deal of criticism for its involvement in past ufological promotions, and wants to hand off the responsibility to a new oversight organization, while allowing the Museum to lead the pack. However Julie, whom we interviewed by phone, will have none of it'.

To make matters more complicated, there is a store front called "Alien Resistance Headquarters", located directly across the street from the Museum. Guy Malone of that organization believes that greys are evil entities of some sort, not necessarily space aliens. He is somehow involved in the "no aliens" stickers we often attach to our envelopes - see sample below, right.

Guy's group has a speakers program for the July 2nd - 4th festival period, under the title "Ancient of Days", which apparently attempts to tie in the whole alien mess with the Bible. Ann Druffel, local chairperson of the 2003 NUFOC convention in North Hollywood, California, will be one of their speakers, as their theme seems to tie in neatly with her recent book called "How to Defend Yourself Against Alien Abduction". Incidentally, Guy Malone can be reached at: www.AncientofDays.net. We met him recently, and he seems like a really nice Guy!

Julie Shuster is angry at your "Smear" editor for having called attention to the fact that her friend Bob Durant is promoting his pro-Roswell video "Roswell - Yes!" with the help of [sexy bare-breasted females](#). Yet this video is sold at the Roswell Museum gift shop, and is presumably endorsed by the Museum. ("Saucer Smear" is not sold there, and needless to say, is not endorsed.)

You can be sure that we will have more to say about all this in the near future...

- Here's a bizarre update on the endless search for signs of the legendary Loch Ness Monster: A man named Lloyd Scott recently spent twelve days in an antique diving suit, walking 42 kilometers along the bottom of the lake, from one end to the other. One of his main problems during the trek was extremely poor visibility. So, though he saw no Monster, there's room to believe that said creature could have been watching him carefully from nearby! (On the other hand, maybe not.)...
- Arch-debunker Phil Klass, long known for his heavy-handed attacks on certain pro-ufologists, has moved from his long-time residence in Washington, D.C. to a retirement scene in Merritt Island, Florida, which we assume to be a "gated community". Klass recently folded his super-skeptical "SUN" Magazine, and has left the field of ufology, due to rapidly failing health. Though we have often disagreed in the past, we wish him well!

Another Blast from the Past: On the nostalgia front, we have had a highly unexpected phone call from a young man named Chris Barker, who is a grand-nephew of the late, great Gray Barker; Chris was only a child when the Bard of Clarksburg, W. Va. died in 1984, but he has apparently inherited Gray's house near Flatwoods, W. Va - the town which was the site of the famous monster sighting many years ago (1952).

Chris also has a large amount of Barker's books, papers, and photographs, which are unknown to the Clarksburg Library, where a room has been set aside for Gray's UFO files, etc. We hope to obtain a few memory-laden photos out of this connection, and if & when we do, we will share them with our "Smear" readers. Gray Barker left this planet 19 years ago this month, and we still miss him as much as ever!

NEVADA CONVENTION REHASH

On the weekend of November 14th-16th, your editor attended the "First Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference", held in a hotel/casino in Henderson, Nevada, which is just outside of Las Vegas. The sponsors were the father & son team of Bob Wood and Ryan Wood, who were among the dozen or so speakers there. Attendance was about 200, far smaller than the crowds we've mingled with in Laughlin, Nevada conventions, but much larger than the recent annual NUFOC (National UFO Conference) in North Hollywood, California. The hall in Henderson could only hold about 200 chairs, so perhaps it's just as well that more people didn't show up!

At the press conference, each lecturer gave a very short summary of his or her topic. The real press, with the possible exception of Fox News, was nowhere in sight. After the summaries, Ryan Wood hesitated for some reason before allowing any questions, and thereafter only three questions were asked - one of them by your fearless "Smear" editor. We asked, in effect, why it is that the press, public, and especially the U.S. government, don't take more of an interest in these sensational "leaked" MJ-12 type documents that the Woods claim to have. The answer is, supposedly, that the government doesn't come after the Woods because doing so would merely give their efforts the appearance of legitimacy. Well, maybe so, though we really can't believe this excuse! The speakers, in addition to Bob Wood, included Kenn Thomas, Art Campbell, Stan Gordon, Nick Redfern, Matthew Williams, Peter Robbins, Greg Bishop, Grant Cameron, Michael Lindermann, and - inevitably - Stanton Friedman. Most of the talks were at least vaguely on the MJ-12 and Crash Retrieval themes.

What did we learn by attending? We didn't listen to all the lectures, but of those we heard, perhaps the most interesting tidbit of information was Art Campbell's detailed description of a small shoe he found at a supposed UFO crash site on the Plains of St. Augustin in New Mexico. This shoe was so small and narrow that it could not possibly fit any earth person, even a child. Thus by implication it may have been worn by a small humanoid from a flying saucer. Whee!

On Saturday evening there was a banquet, followed by an excessively long and incredibly boring talk by Michael Lindermann, who is a very good speaker but somehow managed to let his topic get away from him - or whatever.

Following the banquet, there was a small party in the hotel room of one of the speakers, and free wine & beer was provided. Shockingly, a woman came by with a small amount of marijuana, and later another attractive young lady indulged in a little harmless necking with some of the male attendees. Your editor took a few pictures, only to find out later that the film had been literally ripped out of the camera when he wasn't looking! We are about 99% sure who did this and why, but we decided not to make a scene.

One of the most colorful attendees at the Convention was former CIA pilot John Lear, son of the famous aviation pioneer. After several years of relative Silence, Lear appeared on the Art Bell radio show on November 2nd- shortly before the Woods' Nevada conclave - and really "spilled the beans". Among his milder allegations: "Abductions occur on a daily basis throughout the U.S. to at least 10% of the population". We had a great photo of your Smear editor embracing John Lear (though not his far-out views) but this picture was lost in the great Film Confiscation already mentioned!

Another attendee was kindly old Bob Girard of Arciurus Books, who managed to set up his wares right outside the lecture hall. Said he, in an E-mail to Karl Pflock: "The conference was pretty good, though not financially. I had my stuff right at the door of the meeting room, so for the first time in 24 years I was able to hear some of the papers. I thought some of them were very interesting, and it actually perked up my flagging hopes about ufology, book buyers, and even the human species." Egads!

Of course the slot machines were nearby all weekend, and of course your editor had to test his luck, which has always been incredibly bad- worse, in fact, than the laws of chance would dictate. Sure enough, we dropped twenty dollars in about three minutes, and we then decided to let it go at that. We were accompanied in Henderson by non-ufological friends from Phoenix, Arizona, named Ted and Phyllis Hunt. They managed to win modestly at the cursed slots!

All in all we enjoyed the Convention, in spite of Lindermann's interminable speech (which literally put a few people to sleep) and in spite of the unkind slot machines. Our next foray into the convention scene will probably be at next year's NUFOC - if there is a NUFOC next year.



In the photos above, taken at the Henderson Con , we see (Left to right): Smug, arrogant Budd Hopkins grasps the microphone as if he owns it; Sweet, etheric Linda Noulton Cowe stands modestly far away from the mike; Granite-faced Ryan Wood presides over the assembled masses. (Pictures courtesy of Carlos Mentira.)

DID A NINETEENTH CENTURY SECRET SOCIETY BUILD MYSTERIOUS FLYING MACHINES?

In our Oct. 5th, 2002 issue, we reviewed a booklet called "Rick Hilberg's UFO-mation", which contains a long section relating to the 1897 "airship" craze. This turn-of-the century UFO flap may have been a series of hoaxes by journalists, or it may be connected to a mysterious society called the Sonora (California) Aero Club, which was founded about 1858. In turn, this Club apparently centered around an eccentric named Dellschau, who, when he finally died in Houston, Texas, left behind many notebooks consisting of coded texts and strange drawings of egg-shaped flying machines. They were supposedly operated by a secret power source he had invented.

Hilberg's material came from a Houston artist named Peter Navarro, who obtained copies of some of the notebooks. Navarro then disappeared for several years, but now has surfaced as co-author of a 300-page book called "The Secrets of Dellschau - The Sonora Aero Club and the Flying Machines of the 1850s". The other co-author is Dennis Crenshaw, former editor of a cleverly-named offbeat zine called "The Hollow Earth Insider". This book will be available next summer from a small publisher called CyberPulp Houston/USA.

Meanwhile, if you are as interested in this somewhat esoteric stuff as we are, you can still obtain Hilberg's booklet from: UAPA, 377 Race St., Berea, Ohio 44017. The price is eight dollars.

Pflock Ptalk - A SAUCERFUL OF FEARLESS UFOOLOGICAL PREDICTIONS

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Now's the time for all loyal "Smear" non-subscribers to cough up their maximum Love Offerings. 'Tis also the season for saucer columnists to unveil predictions for the coming year. Ready or not, here are mine:

1. Seven new Roswell witnesses will surface, each touting his own new Real Crash Site. All will be declared credible by Don "The Mailman" Schmidt and Tom "There's Gotta Be A Saucer Here Somewhere" Carey.
2. Jerome Clark and Philip Klass will confess they are one and the same person, sowing fear and confusion in the ranks of urflogy, not to mention the Clark and Klass households.
3. A Leading Ufologist and/or the publicity department of the Science Fiction Channel will claim knowledge of a U.S. government plan to reveal the Truth about saucers before the year is out.
4. For the 58th consecutive year, the government will not reveal the Truth about saucers. On January 1st, 2005, a Leading Ufologist and/or the Sci Fi Channel publicity department will declare this proves there's a Cover Up.
5. A top forensic scientist will show conclusively that the original MJ-12 documents and the Straith Letter were created on the same typewriter by the same person. This will be called "Barkergate".
6. Stanton Friedman will release analyses by 47 forensic scientists he says disprove the Barkergate findings. However, Friedman will black out 98.9% of the report's text for "personal security reasons".

7. A saucer will not land on the White House lawn. A tourist from Brooklyn will photograph this. Budd Hopkins will hail the photo of a deserted White House lawn as further proof aliens can make themselves and their saucers invisible!
8. Bob and Ryan Wood will report a MIB driving a "like-new" 1952 Ford truck attempted to deliver 203,000 new pages of MJ-12 documents to Tim "The Prolific" Cooper, but because the load wouldn't fit into Cooper's post office box, the Postal Service refused delivery. The Woods will add 203,000 blank pages to their website.
9. Commander X will make a clean breast of it, declaring, "I'm really **Jasmin**, the Roswell Girl". Jasmin-X will be asked to host a new reality-TV show, "Sex and Saucers".
10. George "**Trickster**" Hansen will be first in line to be a contestant on Jasmin-X's show.
11. A still youthful Orthon will be discovered working in a Desert Center, Ca. McDonald's and asked to host "The Boys" - a reality-TV series to air opposite "Sex and Saucers".
12. There will be a 2004 National UFO Conference, at which.... Sorry, I've been sworn to secrecy.
13. Saucering being what it is today, "Smear" non-subscribers who don't renew their non-subscriptions will succumb to terminal boredom. Don't risk it. Get your Love Offering in the mail today!



In vne above photo, your humble "Smear" editor sits with Contributing Editor Karl Pflock in a Key West bar, during the latter's visit here with his wife this past September. Neither of us can recall why the bottles on the table were the object of our attention. (Photo by Mary Martinek)

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

- DR. GARY POSNER of Tampa Bay (Florida) Skeptics writes as follows:

"Your Holiness:

"I am so consumed with outrage over **Karl Pflock's homage** to Phil Klass in the last issue of 'Smear' that I can hardly speak, hence my decision to type this note rather than shout it to you.

"How dare Pflock conduct such an outrageous personal attack upon me, implying that I am not a stink bug!

"On to lesser matters: As for his opinion of Phil, I might quibble with a few things he said. Okay, with a lot he said. But specifically, I would request that

he document his charge that Phil conducted a 'truly outrageous personal attack' upon James McDonald.

"Phil did indeed bring to light that McDonald was spending government atmospheric research funds for his personal UFO-related travels. Is that the 'truly outrageous attack' to which Pflock refers?"

We would think that "atmospheric research" would include UFOs, but what do we know? On the other hand, Posner's printed stationery ,does identify him as a "Senior Fellow" of "Stink Bugs of America". Weird! - Editor

- The infamous JEROME CLARK of "International UFO Reporter" fame writes to Karl Pflock by email:

"I've just read your weird [valentine to Phil Klass](#) in 'Saucer Smear'. May we next expect a comparable tribute to Joe McCarthy whom (sic) more than any other figure in ufology's history Klass resembles?"

"Sorry, but he's your skunk, not mine."

We're glad to see that Jerry is enjoying "Smear" as much as ever! - Editor.

- Our olde friend ALEXANDER MEBANE writes as follows:

"...Have abductions now petered out, as they seem certain to do at some time? Of course, the old ones will keep turning up, but whether they're still occurring is what I would like to know. (The predictions of Jacobs, Mack, and Strieber all seem doomed to non-fulfillment, as does that of Ray Fowler, who sees a natural extinction of homo sapiens in the very near future.) The beings responsible for the abductions surely can't come up with any phenomenon even more startling and unbelievable, so they are bound to let them drop eventually..."

- Researcher CHRISTOPHER ROTH writes:

"...I have enclosed a clipping about the Oregon Vortex. Maybe some of your readers have the money to invest in it. I visited the Vortex back in 1980 or so. Although there is a hokey, obviously faked 'house of mystery' there, with slanted floors and so on, just like in many amusement parks, and although the literature passed out includes some nonsense...about other vortices being in places like Stonehenge and the Great Pyramids, nonetheless I can attest that many of the anomalies are real. I watched my father and mysister switch places (as in the photo in the clipping) and saw as my sister, who is much shorter, became taller than my father. And you can really stand a broom up on its bristles there. There is one spot where, if you stand and then look down, your feet seem to be way behind your center of gravity, due to a slanting that objects and people and plumb-bobs adopt. I don't know how much serious science has been done on the place, but under all the hokum there seems to be a genuine anomaly..."

"I fear that there will be more obituaries than actual interesting reports - or emergent, colorful personalities in ufology - in the coming years. The internet has sucked in all of ufology and turned it into anonymous conspiracy theor!es and abduction memoirs. No one even expects to see a good old saucer in the sky anymore."

And yet, Filer's Files grinds out a number of mediocre sightings every month. - Editor.

- **Author & publisher PATRICK HUYGHE writes:**

"You're getting old and soft, and UFOs are too - unless we really want to believe otherwise.

"Thanks for **your write-up** of 'The Phaselock Code: Through Time, Death, and Reality, The Metaphysical Adventures of the Man Who Fell Off Everest' the book I'm encouraging everyone to buy (because it's great). It seems like one of your Internet connected friends was nice enough to pass on to you my email-only promotion. Gosh, I never thought it would get **smear**ed in print! Only you got the author wrong: The book is not written by famous author Jon Krakauer, but by first-time author Roger Hart. Krakauer doesn't need the promotion!~ Hart's book, by the way, is about reality creation, something that fits quite well into your 3 1/2-D theory of UFOs."

- **Veteran researcher GEORGE EARLEY writes as follows, regarding the late Ellen Crystall, who was a leading researcher of the Pine Bush, N.Y. anomalous phenomena:**

"...So **Ellen Crystall has died**. I do not have good memories of her - she having been a speaker at one of John White's UFO conferences in Connecticut one year, and not having gone over too well (very contentious gal; she was right in all things and only fools and incompetents questioned her opinions), she was not invited to speak the next year. She showed up anyway and spent most of her time there carping and whining about not having been invited to speak again. Still, I would not wish cancer on her - simple laryngitis would have sufficed..."

- **Skeptical aviation & UFO writer CURTIS PEEBLFS writes:**

"This is a fast note to let you know that Palomar Gardens (home of the late George Adamski) survived the fires burning in the San Diego back country. The Paradise Fire burned the Valley Center area, then headed east toward the mountains. The closest it came to what used to be Palomar Gardens was about a half mile or less. The fire remained on the south side of Highway 76, and did not jump the road.

"I don't know if you are aware of this, but the old Palomar Gardens site is still active. It is now called Oak Knoll Campground, and is at the base of the South Grade, just up the hill from where it joins Highway 76.

"The total area burned in the Paradise Fire (as of the morning of November 4th) was 56,700 acres, with 176 houses, 192 outbuildings, and 406 vehicles destroyed. Two civilians were killed, with 25 injured."

- **Retired engineer GAINES CROOK (real name) writes as follows:**

"...You asked me what I thought UFOs were. 25 or 30 years ago, I would have said they were visitors from another planet, but today I know that is not true. The closest I csm come is to say that they are closer to a poltergeist than to a helicopter. That is to say they are what we think of as paranormal but at the same time, they seem to have a physical existence also. But this doesn't define their position in the world by a long shot!

"The 'paranormal' is just a vague reference to something we do not understand.~

Alternate Realities

(Lifted from Erich Aggen's "C-COM", with thanks)



There's a strong hint of a much richer potential reality in the mathematical ideas of Goedel and Turing- two of the most influential mathematicians of the 20th century--and, most recently, in the discovery of the infinitely long, utterly incalculable number called Omega by theoretician Gregory Chaitin who took up over 20 years ago where Turing had left off-see also the *New Scientist* article The Omega Man by science writer Marcus Chown. As Chown puts it: "*Chaitin has shown that there are an infinite number of mathematical facts but for the most part, they are unrelated to each other and impossible to tie together with unifying theorems.*" IN OTHER WORDS, MATHEMATICALLY, THERE IS NO SINGLE, PREFERRED SET OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS. The mathematics that describes our reality is just one archipelago of self consistent postulates and theorems in a limitless ocean with infinite islands bearing no relationship to ours. Since physics is described by mathematics, this may imply that what we perceive with microscopes and telescopes and particle accelerators as "ordinary physical reality" is also but one tiny subset of an infinitely greater reality. Alternate realities created by other consciousnesses could be equally real yet radically different from ours.



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TIDBITS OF TRASH

- **A**n interesting footnote to the recent National UFO Conference in North Hollywood,

California, is the story of William ("Bill") Moore's non-participation in same. Bill wrote us last August 4th (our birthday!) - well before the convention - saying that although he could not speak thereat, he would try to meet your "Smear" editor nearby, and spend an evening renewing an old friendship. We wrote him back, saying that we couldn't do this because, as Permanent Chairman of the NUFOC, it was our moral obligation to stick around the convention site & mingle. We have not heard from Bill since, though he has our (listed) phone number and our "top secret" snail-mail address.

Just a very short saucer ride from North Hollywood is Burbank, California, where, at the 1987 NUFOC, Bill Moore unveiled to an unsuspecting world the first of the now-endless MJ-12 documents. We thought it would be appropriate for him to speak at the North Hollywood NUFOC, as this was our first convention in California since 1987. But alas, it was not to be...

- Having printed [a negative item](#) in our last "Smear" about the legendary Loch Ness Monster, we thought we would balance it with a somewhat positive item about "Champ", a similar animal thought to reside in Lake Champlain, Vermont.

Last June, a team of scientists using underwater microphones picked up a series of strangely high-pitched ticking and chirping noises, similar to what a dolphin would make. But there are no dolphins in this fresh-water lake. Said a spokesman for the scientists: "All we can say is that there is a creature in the lake that produces biosonar. We have no idea what it is".

Although the recordings are still under analysis, they offer the most compelling evidence to date that the creature might actually be real. (Our thanks to veteran UFO researcher George Farley for this one.)...

- Our friend Patrick Huyghe of Paraview Publishing has asked us (and everyone else) to help him sell a new title of theirs, called "The Phaselock Code"

This tome apparently has nothing to do with UFOs, but includes adventure, travel, science, sex (gasp!) and "weird stuff" like near-death experiences, precognition, etc. It is available through Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble. The author is named Jon Krakauer.

We recently contacted Huyghe in regard to the grave-robbing & archaeology book being prepared by Moseley and Pflock, tentatively titled "Thieves of Time". Huyghe rightly felt that our thrust was not their thrust, so we are currently looking elsewhere for a publisher for this book, which is a sort-of sequel to "Shockingly Close to the Truth!" (which is still available from our Headquarters at a mere cost of \$28 per autographed copy.)...



- Above we see noted parapsychologist George Hansen of New Jersey together with Jasmin,

the young lady whose [bare breasts](#) graced the back page of our July 5th issue of "Smear". Note the supremely self-satisfied look on George's face! The picture was taken at a New Age party in Hamilton Square, N.J., a few weeks ago. Incidentally, George is the author of "The Trickster and the Paranormal", which can be ordered on the (cursed) Internet or at major bookstores everywhere. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Frank Conway.)...

- Reverend Frank Stranges of California, who is still recovering slowly from major surgery, informs us that his 1960 UFO contactee book "Stranger in the Pentagon" is about to be made into a major motion picture, after all these years! This widely-acclaimed (?) tome is about the adventures on Earth of an ageless, handsome spaceman named Val Thor.

"Smear" readers may remember that, in a somewhat similar scenario, John Keel's "Mothman Prophecies" book didn't become a movie till over twenty years after its first publication. We live in reverently strange times indeed!...

The Passing Parade: As ufology grinds on into its second century, obituaries become more common, sadly. Now we read in "Fortean Times" of England that Gordon Creighton, longtime editor of that country's "Flying Saucer Review" died last July 16th at the age of 95. According to the rather perverse obituary, Creighton was immeshed in paranoia and wild, unprovable ufological claims. Say they: The demise of "Flying Saucer Review" will be the end of an era, but an era that the majority of objective ufologists won't be sad to see the last of."

Much more recently came the death of Graham Birdsall, editor of England's "UFO Magazine" not to be confused with California's trashy zine with the same name. Apparently the English version was far superior to the American version, though we have never seen it. Birdsall, according to an admirer, was "a pillar of strength; he brought serious research into the public domain and delivered a vociferous message to enthusiasts and researchers around the globe." (See also [Christopher Allan's letter](#) to the editor, further along in this issue.)

Another recent death is that of Joe Travis, co-owner of The Little A'Le'Inn (Little Alien Inn) in the tiny hamlet of Rachel, Nevada. We met Joe and his wife Pat a few years ago, when we visited the Inn as part of a long, weary bus ride from a UFO convention in Laughlin, Nevada to "Area 51", which is not far from Rachel. On that trip we never even had a chance to see the "Keep Out or Else" signs at the edge of "Area 51", as our driver panicked and turned the van around the moment he saw a sign! Thus the stop-over in Rachel was the only enjoyable part of the journey.

Ailing but still with us is famed abductee Betty Hill, whose 1961 abduction experience together with her late husband Barney is one of the classic UFO stories of all times. Betty is now about 84 years old, and has lung cancer. She is not on the (cursed) Net, but would greatly appreciate supportive mail at her home address: 953 State Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801. We remember Betty well from her appearance at the NUFOC convention in New York City in 1980, and we have kept in touch with her ever since....

- For those few of you who still haven't heard enough about the Roswell Incident, the September issue of the International UFO Museum's newsletter contains some interesting information:

On the negative side is the fact that their slick magazine called "Incident" has folded after only a few issues. On the more (to us) positive side, there is a two-page list of over 80 UFO-related incidents between 1585 B.C. and 1973, all of which turned out to be either hoaxes or honest mistakes. (Naturally Roswell is not included!) Written by someone named Larry Hatch, this list is both interesting and highly amusing, and we commend the Museum for running it.

Included on the list are some classic cases, such as Maury Island, Washington (1947); the Captain Mantell case (1948); the Aztec, New Mexico case (1948); Brooksville, Florida (1965); and best of all, the Lost Creek, West Virginia motion picture (1966). Most of the descriptions

are all too short, but this one reads in part: "UFO hovers over tree. Gray Barker filmed, while James Moseley drove the car and John Sheets suspended a fake model from a stick". Ah, those were the days!

Plans are already underway for the 2004 annual festival in Roswell, co-sponsored by the Museum. Sadly it will not include "Roswell - the Musical", a stage play based ever so loosely on the Roswell Incident. This play ran for two or three years in a row during the festival, but never in a year that we were there.

Membership in the International UFO Museum & Research Center is \$25 per year. Their address is: 114 North Main St., Roswell, N.M. 88203. Our relationship with the Museum is somewhat shaky (though we lectured there in 2002), but we're certain they will be glad to accept your money.

Incidentally, there is now a total of three annual festivals in the state of New Mexico - at Corona, Aztec, and (of course!) Roswell...

- We have a clipping here somewhere that states, in effect, that the UFO-related Raelian cult has admitted that their claim of having cloned a human baby earlier this year is false, and merely a publicity stunt to drum up new members and more money for their organization.

Another clipping on the same subject is even more startling: Aging comic Rodney Dangerfield has met with Brigitte Boisselier, the CEO of Clonaid, which is the medical branch of the Raelians, to talk about cloning himself. Dr. Boisselier came to the Dangerfield home in Los Angeles and talked with his wife while Rodney was recovering from brain surgery. The Raelians said they could create a clone of Rodney by taking a swab of cells from his cheek. When asked how much it would cost, they said they would not charge the Dangerfields anything. Rodney, who is almost 82 years old, had a friend videotape the bizarre meeting for use in a future documentary about his life!...

Pflock Ptalk - HE WAS THE SKUNK AT OUR GARDEN PARTY, BUT...

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist

...He was our skunk.



In July, ufology's already poor estate was made still poorer with Phil Klass' departure from the field. For almost three decades, Klass held our feet to the fire. He compelled Serious Ufologists - Pro-UFOlogists to Unca Phil - to check their data a bit more closely, to consider questions they hadn't thought to ask or didn't want to ask, to tighten their arguments and sift their evidence with greater care.

Klass' departure from ufology - he was as much a part of The Field as, say, Dick Hall - went almost unremarked. Was this because UFOdom/-dumb didn't want to admit his influential, even (gasp!) positive contributions? Was it because most of those active and noisy in ufology and UFO fandom today didn't know of him except as some semi-mythical bogeyman ("You'd better be a good little True Believer or The Philklass will getcha'!) rather than a real earthling?

At his best, Klass was our devil's advocate. At his worst, he was our devil. If he hadn't come along in 1966, convinced that UFOs were something truly anomalous, we'd have had to invent him. Some of you are shaking your heads in disbelief at the idea Klass once thought UFOs to be genuinely mysterious. It's true. Read his first saucer book "UFOs Identified" (Random House, 1968). You'll be surprised!

When he entered The Field, Klass thought flying saucers might be ball lightning and free-floating

plasma discharges. When that theory was thoroughly discredited by atmospheric physicists like James McDonald and even the Condon Committee, his at least partially open mind closed. He was transformed into a hardcore Menzelian: They - truly anomalous UFOs - can't be; therefore, they aren't. The name of the game became explaining them all away. Once Klass made up his mind about an "explanation" or even less than crucial issues, there was no way one could move him to change his views. He also conducted some truly outrageous personal attacks on ufologists who, for one reason or another, he decided needed to be discredited- as, for example, his assault on physicist-ufologist James McDonald.

Despite these failings, Klass has often gone where no ufologist dared (or wanted) to go. He dug up new and useful information, exposed hoaxes, and perhaps more important, moved his most thoughtful antagonists to dig a little deeper, look a little closer, and study the evidence a little harder.

Now Phil Klass has left The Field, and there's not another skeptical skunk or even stink bug out there who comes close to filling his shoes. Which this Pro-UFOlogist finds most unfortunate.

S'long, Phil. Thanks for making such a big stink.

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- We have received several unusually interesting letters lately, the most intriguing of which is the following, from famed abduction researcher DR. LEO SPRINKLE of Laramie, Wyoming:

"Thank you for the Sept. 25th, 2003 issue of 'Saucer Smear'.

"Your **comments** regarding Paul Bennewitz and APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization) are incomplete. You state: "Bennewitz contacted APRO's Coral and Jim Lorenzen, but surprisingly, they wrote him off as delusional".

"Actually, Jim and Coral were interested in Paul and his investigations. In May of 1980, they called me and said that they would pay for my flight (they did), round-trip Laramie - Albuquerque, to interview Paul and conduct hypnotic procedures with a woman and her son.

"When I arrived, Paul and his wife were gracious host and hostess. The mother and young son retold their observation of a young cow, or calf, being drawn up in a beam of light, toward a hovering craft.

"During hypnosis sessions, the woman described what she perceived as memories of an experience on board the craft; a flight to an underground facility; and interactions with a variety of ET entities.

"Paul was impressed with the information provided by the sessions. I encouraged him and the woman to 'go public' with the information, but they refused. Paul told me to keep quiet about the sessions. He said that he would pay for a return visit (He did not.)

"When I returned for a second visit, in June 1980, Paul was not in a gracious mood. He had a pistol on his hip, a rifle in one hand, and the other hand pointed me back toward the door. He talked as if he expected- at any moment - that ETs might be crawling over the walls!

"I tried, once again, to encourage him to share the information with others. He refused and reminded me that I was to keep quiet. He kept the audiotapes of the sessions. However, when I returned to Laramie, I mailed a copy of my handwritten notes to Jim and Coral Lorenzen.

"Sometime later, when Paul began to make public statements about the results of the sessions, I assumed that the information was 'public'. I shared my notes with Tom Adams and Linda Moulton Howe. (See 'An Alien Harvest', 1989, by Linda Moulton Howe Productions, Appendix 13, pages 340-373.)

"Perhaps the death of Paul Bennewitz closes a chapter on his efforts to alert USAF/Federal governmental officials about his UFO investigations. However, in my opinion, his 'delusions' had less to do with his observations of ETs/UFOs, and more to do with his belief that officials should take seriously his observations."

A long series of annual abduction conferences in Leo Sprinkle's home area of Wyoming died out in 2001 for lack of interest. We wish we could have attended one of these. - Editor.

- Noted ufological skeptic MARTIN KOTTMEYER writes as follows, in answer to our questions about the basis of his belief system:

"My disbelief in the ET H (Extraterrestrial Hypothesis) is most strongly rooted in the argument presented in my 'Problem of Noncontact' entry in Ronald Story's encyclopedia. There are also insurmountable inconsistencies and improbabilities in the main hypotheses about potential alien motivations like reconnaissance, invasion, directing human history, creating hybrids for a dying world, etc. These problems make the ETH so extra-ordinary that the only 'proof' that would make belief obligatory or pragmatic would be the proverbial Landing on the White House Lawn, in front of cameras of all the major networks, or the presentation of a hundred volume Encyclopedia Galactica with a fully functioning Universal Translator.

"Such a high standard would not be needed if we could trust people to be totally truthful and error-proof, but we have a huge body of evidence that people are no such thing, particularly in matters depending on secrets and mystery. There are literally dozens of contactees who populated Venus with intelligent beings. Some saw the non-existent canals of Mars up close. Contactees and abductees have given us over a hundred predictions about future cataclysms over the years, and they have always been wrong. The number of UFO reports where belief has skewed mundane things into alien presences minimally number in the thousands! Such a climate of myth makes acceptance at face value of any report involving aliens, however well attested and inexplicable, an exercise in myopia.

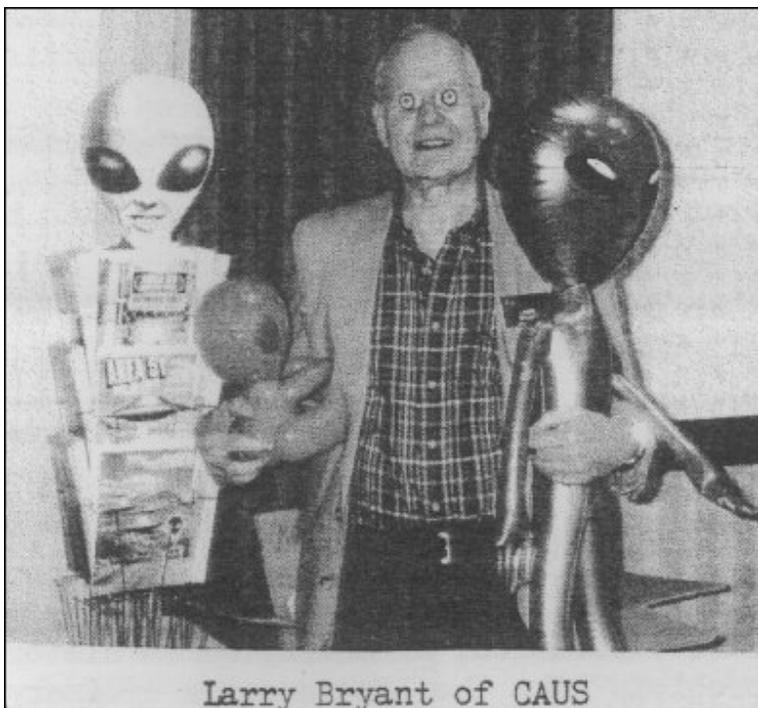
"While some people see similarities in UFO reports as matters deserving belief, I find the diversity among reports far more overwhelming and compelling. The broad expanse of inconsistencies, by my measure, reflects the diverse nature of humans - their differing beliefs, differing personalities, differing histories. It's been said that ufologists are looking for a signal in the noise - a 'real' phenomenon beneath all the illusions and mistakes. I prefer studying the noise, which is real enough in its own way to keep my attention. If there is a signal imbedded in the noise, either it is hopelessly garbled or else it is too faint to rise above the din of alien mythology...Unexplained means precisely unexplained, and that means only and merely unexplained. It doesn't mean UFOs = aliens, or UFOs = demons, or UFOs = danger, or UFOs = salvation, etc., etc., etc.

"Even so, I think the subject is fun. I like trying to guess the solutions of various cases as much as anybody else. I like reading the books, collecting information, making the charts and graphs, finding new angles to look at things with. And, I do enjoy the fact that I have made the occasional discovery that others recognize as an advance in our understanding of the psycho-social aspects of the UFO phenomenon. I didn't enter the subject expecting that, but it IS nice. UFOs are far less important in the grand enterprise of life than many folks like to say it is, but it

is one of the lovely luxuries of civilization, in that people don't have to always be doing important things..."

We differ, believing that there definitely is a "signal in the noise", whatever it may turn out to be. Nevertheless, Marty Kottmeyer is a fine researcher. - Editor.

- Researcher CHRISTOPHER ROTH of Milwaukee writes as follows:



"Larry Bryant's push for Bush's impeachment is a reasonable, mainstream view which will only be tainted by association with the UFO topic (which is not to say UFO belief is not reasonable - only that most Americans see it as tainting). The U.S. is about as likely to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq as the L.A.P.D. are of finding 'Nicole Brown's real killers'.

"While we're on the subject, why classify a puny microbe like antrax as a 'weapon of mass destruction' - you're lucky to kill more than a few people at a time with it and not the incendiary bombs that our military routinely uses to level cities? Who is monitoring our W.M.D.s? Besides,

a lie detector test wouldn't work on Bush because Reptilians don't have the same nervous and respiratory systems as we do!..."

Wild-eyed activist Larry Bryant has recently gone from UFO advocacy to touchy political matters - even objecting to the use of a church as a voting location (due to the necessary separation of church & state).- Editor

- The Right Reverend ALLEN GREENFIELD comes forward with a Blast from the Past:

"...What occasioned this letter is **your book**, which, by the way, is mentioned on the splash page of my web site on the ('dreaded', as you would have it) internet, along with a link to the National UFO Conference (NUFOC). For me, the internet has provided all the advantages of independent newsletters, with a much wider readership at far lower cost; but then, since one of your fans posts all issues of 'Smear' you have the best of both worlds!

An acquaintance was kind enough to give me a copy of your book...and I really enjoyed the walk down the enchanted memory lane that binds us together.

"Like you- in fact, I may have acquired the habit from you - I went first to the index, and was a little disappointed that I rated only a one-page mention. After all, I did chair the delegate sessions at the 1967 'Giant Saucer Show' at the late and lamented Commodore Hotel in New York City. That year there were more people at the delegate sessions than in many years at the public sessions. I also authored two books on the UFO subject (including 'Saucers and Saucerers', which is also a social history of Ufology); chased the Brown Mountain Lights with you and Tim Beckley and your daughter Betty; and went ghost hunting on the very haunted Georgia coast with you - to say nothing of having received the Ufologist of the Year Award twice - twenty years apart. (I think you and I are the only two people

so honored twice.) And I did have a bit to do with formulating the '3 1/2-D Theory' myself.

"But of course, I'm glad you did mention me in connection with 'Middle Ufology'. My own diary of this era would seem to indicate I created the term, and identified the configuration - between uncritical contactees on the one hand and the 'anti-landing' NICAP types of that period. You say that I am virtually out of The Field, but by my own lights, I'm really not. Rather, I accept the ideas first propounded by Carl Jung and later by Jacques Vallee, that the UFO mythos is part and parcel of the broader mythos of Faerie, of the medieval Man in Black, of magical conjurations and trance channeled oracular communications that have been a part of human folklore from our earliest times. What it all means I am less certain of, but I continue to 'chase the flying saucers' by considering it from other angles...

"Anyhow...those early conventions were a blast, and telling everything that went on, well, that would be really shockingly close to the truth!..."

- ANN DRUFFEL, local chairperson of the recent NUFOC in North Hollywood, California, writes as follows:

"I enjoyed [your write-up](#) of the 40th annual NUFOC conference, but would like to point out that I can't be termed merely an 'abduction researcher'. I've been in the UFO research field as an investigator/researcher/writer for 46 years, and for the first 15 or 18 years of that I had only one 'abduction' case, in 1965, which turned out to be a woman who was mentally ill. When the Field began to go crazy in the mid-1970s with 'abduction' reports, naturally we absorbed them into our already heavy caseloads. But the mere fact that I had to, out of necessity, investigate abduction cases doesn't make me an 'abduction' researcher. I dislike the term, because it implies that I either think that 'aliens from UFOs' are hybridizing us, or, contradictorily, that 'aliens from UFOs' are developing the human race spiritually. I don't subscribe to either theory, but that is what the great majority of U.S. researchers, the media, and the US public think 'abductions' are all about.

"I would rather be described as a researcher/writer who delves into various earth mysteries, including psychic phenomena, psychic archaeology, paranormal photographs, UFO physical sightings and, necessarily, some abduction cases. In 1989 I first realized that 20% to 25% of 'abduction' reports come from instinctive 'resisters' - that is, human beings who were able to fend off the 'harrassing entities' by breaking the altered state in which most, if not all, of these scenarios occur...

The so-called 'abduction phenomenon' is not caused by physical beings from UFOs but rather, it is more likely caused by some interdimensional or otherworldly phenomenon which attacks people in altered states, and can be fought off by stouthearted human beings - the same phenomenon described in major and minor world cultures down through the ages. If you would read my book, 'How to Defend Yourself Against Alien Abduction', this would clarify my work...

"May I point out other items related to your write-up on our North Hollywood NUFOC celebration? You mentioned Rev. Bailey encountered shapeshifting entities, but you did not mention that his talk was mainly about how he photographed them on Nov. 1st, 1978. (Incidentally, photographing the little pests seems to be a good way to get rid off them, for Bailey was never bothered again!)

Then there's the matter of Dr. Eric Kelson's talk on the Heflin photos. I agree heartily that his was a superb presentation, but Heflin's first name is Rex, not Van, as you have it. Rex Heflin had a work van, from inside which the first three photos were taken, so maybe that's where the misunderstanding arose.

"Most of the people on our NUFOC planning committee...are of the opinion that the NUFOC 40th convention was a success in spite of the small attendance. I have never attended ANY conference where the camaraderie was so strong, the talks so objective and fact-filled, and where everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. It was splendid. I hope you, too, enjoyed yourself, for we all enjoyed having you in North Hollywood! Thank you for inviting me to host the conference! It was a lot of work for everyone concerned, but also a lot of fun!

"Incidentally, I sent our 'angel' \$1,000 personally to help make up his loss. He didn't expect anyone to do this, but accepted it graciously. And some of the loss he sustained might be made up by selling the speaker videos. Could you mention in the next 'Saucer Smear' that the ten videos from the conference (nine speakers and the abduction panel discussion) are available at: <http://www.mufonla.com/nufocovideoorder.htm>. Our angel would receive a substantial portion of any profits made by MUFON-LA on these particular videos, so we might slowly be able to reimburse him further. And you could include my email address: anndruffel@aol.com, for anyone who has any questions about the videos."

And if you are somehow inspired to host the NUFOC next year, by all means drop a line to us here at 'Saucer Smear'. As you may have heard, we are not on the net. - Editor.

- Faithful friend & ace UFO investigator CHRIS ALLAN of England writes:

"Since your last 'Smear' refers to a number of ufological deaths, I thought I would mention another, this time in the United Kingdom. You may already know of course, but Graham Birdsall died just one week ago from a brain haemorrhage. It all happened very suddenly, and only a few days before his annual conference in Leeds was due to take place. This conference had to be cancelled at the last minute.

"Graham had been a very prominent figure in British ufology for many years, and was editor of the very popular newsstand magazine 'UFO Magazine' (not to be confused with its American rival of the same or similar name).

"He ran his annual Leeds conferences for over 20 years, always attracting speakers from many countries, so that the conferences had an international flavor. He will be greatly missed by the UFO fraternity over here! I never met him face to face, but I did attend a few of the Leeds events (plus some of the others he held in various places). They were always entertaining, even though the presenters and their presentations left a lot to be desired...The one thing that used to put me off was the constant emphasis towards the 'The Truth is Coming' theme. Of course it is not, but it seems many people still adhere to the notion that it is 'Just Around the Corner'..."

- Another olde friend, STEVE BARNETT, writes from Santa Fe, New Mexico:

"I have just finished reading a book by Dr. Rick Strassman, who did a legal DMT study at the University of New Mexico back in the early 1990s. I know a couple of the guinea pigs who participated in the program. The book is titled: 'DMT: The Spirit Molecule. '

"DMT is produced naturally in the human brain but in sufficient quantity, it alters reality considerably. It is possibly responsible in some way for some alien encounters, as the injected high dose DMT subjects reported many alien encounters of the usual sort, as well as near death and spiritual experiences. Interestingly, the aliens experienced during these DMT sessions were interested in

implants, human sexuality, etc., just as in naturally-occurring encounters. Dr. John Mack is quoted a number of times in the text. I think you would find the book quite fascinating, and it may be a title you could read from cover to cover (as I am well aware that you prefer articles to books)..."

- And, BRIAN PARKS, a constant critic of our stand on Roswell and MJ-12, writes:

"The only way to save 'Smear', as I see it, is to reprint a photo of '[Jasmin](#)' in full size on the front cover! Perhaps a new UFO wave will come along and cause enough confusion for you to continue!"

HAUNTED ROAD: In just one year, 26 cars have crashed on the same 500 metre (1,640ft) stretch of the A465 in Stoke Lacy, Herefordshire, the scene of a fatal smash 60 years ago. Drivers said it felt as if the wheel was snatched from their hands. The parish council has called in local ghost-busting minister Kevin Crouch to see if he can exorcise the road. *Sun, 26 Oct 2002.*

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RE-HASH OF THE FORTIETH NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE, IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

The fortieth running off the NUFOC took place on the weekend of September 6th and 7th at Beverly Garland's Holiday Inn, in the Los Angeles area. Co-hosts were abduction researchers Dr. John Miller and Ann Druffel.

Unfortunately, the size of the crowd was a great disappointment - less than fifty people! Whether this was the result of inadequate publicity, or simply because hardly anyone was interested in coming, we do not know. Most of the presentations were very good, and they were all professionally recorded on videotape for posterity.

Ann Druffel's talk was, quite naturally, about her brand new book "Firestorm"; which is a detailed history of the life and premature death of Dr. James McDonald. A man named Terry Hansen gave a (to us) unconvincing lecture about "media complicity" in the alleged UFO cover-up by our government. Famed MJ-12 researcher Robert Wood spoke about updated information regarding this endless stream of documents, which now number no less than 103, consisting of 3,766 pages. Interestingly, the very first MJ-12 material was released to the public by William Moore in 1987, at a NUFOC in Burbank, California. Efforts to persuade Moore to come out of retirement to speak at the present convention were in vain.

The star of this year's NUFOC event was famed abductee Travis Walton of Arizona, author of "Fire in the Sky", from which a movie was made. Walton convinced your editor that he probably believes everything he is saying, but he still has a chip on his shoulder regarding criticism, and is bitter at the debunkers. He apparently thinks that your editor is in league with Phil Klass, who debunked the case soon after it occurred in 1975, but the truth is that we have never had much to say about the Walton case at all!

Brian Boldman, all the way from North Carolina, spoke on "angel hair", a little remembered aspect of the UFO mystery which nevertheless is very interesting and significant. Boldman has a list of over 200 cases over the years, though very few have occurred lately. Abduction researcher Derrel Sims spoke on implants and such, and made a good impression on the audience. Then there was the Reverend Harrison Bailey, who talked about weird "shapeshifting entities" which he has encountered at various times during his lifetime. We missed part of his rant, and it remains unclear to us whether he is technically an abductee or a mere contactee.

In our opinion the best presentation was given by Eric Kelson, Ph.D., who has made a very detailed investigation of the series of four photos taken by a man named Van Heflin in southern California in the year 1965. Strangely, the original pictures disappeared soon after the event, but were returned semi-mysteriously many years later, in 1993. Using all the tools of photo enhancement, Kelson eventually concluded that these are authentic pictures of an unknown object in the daylight sky. He refuses to speculate as to what this object really is - and that, of course, is the proper scientific attitude.

Late Sunday afternoon, the convention concluded with an abduction panel consisting of Walton, Sims, Bailey, and Druffel, moderated by Mark Hunziker of Los Angeles MUFON. Your editor had been invited to participate, but since we know precious little about the complex abduction phenomenon, we decided to give our seat to Ann Druffel, who specializes in that sort of thing.

Even though the turn-out was so small, a few unexpected people there are worthy of mention: Phyllis Galde of FATE Magazine; Tim Beckley ("Mr. UFO") all the way from New York City to sell his New Age books; Molly Hansen, former lady friend of the notorious Erik Beckjord; Ralph Coon, producer of the documentary "Whispers from Space" about the life & times of the late Gray Barker; Greg Bishop of "The Excluded Middle", with whom we did a radio interview Sunday evening; and Don Ecker & Vickie Cooper of "UFO Magazine", who basically refused to speak to your editor, even when seated at the same table! It does seem that we have made a few enemies in the UFO field over the years!

As "Permanent Chairman" of the NUFOC, your editor looks onward to wonder what sort of

convention we can conjure up for next year. This time we had an "angel", who shall remain unnamed here, and in this way all the speakers' travel expenses and hotel bills were covered, even though the event obviously lost money. We won't necessarily be lucky enough to find such a person again. If any readers have a constructive thought on this subject, please let us know. As it looks right now, there may not be a 41st NUFOC!



LEFT: A grim-looking Derrel Sims (left) and Travis Walton (right) sit on the abduction panel, under a NUFOC sign on the wall behind them. RIGHT: Angel hair researcher Brian Boldman poses with abduction researcher Ann Druffel. (Photos by Guess Whom??)

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- We would like to take this opportunity to strongly suggest that if you see something in the newspapers, etc., or on the (cursed) Net that you think would be up our alley, send it along to us! A lot of people hesitate to do so because they assume someone else will send us the same item. Occasionally this happens; and of course we don't print all of the information we receive. But if you will cooperate with us to keep "Smear" rolling along, we would be most sincerely grateful. We might even print your name!...
- In our last glorious issue, under "News Briefies", we ran a summary of the Berwyn Mountains UFO case, from Wales in Great Britain. Now Martin Kottmeyer has kindly sent us a copy of an article by British researcher Andy Roberts called "Fire on the Mountain: The Berwyn UFO Case- a British Roswell?"

Roberts is a very well known skeptical UFO investigator, and he has gone to a lot of trouble to come up with answers to almost all the questions raised by this classic 1974 event. According to his research there were no alien bodies nor droves of police in the area. This complicated case boils down to three simultaneous unrelated elements: prolific meteor activity that night; an earth tremor which shook a wide area; and poachers with very bright lights. Roberts is to be commended for his work. We met him briefly last year at the annual Fortean Times "UnConvention" in London

- MUFON has gone Hollywood, no doubt as part of their continuing effort to raise Money. The August issue of their zine has a cover photo showing, among others, actor Dan Akroyd and Jim Belushi - brother of the late John Belushi. Elsewhere in the issue we learn that Dan has become a Lifetime Member of MUFON, which presumably means he has coughed up one thousand dollars! He will serve as the organization's Hollywood Consultant. (We never realized that a serious, scientific UFO investigative group needs a Hollywood Consultant!)
- The Reverend Doctor Frank E. Stranges phoned us recently to let us know that he is gradually recovering from a series of serious health problems, and expects to be back in his office soon, in Van Nuys, California.

Frank is the author of the well-known contactee book "Stranger at the Pentagon" and for at least 25 years he has published a quarterly publication called "UFO Journal". His organization is called the National Investigations Committee on Unidentified Flying Objects (NICUFO??) Originally the initials were "NICAP", but he changed the name long ago after strenuous objections from Major Donald Keyhoe's group in Washington, D.C., which was called the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), if we remember correctly

- Rael, founder of the Raelian cult and its spinoff called Clonaid, was recently denied entry to South Korea and was made to move on immediately to another destination. It seems that Rael's entry request was rejected because it was believed he might try to clone humans if allowed into the country. (It really doesn't seem to us that he could do any cloning on a short visit, but apparently the South Korean government didn't want to take any chances!)
- Former (?) multimillionaire Joe Firmage has surfaced with a new concept. He is backing a start-up company that he claims will transform users' Internet experiences "by turning it into a breathtaking three-dimensional environment that mirrors the natural world". The new technology provides a sensory experience and fidelity unmatched by any other visualization technology, he claims. Over the next decade, his combined efforts will yield a living encyclopedia of more than 400,000 subject-focused portals.

To us, this sounds almost as good as getting high without drugs!...

- Paul Bennewitz, once the subject of great if fleeting ufological interest, died on June 23rd after a long illness. He was 92. In the late 1970s Bennewitz, a New Mexico physicist-businessman who did a lot of business with Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, thought he had intercepted signals used by extraterrestrials to control abductees. He also reported seeing UFOs flying in and out of highly restricted areas on the base, and he claimed to know of underground alien bases where cows and earthlings became snack food. Bennewitz contacted APRO's Coral and Jim Lorenzen, but surprisingly, they wrote him off as delusional.

However, because of his scientific background and business connections with them, Kirtland AFB authorities briefly took Bennewitz quite seriously. As a result, he became entangled with the infamous Sgt. Richard Dory and our old friend Bill Moore - adding, some believe, to his existing mental instability. (Our thanks to Karl Pflock for this.)

- The recent deaths of two other people on the periphery of the UFO scene are of interest: Duane Cook, who died at the age of 59, was editor of the Gulf Breeze (Florida) Sentinel at the time of Ed Walters' alleged sightings in 1987 and thereafter. The UFO sightings were of great benefit to the Sentinel's circulation, and the upshot was that for quite awhile, Gulf Breeze was considered the 'UFO capital of the world'. Cook, whom your editor met briefly, was a close friend of Ed Walters. There is little doubt that he either was in on the hoax, or at least felt the whole matter was a good-natured joke.

The second obituary concerns Dr. Ernest Taves, a psychoanalyst who died at age 87. He was a very close friend of arch-debunker Dr. Donald Menzel, and co-author with Menzel on a book called "The UFO Enigma". We never met Taves, but when Menzel was named as one of the original members of MJ-12, we talked at length with Taves by phone. Talking to him helped convince us that Menzel, whatever his faults, could not reasonably have been a member of MJ-12, assuming that it ever existed. Stanton Friedman, who still insists that his evidence proves Menzel was in MJ-12, never talked to Taves!...

Lou Farish's August issue of "UFO Newsclipping Service" is full of English translations of weird chupacabras sightings in Chile - too long to go into here. (This monthly compilation of clippings from around the world goes for a hefty five dollars a hit, and comes from #2 Caney Valley Drive, Plumerville, Arkansas 72127.)

Also included in this issue is a Bigfoot story from China, headlined "Bigfoot Leaves a Big

Puddle", and this case is right up our alley, as they say. Six people including a radio reporter claim to have seen an ape-like animal in central China's Shennongjia Nature Reserve. They were in a jeep on a mountain road when they saw something moving quickly away from the road. The creature looked to be a little over five feet tall, with shoulder-length black hair. They found several 12-inch-long footprints, plus a "ten foot long patch of foul smelling urine-like liquid". Presumably some of this was taken for analysis. "An investigation is now in full swing", the report concluded

- **New York City's famed East Village is coming back to life! Harold Egel Jr. of S.P.A.C.E. (Search Project for Aspects of Close Encounters) has announced that a UFOrelated art show, featuring mainly the paintings of David Huggins, will take place from August 21st through September 24th, at the Chama Teahouse, 332 East 4th St. If this issue of "Smear" reaches you in time, you might want to drop by.**

"Smear" fans will remember David Huggins as the artist who paints scenes related to his experiences with various entities, and some of his paintings explicitly show his sexual encounters with an alien lady who looks pretty much like an attractive earthling, except for the weird eyes!...

- **Somewhere we recently saw a very negative assessment of the possibility of life on Mars, but we didn't bother to read it. The heading was "Mean Scientists lash Hopes of Life on Mars". We preferred, by far, a May 29th clipping included in the most recent issue of Gene Deplantier's little-known science-oriented zine called "Delve". With the screaming headline "Photos Show Mud Flowing on Mars", this article claims that aerial photos of frozen Martian sand dunes have turned up evidence that, every summer, ice melts out of the dunes and sends rivers of mud flowing down the sides!**

If confirmed, this controversial discovery would mark the first time liquid water has been observed on the Red Planet. It is widely agreed that life on other planets would go hand-in-hand with water, just as it does on Earth. The mud flow photos are a source of intense scientific argument, especially as there are similar patterns on the Moon, which are now known to have been caused by ancient lava flow, not current mud flow. The matter won't be settled any time soon, as, unfortunately, current Mars missions will study other parts of Mars where landings are less risky.

And did you know that on August 27th, Mars was a mere 34,646,418 miles from Earth - the closest it has been in about 60,000 years? Still not close enough to clearly see the alleged mud, we fear!...

- **Pat Marcattilio will be holding his annual Fall flying saucer convention on Oct. 4th and 5th this year, in the same dumpy Days Inn in Bordontown, New Jersey where he has held it many times before. Speakers will include Budd Hopkins and ghost hunter Hans Holzer. We have attended often in the past, but this year we won't be able to make it**
- **Here's a sad note regarding the Loch Ness Monster. Last July the British Broadcasting Corporation sent out a research team which checked the lake thoroughly, with sonar, etc. They found no sign at all of the legendary beast!**

Pflock Ptalk - WERE THEY SPACE GIRLS, COLONEL?

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist

There seems to be no tale so discredited, no character so sleazy that far too many in ufology can't see them for what they are: baad! for The Field. Of course, every subculture has its credulous, who will swallow anything. So it goes. However, there is no excuse when an outfit that purports to be careful, objective, and scientific does so.



Yes, MUFON, it's you I'm referring to - or at least "MUFON Journal" editor Dwight Connelly and Ultimate MUFON Potentate John Schuessler, who approves every word that appears in the "Journal", the voice of MUFON. There have been various MUFONic embarrassments before.

Walt Andrus' "alien fossil" and the Gulf Breeze fiasco leap immediately to mind. But Wendelle Stevens?! Geez...

The June 2003 "Journal" featured a Connelly profile of the long-retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and purveyor of hundreds of too-good-to-be-true saucer photos, who, perhaps more fittingly than he realizes, these days looks more like a resurrected Col. Sanders than a former fighter pilot. Connelly repeated without question or shame many of Stevens' most outrageous, decisively discredited, and transparently baseless claims, including: the Blue Beret UFO recovery teams at "Randolf" air field in Texas, 1945; the Project Ptarmigeon (sic), a real weather reconnaissance program, "specially equipped" B-29 and its UFO-hunting-and-filming mission; and, of course, Billy Meier's spaceships from the Pleiades baloney - not to mention the highly credible person who put Stevens into it - George Adamski disciple Lou Zinstaag.

Not only was there not a word about how most Serious Ufologists consider Stevens one of The Field's least credible figures. There also was no mention of his co-authorship of a book touting the Aztec, New Mexico, saucer non-crash and continuing boosting of that non-event. Wonder why? Also missing was anything about the naughty colonel's taste for nubile underage girls and his imprisonment for indulging it. Again, hmmm... Wonder why?

As a long-time MUFON member and (tab-dah) Field Investigator, I protest! It is (really past) time for MUFON to consider whether it's this sort of thing that's behind our ever-shrinking membership roster. Or (yikes!) maybe our Powers That Be have already considered and decided this is what MUFON needs to survive, taking a leaf from the playbook of Tim "Give 'Em What They Want" Beckley. If so, now hear this, Dwight & John: It isn't what this MUFONite wants, especially to the tune of \$45/year, the new rate Schuessler says is required to avoid "cutting services or quality" ("MUFON Journal", August 2003). Well, let's hope services won't be cut!

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES



- DALE RETTIG writes:

"I thought you would appreciate the enclosed and could use it in "Smear" - especially now that you are publishing sexual material again. By the way, Jasmin was the best 'piece' you have run since the Adamski Expose issue!

"All I can say is: At least Bill Clinton had sex with another human being!"

Dale refers to the Roswell babe pictured on the back page of our July 5th issue. Bill Clinton (allegedly) had sex with female earthlings, but according to the August 5th "Weekly World News", sent along to us by Dale and others, Hillary made it with the ugly alien pictured here! Whee! - Editor.

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"The **'SUN' may have set** on Phil Klass' newsletter, but the brilliance of its light will illuminate the shadowy world of saucerdom for years to come! Phil (pictured right) was indeed the "Lt. Columbo" of UFO investigation, and like that persistent and annoying sleuth he too knew precisely how to make a 'veracity-challenged' suspect (or self appointed UFO expert) squirm! "Of course, Phil's retirement from the Field will allow ufoology's many bungling 'Inspector Clouseau types' to conjure up even more enthralling tales of those horrid little grays using earth women as intergalactic hussies! Oh Phil, the thought of it is too much to bear!"



- Researcher STEVE DUNN writes:

"Dear Imperious Leader:

"I thought you would be interested in the following about Phil Klass, taken from the July 14th, 2003 issue of 'Aviation Week & Space Technology':

"Philip J Klass, a longtime avionics editor for 'Aviation Week & Space Technology' recently received the Senior Wingman award from Editor-In-Chief David M. North at a ceremony in Washington. Klass was honored for professionalism and teamwork during his 51 years with the magazine. He joined the magazine as avionics editor in early 1952. Klass is credited with popularizing the word 'avionics' to best describe airborne electronics. He later became senior avionics editor and remains a contributing avionics editor." (end of quote from 'Aviation Week'.)

"There is no mention of his UFO connections, but that's to be expected. That is rectified in your magazine."

- The semi-mysterious HARRY LIME writes as follows:

"I was most amused to see the latest manifestations of Roswellian hype and your enchantment by them. I refer, of course, to the highly enhanced 'titular' assets of **the comely young woman** in the photo (July 5th 'Smear') promoting the Durant propaganda video. Those modified mammaries are (too) perfect analogs (physical evidence?) of what the Roswell faithful so fervently cling to in a triumph of inflamed desire over reality!

"Similarly amusing was Ann Druffel's **paranoia-laced letter** chastising you for emphasizing the sad truth about James McDonald's demise. Therein, she asserts that Prof. McDonald was 'on his way to probably blowing the whole (UFO) coverup apart'. Yet, according to various writings provided to me by our mutual friend Carlos Mentira, McDonald believed that what others saw as cover-up actually was just typical government screw-up, and to the extent there was any cover-up, it was to hide the screw-up. I wonder - is it Mrs. Druffel's thesis that, in his crusade to get science to take UFOs seriously, McDonald would have inadvertently stumbled upon MJ-12, Element 115, Hangar 18, and Donald Menzel's sketches of REAL Martians?"

- Researcher CHRISTOPHER BURNS writes as follows about Ellen Crystall and the strange Pine Bush, N.Y. phenomena that she researched for many years:

"On December 16th, 2002 Dr Ellen Crystall passed away from pancreatic cancer at age 52. Known in the UFO community for her investigations into the Pine Bush, New York UFO activity which resulted in her book 'Silent Invasion', she fought the disease with vigor for more than a year before succumbing to it.

"In addition to her book, which was reprinted several times, she discussed and documented her experiences in the Pine Bush area in her newsletter 'Contactee' and in many lectures during the late 1980s to mid 1990s. A strong-willed person, she firmly stood by her controversial theories on the nature of the UFO phenomenon. Sadly, out of disgust toward the crowds that flocked to Pine Bush after the publication of her book, and from disagreements with others in the Pine Bush UFO community, she largely separated herself from the others who were documenting the Pine Bush activity in the later 1990s, although she continued to journey up to the area. In addition to her interest in the UFO phenomenon, Ellen was an active electronic musician who earned a doctorate in music composition from New York University.

"Although activity in Pine Bush sharply decreased after 1996, occasional, dramatic sightings are still made in the area. The local group, called U.F.O.S., still hosts monthly discussions on the UFO subject, and interest in the area is sustained in part by those who have just discovered Ellen's book and have visited Pine Bush to see if activity still exists. Although some disagreed with Ellen's beliefs and interpretations of the UFO phenomenon, there are many people who have witnessed in and near Pine Bush the same activity that Ellen describes in 'Silent Invasion', and feel that her book accurately documents the events that have occurred, and occasionally still occur, in the area."

- The infamous ERIK BECKJORD writes:

"Dear Cumugeon:

"I have had NO litigation for over 27 years. [John Zupansic](#) is wrong. However, I am selling the first alien photos ever taken on eBay, and one can view them on the cursed internet at <http://www.beckjord.com/firstalienphotos>, and also the famous Bigfoot film, info at <http://www.beckjord.com/bigfoot>, plus info re my binary message to the aliens in Wiltshire, England this summer, at <http://www.beckjord.com/circles>.

"I mean, what's a cool million to some oil sheik??? 'Do it for the oil!'"

We have a clipping from England regarding Beckjord's "binary message" to the aliens, written on a plastic sheet next to a field near pre-historic burial grounds. According to the article, within a day, an answer arrived in the form of a sculpture in the field next to the message. Ho hum! - Editor.

- Researcher GARY HEMPHILL writes:

"...I just finished reading '[Shockingly Close to the Truth](#)'. Wow! As they say, 'You done good!' What a trip down memory lane! The road to saucerdom still has all the pot holes, hairpin turns, and dead ends it always had - obstacles I more or less banished to the recesses of my subconscious mind. But as I turned each page of your masterful account of literally the first 50 years of Ufology, I began to regret a decision I made a few years back to get away from the subject. I thought I was over the addiction, my urges sublimated in my mission work laying healing hands on Las Vegas show girls. It just isn't the same!

"Your [soon to be classic book](#) on the subject proved to me that flying saucers is and will always be the second love of my life (what's the first, you ask? Me of course!) I cannot blame you, Mistery Moseley and Pflock. I am the addict who

sought out his addiction. You guys were just the providers...

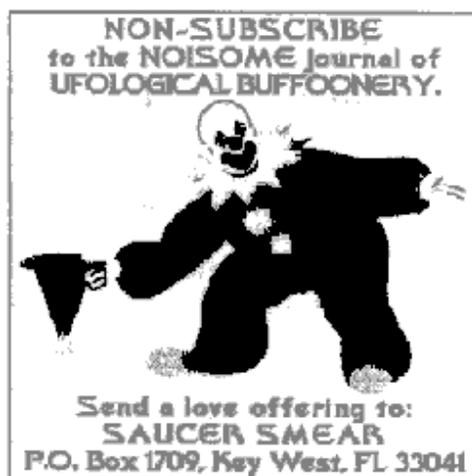
"I don't mean to split hairs, but being the resident Know-It-All in my neighborhood, well, on Page 313 you mentioned that Stanton Friedman coined the maxim: 'Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.' Mr. Friedman must be very old. The writers for the old black and white Charlie Chan movies used the same line! I thought it was a cool line when I was in college, and I was in college before breast implants were invented.

Congratulations on 50 years of UFO research! You are the MAN! Thanks for keeping score. You guys write a very good book. Your chronology is timeless!..."

- Researcher DAVID PERKINS writes:

"...I was disappointed that you couldn't use my NIDS (National Institute of Discovery Science) material in 'Smear'. I totally disagree with your assessment. As for it being too 'technical' - I think the premise is pretty basic. Anyone who calls himself a ufologist should be able to handle a few scientific facts. As for it being 'too far removed from UFOs', I think you are really missing the boat. To my mind, for better or worse, UFOs and mutilations have been forever conjoined. The fact that NIDS would issue such a report after 7 or 8 years of laying low seems like an event of utmost significance to ufology. NIDS is one of the few groups which has actually gone after these issues in a scientific and well-funded manner. We're not talking about about armchair gadflies here! When they say that the human food chain has been compromised and imply that UFOs are somehow part of this process, I would say this would be highly noteworthy. I was hoping to get this material out to your esteemed readership and stir up some discussion on the merit of their claims!..."

We really regret that the NIDS material seemed too long and complex for our humble format. But we do heartily approve of NIDS and their efforts to investigate matters which mainstream science won't touch! - Editor.



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THE TIME FOR THE GLORIOUS 2003 NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE (NUFOC) IS DRAWING NEAR!

We now have a complete schedule for the 40th annual NUFOC, which is to be held, as we have previously revealed, at the Beverly Garland Hotel in North Hollywood, California. This giant event will take place on the weekend of September 6th and 7th. We hope to see many of you there!

Speakers will include internationally-known abductee Travis Walton; Robert Wood of MJ-12 fame; Local host(ess) Ann Druffel, speaking on her new book "Firestorm", about the life of Dr. James McDonald; Derrel Sims; Dr. John Miller; Terry Hansen; Brian Boldman; Rev. Harrison Bailey; Jim Moseley of "Saucer Smear"; and others.

Unfortunately our efforts to obtain William (Bill) Moore as a speaker have been in vain. Moore introduced the original group of MJ-12 documents to the world at a NUFOC conference in 1987, and then retired abruptly from ufology two years later. He still keeps in touch with us by mail, fairly regularly.

To learn more about this unique convention, contact Ann Druffel at anndruffel@aol.com.

ECHOS OF THE "PHILADELPHIA EXPERIMENT"

A man named Al Bielek has made something of a living for many years by lecturing and writing about his claim to be a survivor of the mythical Philadelphia Experiment. This is the legend of a top secret test in 1943, during World War II, of some sort of early stealth technology, intended to make a ship invisible. The story has it that a destroyer called the U.S.S. Eldridge was used for such a test, and at some point during the experiment the ship went completely invisible and teleported itself from the Philadelphia coast to the Navy yard at Norfolk, Virginia - and then back again!

Bielek's version of events is that he and a half brother named Duncan Cameron jumped overboard when things started going heywire on deck, and they landed in the year 1983 - forty years into the future, and on dry land at the Montauk Air Force Base at Montauk, Long Island, N.Y. What followed was a period of extensive sci-fi sounding adventures that included everything from time travel to mind control.

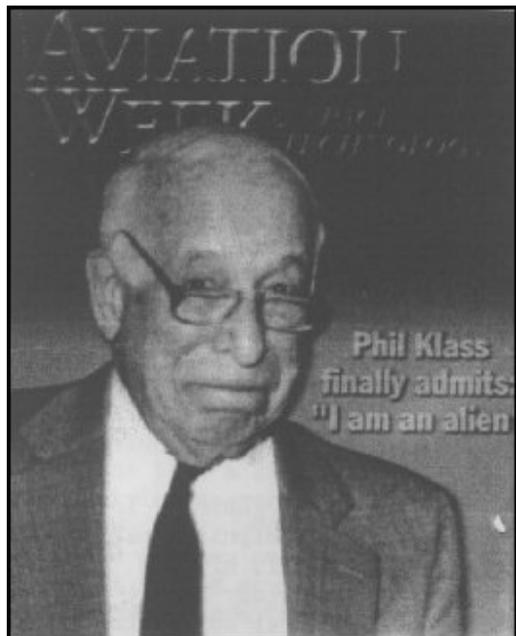
In spite of the fantastic nature of these claims, Bielek has many Believers. This may change now, as recent research by three civilian investigators has shown that Bielek stole the identity that he claims he had when all these adventures began. The details are extremely complicated, but the fact is that Bielek's story just doesn't hold water when carefully scrutinized. (The Net version of this research is very long, and was kindly sent to us by both Kenn Thomas and Tom Benson a few days ago.)

We have met Al Bielek and heard him lecture. In spite of his amazing claims, he speaks intelligently and seems to be rational. Not so in the case of Carlos Allende (born Carl Allen), who was a spokesman for the Philadelphia Experiment a generation ago. Allende, like Bielek, claimed to be a survivor of the U.S.S. Eldridge disaster. It was he who wrote strange comments in three different handwritings in the famous annotated edition of one of Morris K. Jessup's UFO books. Therein lies another complex story.

Allende was seldom seen, but corresponded with various ufologists including the late Gray Barker. Your "Smear" editor happened to be visiting Barker in Clarksburg, West Virginia one weekend many years ago, when Allende appeared on the scene unannounced. Barker made a long tape

recording of Allende's ravings, and sold same to his saucer mailing list without cutting Allende in on the proceeds. Carlos Allende was indeed a madman, from our direct observation of him, and worst of all, he made us pay for his food & lodging during his brief visit to Clarksburg. (Maybe he wasn't so crazy after all, come to think of it!) Oh, those were the days!

PHIL KLOSS THROWS IN THE TOWEL ON HIS SKEPTICAL ZINE, CALLED "SUN"; "SUN-SET", AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!



All long-time saucerers have heard of Phillip J. Klass, the arch-skeptic who has written several anti-UFO books, and who publishes a quarterly newsletter called "Skeptics UFO Newsletter" or "SUN". Although Klass has been in the UFO field since the '60s, "SUN" was not begun until 1989, when its author became deeply interested in the ufological goings-on in Gulf Breeze, Florida, centered around a man named Ed Walters.

Phil did his bit to expose the Walters story as a hoax, and your "Smear" editor became greatly involved, as well. Walters has since disappeared completely from the UFO scene, whereas in our opinion "real" abductees/contactees almost always stay connected with the subject for the rest of their lives.

For many, many years Klass was a writer and editor for the prestigious semi-official publication out of Washington, D.C. called "Aviation Week and Space Technology". Since Klass lived in Washington and mingled with government people there, it is no wonder that many saucerers have assumed that his anti-UFO views were part of an official disinformation Plot. Klass was thought to be a paid tool of the CIA, or worse!

In any case, Phil Klass (now 84 years old) has been in failing health for the past several years, after having been an avid skier and boat devotee for most of his life. Recently he has become almost totally bedridden, and has received information for his zine mainly from the (cursed) Internet. Thus he has decided, as of the current Summer 2003 issue, to cease publication of "SUN". Your editor has been friends with Klass for a long time, though we differ on many important points. We are therefore truly sorry to see him pass from the scene. Ufology needs a "Devil", and Klass cheerfully accepted that role!

Klass' last issue closes with a somewhat cryptic remark: "While I am politically 'neutral', I can not imagine a successful UFO coverup by many U.S. administrations and the diverse governments of the world for more than half a century - nor that period of time without the landing or crash of a single extraterrestrial craft."

We don't quite know what Klass means by "politically 'neutral'", but we have infuriated many in the UFO Field by agreeing with Klass that there is no organized official cover-up (other than bungling & contradictions in policy), and we agree that there have not been any saucer crashes, at Roswell or anywhere else. However, Klass and your editor disagree strongly on the question of whether or not there is a genuine UFO mystery. Klass, as a founding member of the dreaded CSICOP (Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal), is of the opinion that all saucer cases (and the paranormal as well) could be explained if only enough information were available. He thus does not admit to any mysteries at all, other than those being investigated by mainstream science.

Even though they disagreed with him vigorously, many pro-UFO people, such as your editor, subscribed to "SUN" or received it as an exchange. Klass was/is an excellent writer, with a good sense of humor. He will certainly be missed.

Phil has told us on the phone that he soon will be moving from Washington, D.C. to Florida, where he will live somewhere in the vicinity of Cape Kennedy. Perhaps we will still be able to visit him from time to time, as we have done in the distant past.

NEWS BRIEFIES:

- Roswell is far from being the only site of an alleged saucer crash. An incident sometimes called "the Welsh Roswell" took place in 1974, in the Berwyn Mountains of Wales. At 8:30 p.m., on January 23rd of that year, an enormous disc-like craft was seen to fall from the sky. Dozens of witnesses had phoned the police earlier that evening after having seen a strange formation of green lights flying erratically. The impact at 8:30 resulted in an earth tremor that measured 4.5 on the Richter scale, and was felt in a circle many miles in diameter. In some areas it was strong enough to shake the foundations of buildings. Police immediately converged on the Berwyn Mountains, expecting to find a crashed passenger jet, but just what they did find has never been divulged, according to a recent newspaper article from Cheshire, England. (This clipping was printed in the June 2003 issue of Lou Farish's "UFO Newsclipping Service".)

According to the story, a convoy of army trucks made its way to the epicenter of the crash site, and then the army threw a cordon around the whole area. Even the police and crash investigators were kept away. A nurse who lived near the crash site told reporters that she walked up to one of the dead bodies there, and realized it wasn't human. As might be expected in this sort of tale, the nurse was Silenced by the military, and she later "vanished into obscurity", whatever that may mean. Other details in the article make it clear that there is much exaggeration and speculation here, but there seems little doubt that an unsolved crash of some sort did indeed take place...

- The TV tube continues to be blessed by occasional UFO specials, and we happen to have caught two fairly recent ones.

The first, on the Si/Fi channel, aired on June 24th, and was called "Tuesday Declassified - Out of the Blue". Among the topics touched upon were the Phoenix (Arizona) lights of March 1997; the mysterious "Foo Fighters" of World War II; Roswell (of course), featuring good old Stanton Friedman and also the late, largely discredited Col. Phillip Corso; a supposed saucer landing filmed at Edwards Air Force Base many years ago, attested to indirectly by astronaut Gordon Cooper; a UFO which in 1967 hovered near an air base in Montana, allegedly disabeling a group of about twenty of our guided missiles (in that they could not have been launched at that time); A Russian cosmonaut who had a close UFO sighting while a passenger in a plane; The Bentwaters (RendleSHAM) case from England in 1980; A videotape of a daylight sighting over England, declared to be authentic (though we're not sure by whom); The famous Michigan flap of 1966; Major Donald Keyhoe and his long fight for Congressional hearings, many years ago; the University of Colorado study, where several of the sightings studied were admittedly unexplainable, even though their official conclusion ignored this fact; the insignificant sighting (probably Venus) by former president Jimmy Carter; and finally, the recent semi-official French UFO report called COMETA, which was favorable toward UFO reality, but which has never really been published in the U.S.A., for various non-conspiratorial reasons.

In all, we found this to be a stronger and more rational pro-UFO program than we usually see, though our esteemed Contributing Editor was less favorably impressed. Different strokes for different folks!

Then on July 1st, "Larry King Live" carried a (groan!) new Roswell show, which the above-mentioned Karl Pflock didn't bother to watch, as he says he has finally had enough of Roswell. He did the right thing, because the format of the show was disjointed and badly organized. There were live interviews, remotes, telephone call-ins, film footage, etc., all

mixed together. Many of the usual suspects were present, including (groan!) Glenn Dennis and Walter Haut of the International Museum at Roswell; Julie Shuster, current director of said Museum; Jesse Marcel Jr; and endless ramblings from Don Schmitt, who obviously is Julie's favorite researcher.

Dr. Bruce Maccabee appeared briefly on tape, and Dr. William Doleman was heard from, he being the scientist in charge of the recent archaeological dig at Roswell. It was a joy to hear Doleman's carefully-worded statements. When asked if the dig, from which numerous possible anomalies were removed for further study, would eventually provide more evidence in favor of the Roswell case, Doleman said, in effect, that there is no evidence so far, i.e., anything discovered would be the first tangible scientific evidence to emerge. Only careful listeners would have picked up Dr. Doleman's precise meaning. As for Maccabee, his bit part was a throw-away.

Strangely, one interviewee spoke about the Kecksburg, Pennsylvania UFO crash, many years after Roswell, and having absolutely no connection to it. Even more strangely, no mention at all was made of the annual Roswell Festival, which occurred as usual on July 4th weekend. The timing of the show was obviously to promote this event, but though the Museum was publicized, the festival wasn't!

It occurs to us that it was been a very long time since any pro-Roswell show has mentioned the now infamous Alien Autopsy Video, which was never definitely proven to be a blatant hoax (though there was at least one confession), but which is generally taken to be evidence of nothing. Even Stanton Friedman doesn't believe it. Perhaps Linda Molton Cowe does!...

- **Maverick UFO "activist" Larry Bryant has again pushed the limits of free speech in this country. He submitted a paid advertisement to a government-sponsored weekly newspaper called the Pentagram, and the ad was rejected. This is not surprising, in view of the text, which reads in part as follows:**

"BLOW THE WHISTLE ON BUSH'S 'GULF OF PERSIA' RESOLUTION: History shows that presidential lying constitutes an impeachable offense. If Bush has lied to the world about his No. 1 reason for waging war against Iraq, then he should be impeached...Let's demand that Bush undergo a lie-detector test on this issue!"

Although it has nothing whatever to do with UFOs, Bryant apparently refers to the fact that clear evidence of "Weapons of Mass Destruction" (WMD) still has not been found in Iraq. However, we of "Smear" have absolute faith in our beloved president, and we are sure this evidence will eventually be found, even if it does not yet exist.

We have talked to Larry by phone, and he professes not to fear retaliation for his bold stance. All we can say is - he's definitely one of a kind!...

- **Many of our readers will remember the classic Rendlesham (Bentwaters) UFO case, which took place at an important military base in England, back in 1980. As with Roswell and many other classic cases, the arguments go on endlessly as to what really happened. Skeptics have dismissed the series of incidents as merely a misidentification of a distant lighthouse, but this explanation is inadequate in the opinion of most researchers.**

Now, after all these years, a former Air Force military policeman named Kevin Conde has come forward to say that it was the lights on his patrol car near the forest that caused the sightings. Conde says that he and another airman shone a spotlight covered with red and green lenses through the trees and made weird noises on the car's loudspeaker. This was done as a prank on a security guard at the nearby Royal Air Force base. Air Force personnel who saw and heard this claimed that an unknown object was transmitting pulsating lights which sent nearby farm animals into a frenzy.

Conde goes on to say: "It was fertile ground for a practical joke, and practical jokes are a

tradition among security police. We just drove through the forest flashing the lights through the fog. It wasn't a UFO, it was a 1979 Plymouth Volare." Conde claims that he was transferred back to the U.S. shortly after the incident and did not realize till years later what a sensation he had caused. (We find this very hard to believe!)

The Rendlesham sightings were very complex, and included an object above the trees that appeared to be a structured craft. The mystery goes on, in spite of this belated confession. (Our thanks to Rob MacGregor for this one.)...

- Does anyone out there remember Richard Shaver, author of the legendary Shaver Mystery and inventor of the terms "Dero" and "Tero"- describing malevolent and benevolent creatures who allegedly live in underground caves? Shaver died many years ago, and his last home in Summit, Arkansas, plus some of his art work, is now for sale on Ebay. The seller, an apparently sincere fellow, does not want this bit of history to be lost. The starting price in the Ebay auction is not given
- From the (cursed) Net we have an item describing what is called "The World's First Traveling UFO Museum". Whether or not this is literally true, it is the first such museum in Turkey, where a very large truck will haul its contents to 53 cities during the months of July and August of this year.

According to the text, "The Sirius Traveling UFO Museum has the aim of informing not only Turkish citizens but also millions of tourists coming to Turkey from all over the world, about the UFO phenomenon. This project will raise public awareness regarding extraterrestrial life, starting from ancient times up to the present. This will be done by means of written and visual materials, photographs, documents, video clips, models, and animations."

We can't resist asking - are they Sirius?????...

- We have mentioned this before, but veteran UFO researcher George Fawcett (602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton, N.C. 28092) has asked us to bring it up again: Old George has recently published a book combining two of his previous reports. The new book sells for fifteen bucks directly from George. It includes long-range studies of the objective effects on animals, humans, machines, instruments, and soil samples, as well as the subjective effects on humans who have encountered UFOs...
- Gordon Creighton, long-time editor of England's "Flying Saucer Review", has moved on to that great Saucer Landing Field in the Sky. He was 95 years old. If we remember correctly, "Review" was founded back in 1955 (one year after our beloved "Saucer News"), under a different editor. We did not know Creighton, but we're sorry to see him go...
- Our old friend Robert Anton Wilson, whom we have long known via "snail mail" but never actually met, continues to get old disgracefully - as most of us do. He is the subject of an excellent new documentary film, based on interviews, called "Maybe Logic: The Lives and Ideas of Robert Anton Wilson". Wilson was a contemporary and close friend of the late Timothy Leafy, and even today he uses marijuana brownies to relieve the pain of polio.

Of all the many messages in his many books, perhaps the greatest is tolerance - even suggesting we replace the English word "is" with "maybe". Wilson has been a consistent critic of the dreaded CSICOP organization for this reason!

BRIEF BOOK REVIEW

Cleveland researcher Rick Hilberg's latest claim to fame is a 32-page softcover effort titled "A Gray Barker Reader". This is another in his endless series of soft-cover booklets delving into ufology's colorful past, and it is available at: 377 Race St., Berea, Ohio 44017. As usual the price is eight dollars.

There is a brief introduction, and illustrations on the front and back covers. Other than that, the book consists only of the slightly edited text of Gray's columns in Ray Palmer's newsstand magazine called "Flying Saucers". The column was called, appropriately enough, "Chasing the Flying Saucers". The book includes only the first five of these articles, from 1957 and 1958. As always, Hilberg deliberately fails to make a separation space between the end of one column and the beginning of the next, thus making the text a little harder to read than need be!

"Flying Saucers" magazine is long defunct; Ray Palmer and Gray Barker are now long gone and nearly forgotten, sadly. Your "Smear" editor knew Palmer slightly, and found him to be a surprisingly intelligent man. As for Barker, old-time ufologists know that he and your editor were close friends for over thirty years. We always used to read Gray's own "Saucerian" magazine, but we never read much of his work in "Flying Saucers" till now.

Hilberg correctly states that Barker was "probably one of the finest writers that the UFO field would ever see", and that he was "an important pioneer of the UFO movement". Barker believed little if anything of what he wrote, but he loved to indulge in what he called "purple prose" - of which his book "The Silver Bridge" is probably the finest example.

It's well worth eight bucks to go back in time, to see what the UFO field was really like in those early days.

Pflock Ptalk - GRAY BARKER LITE

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



In the last "Smear" I lamented that the fascinating fannish ufology sideshow is lurching toward its deathbed (confessions encouraged!) Yet there are those merry pranksters who joyfully carry on, to the chagrin of virtually everyone in the mostly humorless ranks of Serious Ufology. One such ufological carry is the irrepressible Timothy Green Beckley, aka "Mr. UFO" and "Mr. Creepo".

Beckley has been involved in and pusher of, in his words, "what they want" to UFO fandom since his 1960s teen years, when he was managing editor and advertising manager of "Smear" ancestor "Saucer News", and editor-publisher of his own "Interplanetary News Service". Seemingly always in costume, the former UFO/Forcean/New Age convention impresario continues to thrive today as a schlock UFO and New Age publishing magnate (Mr. UFO), soft-to-medium-core slash-and-gore porn producer and star a la Hitchcock (Mr. Creepo), and sometime wrestling promoter (Mr. Semi-WWF?). As Jim Moseley and I observed in "[Shockingly Close to the Truth!](#)", over the years "Tim has peddled every outrageous point of view imaginable about UFOs and kindred subjects, even though he believes very little of it himself - giving them what they want in the tradition of the late, great Gray Barker."

A recently recycled and "greatly expanded" example of what with good reason Mr. UFO thinks many (enough) saucer fiends want is "MJ-12 and the Riddle of Hangar 18: The New Evidence", semi-written by Beckley (abetted by Sean Casteel) and published by Beckley's own Global Communications (P.O. Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08905 - Price: \$30.) In keeping with the thrifty Editorial approach used to grind out earlier editions ('81, '83, '85, '88, and '89), this one was updated by stapling on about 50 additional pages and wrapping the result in a new cover, featuring what looks like a badly hung-over, somewhat pissed, lipstick-wearing alien (no easy trick with no lips!)

The new pages present an "exclusive interview" with bogus MJ-12 documents promoter Ryan Wood, and facsimile examples of those documents created - uh, excuse me, supplied - by California rent-a-cop Tim Cooper. (See my "[Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe](#)"

for the real Cooper scoop.) At last this scam has found its ideal venue!

Most of the recycled balance of the book is taken up by accounts of famous and not-so-famous crashed-saucer yarns, from hoary old Aztec through Jim Moseley's own Wrong Field Story and the delusions of Robert Spencer Carr, to the inevitable Roswell. Most of these "special reports" are cribbed - uh, reprinted - from the works of others. The best stuff was penned by Gray Barker, with a few Beckleyian introductory lines pasted on. Marvel at the incredible, infamous Tomato Man photos - actually showing the horribly burned body of an unfortunate earthly aviator - that don't tell anyone and spoil the fun. Gasp at Barbara Hudson's account of the Great Central Park UFO Shootdown and Military Hush-Up - which back in the '60s was a mere landing (see ["Shockingly..."](#)) Gaze in wonder upon the Alien Glove, marked "large" - in English, not Reticulian. And that's not all, ladies and gentlemen'...

We'll let Tim Beckley have the last word, from his inscription to Jim Moseley in our review copy: "There must be something to MJ-12 - look at the size of this book!"

LETTRES TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- JOHN ZUPANSIC, one of the editors of FATE Magazine, writes as follows:

"I thought you would find the enclosed little nugget of news highly entertaining. It seems that Erik Beckjord is selling a 'first generation print from the Patterson Grimlin Bigfoot Film' for a cool million dollars on the (cursed!) Net. Why someone so clearly devoted to the big hairy beast would part with such a rare piece of memorabilia is confusing to me. The only logical conclusion I can come up with is that he is still trying to pay off all those attorneys' fees from the copious amount of litigation he has involved himself in over the years!

"Keep up the good work, Commander!"

- KENN THOMAS of Steamshovel Press (P.O. Box 210353, St. Louis, Mo. 63121) writes:

"...Surely you don't believe that they can't find Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs) in Iraq because of incompetence! I am a bit surprised that they haven't planted any yet, but then again, why should they bother? The war is over!

"As for Roswell, read the article by Jim Martin in the new issue of Steamshovel Press, and tell me that we haven't at least said something new about it. I think Jim found the smoking gun for the existence of MJ-12, and it has very little to do with Stanton Friedman. (By the way, he's not alone in having a financial interest; witness every other cover of 'Skeptical Inquirer' with a gray alien on it!) And the idea that interest in Roswell trailed off after the late 1940s, until Friedman and crew revived it, is belied by the fact that Wilhelm Reich went there looking for aliens in 1953. So the history of the thing doesn't stop with the Mogul balloon. You know I did a book on the Maury Island UFO case, right? Did I send you one of those?..."

We'd love to see the Maury Island book. We differ with Thomas & Martin on many points about Roswell, but if you really enjoy conspiracy, you'll love Steamshovel Press! - Ed.

- Dreaded skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"Your July 5th 'Smear' was yet another good issue. I was surprised you didn't take the opportunity to alter the photo on the back page, so that [Jasmin](#) was holding a copy of ["Shockingly Close to the Truth!"](#) But then that might indicate you were desperate for book sales! Kidding aside, do the Rosweli supporters really think that

using [Jasmin](#) will add credibility to their case??...

"I'd like to thank you for sending me the 'Fortean Times' review of the book titled 'Twin Telepathy' by Guy Playfair. If some of the key issues raised by the book are accurate, this might be viewed as support for your 3-D Theory (= guess) re UFOs. I strongly suspect that Playfair does not live up to his name and that the data is not consistent with the theme of the book. With that said, I feel it fair for me to reply by sharing a couple of articles that have recently come across my desk that support a more complex and prosaic view of our world, i.e., how many factors, some in conjunction and some individually, can produce seemingly inexplicable phenomena.

"I share your fascination with the UFO phenomenon and I hope you'll not take this letter as criticism of your bizarre 3-D 'Theory', but as a sharing of ideas, so that we may better view not only individual events but the 'big picture' as well."

There is nothing bizarre about a 3-D theory. Michael must be referring to our tongue-in-cheek "3«-D Theory", purporting to be a fair compromise between 3-D and 4-D. - Ed.

- Our olde friend CHRISTOPHER ROTH writes as follows:

"...I've begun going to the local (Milwaukee, Wi.) UFO-group meetings again. They are small but enthusiastic. Heidi Hollis, a young contactee and author of a book on a secret war between good and bad aliens, is a kind of rallying figure for this group. She remarks that her viewpoint that there are good aliens out there keeps her off the circuits controlled by the aliens-are-bad orthodoxy...

Re twin telepathy, t don't blame the young twins' mother for keeping a close watch co this strange visitor (= you). It would be interesting to see if other paranormal investigators have come across the phenomenon of anomalously low numbers of hits as a result of people trying unconsciously or consciously to foil the investigation. I've noticed a similar scene in my neighborhood, incidentally: A suspiciously low number of UFO sightings - in fact none at all! Nothing could explain it except that the aliens must be deliberately concealing themselves!..."

Chris refers to the fact that the twin girls we tested guessed no cards right at all, in the short test we gave them. This is contrary to the laws of chance! - Editor.

- BRIAN PARKS of California, a devotee of Roswell, MJ-12, etc., writes:

"Another MJ-12 update to annoy! It turns out that on December 8th, 1950 (two days after the so-called Texas/Mexico UFO crash in EDB), Truman met with MJ-12 members Gen. Bedell Smith and Adm. Sydney Souers, along with NSC James Lay, 'off the record'. Adm. Souers resigned from the NSC in January 1950, but remained as a 'special consultant to the Executive on security matters'. More such 'off the record' meetings occurred between these three later during the Truman administration.

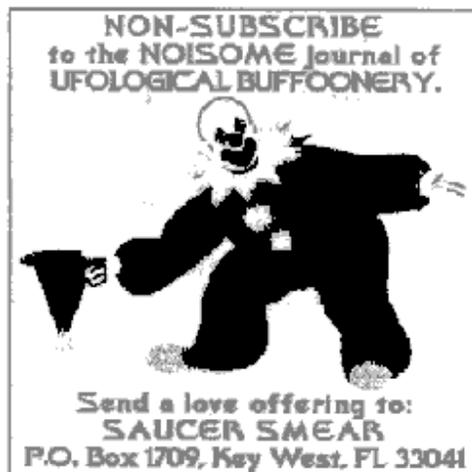
"Concerning the sad state of 'Saucerdom' [as expressed by Pflock in the July 5th 'Smear'](#), I have consulted with the late, great detective Charlie Chan. He replied, and I quote: 'Ufology is like a three bowl chili lunch - make a big stink after awhile.'"

- CAROL HONEY, who many years ago was a co-worker of the late George Adamski (till the two had a falling out), writes as follows:

"...I am apparently being 'blackballed' by various so-called UFO investigating groups because I continue to expose obvious deceptions like Al Bielek and his

Philadelphia Experiment claims. One big group in Florida (FURST) calls me another Phil Klass because I do not accept anyone's claim without proof of some sort.

"Anyway, I enjoyed [your book](#). I hope it sells better than mine, which doesn't take much!"



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Once again we remind you about the glorious forthcoming 40th National UFO Conference, scheduled for the weekend of September 6th and 7th at the Beverly Garland Hotel in North

Hollywood, California. Speakers include Brian Boldman, Bob Wood of MJ-12 fame, Ann Druffel, and several others including your humble "Smear" editor.

Host(ess) of the event is Ann Druffel, who is the author of a brand new book called "Firestorm - Dr. James E. McDonald's Fight for UFO Science". Here is the definitive work on this important scientist who died in 1971. This book has just been reviewed favorably by several flying saucer zines, but we have not yet seen a copy. (Hint!)

Ann is also the author of countless UFO articles, and her most recent book before this one was called "How to Defend Yourself Against Alien Abduction". We have not actually read it, as the Aliens have always been kind enough to leave your "Smear" editor alone, and that's the way we like it!

We hope to see a lot of our readers at the 40th NUFOC, which may be the last in the series. Contact Ann Druffel at 257 Sycamore Glen, Pasadena, CA 91105-1350; or on the (cursed) Net: anndruffel@aol.com.

TIDBITS OF TRASH

- The lead story in the May issue of the MUFON UFO Journal brings us still another new (although dead) Roswell witness. The 84-year-old widow of Sergeant Ernest Robbins is now saying that her late husband, though a mere sheet metal repairman, was called out to observe the wreckage of the famed Roswell saucer, in early July of 1947. His version, as told to her, gives us three aliens - one dead, one injured, and one who "seemed to be okay". These numbers differ from all other accounts.

Most interestingly, the saucer left behind a large burned area in the shape of a perfect circle. This sets your editor to recalling how, circa 1955, he used gasoline to burn a circle on the surface of the desert near Lima, Peru. A photo of said editor pointing to said circle was thereafter printed on the front page of a mass-circulation Lima newspaper called "Ultima Hora". This leads us to speculate that real UFOs don't leave burned circles behind. Case dismissed!

- Sex and Saucers, Again: An article in the June/July issue of UFO Magazine informs us that a group of Raelian women "humbly disrobed publicly" at anti-war demonstrations in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., held last March 8th and 9th. A Raelian official stated, "There was a lot of interest from the media and also from the general public. Unfortunately, most people were more interested in getting pictures of half-naked girls, but that was not really our goal, which was...to protest against the war."

"Smear" readers will recall that the leader of the Raelian cult claims to have been abducted twice by aliens, many years ago. Recently the Raelians claimed to have produced the first human cloned baby, but they were never able to prove this, and the whole matter ended up as a fiasco. Now this group is talking about constructing the first artificial womb, and eventually producing completely artificial human beings. We don't think it's immoral, but it definitely is highly unlikely, at least in the foreseeable future...

- Whereas most ufologists believe that the Government is desperately trying to cover up the existence of interplanetary flying saucers, there has always been an equally paranoid minority who feel the Government is trying to promote said belief! One gentleman in the second category has just written a book called "The Great UFO HOAX: The Final Solution to the UFO Mystery". His name is Gregory Kanon, and the publisher is Galde Press of P.O. Box 460, Lakeville, Mo. 35044. (Phyllis Galde is also editor and publisher of Fate Magazine.)

Quoting from the ad for this book: "...Kanon reveals a high-stakes game played by certain segments of government and industry to perpetuate a hoax on the American public. In an effort to cover up mind control and genetics experiments performed on ordinary citizens as

well as new secret weapons, it became vital to convince people that UFOs were vehicles from other worlds. Kanon draws on years of annotated research and accumulated evidence to demonstrate how this deception has been carried out. But most importantly, he explains why the perpetuation of this fraud has become so vitally important to a secret elite within our government..."

How many times over the years have we heard of "The Final Solution" regarding the saucer mystery! But so far, none of them have really been final or anywhere close to it, and we doubt if this one is, either. However, we would love to see a (free) review copy of this book!...

- Wild Things continue to happen in South America, according to translations from Spanish that are printed in "UFO Newsclipping Service". Just like "Smear", this zine does not stick strictly to flying saucers (or its pages would be mostly blank!)

The Wildest Thing in the current (May) issue concerns a fantastic creature that was seen by an entire family at a municipal garbage dump near Salta, Argentina. Says the main witness: "Less than ten meters away was this very tall hairy animal that people have reported, standing on two legs. It was like an enormous monkey. It made no noise, but just looked at me fixedly with red eyes, and every so often it moved its powerful arms to frighten my dogs, who were harrassing but not attacking it. The beast...had nails as long as daggers, which shined in the light Suddenly it turned on its heel and began to walk away. It was an animal, but it walked like a man."

The above is from a newspaper dated Feb. 28th, 2003. The March 7th edition of the same paper tells of an official hunt for this animal, which is said to have been seen at different times by numerous eyewitnesses, some of whom were attacked. A judge ordered a complete investigation, which was then carried out. All the known witnesses were interviewed, physical traces were investigated, and at least fourteen men were sent out on different patrols, to track the creature down. Apparently it has not yet been caught...

- Our profound and sincere thanks to England's "Fortean Times" for not complaining about our frequent use of selected "Sidelines" from their fine newsstand magazine. Your editor has spoken twice at their annual conventions in London, and believe us when we tell you they are a fine bunch. No American offbeat zine comes even close to rivaling "Fortean Times"...
- We have some new info on the classic Dec. 29th, 1980 Cash-Landrum UFO sighting, in which three people driving on a lonely country road in eastern Texas saw a fiery object come down very low and cause all three of them to receive radiation (?) burns to a greater or lesser extent. As many as 23 helicopters were also seen, associated with the mystery object. Most of our "Smear" readers are already familiar with this classic case, which was investigated by John Schuessler of MUFON, among others.

There are three elements to this story: The mystery object, the injury to the people in the car, and the helicopters. It is only in regard to the latter that we have new info: A British researcher named James Easton has learned that during that period in 1980, a highly secret helicopter rescue force was training in that part of Texas. This was related to the failed attempt to rescue American hostages in Iran, earlier in 1980. A group called Task Force 158, or TF158, sought to perfect their skills through training exercises, and this was apparently done without the knowledge of any of the military bases that have been contacted, and which have denied that their helicopters were involved in the Cash-Landrum case. Or, TF158 may have just been too secret to admit to, even after all this time.

The upshot is that we now know the helicopters existed, but the rest of the case remains unsolved. As we have stated before, Schuessler could help with the medical aspects of the solution, but he chooses not to. (Long story there.) ...

- Amazingly, we also have an update of sorts on the classic April 24th, 1964 incident in

Socorro, New Mexico, in which a police officer named Lonnie Zamora interacted with a very loud flying saucer that landed briefly near the town. Researcher Miller Johnson of Albuquerque has sent us copies of three contemporary newspaper clippings, in which other similar sightings are described in Socorro and relatively nearby towns. In other words, it appears that over a period of about three days, there was a mini-flap in that part of the state, with named witnesses. Yet cynics like Phil Klass insist that there were no other witnesses, and that the whole thing therefore rests on Zamora's unsupported word. What a pity that it is now too late, for all practical purposes, to reinvestigate this case!...

"SMEAR" EDITOR SHAMEFULLY TAKEN IN BY CRUEL INTERNET HOAX!

The heading itself should have given the story away, but we of "Smear" try at all times to keep an open mind. Said heading reads, "Saucer Chaser's Plane Downed by Meteor Over Putnam Parallelogram". The article went on to explain that a UFO hunter named Dale Davies, aged 43, was flying his private plane to a lecture in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, when a 200-poured meteor hit it, killing the pilot and scattering the wreckage "over a five mile area" - though the meteor was apparently recovered in one piece!

As if this were not weird enough, the incident allegedly occurred in Iowa, over a small area known as the dreaded "Putnam Parallelogram". Although this is an obvious take-off on the famed Bermuda Triangle, we tried to believe the text that follows:

"In Fayette County, near the town of Putnam, there is a section of rural farmland bordered by four county roads that has been called the 'Putnam Parallelogram'. This area occupies a disturbing and almost unbelievable place in Iowa's catalog of unexplained mysteries. More than eighty farm vehicles, cars, trucks, and small airplanes have literally vanished into thin air since 1943. More than 700 lives have been lost over the last twenty-six years alone, without a single body or even a piece of wreckage having been found.

"Disappearances continue to occur with apparently increasing frequency, despite the fact that today's roadways are more traveled, searches are more thorough, and records are more carefully kept."

Other equally unbelievable material was included in the article, which got us to thinking - if any of this is true, howcum, interested in anomalies as we long have been, we nevertheless have not heard of it before! Then we started looking in our trusty Rand McNally Road Atlas. Our informant had written in the margin of the text he sent us: "Waterloo and Fayette are both in Iowa. Fayette is also the name of the county where you can find Putnam."

This all checked out, except that there is no town of Putnam in Fayette County or anywhere else, and thus there is no Putnam Parallelogram - period. Meanwhile, our informant apparently had done his own investigation, and by coincidence, the very next day after we made the above-mentioned discovery, we received from him the following postcard:

"The Putnam Parallelogram was exposed as fiction last year by ace UFO investigator & reporter Linde Moulton Howe. Whitley Strieber put the story on his web site, but quickly accepted Howe's exposure of the ruse. Apparently, it started as a play in an Iowa tome, then went to the Internet, where it is still playing. I'm sure the author would like you to play with it, too!"

So the mystery is solved, for our informant and for us. If this story is too wild for Linda Moulton Cowe, ufology's most gullible researcher, and for Whitley Strieber, who isn't far behind her, then we will henceforth list this case as SOLVED!...

MORE TIDBITS OF TRASH

- **Strange goings-on at the International UFO Museum at Roswell, N.M.** Dave Swink, a volunteer who arranged our lecture there at last year's annual Festival, has resigned (or been fired) in a dispute with Julie Shuster, who is the Museum's director and also a daughter of co-founder Walter Haut. Future speakers must be approved by the Board, which includes Don Schmitt (former partner of Kevin Randle) and Stanton Friedman. George Fawcett, who has donated many thousands of dollars worth of material to the Museum, is also in the dog-house because of a disagreement with Julie.

The International UFO Museum reached its peak of influence & prosperity in 1997, which was the fiftieth anniversary of the Roswell Incident. During that period, there was a vast amount of free publicity from all over the nation. Now the speakers program has been cut down from monthly to quarterly. However, there will still be a Festival of sorts around July 4th of this year, which is now the 36th anniversary of the Roswell Incident. (See also [the photo](#) in the letters section of this issue.)...

- **Erich von Daniken's UFO-oriented Mystery Park in Switzerland is finally open to the public, and appears to be doing very well.** It was built on a comparatively modest budget of forty million British pounds, and does not have expensive special effects or sophisticated interactive computer programs. Nevertheless, visitors have been flocking to this place, which is set in an unused airfield near Interlaken in the Swiss Alps.

Von Daniken, as most of you know, is the author of "Chariots of the Gods" and other best-selling books expressing his radical views on archaeology. Says he: "The great mysteries of the world exist on all five continents, but only a few people have the time and money to travel to them." He explains that the idea of the park was to group models of these wonders in one area for convenience. Mystery Park looks like a spaceship stranded in the Alps. It is divided into seven themed pavilions, each presenting one of the major mysteries of the world.

One pavilion, called "MegaStones", describes England's famed Stonehenge as time machine for high priests."

A real scientist from the International Space Science Institute in the Swiss capital of Berne, described the park as follows: "It's a theme park, so it's fun. But no one is going to learn anything there."...

- **England's latest "Fortean Times", for June, 2003 (#171), has a group of articles by and about a man named Guy Playfair (odd name!), who is the author of a new book called "Twin Telepathy".** We realize that this is a far cry from flying saucers, but it's nevertheless a fascinating and largely overlooked aspect of the offbeat!

We were intrigued that the cover of the magazine has a photograph of two girls, unnamed, who appear to be female (presumably) identical twins somewhere around the age of puberty. [As mentioned](#) in the last "Smear", these are the people most likely to have a psychic link of some sort, though it works with a percentage of all twins, and probably to a lesser extent with members of the general population who for some reason have an unusually strong bond between them.

In a series of controlled experiments, one identical twin was attached to a polygraph machine, to show his/her reactions to mild shocks and surprises given to the other twin in an isolated room. According to the account in the magazine, the correlation was almost perfect. Remember that though the polygraph has been questioned (quite rightly) as to its ability to detect deception (= lies), the above use of the machine does not involve interpretation of any kind. Thus the results should be beyond argument.

There is a reasonable theory as to why this works, and it does not involve the "supernatural". It's all in the realm of quantum physics - results at a distance - which have already been proven on a sub-atomic level. The famed physicist Albert Einstein called this "spooky effects at a distance", and he feared & hated quantum physics. But no one is perfect!

We suggest that Playfair, in the interests of fair play, march a few of his sets of identical twins down to James Randi's Foundation here in Plantation, Florida, and go for that million dollar prize for proof of the paranormal. Randi would certainly wiggle out of it somehow, but how??

P.S: Identical twins are few and far between, but we recently met a pair who live just two blocks from our Key West abode. They are charming 17-year-old girls who unfortunately have little or no interest in telepathy. We tested them in guessing cards beamed from one to the other, but they showed no special ability whatever, which was disappointing though not unexpected. Only about 30% to 35% of identical twins seem to have a psychic bond, according to Playfair...

- Researcher Tom Benson has kindly passed on to us the outline for the following story (and many others): Entitled "Unique UFO Archives Hidden in Warehouse". This Web posting discusses the semi-disappearance of the vast flying saucer files that once belonged to the organization called APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization).

APRO was founded by Coral and Jim Lorenzen back in 1952, making it one of the very first UFO organizations in this country. (Our own entity, called S.A.U.C.E.R.S., was founded in 1954, as was our magazine.)

It was Coral who ran the show in APRO. We knew her slightly, and she was an extremely opinionated woman who made many enemies in the Field. We are not aware of her scientific training, if any. Yet, for over two decades she published a very fine zine, from southern Arizona in the later years, using highly-educated contacts around the world- especially in South America. We passed many foreign-language clippings on to APRO from an international press clipping service we subscribed to in those days, and we received absolutely no thanks for doing so. Coral disliked your editor because of our friendship with Gray Barker, whom she correctly perceived as being homosexual.

In 1984, Er. J. Allen Hynek moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, partly to be near two rather crackpotish researchers named Brian Myers and Tina Choate. He soon broke off with them completely. We know very little about this couple, but they apparently were the managers of APRO for awhile, before Coral Lorenzen's death in 1988. (Hynek died in 1986)

After Coral's death, it was believed that the files would go to a group named CUFOS (Center for UFO Studies), which still exists, though barely. No thought was given to letting the files go to MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), founded circa 1970, because Coral hated International Director Walt Andrus for having broken off from APRO to start a rival group.

Ultimately, these valuable files, consisting of over 13,000 sighting reports, ended up in the hands of Myers and Choate, who, for reasons that the article does not explain, kept the material in storage indefinitely. They have refused cash offers, and in almost all cases they have refused, to let visiting researchers even look at the material. And that's how the situation still stands today!

Something should surely be done about this, though we don't know what it might be.

BRIEF BOOK REVIEW

Tim Beckley's Global Communications publishing house has finally come out

with a book that is well worth reading, namely "The Battle of Los Angeles - 1942 - The Mystery Air Raid". The author is Terrenz Sword, whom we have met at a convention or two. The price of this 135-page soft-cover tome is not given, but you can learn what it is by writing to: Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903.



MR. CREEPO
(alias Tim Beckley)

The book concerns a long-forgotten incident on Feb. 25th, 1942 - a few weeks after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor which plunged the United States into World War II. Shockingly, the date of Pearl Harbor is given on the back cover as Dec. 7th, 1942, instead of 1941. This is the most glaring error we have found in our brief survey of the book.

In the weeks following Pearl Harbor, the West Coast experienced several "blackouts". There were also a few submarine attacks, and on Feb. 23rd, 1942, while President Roosevelt was addressing the nation by radio, a large Japanese submarine surfaced and shelled an oil refinery in Santa Barbara, California, near Los Angeles.

Then, in the early morning hours of Feb. 25th, unidentified planes (or UFOs as we might call them today) were seen over Los Angeles itself. Another blackout was ordered, and searchlights scanned the sky. This time, anti-aircraft guns went into action. In the course of the next few hours, these guns fired over 1,400 shells at an unidentified slow moving object in the sky that looked like a blimp or balloon.

By the next day, the incident became clouded in mystery. It was never learned where these objects came from, why none were actually shot down, and why no bombs were dropped. Was it just a case of jittery nerves, or was it something that we simply were incapable of shooting down? The matter was never resolved, and the truth may never be known!

Here at last is an event that, while not likely interplanetary, nevertheless fits loosely into UFO lore. Best of all, it has not been hashed and re-hashed endlessly, like most of the old UFO stories have been. We recommend that you buy this book!

Pflock Ptalk - THE END IS NIGH, SIGH...

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Sadly, it appears Organized Saucerdom is not long for this world, or any other world. I'm not referring to the intrepid band of Serious Ufologists who continue to toil quietly and diligently away. Nuts like us will go on, no matter what. It's the fan-club, affinity-group, convention-holding/attending side of The Field that's about to go the way of the nuts-and-bolts silvery saucer whizzing silently through the sky. The Signs are everywhere - e .g., in the pages of the April "MUFON UFO Journal", as our Esteemed Editor-Publisher/Supreme Commander **gleefully highlighted** in our last issue.

MUFON and its few remaining lesser ilk here and abroad are going, going, going, and soon to be gone, more's the pity. They and saucercons and suchlike are creaky, rather quaint relics of a simpler, internet-free age, continuing to stumble on, on the waning strength of habitual inertia.

Despite earnest claims to the contrary, these groups arose not so much to do saucer investigations and research, but rather to give saucerers a place to congregate, literally and figuratively - a clubhouse wherein their hopes, ideas, and beliefs could be reaffirmed. The magazines and conventions and symposium proceedings were home to saucerfolk, a place to share, and stroke, and commune, to argue and backbite, to collectively sneer at the debunkers and deliciously quake at the thought that They - the Silence Group/MJ-12/MIB - were watching

and actually Cared. It was a venue where saucerers could be reassured they not only were Not Alone but Mattered. Even when they couldn't get to the latest convention or symposium, they were still connected, part of the family. They had their membership cards and 'zines, and their dues kept those who issued them going.

The Internet Age has changed everything, or is close to doing so. Saucerdom is now all but entirely "virtual", an electronic agora of instant communication and gratification. And it's free. No dues, no convention fees, no costly subscriptions. If you're online, you're in. You can rant, rave, insult, debate, blather, and Be Important without having to leave home or change your underwear - or risk a punch in the nose.

No one really needs a MUFON anymore, except those dino-saucerers who fill the grandly titled directorships on the organizational chart. It's a pity. Saucerdom is no longer the colorful carnival it once was. It's also a far less civil realm, now that partisans of this theory or that can hide behind a computer screen and blast away at others doing the same thing.

I doubt even a major sighting flap could bring back the Glory That Was. Instead, it probably would generate zillions of e-missives and postings, filled with awed and self-important pronouncements, not to mention a dozen or so mindless cable-TV "documentaries".

Oh, my. What does this mean for "Smear" and NUFOC? Sigh...

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- Noted parapsychologist George Hansen writes:

"Vampire producer Karl Perry of Metro-Video Production Services, has just announced a new spokesperson for Robert J. Durant's video, 'Roswell? Yes!'

"The lovely and talented Jasmin will bring the Roswell message to an untapped audience. As you can see, she should generate a lot of excitement for ufoology, which recently has been in the doldrums.

"Petty and MVPS could certainly teach a thing or two to MUFON, which has no excuse for their lackluster performance in attracting new blood. Maybe MUFON could invite Jasmin to their convention and give her one of their silly jackets!

"Anyhow, for the Durant video, (or DVD), or for Jasmin, just call Metro-Video at 1-800-694-0320."

Gosh! Sex and Saucers again! After staring at this picture for awhile, your editor is starting to waver in his formerly firm belief that the Roswell Incident was not extraterrestrial! - Editor.



- ANN DRUFFEL, local sponsor for this year's glorious National UFO Conference, writes as

follows:

"...Jim McDonald deserves better than to be described bluntly as a 'great researcher who killed himself'. My book lays out all the 'coincidents' and strange happenings that preceded his death, and makes a good, objective case to indicate that his depressive state very possibly was brought on by orchestrated events. If you choose to publicize the fact that I'm speaking on Jim McDonald & my book 'Firestorm' at the September NUFOC convention, please don't concentrate on Jim's death, but mention his life. We truly lost someone who was on his way to probably blowing the whole cover-up apart and giving the American public its 'right to know'..."

- Anthropologist & mild saucer enthusiast CHRIS ROTH writes:

"...Thanks for the enclosure regarding psychic twins. It makes sense to me. A Crow Indian woman who lived next door to us in McMinnville, Oregon (in the days before it was a UFO festival site), had something like thirteen children, including I think two sets of twins. One set of twin brothers from this family was so psychically linked that, even separated by years and hundreds of miles, one doubled over in abdominal pain only to learn later that the other had been having acute appendicitis at that moment. Once they got into a fight and were so physically and mentally identical that they were perfectly evenly matched. Each anticipated the other's punches; they simply fought each other to exhaustion, at which point they had exactly symmetrical bruises.

"Then there's Chang and Eng, the original Simese twins, so telepathic that it was pointless for them to play chess!..."



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The 40th National UFO Conference (NUFOC) is scheduled for the weekend of September 6th and 7th at the lovely Beverly-Garland Hotel in Burbank, California. Speakers include Brian Boldman, Bob Wood, Derryl Simms, Terry Hansen, Rev. Harrison Bailey, your "Smear" editor, and local host(ess) Ann Ruffel, who will speak on her new book about legendary researcher Dr. James MacDonald, who killed himself years ago under tragic circumstances. There is still a faint hope that Bill Moore will be on the program. For further informamation, contact Ann Druffel at 257 Sycamore Glen, Pasadena, CA 91105-1350; or on the (cursed) Net: anndruffel@aol.com. Say "Saucer Smear" sent you!

PEARLS OF ENLIGHTENMENT (formerly TIDBITS OF TRASH)

- This is indeed one of the strangest tales we have ever printed! It came to our attention a

few weeks ago, and we decided to let it pass. Now we have a second version, from the prestigious New York Times of March 15th. It was sent to us by our good friend sociologist & Fortean researcher Chris Roth.

It seems that in the town of New Square, New York, a tightly-knit community of Hasidic Jews, a Hasid named Zalmen Rosen was about to kill a carp fish, when the fish began talking to him in Hebrew - shouting apocalyptic warnings, and claiming to be the troubled soul of a revered community leader who had recently died.

The only witness, other than Rosen himself, was an Ecuadorian immigrant named Luis Niveló, who does not understand Hebrew at all. But he did hear the fish talk, and was duly astounded by it. As for Rosen, he became so excited that he cut his finger badly and had to be rushed to the hospital.

Although most people even in this religious community seem to think the story is nonsense, not everyone does. Said one man: "Two men do not dream the same dream. It is very rare that God reminds people He exists in this modern world. But when he does, you cannot ignore it."...

- From Phil Klass' zine called SUN (Skeptics UFO Newsletter) we learn that Dr. Steven Greer, the former medical doctor now turned UFO guru, is currently pushing an alleged free energy device. In a demonstration that Greer and several co-workers claim to have witnessed, the machine gathered less than one watt of power from the environment, using a secret method to do so, and then went on to give power to several electrical devices at the same time - including two light bulbs, a stereo, and an oscillating fan with an electric motor. The device will be further tested and eventually stock in the company will be sold to the public. "Smear" readers who want further information about all this should swiftly send us one million dollars cash, and we will then tell you all that we know!...

Incidentally, Phil Klass, who is now in his early 80s, remains in declining health at his condo in (shudder!) Washington, D.C. After-effects of unsuccessful spinal surgery several years ago have left him almost bedridden, and his voice is down to a whisper. Klass has always enjoyed the self-appointed role of Number One Devil in the ufological scene, and no doubt there are those who feel that he has now received what he deserves. However, this is cruel and narrow thinking, in our humble opinion

- Lots of interesting stuff in the April issue of the "MUFON UFO Journal", a needlessly redundant title, as "MUFON" means "Mutual UFO Network". Your "Smear" editor has been a proud member of MUFON for many years, and has achieved the esteemed level of "Journal Subscriber" in that esteemed organization.

First, we are informed that because of 9/11 and general Apathy, the group is closing down its Headquarters. Some of the same functions will henceforth be carried on elsewhere, and others won't be carried on at all. Karl Pflock has pointed out, Quite correctly, that one reason groups like MUFON are on the skids is that people get the same feeling of membership and "belonging" from the (cursed) Internet these days, for free, and don't need to spend money on magazine subscriptions or in-person appearances at conventions.

One thing is for sure: MUFON won't earn much money or respect from the current policy of selling "benefactor jackets" (for one thousand dollars each!), caps, and T-shirts. Such tactics merely show that they are basically an amateur, hobbist organization, devoid of science!...

- On another subject, we learn from the Journal that the famed radio program "Coast to Coast", formerly hosted by the somewhat enigmatic Art Bell, has slid downhill since his departure from the show. They have now lost their New York City outlet as well as the one in Chicago. Serves them right for never having had your humble "Smear" editor on the program!...
- Finally, on a more positive note, there's an intriguing article in the Journal by an Australian

named Bill Chalker. It's a story we've read somewhere before, and it's about a biochemist named Dr. Kary Mullis, who in 1993 received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for a key discovery regarding DNA. But in the summer of 1985, while arriving at his summer cottage in northern California, Dr. Chalker had a truly unnerving experience. In his 1998 book, "Dancing Naked in the Mine Field", he describes it this way:

"At the far end of the path, under a fir tree, there was something glowing. I pointed my flashlight at it anyhow. It only made it whiter where the beam landed. It seemed to be a raccoon. I wasn't frightened. Later, I wondered if it could have been a hologram, projected from God knows where.

"The raccoon spoke. 'Good evening, doctor', it said. I said something back. I don't remember what, probably, 'Hello'. The next thing I remember, it was early in the morning. I was walking along a road uphill from my house."

Could it be that something psychedelic had crept into the good doctor's chemistry lab? We will never know for sure. However, if you want more hard-science information like the above, send a hefty \$35 to dear old MUFON at: P.O. Box 369, Morrison, Colorado 80465. Or, for a mere thousand dollars, you can become a lifetime member!

- Over the years, we don't know of any UFO-related lawsuits that have actually gone beyond the shouting stage, but several regarding the psychic realm have actually been filed - most notably a long series of suits that Uri Geller brought against debunker James Randi quite a few years ago. (The outcome of these cases was too complex to go into, here.)

Now we have the case of Sean David Morton, who bills himself as "one of America's greatest psychics". He sued UFOWATCHDOG.COM and its editor for "false and libelous statements" on the Internet, most notably an article entitled "The Shameless Psychic and his Prophecy of Lies". Using the word "lies" is a no-no; but in spite of this, the lawsuit was thrown out of court after the judge gave Morton every opportunity to show that his point of view on the matter had validity.

The offensive material is back online, and can be seen (by those with computers) at <http://www.ufowatchdog.com/morton1.html>. (Our thanks to Tom Benson for this one.) ...

- And speaking of offensive material, the notorious Todd Zechel has surfaced again, and he is madder than a wet hen. We don't quite know what set him off this time, but he says to Karl Pflock, via the Net:

"Either you stop lying about me and defaming me, or I'm sending your beloved Agency my collection of tape-recorded phone calls with you spilling your guts about them. I demand and deserve an apology and a retraction of all your damn dirty lies! You're such a low-down, dirty, sneaky liar, you make grave-robbing Moseley look like a decent human being (which we all know he is not). And in case you can't remember which ones are lies, just consider everything you ever wrote about me to be a vicious defamation and fabrication, which is something in your jaded mind you know already..."

Zechel signs himself as "Director of Operations, Associated Investigators Group", which is apparently a group consisting entirely of himself. Zechel has always had it in for Pflock because of the latter's admitted CIA background.

As for your editor, we've never quite forgiven Zechel for running up thousands of dollars in phone bills at our New Jersey residence, many years ago.

Pflock vows not to reply to the above diatribe or other recent insults from Zechel, but he (Pflock) wonders if perhaps Zechel has gone off his medication. Could this be true?

- Bookseller Bob Girard has [done it again](#), with another controversial editorial, in his May

2003 catalogue. He calls it "BAILING OUT??", but we think a much better title would be "DEATH WATCH". Says he:

"Hundreds of you seem to have lost all interest in buying UFO & related material. I am beginning to cut such people from the printed catalog mailing list, not being able any longer to afford wasting catalogs every month. If you are through with the subject, why not ship your UFO, cryptozoology, hollow earth and ancient astronaut books to Arcturus? We will find active and caring homes for them, and you would be doing the right thing by recycling your stuff. Also, the UFO community is largely an aging bunch. If you're close to checking out, or are the spouse of a ufologist who has already checked out, make immediate arrangements with Arcturus to get us your library, lest it be lost for good to vultures, disasters, or - worst of all - unconscious heirs. Do the right thing NOW..."

- England's wonderful "Fortean Times" calls our attention to a book just out, on the subject of "Twin Telepathy"; in fact, that is the exact title of this tome by Guy Lyon Playfair. (It is available on the cursed. Net at www.crystalisbooks.co.uk, and we have already ordered it.)

We have long been fascinated by this particular subject. Just as we suspected, almost none of the many experiments on telepathy, since the 1880s, have dealt on twins to any serious degree, and we wonder why!

About 30 to 35 percent of twins report moments of telepathy, and this mysterious power seems to work best when the twins are absolutely identical, female, extroverts, and firm believers in the reality of telepathy. We haven't yet read the book, but we would add that in our own humble opinion, "at the age of puberty" should be added, to the list of ideal qualifications, as there seems to be some sort of psychic/sexual energy exuded by girls of that age. We're not trying to be nasty or unduly Freudian, but this does seem to be the case.

The most interesting (and gruesome) story given in the book review is that of Romanian twins who, born in 1962, both married women named Monica in the year 1987. One twin killed his Monica in a fit of drunken rage, and on the same day (the precise times are apparently not known), the other twin killed his wife, even though they had been getting along okay up until that point. Something real and provable is going on here, and we look forward to learning more about the subject

- As we have stated before, the world of quantum physics is not fully understood, and may not be for a long time to come. The latest milestone is that scientists have made matter seemingly disappear down a telephone line in one laboratory and reappear in another, proving that teleportation over a relatively long distance is possible. This experiment by a team of Swiss scientists has the physics world buzzing, but it should be noted that this involves quantum bits, called "qubits", and does not involve atoms - the basic building blocks of matter. It will be quite awhile, if ever, before any human being can be teleported. (Thanks to Gene Duplantier's "Delve Report" from Canada).
- Each year, researcher Lucius Farish of "UFO Newsclipping Service" does his best to make sure we don't learn the dates of his Eureka Springs, Arkansas UFO convention, until after the event has passed! This is apparently because he is still steamed up over the fact that we don't believe in Billy Meier, the one-armed Swiss contactee who has managed to photograph an endless number of fake flying saucers.

This year's Ozark UFO Conference took place on the weekend of April 11th-12th, and included a few well-known speakers, including Nancy Talbott of BLT, Inc; Raving contactee Wendelle Stevens; Linda Moulton Howe; and England's well-known researcher Timothy Cood.

Some day we just have to make it to one of these events, which take place in a hotel set in a very scenic Arkansas countryside. (Our thanks to researcher Joan Thompson for sending us the convention program, after the gathering was already over.)....

- We pay a hefty five bucks apiece for Farish's "UFO Newsclipping Service", so we feel free to borrow from it as we choose. Several items from the April issue show that the "chupacabras" is still a problem in Puerto Rico, or at least it was as of last September and thereafter. Farm animals were still being killed mysteriously, and in one incident, the dead body of an unknown animal was found, having many of the characteristics of the legendary beast. Whether or not it really was the corpse of an unknown species is not made clear in the article.

Reluctantly we give you Farish's mailing address: #2 Caney Valley Drive, Plumerville, Arkansas 72127

- We always try to keep up to date on the status of the Integratron, an observatory shaped building on the southern California desert that was built by UFO contactee George Van Tassel in the 1950s, on instructions from the Space People. Said Van Tassel: "The purpose of the Integratron is to recharge energy into living cell structure, to bring about longer life with youthful energy. This has been the goal of many people, since Ponce de Leon started looking for the Fountain of Youth".

In other words, the interior of this building will make you feel younger, but you won't look any different. Your editor penetrated to the inside of the Integratron just once, on one of several trips to the annual Giant Rock UFO convention; but he does not remember feeling any differently at all!

Van Tassel died many years ago. Currently, the Integratron is being used as a "rejuvenation and retreat center" by two sisters named Nancy and Joanne Karl. At various times a number of possible uses have been proposed, including a discotheque; but the building's difficult-to-find location all by itself on the desert makes such a use unlikely. We don't know who the Karl sisters are, but we wish them well. They, together with their business partners, offer tours, spiritual events and private parties at this famed local curiosity and historical landmark.



Pflock Ptalk - Pflock Ptalk - THINGS MISCELLANEOUS, SUNDRY, & SEXY

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Last "Smear", I advocated a new look at Project Blue Book Special Report #14, an objective re-analysis of the data and more. It turns out something like this already has been done.

In the late 1970s, my old friend Bruce Maccabee took a hard look at BB14 and the conclusions and methodologies used by the Battelle investigators. His results were published in two parts in the CUFOS "Journal of UFO Studies", Vol. I (1979) and Vol. III (1983), during a hiatus in my active involvement in The Field.)

Bruce recently supplied me with copies of his very interesting articles. He also told me the original study's raw data is no longer available, making what I proposed impossible. Sigh... (Wonder if Bill Jones could be talked into poking through musty Battelle archives and broom closets, just in case?)

However, we do have Bruce's important and fascinating papers, which really should be made available as one in a reprint volume, perhaps updated and revised, and with additional

commentary from a select group of BB14 experts, even (gasp!) Stan Friedman. Even better, Bruce's work and the thoughts of others could be combined with a reproduction of Leon Davidson's BB14 volume. Still better, include the complete BB14, which the Fund for UFO Research once made available. This would be the definitive source on BB14 and a very important contribution to the literature of Serious Ufology. How about it, CUFOS/UFO Research Coalition?

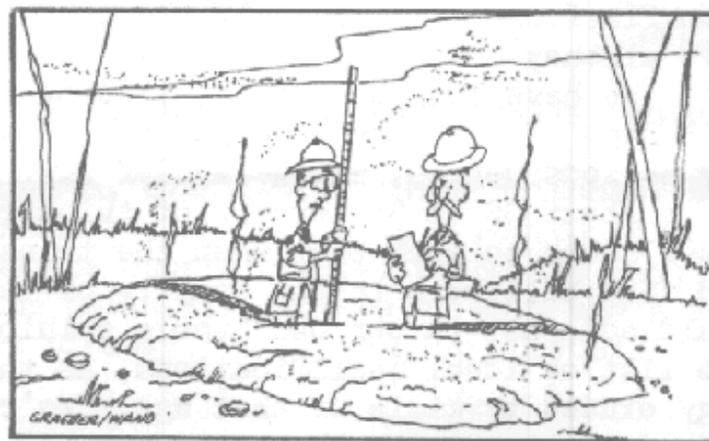
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Miller Johnson's "Owlman" photo ("[Saucer Smear](#)", [March 10th](#)) is striking but really doesn't answer the Mothman mail. Yes, the critter certainly looks like ol' Mothguy, but among other things, can it rise straight up from the grotmd and pace a car at 100 m.p.h., all without flapping its wings? On the other hand, Mothboy is said to have emitted mouse-like squeaks in flight, as some owls do when hunting. Hmmm... Let's all turn on our porch lights tonight and see who/what shows up. Hooooo-squeak! Eck!!

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Fun Saucer Mystery Fact #3 (source: "Probe", 9/80): In 1978, Antonio Villas-Boas broke decades of silence to do an interview on Brazilian television. In the years since his 1957 encounter with the Space Babe, V-B had become a respected lawyer (is that an oxymoron?), and he was offended by press treatment given his sex-in-a-saucer story.

During the interview, he repeated his sensational account, but added an interesting detail he'd previously withheld: His alien lover collected a semen sample from him following their second (what a man!) coupling. After the show, the interviewer asked V-B's wife how she felt about the possibility her husband had otherworldly kdds in addition to the four she had borne him. She said she would be rather proud if it were so. Far out!



ALTHOUGH DR. LEVENSTON AND HIS ASSISTANT HAD DISCOVERD YET ANOTHER CRAP CIRCLE, THEY HAD STILL FAILED TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF THE LEGENDARY BIGASS.

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- We were astounded to receive the following, written by one JULIE S. MARESCA of "UFO Magazine"; the sleazy newsstand flying saucer magazine:

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- To make a long story short, we'll just say that "UFO Magazine" has no sense of humor! Refreshingly, the semi-mysterious HARRY LIME writes as follows:

"I refer 'Smear' readers to the [15th April 'Smear'](#), the ca. 1967 photo of yourself with John 'Mothman' Keel on the latter page and the eroto-abduction scene painting by David Huggins on the facing page. Clearly, the human figure in Huggins' painting is not really the artist, but rather a 1967-young John Keel!

"What, pray, can this mean? Is it mere coincidence? Surely not, for there is no such thing as 'mere' coincidence. Is it the Trickster at work? Has one or the other illustration been altered by MJ-12 agents for obscure nefarious reasons? Does Huggins secretly have the hots for Keel - or vice versa?..."

- Our ufological friend FRANK CONWAY, who attended Marcattilio's recent conference in Bordontown, N.J., writes as follows:

"...Perhaps the most pleasant surprise, for me, was meeting and talking with Stanton Friedman. After all the calumnies about the man that I've read in 'Smear', I expected to meet an unapproachable, opinionated, self-important 'superstar' who pretended to higher academic credentials than he actually had. Instead, I met a pleasant, gracious researcher who has devoted a significant part of his life to the investigation of the Roswell Incident. He declared his credentials candidly at the start of his talk and corrected a member of the audience who addressed him as 'doctor'. Stanton and I had lunch together and he was a delightful and interesting dining companion.

"Among Pat Marcattilio's menagerie of New Agers, contactees, Bigfooters, and Raellan cultists, Friedman's talk stood out sharply as a genuine scientific report. Whether or not he's right about Roswell remains to be seen; but speaking as a scientist myself, I think he has gone about his research in a meticulous and commendable fashion..."

Yes, Friedman is not without socially redeeming qualities! - Editor.

- BILL JONES, MUFON State Director for Ohio, writes:

"You can imagine my surprise when I finally got to page 8 of your Whole Number 360 issue of 'Saucer Smear' to find a picture of my UFO colleague and [his not-too-flattering description of my behavior and me](#). I have never had a picture or a letter published in your fine 'Smear' (and may never have), so this was quite a surprise!

"Contrary to your editorial comment that this was an 'interesting situation', it is just another humdrum example of the schism within ufology between the objective investigator factions, the Believer factions, and those who sit somewhere in between, that have been a part of the subject of ufology over the years. Bruce and the Executive Council of MUFON of Ohio parted ways - he wasn't fired - without rancor (or so I thought) over opinions concerning how MUFON of Ohio should be managed and promoted, and how the UFO subject should be

approached.

"I must admit that I am anything but charismatic, but feel that charisma is more appropriate to religion and politics than ufology. Bruce certainly has me beat in the charisma domain. He is also better looking than I am, which is why I am not sending you my picture.

"I should point out that I appointed Bruce to the position of MUFON State Section Director for Ohio approximately two years ago, a position that he still holds.

"I hope to see you and Bruce at this year's MUFON symposium in Michigan, where we can shake hands and discuss the state of ufology over a couple of brews."

- Researcher NORMAN HOWARD writes as follows:

"I couldn't help but think of you when I attended this month's Nevada MUFON meeting here in Las Vegas. Why did I think of you?

"The answer lies in the enclosed hand-out from the meeting. It seems that many monthly attendees are not actually official MUFON members, so the state director and his wife are recruiting. There are many levels of membership, but YOURS, of course, is the absolute lowest! There is no one lower in the MUFON organization than a 'journal subscriber' (or, as you like to express it, a 'J.S.'). Despite all your years as a member, you have never risen above the rank of private recruit. For shame!..."

Ah, but a long time ago your editor was State Section Director for Monroe County, Florida, where he lives. Then, after doing absolutely nothing for the organization for a couple of years, he was demoted to Assistant State Section Director - even though no one was appointed over him. Finally, he was demoted to (ugh!) "J.S." - Editor.

- Ace graphic artist & researcher MILLER JOHNSON of New Mexico writes:

"...Here's something to consider regarding the annual March Aztec, N.M. crash story event: I know that March 25th, 1948 has been assigned the historical timing of this questionable landing, thereby qualifying for a annual date for ufologists to gather. March in northern New Mexico, in my humble opinion, always has the equal opportunity for bad or not so bad weather, as opposed to great or really great weather. July, on the other hand, offers warm or hot weather and possible timing for a UFO double event in the Land of Enchantment. Why not move the Aztec event to July, two days after or four days before the annual Roswell celebration, enabling UFO-NUTS to save on travel expenses while really getting their fill of the Saucer Smorgasbord?

"This would allow a one-day break for travel time between the two Saucer cities, with a break in Albuquerque or Santa Fe for lunch and/or a little tourism. Aztec and Roswell could share travel expenses for event speakers making presentations at both Aztec and Roswell. This would add to profitability at both locations."

- Famed Ohio researcher & publisher RICK HILBERG writes:

"Nice issue of 'Smear'...I too have often wondered why **Bob Girard** 'raves' to extremes sometimes, and I also wonder if it is costing him customer dollars!

"Wow, I never counted how many sightings were in **our 1950-1960**

booklet. I only included interesting and hopefully obscure incidents. The 'item numbers' are of course footnotes to properly cite references. Awkward? Look at any style manual."

- KENN THOMAS of Steamshovel Press & author of several books, writes:

"On Feb. 18th in St. Louis, Missouri, a popular on-air personality at the city's largest AM radio station KMOX, a woman named Nan Wyatt, was killed by a bullet wound inflicted by her husband, Thomas Erbland Jr. In the March 2nd edition of the 'St. Louis Post-Dispatch', reporter Heather Ratcliffe made an unusual conclusion to a report on Erbland's mental state in the days prior to the shooting. Ratcliffe repeated an allegation by the couple's former babysitter...that Wilhelm Reich's 1945 book, 'Listen Little Man', contributed to the murder..."

"Thus Reich's work has emerged from beyond the grave to create a subliminal command to do murder. Much like the effect of J. D. Salinger's 'Catcher in the Rye' novel on John Lennon's killer Mark David Chapman and Ronald Reagan's attempted assassin John Hinckley, the Post claimed that Reich's 1945 book 'Listen Little Man' provided the subconscious command that ended in Nan Wyatt's death..."

"The new issue of 'Steamshovel' will have an article about Reich's trip to Roswell in 1955. I'm sending it as an excuse to also send you the enclosed flyer for my upcoming talk in Santa Clara, Ca., at Conspiracy Con. 2003, on May 24th-25th. If you do run something on the Wyatt thing, you might want to mention this. For one thing, the conference has a tribute to the late, great Jim Keith. Keith told me that he met you at the bar at some UFO conference in Florida once, but I think you told me you don't remember. Hopefully you haven't forgotten Keith, though..."

We meet a lot of people in bars, whom we can't remember; but Jim Keith was indeed a great conspiracy writer, and his recent death was untimely.
- Editor.

- Parapsychologist GEORCE HANSEN writes:

"I hope you remember Riley Martin, one of the leading lights of ufology. Unfortunately, he isn't listed in the index of your book. Shame on you and Kow Pflap!"

"Riley has been something of a regular on the Howard Stern Show. He was busted on a drug charge, but Howard was able to find a lawyer for him.

"Anyway, Riley's book 'The Coming of Tan' has become a classic, even though Bob Girard originally panned it. I am enclosing a copy of the Amazon.com listing. The lowest price for the book is now \$99.00 and the top price is \$1,054.54.

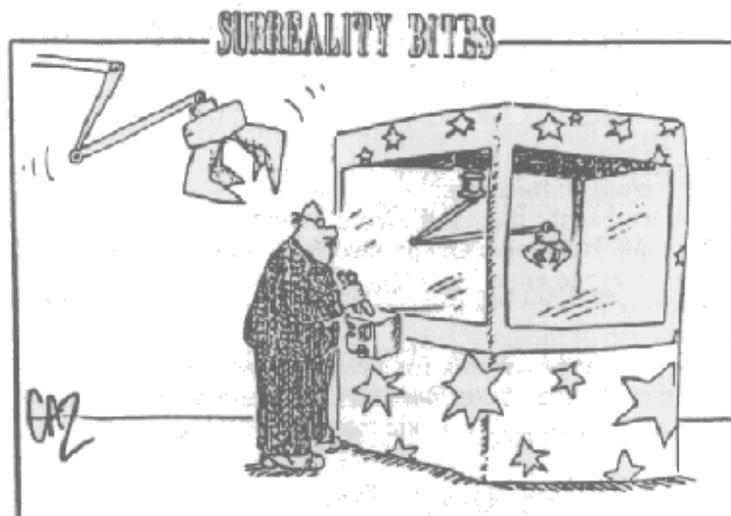
"You, Bob Girard, and K.P. can eat your hearts out!"

- Finally, ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes as follows:

"Egads, Moseley, I can't believe that you let ole Stanton Friedman trick you into publishing yet **another of his infomercials** disguised as a rebuttal letter, in your current 'Smear'. Damn, he's tricky!"

"**Chris Roth** was absolutely correct about owls frequently being screen

memories that the aliens install in the abductees' minds to mask their activities. But somehow it seems a bit odd that the 'covert-minded' grays provide their victims with 'conscious recollections' of seeing three or four foot tall 'big birds'!..."



Types of Close Encounters with Aliens:

First Kind: UFO sighted at close range (within 500 feet) but does not affect or interact with the witness or environment.

Second Kind: UFO leaves physical effects on the environment and may even cause power failures.

Third Kind: Living occupants of the craft are seen by witnesses but no communication or contact takes place.

Fourth Kind: Direct contact occurs between alien beings and the witness. Taken aboard a spacecraft, abducted witness interacts extensively with the spacecraft's occupants.

Fifth Kind: Observer suffers permanent physical injuries or ↘ death. ↙

Source: *Sights in the Sky & Little Green Men: A Rational Christian Look at UFOs and Extraterrestrials*



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The 40th National UFO Conference (NUFOC) is now definitely scheduled for the weekend of September 6th & 7th at the lovely Beverly-Garland Hotel in Burbank, California. Scheduled

speakers include Brian Boldman, the "angel hair" expert; MJ-12 researcher Bob Wood; Derryl Simms; Roger Leir; Donna Higbee; Terry Hansen; Rev. Harrison Bailey; and possibly legendary UFO researcher William Moore, coming out of many years of self-imposed retirement from the UFO field. Also on the program are your somewhat-fearless "Smear" editor, and local convention host(ess) Ann Druffel. More details will be released as time goes by.

Incidentally, Ann Druffel recently had a magnificent write-up in the April/May issue of "UFO Magazine", in their "MUFON Personalities" column. We look forward to working with her as preparations for this grand conclave proceed!

DIGGING ROSWELL - A Special Report by our Contributing Editor

The March meeting of New Mexicans for Science and Reason - the local CSICOP coven - featured a talk by Dr. William H. Doleman of the University of New Mexico's Office of Contract Archeology. Doleman is the archaeologist who appeared in last fall's amusing, less than meets the eye Science Fiction Channel Roswell special. He was the bearded guy poking around with a bunch of volunteers on the famed Roswell debris field - or shockingly close to it - in search of hard evidence of... Something. Some 60+ bags of dirt and "artifacts" were hauled off under armed guard and locked in a bank vault to await further examination at an unspecified later date.

According to Doleman: The dig site wasn't independently located by the UNM staff! Ufologists Don Schmitt and Tom Carey told them where to dig. Volunteers were provided by the SciFi Channel, among them the daughter of controversial Roswell figure Maj. Edwin Easley. Quoting Doleman, "She got pissed when nothing was found, and complained we were digging the wrong way."

Twenty-five "historic materials of uncertain origin" (HUMOS) were found and bagged. Doleman saw three of them: a "weird orange blob"; something like ribless "duck tape" (!); and "fibers", likely from the nylon ropes used to frame the dig area. Doleman is negotiating another contract with the SciFi Channel under which he would examine and - presumably on TV - report on the bagged goodies now locked away. Whee! Roswell lives!

NEWS BRIEFIES (formerly TIDBITS OF TRASH)

- Book seller supreme Rod Dyke of Seattle, Washington, has gone to the trouble of figuring out the whole number for all of our zines since we began publishing way back in 1954. First there were 75 issues of the old "Saucer News" (some early ones under another title), followed by endless issues of "Saucer Smear" (some early ones under other titles). The whole number (=number since the beginning) for the current issue of "Smear" comes out to be #360. (Count 'em yourself!) Thus from now on, in deference to Rod Dyke's interest, we will carry the whole number on the masthead, in addition to the volume number (=Vol. 50, No. 4)...
- Famed author Erich von Daniken has written books that have sold more than 56 million copies, served time in jail for tax evasion, and spent the past thirty years or so trying to convince the world that our most famous ancient structures were built by creatures from another world.

Now old Erich is about to open an interplanetary theme park near Interlaken, Switzerland, and the project is backed by Big Bucks companies like Coca-Cola. The park will have domes, temples and pyramids, set bizarrely in the midst of plush Alpine scenery, and is expected to attract a half million tourists a year!

Von Daniken won't reveal how big the cost is, or just what his own financial interest in it

will be. But there will even be a recreation of England's Stonehenge, and of the infamous group of lines & patterns on the desert near Nazca, Peru. The fun will begin in just a few weeks, so stay tuned! (Credit: Tom Benson)

- Leu Farish's "UFO Newsclipping Service" always includes a section of articles from South America, translated into English. There are UFOs and cattle mutilations galore, and recently (August, 2002) this very strange story told by an Argentine rancher named Raul Dorado: He was examining his property when he heard a noise like a whirlwind and saw a strange craft descending over him. It whisked away his cellphone and left him temporarily unable to speak. The object nearly landed, only a few feet from the frightened man, and it appeared to be a "flat three-legged apparatus". A medical examination later revealed only one small but mysterious puncture on a finger. His ability to function as a normal human being came back gradually...
- Remember our item in the last issue about an act in the New Mexico state legislature designating every second Tuesday in February as "Extraterrestrial Culture Day"? Well, it was reworded as a "non-binding memorial" rather than an act or law, and as such it was actually passed by the state house of representatives. Where is Larry Bryant now that we need him? He should be jumping up and down with joy!...
- In an interesting footnote to ufological history, we learn (via "The Anomalist" & Karl Pflock) of the death of Norman Muscarello at age 55. Does that name ring a bell with any of you old-time saucer fiends? Norman was the fellow who made the initial UFO sighting that led eventually to John Fuller's best-selling book, "Incident at Exeter". At one point, the Muscarello story made national headlines. The sighting was on September 3rd, 1965. Norman was hitch-hiking toward his home in Exeter, New Hampshire, when at about 2 a.m. he noticed mysterious pulsating lights which moved toward him ominously and then disappeared suddenly. He ran off in a panic, and the same UFO reappeared, casting an eerie red glow on a neighboring house. He eventually got a passing motorist to take him to the Exeter police station, where he told his story. He then learned that similar sightings had been called into the station house from nearby Hampton Beach.

There followed a period of frenzied attention from the media, but Norman never made a dime from his story. Eventually the publicity died down, Norman Muscarello went on to serve three tours of duty in Vietnam, and he then lived a pretty average life thereafter. His younger brother remembers him fondly, according to the article...

- Well-known pro-Roswell writer & lecturer Captain Kevin Randle writes, on the Net: "My National Guard unit has been activated so that I am now full time in the Army... As for Stanton Friedman, who once asked if I have ever been on active duty as an intelligence officer, the answer then, as it is now, is yes..."
- We often chuckle at the strange opinions expressed by UFO bookseller Bob Girard, usually on Page 3 of his monthly catalogues. (Karl Pflock calls this "the whining page"!) In his March 2003 rant, Girard has outdone himself in a diatribe against President George W. Bush, whom he calls "Dubya". If there is a legitimate point here, as there well may be, it is completely obscured by the excessive rhetoric. We quote his ravings in part:

"...Dubya is a committed tool of the corporate cabal. He willingly faces the public as a functionally illiterate moron, ignorant of even the basics of history, psychology and economic theory, an emotionless weasel incapable of feeling or of showing compassion. Do not underestimate his performance, for he knows quite well what his role really is: spokesperson for the vicious, greed-driven capitalists who will stop at nothing to achieve the prize which so many generations of greed-and-blood-stained skulkers before them worked so patiently to prepare. Completely under the manipulation of 'advisors' and perhaps under some kind of spell cast by the 'voodoo priestess' who serves as a visible prime mover of the agenda (now controlling her second generation of U.S. presidents), Bush Jr. is far more dangerous than his stupidity makes him appear... Carefully prepared ruin and social upheaval, waiting a

thousand years for its moment, is suddenly at hand..."

We wonder how Girard expects to sell books when he deliberately pisses off so many people!

- **There's a new book out re-hashing the possible link between the death of Marilyn Monroe and flying saucers. Believe it or not, author Donald R. Burlson of Roswell, New Mexico (where else?), has come out with a title aptly called "UFOs and the Murder of Marilyn Monroe".**

The famous actress is generally believed to have died from an accidental overdose of sleeping pills in her Southern California home. But Burlson argues that she was actually killed by U.S. government officials because "she knew too much about the Roswell UFO cover-up".

We don't swallow this one, but we do believe there's credible evidence that Marilyn was intimate with both former president John Kennedy and his brother Robert - but fortunately not at the same time!

- **From the Net we learn (via Tom Benson) of an International Conference to be held in Russia, to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the "Tanguska Event" of 1908. Admittedly there is still no consensus regarding the cause of this tremendous explosion, which could have been a meteorite fall, a gas outburst, or even an alien spaceship. The Conference, scheduled for late June and early July, will take place in Moscow and other Russian cities, and even includes a side-trip to the epicenter of this mysterious event of long ago.**

Apparently this is not a typical UFO convention at all, as the sponsoring organizations include such groups as the Astronomical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences; The Shternberg State Astronomical Institute of Moscow State University; and the Federation of Cosmonauts of Russia. But tourists are encouraged to come along. The total cost is said to be about \$1,300, but undoubtedly this does not include the money necessary to get to Russia in the first place. Are any "Smear" non-subscribers interested in going? We don't promise to meet you there!...

- **Next comes a refreshing new slant on Britain's long-running crop circle phenomenon: An article in "UFO Magazine" by Nick Redfern contains a long quote from a confessed circle maker named Matthew Williams. Not only has he confessed, he was once caught in the act, and charged with causing criminal damage to a field in Wiltshire, England.**

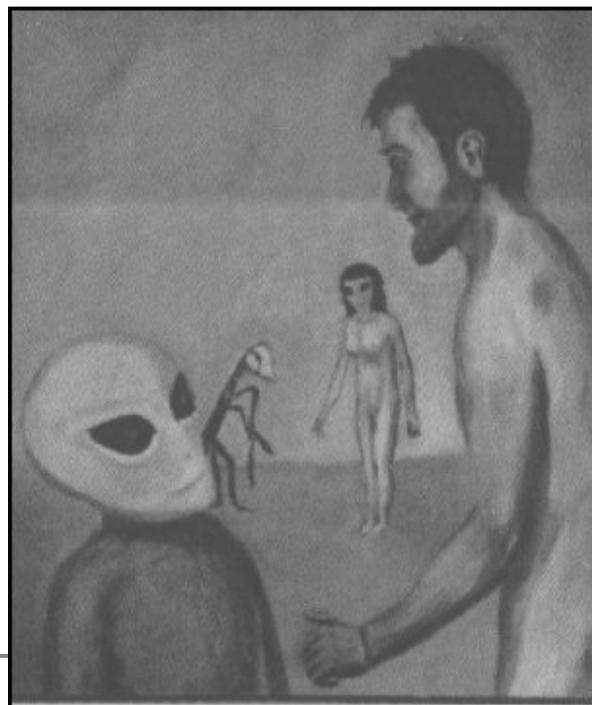
What's interesting, however, is that Redfern believes that all but the simplest crop circles are man-made, and he has gotten to know a lot of the people who create them. But far from being a cynic, Williams thinks that these man-made circles create an atmosphere for genuine paranormal events to occur. Says he:

"My experience and research have shown me that hundreds of people I have spoken to have had what appear to be genuine paranormal experiences inside man-made crop circles. These range from witnessing balls of light to UFO encounters. I have even met people who claim to have met alien-type humanoids in the circles. The scope and variety of just what people can expect to experience from crop circles is complex...but suffice is to say that the circles bring out external paranormal forces and seem to help people tune into their hidden abilities..."

- **Here's one of the most unusual UFO stories of all times: People in Lardal, Norway reported seeing a fireball explode in the night sky and fall slowly down to earth. But investigators think they have solved the mystery, after the charred body of a cat was found at the foot of an electrical mast. They believe that the unlucky cat must have touched a live wire somehow. What people saw was the cat exploding and falling off**

the mast! (Our thanks to Dean Zevchek for this one.)...

- Long-time "Smear" readers will remember David Huggins, the Hoboken, New Jersey artist who claims to regularly meet various kinds of creatures from another dimension while he is in a dream state at night. Some of his paintings are (gasp!) sexually explicit, but this one is milder. It is called "Just Talking". David is in the foreground conversing with a gray, while an insectoid creature and a naked alien lady lurk in the background. The painting itself is in full color...



BRIEF BIASED BOOK BASHINGS

Again we are confronted with one of Rick Hilberg's endless stream of softcover 8 by 11 inch booklets, this one 36 pages long and entitled "A Decade of Flying Saucers: 1950-1960". Actually, 1950-1960 is not a decade at all, but a period of eleven years (but why quibble?)

Anyhow, Rick has taken 42 cases from various sources of that era, including our own "Saucer News", which began publishing in 1954. Annoyingly, he still refuses to skip even one line between stories, telling us that blank space is a waste! This habit makes the booklet harder to read! And there are no illustrations, except on the front & back cover.

In another annoying habit, Rick fails to number the 42 cases in the headings, but puts the item number (only) at the end of the write-up, as a reference to a source list on the back page of the volume. Awkward!

In his introduction, Hilberg mentions a brief UFO sighting he himself had in late 1960. He then proceeds to his 42 items. #2 is one we don't remember, and it's quite different from any sighting we do remember, from that decade or any other. It seems that two boys in Amarillo, Texas, were fishing when they spotted an object that they at first believed to be a balloon. As it came closer they were able to discern that it was shaped like a saucer and about 18 in. in diameter. It passed close to them and then glided slowly over a small nearby hill, where it actually landed! They noticed that the top and bottom sections of the disk were separated by a space (wasted space here!); the bottom part was stationary, while the top part was spinning, and had a little peak sticking out of it. It was blue-grey in color and had no visible connections or openings.

To make a long story short, one of the boys touched it, and the object "felt slick and hot". He bent over to pick it up, but the top section started to revolve, so he let it go. With a whistling sound it took off, spraying the boy's arm and face with some sort of exhaust. Later his arm and face had small warts and redness. No mention is made of any follow-up or adult witnesses.

For more of this sort of thing, send the usual eight bucks to UAPA, 377 Race Street, Berea, Ohio 44017....

Also on hand is another 60-page masterpiece from Tim Beckley' Global Communications (Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903), price not given. This is an 8 by 11 inch offering, and it is entitled "Planet X and the Coming of the Guardians". The author once again is "Commander X" who is either Beckley himself or one of his stable of underpaid hacks

This booklet asks several reasonable questions, assuming the text is even remotely based on fact. The back cover screams: "DIRE WARNING". WILL A WANDERING PLANET STRIKE EARTH SOON? Is Our Planet Doomed- Or Will UFO Guardians Destroy 'Planet X' On Our Behalf?" Our answers to these questions would be no and no!

We do give credit to Beckley for grinding out thought-provoking stuff like this for lo these many years!



One of our fans has recently sent us this rare, obscene photo, showing your "Smear" editor giving the Ufologist of the Year award to John A. Keel, apparently at the 1967 National UFO Conference in New York City. That was way back, when we were still speaking to each other!

Pflock Ptalk - STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



"Smear" before last, "reformed Adamskiite" Chris Allan touted former Center for UFO Studies chief investigator Allan Hendry's debunking of the statistics in the famed Project Blue Book Special Report #14, asserting Hendry had proved them "virtually worthless".

Actually, this effort in Hendry's generally outstanding and sadly little known and less read 1979 "UFO Handbook" accomplished nothing of the sort. To say it did is like saying "no evidence of the existence of the popularly-termed 'flying saucers' 'was found" in the results of the Battelle Memorial Institute study presented in #14 - as the U.S. Air

Force claimed in its press release misrepresenting the then conveniently classified report's data.

Let's consider the facts.

Battelle assessed 2199 object sightings (a total of 3201 cases) received by the USAF from June 1, 1947, through Eecember 31, 1952. As Air Force contractors, they were surprised and disappointed to find the percentage of Unknowns - UFOs - correlated directly and dramatically with the quality of witnesses and data. The better the saucer spotters and case data, the greater the percentage of Unknowns, and vice versa: 33.3% of excellent (71 of 213) and 24.8% of good (188 of 757) sightings, an average of 26.7%. were Unknowns (259 of 970); whereas only 13% of doubtful (103 of 794) and 16.6% of poor (72 of 435) sightings, an average 14.2%, came up UFO (175 of 1229). The overall average of unknowns was 19.7% (434 of 2199) - 21.5% of all cases

analyzed (689 of 3201).

Attempting to "prove" these pesky UFOs were just a statistical subgroup of the Knowns (birds, planes, balloons, etc.), the investigators selected six reported characteristics - color, number, duration, shape, speed, and light brightness- and performed "chi-squared" tests on them. To their chagrin, in five of the six tests (light brightness came up ambiguous), they found that "the probability is less than 1% that the distributions (Known and Unknown) are the same". In other words, the odds against the UFOs being misidentified "mundanites" were, ahem, astronomical!

Hendry asserted that the content of the data as selected was such that use of the chi-squared test was inappropriate. Thank the gods, I'm no statistician, but given the limited number of characteristics Battelle picked for testing, Hendry probably was correct. However, all this means is that we ought not to hang our hats - or saucers - on this one set of results.

Instead, the more than just statistically significant proportions of Unknowns in Battelle's excellent-good box cries out for subjecting a broader set of characteristics to chi-squared testing and re-analyzing the whole body of the Battelle data using modern computers and statistical tools. The data are still available. Let's crunch and chi-square them and see what we get. Let's "re-do" all elements of the Battelle study, including the attempt to "build" a saucer model, and then add a few. Sounds like a job for the UFO Research Coalition, doesn't it? Count me in. How about you, Chris, and you, Mr. Hendry?

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- Ace Flying Saucer Lecturer and (former) Nuclear Physicist STANTON FRIEDMAN writes as follows:

"As usual, the February 5th 'Saucer Smear' had a lot of laughs. I just loved that saucer trike I am in. [C. D. Allan complains](#) that I didn't mention Hendry's negative comments about Blue Book Status Report #14. I don't happen to agree with him. I also didn't mention Dr. Bruce Maccabee's comments in the FUFOR edition of #14. I kept pushing #14 because so many in ufology don't seem to be aware of it, because its data negate many of the anti-UFO arguments, because it is the largest official study of UFOs ever done (3201 cases), and because it has categorizations, quality evaluations, & statistical comparisons. The better the quality of the case, the more likely it is to be an UNKNOWN. Duration was longer for UNKNOWNs than for KNOWNs. 240 charts, tables, graphs and maps adorn #14. My edition includes the press release which demonstrates that the Secretary of the USAF was lying in his teeth about it! - Only \$25, including priority postage!

"[Mike Gensler claims](#) that PU (anonymous Prominent Ufologist) gave a fine synopsis of my work. The point of my letter was to demonstrate that PU was totally off base. My list of about 20 professional groups to which I had spoken pre-1969 (censored by Jim M.) showed that I had certainly done more than speak to college students and at UFO Cons. My comments about the Hill-Fish star map work surprised even Karl Pflock and proved that I was indeed involved. My list of investigations proved that the claim that I hadn't done any was false! I did not present a list of awards - only one, not even bragging about getting Jim's Ufologist of the Year Award twice. I didn't present credentials. I won a debate because the members of the Oxford Debating Society voted afterward. My team got 60% of the vote!

"[Matt Graeber's](#) calling me ufology's most vocal cover-up huckster is appreciated. Showing blacked out and whited out classified documents impresses a lot of people, if not Matt. A little laughter never hurt. [Kevin Henderson](#) says I get paid for my performances. This is true most of the time. Ask MUFON and Jim and the Aztec Conference and Pat Marcattilio about their speaker fees. I will be giving two talks,

'Star Travel? Yes!' and 'Critiquing the Roswell Critics' in Bordontown, New Jersey, on April 5th and 6th, for Pat..."

- Our olde friend CHRIS ROTH writes:

"...[Miller Johnson's suggestion](#) in the latest 'Smear' that Mothman sightings might be misperceived barn-owl sightings leads to another problem: As Whitley Strieber has shown, owl sightings are often screen memories for alien abductions!

"I am zeroing in on finishing my book chapter, 'Ufology as Anthropology: Race, Extraterrestrials, and the Occult'. I promised a completed draft by the end of the month, and that still looks possible. I will be sending you a draft around the same time for your reactions and comments, or, depending on availability of your time, for your files.

"Today at our local library is the monthly meeting of the local UFO interest group, UFO2U, and I will be there - the first time I will have attended a UFO-group event since moving to Milwaukee. I feel a bit like a recovered alcoholic hesitating at the door of the liquor store. But then again, one little drinkie-poo never hurt anyone!"

- Researcher BRUCE M. FORRESTER JR. writes:



"Enclosed is a series of e-mails which resulted in my being dismissed from the Ohio State MUFON elected posts of Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Publisher and Editor. Ohio State MUFON boss, Bill Jones, fired me because I wanted to invite the 'ground troops' to our exclusive 'Executive Council Meeting and Lunch'. Bectel corporate attorney Bill Jones is a good man and he is doing a fine job of whipping those By-Laws into tip-top shape, even if he is not exactly a charismatic leader.

"So, feel free to make use of this material as you see fit. It might make for some juicy copy in the 'Tidbits of Trash' section (whoops! I mean the 'News Briefies')!"

We have no comment on this interesting situation in Ohio MUFON. - Editor.

- ART WAND (not his real name, of course), writes:

"[Dale Rettig's letter](#) in your Feb. 5th issue made me jealous. I've taken enough psychedelics to qualify for a psychiatric discharge from Society, but never made contact with anything more exotic than a tree. Then I smoked some good old-fashioned weed and discovered Crap Circles, evidently created by a mysterious creature called Bigass. There have been numerous sightings of Bigass in Washington, D.C."

- The semi-mysterious HARRY LIME writes as follows:

"The Sixth Annual Aztec, New Mexico UFO Symposium was held on the weekend of March 21st-23rd, and was a delightful mix of small-town fun and Serious Ufology. Fears of bad weather (unfounded) and War kept paid attendance down to 75 or 80, about half that of last year. This was unfortunate. Unlike Roswell's annual non-crash fest, this event benefits a good cause, the town's public library.

"Many were disappointed that 'Smear's' own Jim Moseley was unable to be on the

program, but the show went on, featuring ten ufological celebrities. Some of the 'acts' were more interesting than others. Ufological audio historian Wendy Conners, who took Moseley's place on the program, played some fascinating and some boring tapes of such luminaries as Edward Ruppelt and, appropriately, Frank Scully. Bruce 'Gulf Breeze' Maccabee talked of the Hidden Truth about Project Twinkle, and occasionally tickled the ivories. (I preferred the latter.)

"Event co-chairman Ted Loman presented a soporific film of his own production, featuring bogus saucer crashes, bogus witnesses to same, and bogus experts such as Wendelle Stevens. 'Smear' Contributing Editor Karl Pflock told us why he thinks the notorious 1952 Florida scoutmaster case was not a hoax. 'Historian' and ufological upstart Richard Dolan, author of the highly uneven 'UFOs and the National Security State', blathered about artificial intelligence and UFOs.

"Stanton Friedman's inevitably not-so-new pitch was devoted to attacks on those who dare to question the reality of his beloved MJ-12. Yawn! Let us hope Jim Moseley can make next year's event and Friedman cannot!"

- Finally, researcher JOHN BARLOW writes, strangely:

"I know that in the past you had an antique shop which you've lost plus apartments which are gone. Now apparently you've sold your home. And there's this cryptic comment in a recent 'Smear' that you'll soon be joining Gray Barker. All of this has really, sincerely, left me a bit worried about the Commander. I suspect you've been a lifelong alcoholic and possibly a smoker. Is all of this finally taking a toll on your health? I'm worried..."

"All of this may mean that the civilized world that you and I grew up with may be vanishing, if it ever existed. Profanity is rampant and commonplace. Women urinating for the camera is now the thing on video...Technology seems to be increasing while social mores decline. The list of these declines is endless..."

SWEET DREAMS

A man from Uckfield, East Sussex, who dreamed he would find treasure buried in his garden spent thousands of pounds digging, and discovered a well with mineral-rich water which is set to make him a fortune. Brighton Eve. Argus, 25 Oct 2001

STRANGE OBJECTS OF DESIRE

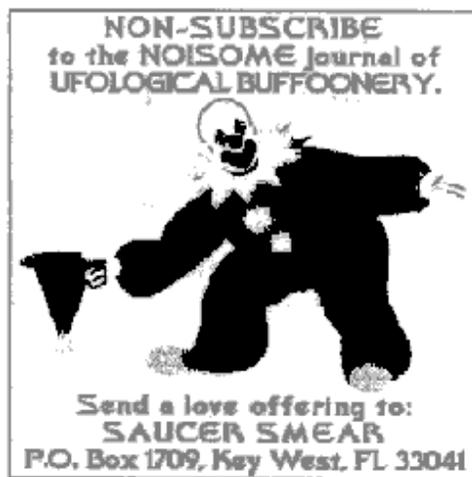
Jean Curtis filed for divorce from her husband Ian, 42, a former military policeman, after finding him on the sofa in their Glasgow flat, clad in blouse and rubber stockings, having sex with a frozen chicken. She said: "My jaw just dropped. I said, 'You dirty bugger, that's my Sunday lunch'. He was calm as you like and said, 'It's all right - we can still eat it', I kicked him out.

FROZEN OUT

Jens Lyberth, Greenland's top civil servant, called in a traditional healer, Maannguaq Berthelsen, to drive evil spirits from a government office in the capital Nuuk before moving in. After protests that such "mumbo jumbo" made Greenland a joke, Lyberth was sacked and the ruling coalition of the semi-autonomous Danish territory collapsed. Guardian, Ananova, 15 Jan 2003.

NEST OF THIEVES

Police cordoned off a Bangladeshi village populated entirely by thieves after politicians demanded they be evicted. In a recent census, the residents of Jahanpur all listed their occupation as "thief". A police spokesman said: "These people do not know any other means of livelihood." Metro, 16 Sept; The Week, 21 Sept 2002.



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DEATH TAKES NOTED SKEPTIC MARCELLO TRUZZI

On February 2nd we were saddened to learn of the passing of Mareello Truzzi, who died of cancer at the age of 67. He is survived by his wife Patricia and two sons.

Truzzi was, in real life, a professor of sociology at Eastern Michigan University. As a hobby, he was one of the founders of CSICOP (Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal), back in the mid-1970s.

It soon became apparent to Truzzi that he was not in tune with the philosophical "hard-liners" such as Paul Kurtz who ran that organization, and he split off. Whereas CSICOP's "Skeptical Inquirer" presented only one side of paranormal arguments, Truzzi for several years published a rival but lesser known zine called "The Zetetic Scholar" (a rather poor choice of titles). Therein he tried to present articles showing all sides of scholarly arguments on various off-beat topics, whereas CSICOP's magazine made no such attempt at all. Truzzi considered himself to be a true skeptic, rather than a debunker, and thus in CSICOP's view he was much too moderate.



Although Truzzi in his personal philosophy had no belief at all in either flying saucers or the paranormal, he was a very unusual person in that some of his best friends were Believers of one stripe or another, and he would stick up for these friends vigorously without ever endorsing their views.

One such friend was CUFOS's Jerome Clark, an extreme advocate of interplanetary saucers. Another was spoon-bender Uri Geller, who, like Truzzi, had a background in stage magic, (though Geller doesn't like to admit it, being an alleged psychic).

We always felt that Truzzi was unduly impressed by Geller's fame, which was much greater a couple of decades ago than it is today. When Geller became locked in legal combat with James ("The Amusing") Randi back around 1990, Truzzi slipped court documents and other information supporting Geller to "Saucer Smear", which we used in a series of articles about this infamous feud. "Smear" took a strongly pro-Geller stand, but on sober reflection over the intervening years, we now believe that Geller and Randi pretty much deserved each other. Randi is fanatically anti-psychic and Geller is, at best, a man with occasional flashes of psychic ability. Of late Geller hangs onto the coattails of Michael Jackson, among others!

Your editor only met Marcello Truzzi once, many years ago at a very early CSICOP convention. We kept in touch over the years mainly by telephone. The last time we talked was just a few days before his death, and he spoke of his failing health, which we had not been fully aware of until that time. Most people don't like to talk about such things.

An eloquent voice for reasonableness, common sense and moderation has been silenced, and we are very sorry about this. (Photo of M. Truzzi by Mary Martinek.)

TIDBITS OF TRASH

- Our friend Miller Johnson (alias "Miller in Black") of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has kindly sent us the startling photo reproduced here, and he writes:

"Enclosed is a perfect nature photo of a barn owl that has all the

criteria of a Mothman apparition, with one exception: The only missing element to link a barn owl to a believable Mothman status is size, and that requires a distortion of the facts. We know, however, that exaggeration is to be expected with tall tales of the paranormal. The photograph speaks volumes for the Mothman's real identity, in my humble opinion."

We would add that the photo looks more than a little like the Flatwoods Monster, as well. However, other elements of the Flatwoods story make this an unlikely solution...



- In case we haven't yet mentioned it, Ann Druffel of Pasadena, California is in charge of this year's National UFO Conference (NUFOC), which will be our 40th! Details are not yet available, but will be published in this zine as soon as we receive them.

Ms. Druffel considers herself to be a scientific UFO investigator, rather than a "New Ager" of any sort. She has written several books and endless articles for flying saucer publications as well as for the general public. Her latest book, still in print, is called "How to Defend Yourself Against Alien Abductions", published in 1998 by Random House.

In Ms. Druffel's view, nuts & bolts type saucers are probably spaceships, whereas abductions present a more complex phenomenon, involving an interaction of the human mind with mischievous entities of some sort. (We agree with her on this latter point, though we are not at all convinced that any UFOs are 3-D interplanetary spacecraft.)

We look forward to the 40th NUFOC, which will take place somewhere in the Los Angeles area on the weekend of September 6th-7th. Stay tuned!...

- This is the kind of Fortean event that "Smear" revels in: A small property in Davenport, Iowa, has been hit by mysterious chunks of yellow ice three times within a year. The theory is that these are "pee bombs" that fall when airplane toilets are emptied in flight during very cold weather. However, this guy's house is not even on a commercial flight path, and also, it is to be assumed that airplane toilets are properly emptied while on the ground, rather than while in the air!

Whitley Strieber, from whose website this item is taken, ties this in with global warming, without explaining why. The (unnamed here) fellow who sent us this story has this to add: "Just like the cold weather we had here in southern Florida a couple of weeks ago! We were freezing our balls off in the midst of global warming!"....

- You know that your "Smear" editor has never been burdened by undue modesty, so we just have to tell you that **"Shockingly Close to the Truth!"** has been chosen by "The Anomalist" as the Best Autobiography of the year 2002. Say they (among other things): "Moseley, who loves to kick up mud in the UFO swamp, actually comes closer to the truth about UFOs than most who take their extraterrestrial craft too seriously..." Wheee!...
- In a hilarious item from Reuters (via Tom Benson and Karl Pflock) we learn that a young woman who was chased by a fake alien is suing a TV "reality" show called "Scare Tactics", for physical injuries and "severe emotional distress". It seems that the aspiring actress, named Kara Blanc, thought she was on her way to a posh Hollywood-style party when in reality she was being set up for an interplanetary-style hoax by the two men with her in the car. These men "feigned that they were being seriously injured or killed" by a creature they already knew was merely an actor in a monster suit. Ms. Blanc claims that she was a "nonconsenting and unwilling victim" of the hidden camera show which has a science fiction twist to it. Amazingly, the lady is in real life a certified crisis counselor, among other things. Egads!...

- The following bill (called "An Act") was actually introduced into the first 2003 session of the New Mexico state legislature, by a Republican from Roswell named Daniel Foley. We quote the text in full: "An Act relating to space aliens: Designating every second Thursday in February as 'Extraterrestrial Culture Day':

"Section I: EXTRATERRESTRIAL CULTURE DAY - the second Thursday of February each year shall be designated 'Extraterrestrial Culture Day' in recognition of the many visitations, sightings, unexplained mysteries, attributed technological advances, experimentations, expeditions, explorations, intrigues, provision of story lines for Hollywood epics, and other accomplishments of alien beings throughout the universe that have contributed to New Mexico's worldwide recognition as a unique and dynamic mosaic of cultural anomalies. The day should be observed to celebrate and honor all past, present and future extraterrestrial visitors in ways to enhance relationships among all the citizens of the cosmos, known and unknown."

Before Larry Bryant and others get all bent out of shape by the above, we should inform you that this is a "joke bill", not intended to be debated or taken seriously in any way. Our esteemed colleague Karl Pflock, who has had personal experience with this very same New Mexico legislature, assures us that it has no hope of passage. Pity!...

- On the other hand - The semi-mysterious John Alexander, till recently with NIES (National Institute of Discovery Science) claims that real Congressional hearings on UFOs were in the works until ufoologist Stephen Greer put on his "three ring circus" at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., in 2001. Do any of our readers know more about this?? It would be a shame if this is really true!

SHORT SHIT

We have had a nice phone call from Rev. Frank Stranges, who is recovering from heart surgery & complications therefrom On the other hand, arch-skeptic Phil Klass is becoming increasingly immobile due to serious complications from back surgery a few years back, but his "Skeptics UFO Newsletter" still lurches out four times per year (rather than six, as before) Cleveland-area researcher Rick Hilberg, and others, have come up with possible explanations for the unusually weird UFO videotaped last October 20th by an Albany, New York newsman -as reported in our last issue. Since the UFO is beaded in the opposite direction from the plane being photographed, it is likely some sort of internal camera reflection. (Or maybe not!)

Pat Marcattilio, who calls himself "Dr. UFO", is having two conventions this year, as usual, near Trenton, New Jersey. They will take place on the weekend of April 5th-7th, and again on October 4th & 5th. We won't be attending the first one (where none other than Stanton Friedman will be speaking!), but we may be able to get to the second one Meanwhile, we will be present at an offbeat UFO con. in Aztec, New Mexico, on the weekend of March 21st-23rd. this being the approximate anniversary of an alleged saucer crash in that region back in 1948. We're banned in Roswell, but Aztec is a fun second choice, and we're looking forward to it, except for the weather!...

According to "New Scientist" Magazine, about one in four of the 85 planetary systems identified to date outside our own solar system are capable of harboring Earth-like planets. This was a much higher proportion than anyone expected to find. Unfortunately, MUFON's headline for this item is garbled. It erroneously reads "Report claims one in four planets outside solar system can harbor other Earths"...The MUFON UFO Journal announces in its Feb. 2003 issue that it will again start taking "appropriate" advertising, after a gap of several years. Obviously the reason for this is financial!... In the same issue, we learn that MUFON's new Director of Membership is a lady named Lin Simpson. In an act of desperation, she asks for Hollywood area members to help her organize a Hollywood-style fundraiser of some sort. If Gray Barker were alive, he'd know what to do: Float a huge balloon over a populated area with MUFON's address on it in big red letters!...

Former U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun is thinking of running for president. This lady was the first female black senator in U.S. history. We believe she is a very distant cousin to your Editor, as her family and ours both have roots in the town of Evanston, Illinois...The Raelians have disappeared from the headlines as quickly as their short-lived fame began. They claim 55,000 members in 84 countries, but their main headquarters is in Quebec, Canada. It seems evident that they have not produced any human clones as yet....

Our sincere thanks to England's wonderful newsstand magazine "Fortean Times" for not complaining about the fact that we have borrowed many of their cartoons and short news items as "fillers" in "Saucer Smear".

BRIEF BIASED BOOK BASHINGS

Our olde friend Timothy Green Beckley has kindly sent us several of the latest books published by his Inner Light Publications (Box 753, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903). The one that we deign to consider here is a 125-page tome called "Flying Saucers in the Holy Bible", though Beckley gets his own title wrong in his introduction, calling it "Flying Saucers And The Holy Scriptures".

No wonder Beckley gets confused, because we have here a dreadful follow-up to many previous books of similar theme & title, including "UFOs and the Bible" by "Dr." Morris K. Jessup; "The Bible and Flying Saucers" by "Rev." Barry Downing; and "Professor" G. C. Schellhorn's forgettable "ETs In Biblical Prophecy". Shamefully omitted from Beckley's list of previous works is Laura Mundo's similar tome, which was privately published with the title "Flying Saucers and the Father's Plan". Gray Barker then took this uncopyrighted manuscript and published it as "The Father's Plan and Flying Saucers", without permission of the author. This was, indeed, a rather unchristian thing to do! But Barker meant no harm.

Beckley's focus in the present book (if any) is a complete reprint of Virginia Brasington's "Flying Saucers in the Bible", which was originally published in 1963 by Barker's Saucerian Press. We even recognize Barker's type-style, i.e., the pages are reprinted here just as he originally typed them'. We met Ms. Brasington once, when she made a trip to New York City, and we were surprised by the fact that she did not seem to be at all fanatical.

Beckley's book includes, in addition to the long Brasington material, shorter contributions by Sean Casteel, Tim Swartz and "Professor" Schellhorn. We have met the latter several times at UFO conventions, and what we will always remember about him is that he seemed to get some sort of special delight in showing slides of animal mutilations. His contributor here is called "The Return of the Son of Man in the Clouds". This begins on Page 88. However, the Table of Contents lists this as "The Return of the Son of Man Out of the Clouds" , beginning on Page 98! Beckley needs a good proofreader even more than we do!

By not actually reading this book we have undoubtedly missed a vast number of other errors, large and small, but we couldn't miss the price, hand-written in red ink at the top of the first page (though it was free to us). This book goes for a mere \$18.95. Amen!



Pflock Ptalk - A BLAST FROM THE PAST

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Last year, C. (Carol) A. Honey, for some years one of "Professor" George Adamski's most trusted associates, semi-self-published a curious large-format softcover book entitled "Flying Saucers 50 Years Later" (318 pages; available for \$24.95 from Arcturus Books, 1443 Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34962).

Therein, Honey (choneyufo@aol.com or 2456 S. Woodlark Drive, Ontario, Ca. 91761) "confesses" to ghostwriting Adamski's last book ("Flying Saucers Farewell", 1961; reissued as "Behind the Flying Saucer Mystery", 1967), the Prof's infamous report on his alleged 1962 trip to

Saturn, and sundry other of the famed contactee's writings - plus much, much, much more. Here's exactly what the undoubtedly Honey-penned jacket blurb says:

"This book covers the history of incidents surrounding the UFO work started by George Adamski in the early 1950s and carried onward by him and his colleague C.A. Honey for several years, starting in 1957.

"On August 24, 1961, George Adamski turned the work over to C.A. Honey while he entered a new phase teaching Philosophy and Abstract Science. He continued to write articles for C.A. Honey's S.P. NEWSLETTER for many months, until October 1963.

"At that time, C.A. Honey dissolved the partnership due to the circumstances explained in this new hook. Since 1963 C.A. Honey has continued with the original program of education through lectures, articles and books. His articles comprdse over 200,000 words total, and are sent free over the Internet to any country in the world.

"Subjects covered include detailed explanation as to why official secrecy about the origin and purpose of those coming our way in interplanetary spacecraft, is kept highly classified and secret. Since approximately 95 to 97% of all sightings, abductions, and contact claims are either fraudulent or honest mistakes by those claiming the experiences, the truth will be revealed in this book as to the actual happenings.

"Subjects include: UFOs PHYSICAL OR NON-PHYSICAL; WHO PILOTS THE FLYING SAUCERS; TRUE IDENTITY OF THE ALIENS; HOAXES; DANGERS; ANSWERING KNOW-NOTHING CRITICS; FALSE LEADERS: PSYCHIC AND ASTRAL FRAUD IN THE UFO FIELD; WHY THE TRUTH CAN NEVER BE REVEALED OFFICIALLY; MARS-EARTH CONNECTION; PHILOSOPHY; CAN THE DEAD BE CONTACTED; METHODS USED BY JOHN EDWARDS OR VAN PRAAGH TO DECEIVE THE PEOPLE; FALSE CLAIMS COMING FROM THE GAF (GEORGE ADAMSKI FOUNDATION); plus many others."

What more can I say? How about: Yes...no...maybe. Or: Huh?! Or: The Compleat Guide to C. A. HoneyVs Head! Or: No one with a serious interest in George Adamski and his circle and its latter-day remnants should be without this book. Yeah, that's about right.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

- Long-time researcher GLORIA ALDERSON of Canada writes as follows:

"...I want to make a comment regarding [Stanton T. Friedman's comments](#) in your Jan. 5th issue: I have known this gentleman for a very long time, since I lived in New Brunswick (Canada) and had the honor of meeting him in Fort Smith, Arkansas in 1975, and then again at a convention in Toronto called 'UFOs, Canada - A Global Perspective'; also with Dr. J. Allan Hynek & Mimie. I lived in Ottawa for 3 years and saw 'Stan' on numerous Talk Shows that I have on tape, and he didn't even plug those! I must admit that I fully concur with him in his defense against

said '?' - the mystery guy; but even if Stan does sound a 'tad' pompous, I know that what he has done is the absolute truth and done so with absolute gusto in the quest to unearth the 'TRUTH'. GOD BLESS HIM! Since Hynek died, who else has made so many documentaries and live shows to attempt to solve the Major Mystery on this Planet?? I will take my hat off o him any day!..."

This letter is a little strange in spite of our attempt at editing; but we wanted our readers to know that ole Stan still has some Fans out there! - Editor.

- Researcher ED MITCHEL JR, of Nashville writes:

"I know you have better things to do than teach remedial biology, but I feel compelled to say a few words about [the comments of Phil Duke, Ph.D.](#) in your Volume 50, No. 2. He condemns Dr. Levensgood for noting changes in crop circle plant mitochondria and makes the statement, 'But mitochondria are found only in animal, and never in plant, cells. Anyone who studied biology knows this!'

In fact, anyone who studied biology knows that they are found in both! It's all over the Web. A search in google for 'plant cell mitochondria' will yield hundreds of references. My search produced a statement that the average plant cell contains 100 to 200 mitochondria. I am enclosing a few reprints of what I found, including a photomicrograph of a plant cell mitochondrion."

It looks like Dr. Duke stumbled here; but someone checked, and he apparently really does have a real Ph.D. - Editor.

- Writer & researcher DAVID PERKINS writes as follows:

"Regarding [the letter from Phillip Duke, Ph.D.](#) published in 'Saucer Smear' Vol. 50, No. 2: It is with a certain morbid fascination that I continue to watch the on-going trainwreck which is the ufological career of Dr. Duke. Although 'MUFON Journal' editor Dwight Connelly advised me to 'ignore him and hope he goes away', I'm still strangely compelled to point out some major problems in Dr. Duke's vitriolic thrashing of my esteemed colleagues Mr. Connelly and Nancy Talbott of the BLT Research Team.

"For starters, Nancy has 'absolutely no recollection' of ever having talked to Dr. Duke. Therefore, what are we to make of his assertion that she became 'very angry and abusive' and hung up on him? Perhaps she was in some sort of alien-induced trance? Be that as it may, Dr. Duke's letter basically calls Nancy and crop circle researcher (and biophysicist) W. C. Levensgood idiots because 'anyone who studied biology' knows that mitochondria are found 'only in animal and never in plant cells'. Wrong! I've enclosed a copy of a photo from the textbook 'Biological Science' by William Keeton which clearly shows (labeled) mitochondria in corn cells. The last time I checked, corn was still considered a plant and not an animal!

"Dr. Duke goes on to ask 'legitimate researchers' to shun Levensgood and Talbott due to their lack of 'professional credibility'. He also states that Nancy's function is 'debunking ufology'. In my many conversations with her, I've found Nancy to be a remarkably open-minded person regarding any possibility pertaining to the causes of both crop circles and cattle mutilations. Dr. Duke makes the allegation that Connelly and Talbott have been 'bought off' by 'you know who'. (No, I don't!) Both Dwight and Nancy responded, 'Hey, where's my check?'

"In his letter and in his screed 'The AIDS-ET Connection', hr. Duke maintains that 'the human race is in the process of being destroyed by ET-created HIV's! From what I can gather from reading his 'book' and the material on his website, Duke bases his far-fetched hypothesis primarily on one interesting but equivocal mutilated cow case investigated by NIDS, and one apocryphal story of an

anonymous abductee relayed to him by Derrel Sims. Alien implant researcher Dr. Roger Leir adds some heft to Duke's argument by vouching for 'most of the facts' in the case. Is this a classic case of escalating hypotheses? With such an amazingly insubstantial data base, how can Dr. Duke be so bitter and devastated by his 'blacklisting' by the scientific establishment and reputable publications like 'The MUFON Journal' and 'The Journal of Scientific Exploration'?

"One more footnote to this piteous affair: In a letter to 'The International UFO Reporter', Dr. Duke argues that due to a certain genetic make-up, some blond Caucasian Nordic people have a 'resistance/immunity' to HIV. Why do I always get queasy when presented with scenarios where blond Aryan types are the only ones to survive the Apocalypse?

"Despite his egregious faux pas on the mitochondria issue, Dr. Duke obviously has a substantial amount of scientific training and may have something positive to offer ufology. The good doctor should curtail his apoplectic harangues, drop the attorney, and concentrate on patiently marshaling his facts if he wants to be taken seriously. Forget about the quotes from Jesus and Fox Mulder. Forget about all the parallels between his 'misunderstood' work and that of Einstein, Copernicus, Galileo and Columbus (usually a sure sign of crankdom!) I dunno, he may be on to something. If Duke is right, we'll all feel pretty stupid when we're dead and the little grey bastards are living in our houses, drinking our scotch, and cavorting with the Swedish Bikini Team. Until then, I'll take my chances!"

- Dreaded skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"Please do not reveal your strong skeptical bent on UFOs! You are much more valuable as a 'stealth' doubter 'than one who comes right out and says things like the Roswell crash is a hoax. P.S: Where do we send Karl Pflock's check for his debunking efforts?

"One question about your most recent issue, Vol. 50, No. 2: **You write:** 'Molly is a former lady friend of former Erik Beckjord'. By 'former Erik Beckjord' do you mean 'late', or has he changed his name?

"Keep the presses rolling. I enjoy each issue of 'Smear'!

By "former" we mean "former researcher", though even this is giving the man far too much credit! - Editor.

- And, here is a very recent letter from the above-mentioned ERIK BECKJORD, speaking in the third person, like the Pope:

"Beckjord now says that Bigfoot is biological and simply has very, very weird abilities - like going invisible at will, paralyzing you (as UFOs do) at will, and the like.

"Already DROVES of 'Bigfooters' are flocking to him and supporting him, whereas it was all uphill before.

"He also says that UFOs are nuts and bolts craft, but have ultra weird abilities, like being able to morph and wink out.

"Nessie, also, is a biological being that has super weird abilities, and this new stance is making friends everywhere!..."

Beckjord, too, is nuts and bolts! - Editor.

- Our learned associate MARTIN KOTTMEYER writes:

"As we wait for [Donald Johnson, PhD's prediction](#) to probably fail, you may enjoy being reminded that he wrote a defense of Dr. David Saunder's 61-month cycle theory back in 1990, that predicted a UFO wave centered in Guam in April 1993. I hope Johnson will be writing about how well that prediction fared in his forthcoming paper!

"Though I would suspect the new prediction is somehow related to Saunders' theory, there is probably a refinement, using a slightly shorter cycle length to take into account the 'early' arrival of flaps in '72 and '88, apparent in the table of the 1990 paper. There have been recurring doubts about the success of past predictions involving the theory. Back in 1997, Joseph Ritrovato made a prediction that there would be a UFO wave in the early part of 1998. This seemed to incorporate Saunders' 5-year theory, but, if one uses NUFORC data as a test, the highest activity in 1998 happened in the last half of the year.

"The thing that I would really like to know is, if there really was a 61-month cycle, what do these theorists imagine causes it? None of the defenders of Saunder's idea to my knowledge have ever spelled out the reason for such a cycle!"

- Ace anthropologist CHRISTOPHER ROTH writes:

"...Incidentally, speaking of anthropology and ufology, I ran across a suggestion that George Hunt Williamson was the model for Indiana Jones (and here I always thought it was you!) It seems unlikely - since Indiana Jones fights Nazis and Williamson was one!"

- CARL B. GLOVER, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist, writes as follows:

"I have just purchased and read [your book](#), 'Shockingly Close to the Truth!' As a sociological chronicle of 20th century American ufology, it is shockingly close to perfection. Your portraits of the people, places and 'things' of The Field are delightful (and, I presume, shockingly close to accurate).

"Egads, man, how I envy you! While the rest of us were spending seemingly endless years in preparing for a profession, and then spending a lifetime in slavishly practicing that profession in obeisance to Mammon, you could blithely drop out of Princeton (and to think there are those who would kill for the privilege of attending an Ivy League college!), then set off in romantic and energetic pursuit of one of the wildest geese in the history of mankind. Thou art truly a modern-day Don Quixote!

"And, to have crowned your career with the publication of possibly the magnum opus of UFOdumb, must give you great satisfaction indeed. I don't believe it is exactly the path I would have chosen given a similar opportunity, since I concluded early on that UFOs were simply another nutty religious cult (and I still firmly believe that, a subject I would be glad to enlarge upon should you wish me to do so); but, good Lord, how I would have loved to have had the choice! You, sir, are the luckiest of men. I trust you are properly grateful to whatever gods you worship.

"There is, however, one question you have left unanswered, and that is: Just exactly what was the true nature of your relationship with Gray Barker, anyway? Inquiring minds would like to know!... "

A beautiful letter! Comment: (1) Sometimes we wonder, very late at night, if we really made the right choice in life, after all. We gained a lot of freedom, but lost a lot of other things along the way. (2) Gray Barker and your editor were very close friends for about thirty years, but we were not lovers, as some have alleged. -

Editor.

- Researcher DAVID CLEWELL writes:

"Here is my Love Offering for another slam-bang year of 'Saucer Smear'. Make sure not to confuse me with that other, more dead-beat Clewell from Michigan, okay?"

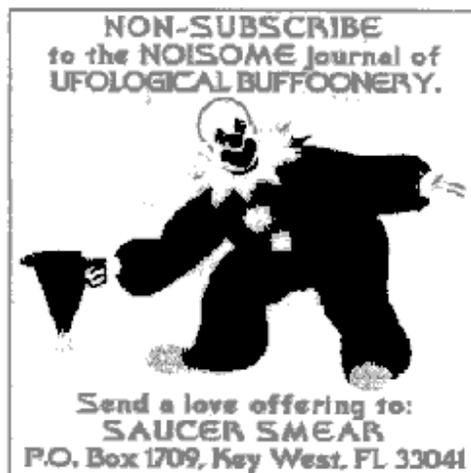
"It seems as if **your book** did A-OK in 2002. In addition to the signed copy I got from you, I bought two others as gifts. Everyone's told you already, I know: It really is a thing of nutball beauty!..."

- THOMAS LEE CURTIN JR., who signs himself "Your Biggest Fan", writes:

"I am a sci-fi fan, but I consider myself a serious UFO researcher first. I'm not totally sure that all of the TV shows like Steven Spielberg's 'TAKEN' are actually doing the UFO field any good...I'm sick of reading about groups like MUFON, of which I am a proud member, boasting about how great the series 'TAKEN' was!..."

Stan Balderson was filmed by police in a field in Nornini Grove, Virginia, having sex with a herd of cows. The 81-year-old was seen running from cow to cow wearing only a T-shirt, tennis shoes and sunglasses. A neighbour had seen him frolicking with the cows many times before. He was given a two-year suspended sentence. **Sun, 28 Aug 2002.**

NUDE JOGGER: A 33-year-old man was arrested in New Jersey after running naked across a bridge. He told police he did it to end the state's drought; and it did indeed rain later that day. **Edinburgh Eve. News, 23 Aug 2002.**



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NEWS BRIEFIES (formerly Tidbits of Trash)

We were hoping to have a slam-bang follow-up to our article about the Raelians in the last

"Smear", but quite frankly, the whole thing seems to have fizzled! A cloned baby girl named "Eve" was supposedly born to an unnamed couple on the day after Christmas, but in spite of several press conferences (strangely, in Hollywood, Florida!), no proof whatever has been offered. Another cloned baby is said to have been born to a lesbian couple. Told of all this, our esteemed president (himself a clone of sorts!) is said to have said that he finds the news "deeply troubling".
Enough said!



For once the dreaded National Enquirer is right on target. Their article on this matter begins with: "The Raelian cult faked cloning a human as part of their sick plot to extract a fortune from desperate people and promote their leader as a modern-day Jesus Christ! The shocking proof that the cloned baby story is a fake is provided by insiders familiar with the cult, who reveal that the Raelians desperately want publicity now so they can build their sect into a world religion on a par with Christianity, Judaism and Islam!"

We have followed the Raelian story religiously, and we reluctantly agree with the above. In an effort to appear more respectable to the press & public, Claude Vorilhon, leader of the cult, recently volunteered to remove the silly hair-knot that sits atop his head. Said he' "As much as I love my silly hairknot...remove it I must. While undeniably attractive, it unfortunately was getting in the way of my message...I saw myself on TV and said

to myself, 'Oh my god, I look like a total idiot!'" Amen!

Our thanks to Matt Graeber for the cartoon. The photo of Rael is lifted from a newspaper...

- A book has to be really bad when it is panned by such diverse personages as parapsychologist George Hansen and perennial contactee Whitley Strieber. Such is the case with "Quantum Leaps in the Wrong Direction", which is noteworthy mainly because it is published by the prestigious National Academy of Sciences. The book is written by two academics named Charles Wynn and Arthur Wiggins, with cartoons by Sidney Harris. Yes, cartoons in a supposedly serious scientific tome! (We run cartoons, but then we're not all that serious!)

We have not yet seen the actual book, but Hansen's negative review can be found at <http://www.tricksterbook.com>. As for Strieber, he raves: "Few more outrageous and prejudiced books have been published in recent years...Covering such subjects as out-of-body experiences, astrology, ghosts and UFOs, the book takes a uniformly negative tone. It doesn't cite any evidence for its conclusions that all such subjects are pure bunk...This would be just another piece of meaningless drivel, except that it has been published through the facilities of the National Academy of Sciences..."

Maybe we don't need to read this book after all!...

- Here is a breathless update on a burning current question: Does William Levengood of the BLT Research Team (which studies crop circles, among other things) have a real Ph.D. or

not? The answer, dear readers, appears to be no. Though he is closer to having it than is Stanton Friedman, he "for personal reasons" never completed the oral exam for same. We had to wade through pages of Internet garbage to come upon this simple fact, and our thanks to our esteemed Contributing Editor for having sent said garbage.

For those who care, we have learned that the "B" member of the BLT Research Team is a man named John Burke. Nancy Talbott is the "T".

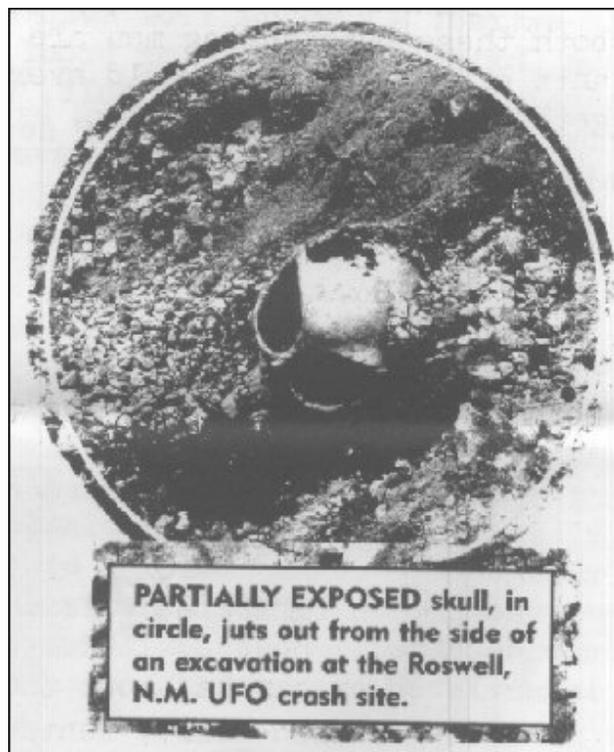
Incidentally, your "Smear" editor has nothing remotely close to a Ph.D., being satisfied with the "J.S." that we proudly write after our name'. Of course, "J.S." stands for "Journal Subscriber", re MUFON's esteemed monthly newsletter

- Leave it to Larry ("Always Leave 'em Laughing") Bryant to come up with a new angle to embarrass, enrage, and bewilder the Powers that Be, who are supposedly keeping the Ufological Truth from the Public. Now Larry has written a missive to James Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, requesting that he take a polygraph examination in regard to the answers to a list of ten specific UFO-related questions. Will Roche agree voluntarily to take this test? Probably not! If Roche always told the truth, how could he ever have obtained his job in the first place? Poor, naive Larry Bryant...

- In an apparently serious take-off on the recent excavations at Roswell, New Mexico, the tabloid "Weekly World News" has a cover story about the discovery of an alien skull, on the front page of its December 24th issue. A mythical archaeologist named Dr. Phil Parthos is quoted as saying, "My excavation team had dug a six-foot hole in the ground, and we were about to fill it in and go home. Just then, my shovel hit something hard. It turned out to be a skull..."

The skull was whisked away to an (unnamed) secret lab, where a battery of tests were performed on it. Their conclusion: "It is definitely not the cranium of a human being." Egads! (Our thanks to Molly Hanson for this one. Molly is a former lady friend of former Erik Beckjord.)...

- Far be it from us to indulge in Serious Research, but we have an item here that demands repeating. It is from the website of Linda Moulton Cowe, and was passed along to us by former teen ufologist Dale Rettig of California. It goes like this:



On October 20th, 2002, a FOX 23 news videographer named Brandon Mowry was filming a weather segment for WXXA-TV in Albany, New York, when a very strange object flew by at extremely high speed. He was filming an airliner taking off when he accidentally caught ten frames (1/3 of a second) of a missile-shaped UFO rapidly passing across the sky and through a cloud estimated to be at 3,000 feet. He didn't discover the rapidly-moving object until he was in the editing room, and he then showed it to his colleagues. Someone called the police, who, when they saw the tape, promptly called the FBI.

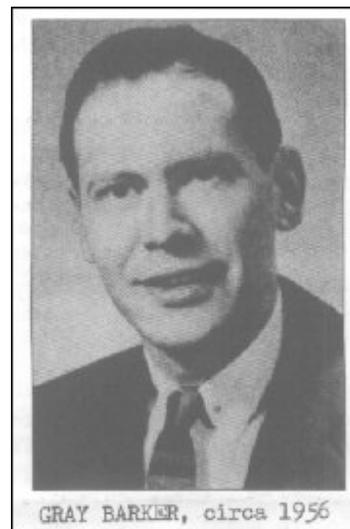
FBI agents questioned Mowry at length, made him take a polygraph test, and in general gave him an unnecessarily hard time in an effort to determine if any kind of hoax was involved. Evidently it was not a hoax! The original videotape was confiscated by the Feds, but the station kept copies, one of which is shown on the Net, but it is not clear enough to be worth reproducing here. Whatever this was, it was indeed a genuine UFO, whatever that may be! (See also [Dale Rettig's letter](#), further along in this issue.)

We of "Smear" would be most grateful if more of our Fans would send us good stuff from the (cursed) Net, as otherwise we are apt to miss some worthwhile material

- The January 2003 issue of Fate Magazine has a memorable article in the "Fifty Years Ago" column - namely the one written for their Jan. 1953 issue by our late friend Gray Barker, concerning the Flatwoods, West Virginia Monster. The long-winded title is "The Monster and the Saucer: The huge shape with the weirdly glowing eyes was seen by seven witnesses. Was it an alien life form?" Of course our answer would be, "Probably not", but then again, who knows? The article was probably reprinted at this time because of the Flatwoods Monster convention which took place in September of last year, as reported in "Smear".

All we know for sure is that this piece in Fate was Gray Barker's first venture into reporting publicly on the Unknown. He lived just a few miles from Sutton, in Clarksburg, W.Va. - and in fact his boyhood home had been even nearer the town of Flatwoods. From this sensational first article, Barker went on to publish "The Saucerian" UFO magazine for many years, which briefly merged with our old "Saucer News" around 1970, Barker also published dozens of off-beat books through his Saucerian Press, and he even had a best-seller of his own with a real publisher, in 1956, called "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers".

Barker Was, in a way, a protege of Ral Palmer, who was a co-founder of Fate, though both these outstanding men are now nearly forgotten. It is doubtful that these two giants of the off-beat world ever actually met each other, though they worked closely together for a very long time.



Flatwoods, though now barely remembered, does have one important thing over Roswell, New Mexico: Something sensationally strange really did happen there, which really scared the shit out of these country folks. We will never know for sure what it was!...

- The above-mentioned monster case, plus two other strange stories, will be the subject matter for another offbeat documentary film to be released this coming summer, entitled "Monsters of the UFO". The other two items are the Point Pleasant, West Virginia Mothman syndrome of 1966, and the little-known Kentucky silver "little men" incident of August 21st, 1955.

In the latter, the home of Cecil "Lucky" Sutton in Kelly, Kentucky (near Hopkinsville) was invaded by an undetermined number of small humanoid creatures who apparently emerged one evening from a misty-looking object that could have been a spaceship. Most of the Sutton family members who claimed they fought the aliens off with shotguns are now deceased. However, the state trooper who investigated the report has agreed to be interviewed on camera about the event, and other witnesses are being sought.

The classic Kelly, Kentucky case is one of our favorites, and we just hope this film does not butcher the facts, like so many documentaries have done to many other off-beat incidents

- The British sense of humor is unbeatable, as per the following Net posting by an (to us) anonymous soul on the other side of the Pond:

"Mr. R.E. Straith, who has been keeping bees in the countryside near here since his retirement, wishes to say Happy Christmas to all his friends & ex-colleagues in the U.S. State Department. Also, he conveys his seasonal greetings and words of encouragement to everyone in the Adamski Foundation in their search for the truth. For Mr. Carol A. Honey, in particular, he has a soft spot and sends his sincere sympathies, and looks forward to the revelations from Carol due in 2003. - Straith tells me that his long delayed (uncensored) memoirs are finally due next year."

The humor is that R. E. Straith never existed, and if he did, he would probably be American. Actually he did exist in the person of Gray Barker, who wrote a fake letter to George Adamski under that name, back in 1957. In doing this, Barker was aided and abetted by guess who???...

- We are always wary of ufological predictions, because few if any of them ever come true. However, an apparently serious researcher who calls himself Donald A. Johnson, Ph.D., has made a very specific prediction that we'll pass along to you:

"There will be a worldwide UFO wave in the month of March 2003, that will reach its maximum between March 15th and March 25th. I am reasonably confident that this wave will involve Northern Europe. Another likely region is the Pacific Ocean, including Japan and the Hawaiian Islands, and possibly the Alaskan Aleutian Islands...I wanted to go on record now, a full seven weeks before the anticipated peak in UFO activity, before any upswing in reporting starts. A paper outlining my reasons for this prediction will follow..."

If this really comes true, remember that you read it first in "Smear"! If it doesn't come true, just forget about it!...

- As we pointed out in a recent "Smear" article, some cynics still don't believe that we earthlings have ever landed on the Moon. NASA started to commission UFO skeptic Jim Oberg to write a book refuting such claims, but then changed their mind about it for some reason. Now, in a new effort to squelch the no-landing rumors, a brand new super telescope is due to try to photograph any of the six lunar modules that NASA insists landed on the Moon between 1969 and 1972. If they are still there, they should not be hard to photograph with this new equipment. We will let you know how this turns out!...
- Those of you who are paying close attention will remember that our lead article in the last "Smear", under "Tidbits of Trash", concerned the extremely strange goings-on at that ranch in Utah which was bought by billionaire Robert Bigelow a few years ago. See [the letter from John Alexander](#) further along in this issue...
- Our olde friend veteran researcher George Fawcett has reminded us to mention his new book, which combines two of his previous UFO reports into one volume. The book is published online at theUFOstore.com, at 16235 S.W. Westwind Drive, Beaverton, Or. 97007-2050. It is also available directly from George at 602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton, N.C. 28092. The two reports are called "What We Have Learned About UFO Repetitions" and "Human Reactions to UFOs and UFOnavts Worldwide".

Sadly, a previous book that George published back in 1975 is no longer available, "except perhaps through searches at old bookstores"...

- BACK ISSUES of "Smear" previous to the year 2001 are available for two dollars and up from Tom Benson, P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, New Jersey 08606.
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Pflock Ptalk - LOOSE CANNONS, PART TWO

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Last "Smear", I admitted I may have been wrong about Roswell base commander Col. William Blanchard: Maybe he didn't order release of the crashed-saucer press announcement. I pointed out that Kevin Rancle's exposure of the Rest of the Truth about Frank Kaufmann also calls into question the credibility of Walter Haut, the army PR man who put out the statement, because it was Haut who told Randle about Kaufmann, claiming everything he said was "gold". Yet Haut had to know Kaufmann's contradictory and melodramatic yarns were bunk. So why would he endorse the "Tales of Kaufmann" on the QT? (See Chapter 5 of my "[Roswell](#)".)

Haut has always said Blanchard dictated the captured-saucer announcement to him and ordered it released. He said he just followed the colonel's orders, and that was that. No wild claims. No self-promoting hype. So even though my investigations revealed that some of Haut's recollections about what he did in 1947 were inaccurate or perhaps "conveniently recalled", here seemed no compelling reason to question the essence of Haut's story: Blanchard was the Roswell "loose cannon".

However, Haut's now-exposed role in the Kaufmann affair - dating back 13 years - puts things in a different light. For example, consider:

- In 1979, Major Jesse Marcel, who rounded up the "saucer" debris, told reporter Bob Pratt: "(W)e had an eager-beaver public relations officer (Haut) - he found out about it - he calls AP about it. Then that's when it really hit the fan..." ("[Roswell](#)", page 228.) In 1979 interviews with Start Friedman and Bill Moore, Marcel said, "It was...Haut...who called the AP (Associated Press) and later wrote the press release. I heard he wasn't authorized to do this, and I believe he was severely reprimanded for it..." ("[The Roswell Incident](#)", Berkley ed., pp. 75-76.)
- In a 1993 interview with me, George Walsh, program manager of Roswell's Radio KSWs in July '47, recalled receiving the text of the army announcement from Haut by phone. Walsh put the story on the air and then called it in to the AP in Albuquerque. That office put the scoop on the AP wire. Later that day, Walsh remembered, Haut phoned again, saying, "What

the hell did you do?... I got a call from the War Department that told me to shut up."
("Roswell", pp. 289-290.)

- As confirmed by this July 8th, 1947, United Press news wire exchange, there was no written press release as Haut has claimed: Denver UP: "Let's have text Army announcement fastest..." Santa Fe UP: "Army gave verbal announcement. No text." ("Roswell", pp. 97, 247.)

So was Walter Haut Roswell's loose cannon? Did Haut privately promote Frank Kaufmann because Kaufmann "confirmed" his claim that Blanchard gave him the press release? ("Roswell", p. 71) Perhaps so, and perhaps there's much more to it than that. Time will tell - maybe.

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- JOHN ALEXANDER, till recently associated with Robert Bigelow's NIDS (National Institute of Discovery Science), writes to Karl Pflock as follows:

"...As for [the Utah ranch](#), as far as we know, most of what George Knapp reported did happen. I don't believe he had any personal experiences. The phenomena have been around that area for decades to centuries. Several of the key events happened with our staff present. I suggest that we are dealing with a precognitive sentient phenomenon. That means it (whatever it is) seems to know when and how you are observing, and even what analytic steps will be taken. We frequently had events occur, but rarely what was expected, nor did it follow a pattern that we could discern. Certain events that we can verify are nothing short of bizarre!..."

- Researcher BOB YOUNG writes:

"Dear El Supremo:

"If it pleases Your Grace to recall your recent homily in Volume 49, No. 10, for December 1st, 2002, about [the alleged Kecksburg, Pa. saucer crash](#), I would call your attention to grievous error:

"The alleged event (not to be confused with a blessed event) occurred just before sunset on Dec. 9th, 1965, not Dec. 5th as stated in your unscheduled epistle. This was doubtless due to an unfortunate slip of Your Grace's digit.

"It may also be of interest to The Faithful that pictures taken by two independent photographers in Michigan were used to show that The Thing was not moving toward Pennsylvania, was falling too steeply to the Earth's surface to be the Soviet spacecraft Cosmos 96, as is claimed by Believers, and that its speed was consistent with it being a meteor. All of this info was used to obtain a possible orbit originating in the Asteroid Belt, source of many bright meteor fireballs. All of this, including the pictures, was published in a scientific journal 35 years ago!

"But, curiously, the street sign, "Meteor Road", near the site of the alleged sight, always seems to be ripped off by someone (possibly souvenir-hunting ETs?) who wishes to keep all the Pilgrims in the dark. I thought it might amuse Your Grace to issue a Bull ordering a stop to this crap!..."

- PHIL DUKE Ph.D. writes as follows:

"Regarding [your recent brief write-up on the Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato \(BLT\) "team"](#), please publish as much as you can of the following:

"I tried to talk with Nancy Talbot by phone long distance at my expense about BLT's work and my own. She told me they considered all crop circles and cattle mutilations to be entirely natural phenomena, and when I mentioned this was contrary to even their own published research, and tried to tell her a little about my own research on cattle mutilations, she became very angry and abusive, terminating the conversation by hanging up on me. When I called back and politely asked her for Dr. Levensgood's mailing address so I could send him a copy of my book, she supplied his P.O. box number which I wrote down and repeated back to her to make sure it was right, which she confirmed. I sent the book to the address and it came back - no such address!...

"Regarding Dr. Levensgood, his published materials include statements about changes in crop circle plant cell mitochondria. But mitochondria are found only in animal, and never in plant, cells. Anyone who studied biology knows this! Therefore his technical knowledge of biology is very limited. This plus his close association with Nancy Talbot has destroyed any possible professional credibility. Legitimate researchers would never have anything to do with a Nancy Talbot...Her function is debunking Ufology.

"It works like this - a technical person shows up with funding out of nowhere and publishes on Ufology. Eventually, they, their work, and Ufology are all discredited together. Probably this is all disinformation by you know who. In the case of legitimate investigators like Dr. Roger Leir and myself, every effort is made to attack and discredit, solely by personal attacks. In addition to being personally attacked, I have also been blacklisted, so that I cannot obtain publication, cannot speak at UFO conferences, etc. MUFON refuses to publish my UFO research ON ANY SUBJECT!

"If my research is correct, the human race is in the process of being destroyed by ET-created HIV's while no one in authority cares! People in the UFO field like MUFON's Editor Dwight Connelly and BLT's Nancy Talbot are easily bought off with a little money. Perhaps the human race deserves the coming extinction cataclysm. You decide...

"In closing - your associate Karl Pflock is very anti-UFO. I object to his very negative criticisms of Col. Corso deceased, Stanton Friedman, etc. - both of whom are legitimate investigators. Pflock is influencing you, and your excellent publication is moving in the direction of debunking. Sorry to have to tell you this, but you should hear it!..."

No, your Editor is making Pflock more negative, not the other way around. No one can withstand our biting sarcasm (it says here)! - Editor.

- Former teen ufologist DALE RETTIG writes as follows:

"As I mentioned on the phone, I'm enclosing a few items from the Internet, including a story about a video taken of a 'missile' over Albany, New York. The missile story is very interesting. The object, if it is one, looks like a drone Predator-type the military has been using. But why would it be used over Albany, N.Y? Do you or your loyal non-subscribers know anything about this matter?..."

"I'm sure this is 'old hat' to readers of 'Smear' , who are by definition 'hard core' - but I read recently about a psychiatrist at the University of New Mexico, Dr. Rick Strassman, who conducted research on the effects of the psychedelic drug dimethyltryptamine (DMT) on 60 subjects. He writes: 'When reviewing my bedside notes, I continually feel surprise in seeing how many of our volunteers 'made contact' with 'them' or other beings...The 'life forms' looked like clowns, reptiles, mantises, bees, spiders, cacti, and stick figures...The resemblance of...the alien

abductions of 'experiencers' to the contacts described by our own volunteers is undeniable. How can anyone doubt, after reading our accounts...that DMT elicits 'typical' alien encounters?'

"Dr. Strassman's book, 'DMT: The Spirit Molecule: A Doctor's Revolutionary Research into the Biology of Near-Death and Mystical Experience' (Park Street, 2001) is available to those who want to know more.

"I have always thought there is a possible link between drugs & abductions, and now I wonder if any abductees have had blood tests for the presence of psychedelic drugs."

- England's ace UFO investigator CHRIS ALLAN writes:

"I noticed [the 'special' by Mike Gensler](#) in 'Smear' Vol. 49, No. 9, and [Stanton Friedman's reply](#) in the next issue.

"One thing that struck me: Why should Stan be so keen to sell off copies of Blue Book Special Report #14 (a 46-year-old report!) at all?? What is so exceptional about it that he is still peddling it?

"Then I remembered. It is the one and only official report, based on some statistical analysis by the Battelle Institute, that leads credence to the belief that the so-called 'unknowns' may be quite a different animal to the 'knowns', and that therefore UFOs are indeed a phenomenon unknown to science. This of course suggests that UFOs are ET vehicles.

"But wait a minute: The first of Stan's top ten 'debunker principles of logic' (as employed by the skeptics) is: 'What the public doesn't know, don't tell them.' When Allan Hendry wrote his 'UFO Handbook' in 1979, he devoted several pages to debunking the statistics in Blue Book Report #14, showing that they were virtually worthless. Yet Stan NEVER tells his readers this fact!

"In other words, he does exactly what he claims the debunkers do: 'What the public doesn't know, don't tell them.'

"Simple, isn't it?..."

A very good point! - Editor.

- The above-mentioned MIKE GENSLER writes:

"I was very tempted to reply to [Stanton Friedman's outburst](#) in the Dec. 1st 'Smear', but [Karl Pflock's Mystery Guest column](#) included such a fine synopsis of Stanton's work that I found any further comment on my part to be irrelevant. Then [Stanton's letter](#) in the Jan. 5th 'Smear' really capped it. Should Stan's self-adoring list of credentials be taken as a sign of an inferiority complex? Isn't responding to Pflock's anonymous 'PU' with a list of awards equivalent to a manager accusing an employee of shoddy work and the employee responding by frantically waving his resume??...

"A final Friedman thought - How exactly does a man 'win' a UFO debate at Oxford University? Aren't UFOs still being debated there, or did Friedman cast the final stone?..."

- And, ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"I was absolutely enthralled to see that you don't censor (i.e., black out) any of [Stanton Friedman's self-horn-tooting infomercial](#) which he cleverly disguised as a rebuttal to an [unidentified Prominent Ufologist's unkind remarks](#) about Mr. Friedman's investigative skills and experience - or lack thereof!

Obviously, the 'PU' quoted in the December 2002 issue of 'Smear' failed to point out that Stanton is probably ufology's most vocal cover-up huckster, and fully deserves the acclaim that he himself so shamelessly espouses!..."



- Researcher KEVIN HENDERSON writes:

"...As recent media reports prove, you deserve a lot of credit for following the activities of the Raelians for so many years. What was once fringe information becomes suddenly mainstream, and 'Smear' readers were once again ahead of the ufological curve!

"...Stanton Friedman, as usual, [protests too much](#). He gets paid for his performances, doesn't he? Those who put themselves forward as experts on UFOs should be prepared, every now and then, to justify their existence. There's nothing inherently wrong with being a stand-up comedian!..."

- The semi-mysterious HAL RUSSELL writes:

"...I peruse each issue of 'Smear', looking for some other folk to reveal details about BBT's (big black triangles). Actually, they are more arrowhead-shaped. Why should I be the first? I have no love of Kansas - especially Leavenworth!..."

"I loved [your book](#)!"

- Dreaded skeptic ROBERT SHEAFFER writes as follows:

"Receiving the Dreaded 'X' has motivated me to write you and to send a Love Offering, forthwith..."

"[Your book](#) is very witty, and an invaluable contribution to the history of modern saucering. You've recreated much of the expectation and excitement of Ufology's Wild and Woolly early days. I especially like your use of the term 'Saucer Logic' to describe the non-logical processes that lead many Saucerers to absurd conclusions. There is a lot of Saucer Logic still being used today. (If only you understood science and Occam's Razor better, you might go all the way to Dreaded Skepticism!) Best of all, I like the way you have summed up the true significance of Ufology: 'Life without sideshows - caveat emptor! - would be far less fun!

Thank you for providing us with a most interesting sideshow for many, many years.

- Ace researcher HERB TAYLOR writes:

"...Are you aware that my primary interest in Ufology for some time now has been acquiring satellite-object (i.e., 'mother ship') cases for a planned catalogue and analysis? This story is very important to Ufology, as precious little has been done in this area. These reports lie at the core of the UFO phenomenon. Would you consider bringing this matter to the attention of 'Smear' non-subscribers? It would be much appreciated..."

Herb Taylor is one of the finest anti-Roswell, pro-saucer people we know. He can be reached at 3400 Fifth St., Oceanside, New York 11572-5137. - Editor.



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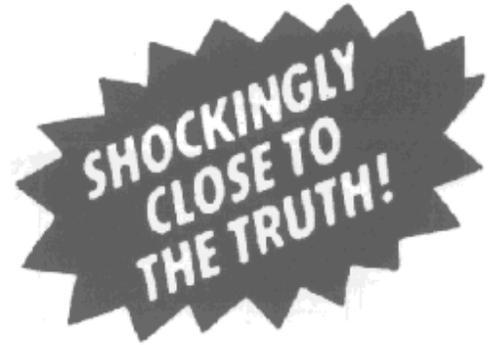
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FLASH! MUFON HEADQUARTERS UNDER ATTACK!

The December issue of the MUFON Journal reveals that last November 7th, a driver lost control of his pickup truck and drove it straight through the front of MUFON International Headquarters in Colorado. He tore out two front doors and a plate glass window, then fiendishly fled the scene. He was later apprehended by police. (But who was he, and what was his motive?) No one was hurt.

Could this be part of an unbelievably vast conspiracy to shut MUFON down completely? Already their membership has dwindled from a high of over 6,000 to less than half that number, in spite of great efforts by John Schuessler, the new International Director. We're sure that writer/philosopher Robert Anton Wilson would have something pithy to say about this! (See our review of his latest book, [further along in this issue](#).)

TIDBITS OF TRASH

- Thanks to the kindness of our Contributing Editor, we have obtained 27 pages of extreme weirdness regarding Utah's "haunted ranch", which was bought a few years back by billionaire Robert Bigelow of NIDS (National Institute of Discovery Science). The material we have is mainly a two-part article written by George Knapp, the well-known Las Vegas newsman and UFO investigator.

Knapp is one of the very few people who have been allowed to set foot on said property, which was formerly owned by a couple named Terry and Gwen Sherman. (They usually go by the pseudonym Gorman, for some reason.) The Shermans sold the property to Bigelow for a hefty price, mainly because of the endless paranormal events that have allegedly occurred there in recent years.

Indian legends are involved in all this - the so-called Skinwalker, or Shape Shifter, which can supposedly change its form at will. This is shockingly similar to parapsychologist George Hansen's concept of the Trickster, though we are not claiming that Hansen either invented that term or that he participates in said Tricks!

On the "ghost ranch" there are animal mutilations, UFOs, creatures not found in any zoo or textbook, and bizarre psychic manifestations that cannot be put into any known category. We would call the whole mess 3 1/2-D - which of course explains nothing!

One of our favorite yarns from this 27-pager is the incident that occurred the very day the Shermans moved onto the ranch. It might be called The Case of the Bullet-proof Wolf. Sure enough, an apparently tame wolf appeared, but it soon went after a calf in a nearby corral. Sherman eventually shot the wolf at point-blank range with a .357 Magnum, with no apparent effect. Altogether he pumped six shots into the animal, but all it did was casually trot away across a field. Egads!

- The National Academy of Sciences, through its publishing arm, the National Academy Press, has just come out with a book cleverly titled "Quantum Leaps in the Wrong Direction". It is said to have significant implications for UFO research. We'd love to see a review of this (as we don't expect to actually read it). We understand that a review is already available on the (cursed) Net, which is a vice we don't indulge in. Maybe some kindly *Smear* reader will pass it along to us...
- On the weekend following November 15th, the first annual Mothman convention was held in the little town of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, on the Ohio River. There, in 1967, a series of weird paranormal occurrences convinced some of the townsfolk of that era that they were under some sort of psychic siege. For some reason the Mothman and related sightings came to an abrupt halt on December 15th, 1967, after the Silver Bridge over the Ohio River

collapsed semi-mysteriously, killing about 45 people and injuring many others. All this has been chronicled in the fictionalized recent movie "The Mothman Prophecies" and in the 1975 book of the same name written by the infamous John Keel.

The article we read goes on to discuss other towns that have turned a local legend into fast bucks from tourists. The most successful has been Roswell, N.M., but other lesser-known annual conventions commemorate the alleged 1948 Aztec, N.M. saucer landing; "Bigfoot"; and even the Lake Champlain, N.Y. monster known as Champ - who is a rival to the much more famous Loch Ness Monster of Scotland. Even McMinnville, Oregon, gets into the act, because of two famous still photos taken there in 1950 by a farmer named Paul Trent & his wife.

Your "Smear" editor will be speaking this coming March at the annual bash sponsored by the local library in Aztec, N.M. Be there!...

- A form letter from Dr. Frank Stranges' wife Julie informs us that both she and her aging husband are not doing well on the gross physical plane of existence. Doc Stranges has a persistent infection since his last operation, and may have to undergo another one. As many of you know, the good Doctor has been around the saucer scene since the 1950s, and is one of the most unforgettable characters described in our Book, "Shockingly Close to the Truth!" We wish him and his wife well...
- We aren't much into anything admitted to be science fiction, as we get more than enough of it in the UFO field. However, we were going to try to watch the sci-fi channel's recent ten-part series on UFO abductions, called "Taken", which is said to have achieved unbelievably high ratings.

Unfortunately, we were turned off by the very first episode of "Taken", which fictionalized the Roswell Incident badly, and in a different way than the way it was fictionalized in the supposedly factual November 25th, 2002 documentary that showed on the same network.

In "Taken", the "cover story" given out by the Military is that a top-secret Mogul Balloon has crashed, whereas they know that it was really a spaceship full of aliens. The trouble here is that the term "Mogul Balloon" was, in reality, not known by the public till the 1990s!

With so much looseness about the facts, it is little wonder that those who would really like to know the truth about Roswell are still hopelessly confused, and probably will remain confused indefinitely - unless, of course, they are fortunate enough to read Karl Pflock's 2001 book "Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe"...

- A physicist named Ronald Mallett at the University of Connecticut is one of many scientists around the world who thinks he knows how to build a real-life time machine. Unlike other physicists who have pondered the subject, this 57-year-old professor has built an actual machine which he believes can transport anything - from a subatomic particle to a human being - from one time frame to another. In reading the body of this article, however, we clearly see that the machine is much more likely to work for the particle than for the human. An opponent of his ideas stated: "This is about trying to amass all the matter in the universe into a very small region. Good luck!"...
- For the past several months, Lou Farish's "UFO Newsclipping Service" has included a large section of translations from Argentine newspapers, concerning a fantastic, long-enduring series of animal mutilations in that South American country. There are even a few UFOs thrown into the pot, and at least one mysterious small green dwarf. All this is far too much for our humble format, but if interested, write to: #2 Caney Valley IM., Plumerville, Arkansas 72127. This zine costs a hefty \$5 per monthly issue, and freeloaders are not welcome...
- Frequently in the December issue of "Smear" we make a few remarks in remembrance of our late ufological friend Gray Barker, who died in December, 1984. Sometimes we forget to do this, as occurred in the December 2002 issue.

Sadly, in just a very few more years we won't remember anything, because we will have joined Barker at that Great UFO Landing Field in the Sky!...

- **Lastly - the Raelian cult, which we have discussed several times before, believes that life on earth was created 25,000 years ago by super-intelligent space aliens, and they are now stating that the world's first human clone will be born from one of their female followers right around Christmas time. The founder of the cult, which believes in (slurp, drool!) free love, is a former magazine editor who in 1973 revealed that he had encountered green-skinned beings from another planet while taking a hike in the mountains. The group has a strange headquarters in Quebec, Canada. There, the sect operates a sort of space alien theme park called UFOland in the town of Valcourt, Quebec.**

The claim regarding the first human clone has been met with skepticism from serious biological researchers, and also a great amount of disgust, as it is generally considered immoral to create human clones. But the Raelians do have money and competent scientists. A laboratory in West Virginia, USA, was forced to close about two years ago after our government warned them that experiments in human cloning would not be allowed.

Actually, we kind of hope that the Raelians' claim turns out to be true!



BRIEF BIASED BOOK REVIEWS

- **Famed social philosopher Robert Anton ("Bob") Wilson has kindly sent us an autographed copy of his latest tome, called "TSOG: The Thing that Ate the Constitution". Bob, whom we have corresponded with for many years (but never met), has written endless books of wit and satire, though he is actually only on the outer fringes of the UFO movement. His latest effort has little to say about UFOs, but much to say about his unhappiness with the state of freedom in this country. He was already dissatisfied under the regime of Bill Clinton, and thus even more so under Herr George W. in this dreary post-9/11 era.**

You will never guess what "TSOG" stands for, so we will have to tell you: It's The Tsarist Occupation Government, i.e., supposedly the government we have now. "Smear" tries (not

always successfully) to avoid politics in our printed ravings, as the flying saucer subject is divisive enough all by itself. Yet we can't avoid the subject completely, and we strongly suggest that you rush \$16.95 (plus postage) to New Falcoln Publications, Tempe, Arizona, U.S.A., Earth!...

- Next we have another in the seemingly endless series of booklets published by Rick & Carol Hilberg of Ohio's United Aerial Phenomena Agency (UAPA). This time Rick has been inspired by a theory propounded by "Smear's" esteemed Contributing Editor, to the effect that the "real" space visitors started buzzing Earth in the early 1940s and moved on to other pursuits by the early 1970s. An intriguing theory indeed, since there has been no major "flap" since 1973.

On the other hand, there are many, including Rick Hilberg, who believe that the UFO phenomenon is still with us as much as ever. He believes that the apparent scarcity of good sightings is partly because UFO investigators are becoming too lazy to investigate; and it is also partly because of the (cursed) Internet.

In any case, the title of the new volume is "A Ufological Snapshot: 1980-1981". Whereas many of the sightings related therein are run-of-the-mill, some do indeed give food for thought - such as an incident in which a Kentucky housewife saw a nearly-landed craft only about fifty feet away from her, in the yard. She described various details, and a little later her husband also saw the object as it moved around at crazy angles, at a greater distance away. Of course there's no proof, other than these people's word. But that's the way it almost always is in this frustrating world of seemingly unprovable flying saucers! There are 34 large pages of this sort of thing in Rick's book, which sells for a mere \$8.00 and can be obtained by writing to: UAPA, 377 Race St., Berea, Ohio 44017. Say Jim sent you!

Pflock Ptalk - LOOSE CANNONS, PART ONE

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



It looks like I may have been wrong about Col. William H. "Butch" Blanchard, commander of Roswell Army Air Field, when, back in 1947, the saucer didn't hit the fan nearby.

Maybe Blanchard didn't order the release of the (in)famous "We've got a flying saucer" press announcement without authorization from higher authority (see my book ["Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe"](#)). Maybe it was some other loose cannon who jumped the gun, putting Blanchard and his superiors on the spot.

Kevin Randle's recent revelations about the late Frank Kaufmann, his star Roswell witness, not only demolish what little was left of Kaufmann's credibility. They also call into question the claims of another key witness: Walter Haut.

In July 1947, then first lieutenant and RAAF public relations officer Haut issued the fateful news to the local media. Over the years, he consistently, believably, and repeatedly has claimed Blanchard dictated the announcement to him and ordered its release. While there are important inconsistencies between what Haut says he did thereafter and the memories of others about what he actually did (see my ["Roswell"](#)), there seemed little reason to doubt him on this. No longer.

According to Randle, who deserves kudos for following the inconvenient facts where they led, "Walter Haut told us (Randle and his erstwhile partner Don Schmitt) that Frank (Kaufmann) was someone we needed to interview. Later Haut suggested that anything Frank told us could be believed." Now, thanks to Kevin and, ahem, Yours Truly, we know it was fool's gold.

Haut, not only a member of the base headquarters staff but also a trusted personal confidant of

Blanchard's, was in a position to know what happened and who was involved in the "crashed-saucer" affair. He knows that Kaufmann, a base personnel clerk, wasn't a player. He must have known this when he told Randle and Schmitt that Kaufmann was a "must" interview. So why would he promote the guy and his tall tales to the two saucer sleuths?

Now this comment by 1947 RAAF intelligence boss Major Jesse Marcel during his December 8th, 1979, interview with reporter and ufologist Bob Pratt no longer seems a minor memory hiccup: "(W)e had an eager-beaver public relations officer (Haut) - he found out about it (the saucer "crash-retrieval") - he calls AP about it. Then that's when it really hit the fan..." (See the verbatim interview transcript in "[Roswell](#)", p. 228.)

Oops! Once again I've run up against our editor's stingy Space limitations. To be continued next "Smear".

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

- DR. GARY POSNER of the dreaded Tampa Bay (Florida) Skeptics organization writes as follows and sends us the pictures below, which hopefully will print well enough to make sense:



We've Been Viewing The "Face" On Mars Upside Down!

"The far-left image is the latest, most high-resolution photo yet of the 'Face' on Mars, taken in April 2001. It looks the least face-like of all the NASA photos of this landform - unless you turn it upside down (middle).

"Now you can see what the architects of this mile-wide monument really intended to convey! In the far-right version, I have separated the two halves of the monument and sketched in some outlines for clarity. The left half of the sculpture is definitely a human being in profile, holding another entity. I'm not certain whether the 2nd entity is a human fetus or an alien 'gray' But either way, the message is quite profound!..."

Gary then goes on to turn the "Face" 65 degrees counter-clockwise for 'more revelations, but we think you have already gotten the gist of his thinking! - Editor.

- Famed UFO personality STANTON FRIEDMAN, who unfortunately has no doctorate, writes:

"... (in the December 2002 'Smear') we have **an anonymous PU** (Prominent ufologist) attacking Jerome Clark and myself. The PU claims, speaking of me, 'Until he got into Roswell, about all he ever did was lecture to college kids and UFO cons'. That last word suggests a science fiction personality. PU should have looked

in the 1968 (long before Roswell) Congressional UFO Symposium Proceedings. On page 220, for example, is a list of the many places where I had spoken...And yes, I have spoken at more MUFON Conferences than anyone else. Obviously PU hasn't, as with most Anonymous critics, done his or her homework!

"What is this nonsense about my trying to take over the Betty and Barney Hill case? A pre-emptive strike with Marjorie Fish's work?? ABSURD! I had spent 3+ hours with Betty and Barney in November 1968, three months before Barney's death. I was called by Coral Lorenzon of APRO to ask if I could help Marjorie. I called her, arranged to visit her during a tour, helped arrange a session in Chicago with Allen Hynek at which Dave Saunders and I both attended. I helped prepare a Submission about her work to the Blue Ribbon UFO Panel. Bobble Ann Slate and I did indeed publish the first article about her work, in Saga Magazine. I helped MF explain her presentation at the Akron MUFON Conference and was thanked by Marjorie and by Mimi Hynek for so doing. I convinced Terence Dickinson, then editor of 'Astronomy' Magazine, to write his article about her work, corrected some mistakes, and later made sure she was aware of some of the criticisms being made so she could respond in a timely fashion. I have done more than anyone else to spread the word about Marjorie's excellent work and to back up the Hill case...

"I was also called by Universal Studios (referral by the USAF, of all people) to serve as a consultant on the NBC movie about the Hill case, 'The UFO Incident' with James Earl Jones, and appeared on Tom Snyder with Betty to help promote that movie. Betty and Marjorie are both featured in my video 'UFOs ARE Real'. I dug into the false claim by Alan Hendry that one of the two Base stars was a double, and kept Marge informed. Of course, along the way I did meet with John Fuller, spoke with Dr. Simon, viewed Fuller's papers at the Boston U. Archives, and on hundreds of occasions discussed the case and the star map work.

"So I haven't investigated a case? I guess visits to Parkersburg, WV, to talk to Woodrow Derenberger (long before John Keel) don't count. I guess my visit to Delphos, Kansas, and my subsequent arrangement for the first soil tests on soil from there don't count. My visits to 19 archives checking out documents re MJ-12, newspapers re Roswell, facts re Menzel etc. ad nauseum don't count! My 108 page 'Final Report on Operation Majestic 12' doesn't count. My coauthored book 'Crash at Corona' and my book 'TOP SECRET/MAJIC' don't count. My discussions with families of MJ-12 members don't count; my showing that some of the Tim Cooper documents are fraudulent doesn't count; my UFO investigations here in New Brunswick (Canada) don't count. My publications in 'Physics Today' and 'Aeronautics' and 'Astronautics' don't count. The immense amounts of time and money I have spent on Roswell don't count! That I have given more than 600 college lectures does not matter, nor my 100 pieces on UFOs for KFI Radio in L.A., my taking on Phil Klass on many occasions, including Nightline, doesn't count. Winning a debate on UFOs at Oxford University doesn't count...

"In short then, Mr. PU really doesn't know what he is talking about. But then being anonymous, he can't be held accountable. I am truly glad he didn't provide his truly valuable insights to the people at the UFO Magazine of Great Britain before they awarded me their first ever Lifetime Achievement Award at the 21st Annual Leeds International UFO Conference this past September..."

- DR. BRUCE MACCABEE of ufological fame writes as follows:

"I read [your book](#). I found it quite amusing and illuminating, save for one chapter which, in my opinion, is Shockingly Far from the Truth. I was particularly interested in the stories about the people who were active in the 1950s, before my 'UFO' time. (I read Ruppelt's book in the middle '50s but didn't take an active interest until the later half of the '60s.) It is too bad your 1950's book was not

published in the late '50s or '60s. The information contained therein would have had even more importance at that time, and by now it would have been a classic. Better late than never, I guess.

"Of course I was surprised to see my own entry into your tale as 'the piano man'. I provided entertainment at the 1999 MUFON Symposium, as I had at the symposium two years earlier..."

We tried to get our book out in the 1950s, but no suck luck! We fear that the book chapter Dr. Bruce didn't like is the one about Ed Walters & Gulf Breeze, a matter on which Bruce and your editor disagree fundamentally! - Editor.

- Abduction researcher DR. LEO SPRINKLE writes:

"Congratulations to you on the various reviews of **your book**, and kudos for the photo of the **Bevy of Beauties** in the most recent issue of 'Smear'. Is the blonde really that tall, or is she merely levitating?"

"Happy Holiday Season!..."

- The inevitable MILLER JOHNSON of Intergalactic Truth Seekers Foundation Limited, writes as follows:

"About thirty-five minutes into the program ('The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence') Dr. Jesse Marcel appeared, holding a symbol-laden aluminum I-Beam for the Sci-Fi camera. Bryant Gumble followed up with the statement, 'Jesse Marcel Jr. commissioned an "Artist" to recreate the I-Beam'. I, the Industrial Designer (referred to as Artist) received NO commission from Dr. Marcel, or anyone else for that matter. My only intention from the beginning was to create a three-dimensional I-Beam, accurate in physical dimensions and graphic symbol color, to display at the International UFO Museum in Roswell.

"Kent Jeffrey, who is a Delta Airlines pilot and Roswell Researcher, paid the billing for four (milled to specifications) aluminum I-Beams on the East Coast. Kent then shipped the four to me in Albuquerque. It was my responsibility to design and apply the lavender symbols with Dr. Marcel's approval. These original four are now in the hands of: (1) The International UFO Museum; (2) Dr. Jesse Marcel Jr; (3) Kent Jeffrey; and (4) Miller Johnson. Some say I should invoice the Sci-Fi channel and Bryant Gumble!

"Another thing worth mentioning: Even if David Rudiak's computer enhancement of General Ramey's hand-held message is correct, in my humble opinion it still proves nothing! The 'smoking gun' has all the impact of a fourth grader's pea shooter!

"And what will become of the 66 bags of dirt lifted from the 'Foster Ranch Debris Field'? They could be used for kitty litter, but most felines today prefer a higher quality of litter box digs. Probably the Sci-Fi channel will eventually present a sequel titled 'The Roswell Crash: MORE Startling New Evidence'. Last but not least, one could sell the dirt debris as 'Genuine Crash Site Dirt', package 5 grams of dirt in thousands of mini polybags, add a clever label, and market the product to Gullible Ufoologists and True Believers the world over!

"Keep an eye on the DIRTBAGS!"

Miller Johnson has kindly sent one of these quaint little bags to us! - Editor.

- MIKE GENSLER, author of the article about Flatwoods, W.Va. in our November 2002 issue, writes:

"...I recently finished **your book** and I found it fascinating, funny, and very refreshing. Whereas most UFO books resemble sales pitches or religious scams, 'Shockingly' lingers long and lovingly over the human element behind the UFO phenomenon. Though it is obviously written to amuse and (maybe) enlighten, for my money it has more academic value than any other UFO book on the market. Good job, sir, and I look forward to your next volume..."

Hopefully our book on Peruvian treasure hunting will be out late this year (2003). - Ed.

- Researcher JEAN MISNER writes:

"**Your book** was absolutely delicious! I enjoyed it so very very much. It brought back memories of the afternoon I spent with George Adamski and the evening I spent with George Hunt Williamson and his friends..."

- DICK Freeman, editor of a semi-porn zine called "Batteries Not Included" (513 N. Central Ave., Fairborn, Ohio 45324) writes:

"Dear Sly Dog:

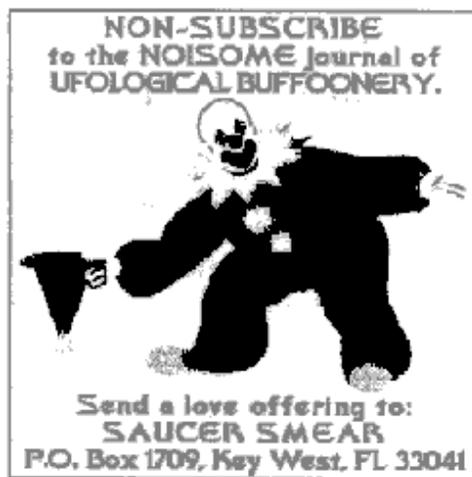
"I suppose you'll try to tell me that you were not aware that the Roswell girl at the left of the **photo in your December issue** is Debbie D., infamous Scream Queen and (hopefully) a reader of 'Batteries Not Included'. How curious that you should meet Ms. D. while doing investigative work!..."

- "Ray X" writes as follows:

"...You referred to me as the mysterious 'Boxholder'. To set the record straight, my name is Ray, full name Ray X. I ask people to correspond with me by using the word 'Boxholder' in my address. It seems that the best way to receive mail at my P.O. box is to designate Boxholder as the addressee. Occupant or Resident also work. Use a 'normal' name and problems arise. It's just my way of dealing with the mail-sorting robots at the local post office..."

To receive Ray's interesting little zine, write to: Boxholder, P.O. Box 2, Plattsburgh, N.Y. 12901. - Editor.





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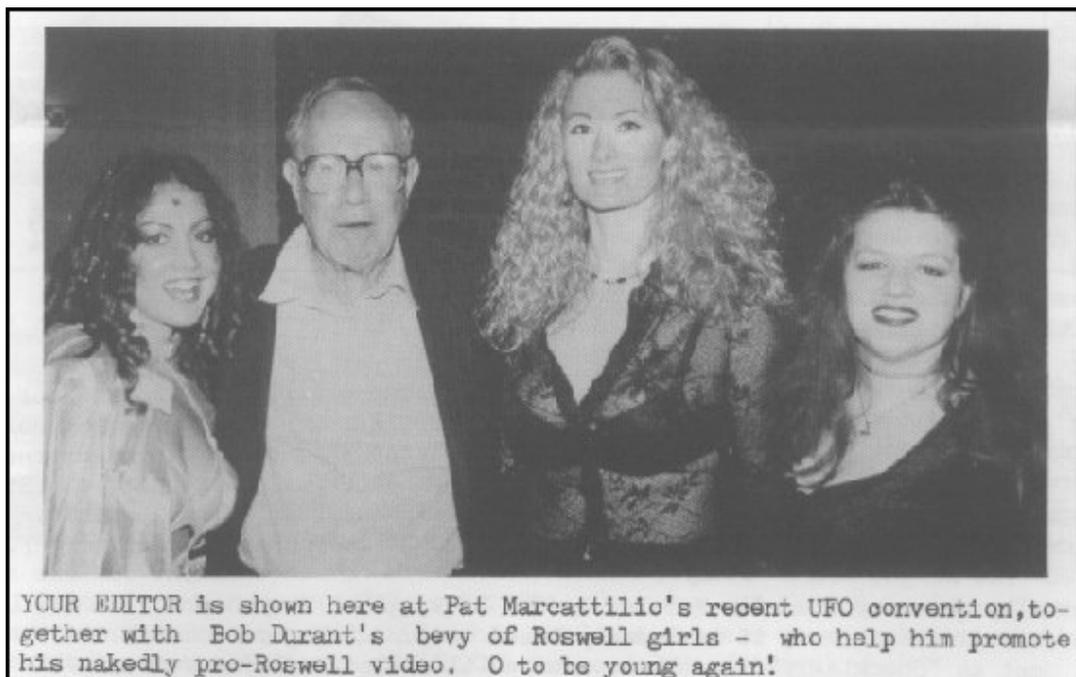
MAY YOU HAVE AN EXTREMELY MERRY CHRISTMAS and PLEASE SEND MONEY!

This, dear readers, is the last issue of "Smear" for the year 2002. It is therefore the issue in which we piously wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and then veer off into a money-grubbing pitch, whining and begging you-all to renew your non-subscriptions to our humble zine. This year will be no different from the past, in this regard. In fact, we will take this opportunity to remind you that "Shockingly Close to the Truth!", which has sold remarkably well, is still available from us (autographed) for a mere \$25 plus \$3 postage. And if you've already sprung or "Shockingly", or if you are looking for other books by the same authors, there's "Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe", which can be ordered for \$25 plus \$3 directly from Karl Pflock (10 Caminito Trail Placita, N.M. 87043-9417). AND there's a little-known classic, of which the 1991 second edition is still in print, written by James W. Moseley and entitled "UFO Crash Secrets at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base" This expanded second edition is available directly from "Smear" headquarters, and sells for a mere \$10, or \$9 autographed! The original "Crash Secrets" book was entitled "The Wright Field Story", and was actually ghost-written for Moseley by the late, great Gray Barker around 1970. Though somewhat fictionalized, it is loosely based on our ufological adventures through the years, just as "Shockingly" is. The second edition also includes some ghastly material that publisher Timothy Green Beckley has added to the back cover and elsewhere.

Purists may want to skip this part, but the book as a whole is definitely a fun read!...

In regard to our possible move (to a trailer very near Key West), the correct answer to the three choices given in the last issue is (b). In other words, we did sell our house but we're staying on in it as a tenant, probably for at least two years. Even if we eventually move, our mailing address and phone number should remain the same, till the last cup & saucer!...

Finally, you may have noticed that our last issue was printed on high-class glossy paper, and you may have thought this was an intentional improvement. Actually, it was an error by our printer, which made the paper harder to fold, and made the mailing cost higher due to the extra weight. Hopefully this will not happen again.



TIDBITS OF TRASH

- **Did you, like many of us, ever wonder whether or not we Americans really did land on the Moon several times, or maybe the whole thing was just a sound-stage job? Did you wonder why the American flag (god bless it!) flaps merrily in the breeze, when we all know there is no air on the Moon? If these and similar questions have disturbed you, then you are ready for a new book being published by our olde friend Jim Oberg of NASA.**

Oberg is noted as a UFO skeptic (or debunker), in the same camp with Phil Klass and Bob Sheaffer of the dreaded CSICOP organization. To his credit, Oberg sticks to debunking cases that are strictly in his personal area of expertise, which is space flight. He does not feel obliged to solve every last "Unknown" that has ever surfaced.

Last year Fox television twice broadcast a show called "Conspiracy Theory: Did We Really Land on the Moon?" For this and other reasons, a sizeable percentage of our population (as much as 20%) are skeptical about the government's claim.

Jim Oberg's opus was to have been put out as a government booklet, but now will probably come from a commercial publisher. Either way, the author has a guaranteed heavy sale, due to the advance publicity, such as the article we read recently in the Miami Herald. On the phone, Oberg told us that one reason for the book, which is as yet untitled, is that it will teach children how to deal with "strange claims". And yet the Moon landing syndrome is a strange claim, though probably true.

Sometimes the antagonism between pro and anti Moon landing factions becomes really fierce. Last Sept. 9th, a man named Bart Sibrel, who had made an anti-Moon-landing film, confronted astronaut Buzz Aldrin at a Beverly Hills (California) hotel and demanded that he swear on a Bible that he had in fact walked on the Moon. A videotape of the incident shows Sibrel following Aldrin on the street with a Bible, calling him a "thief, liar and coward". The 72-year-old Aldrin, who was the second man to actually walk on the Moon, thereupon punched the 37-year-old Sibrel in the face. Sibrel asked that charges be pressed, but prosecutors declined. Egads!...

- **We almost overlooked this story, but in the Oct.-Nov. issue of "UFO Magazine" there is a fantastic article by a man named Yancy Spence (a pseudonym?), who comes forth after all these years as an eye-witness to the famed Linda Cortile (aka Napolitano) abduction case. The article is called "The Day Manhattan Stood Still". Long-time sufferers of Budd Hopkins' yarns will remember that this incident allegedly occurred about 3:15 a.m. on November 30th, 1989. Well, Yancy Spence was an employee of the New York Post, where Linda's husband also worked at that time. Yancy saw the line of limousines parked near the Post, one of which supposedly contained the then Secretary-General of the United Nations. Better still, Yancy was actually on the Brooklyn Bridge at the exact time Linda was abducted out the window of her nearby high-rise apartment by alien beings, and he saw the whole thing happening. For some strange reason he immediately forgot the incident completely, but now the details are coming back to him for some reason, after such a long time. Of course he has told Budd Hopkins about all this, and now he is telling the many, many readers of "UFO Magazine".**

As one who has long risked the ire of the volatile Mr. Hopkins, your Editor is pleased to report these latest developments in "The UFO Case of the Century". We do so as a Public Service!...

- **We have a very unexpected follow-up to the [item in the last issue](#) about the Pennsylvania man who was apparently killed when a UFO sucked him up into its light beam. Whatever the truth of the story may be, the follow-up, under the heading "Alien Drug Pushers?" states that the man died of a cocaine overdose. This was the official verdict of the Northumberland County coroner, named James Kelley. The question remains - what about the witnesses who say they saw this man dangling in the air while the UFO's beam was on? Is there a cover-up here? Inquiring minds want to know!...**

Very few ufologists make it all the way to far-out Key West to visit your Editor at his intergalactic Headquarters; but one of these few is former teen ufologist Dale Rettig, who in real life is a San Francisco lawyer working for the dreaded U.S. federal government. In mid-November, Dale Spent a short vacation with us, and we reminisced about the NUFOC convention he sponsored in San Francisco back in 1977, where the main speakers were Dr. James Harder and (who else?) Stanton Friedman. Dale even attended the very first NUFOC in Cleveland, Ohio, in June of 1964. It was good to see him again, and he may be a speaker at next year's glorious NUFOC in Los Angeles...

- In order to promote a November 22nd Special about Roswell (which includes appearances by Karl Pflock and Kevin Randle), the science-fiction channel has brought forth a team of pro-UFO advocates who held a press conference in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 8th. One of those involved was John Podesta, a public relations expert who was Chief of Staff in the recent Clinton administration. The aim of this effort, besides boosting sci-fi channel ratings, was to make "a new effort to gain release of secret government records on unidentified aerial phenomena, commonly referred to as UFOs." Fortunately Stephen Greer and his band of UFO experiencers were not part of this particular scenario.

Interestingly, one of the cases that this new group is pushing hardest about, is a legitimate unsolved incident from Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, which occurred on the night of December 5th, 1965. Something definitely landed; but the government later claimed it was merely a meteorite. Yet eye-witnesses say they saw a military truck hauling away an acorn-shaped large metal object, which most probably was a Russian spacecraft, in our opinion. Stan Gordon, who has researched the famed Kecksburg case for many years, was not even consulted by this group!

On December 2nd the sci/fi channel will start running a Steven Spielberg series called "Taken", based on the abduction syndrome. Thus the Roswell special is just a preliminary booster for this much more extensive pro-UFO effort, which is the most ambitious sci/fi production ever undertaken for television! There will be more than twenty hours of storytelling on ten consecutive weeknights.

Another hype for the Nov. 22nd show was a 6-day archaeological dig at one of the alleged Roswell landing sites, led by a team of real scientists from the University of New Mexico. And believe it or not, they really did find something, though they are sworn to secrecy till the show airs. "We found something there that totally surprised us and made me say 'Gee whiz'", said Bill Doleman, the archaeologist who led the expedition which excavated the site. Even if aliens kidnap him and subject him to torture, his contract prevents him from revealing what he learned. This remark, from the Albuquerque, N.M. Journal of Nov. 5th, is intended to be facetious - or so we hope!

Later: On the evening of Nov. 22nd your editor watched "The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence" religiously, like a true Roswell junkie. In addition to Pflock and Randle, most of the "usual suspects" appeared one or more times. They include the team of (ugh!) Tom Carey and Don Schmitt, plus Walter Haut, Glenn Dennis, Jesse Marcel Jr., Bob Durant, Stanton Friedman, Bruce Maccabee, Prof. Charles Moore, and a newcomer named Richard Doland.

Sadly, the long 2-hour program was actually just one more re-hash, containing very little new info in spite of the intriguing title. The "something" found at the crash site was an anomalous furrow which could have been caused by the Roswell "saucer" crash. Also found, among many other strange things, was a small piece of a weather balloon, which was only about ten years old, however. At the end of the TV show, the narrator admits that final proof of an extraterrestrial crash of any sort is still missing...

- Thanks to our olde pal Christopher Allan, we have a great story from London's Daily Mail newspaper, dated Nov. 14th. It seems that one Gary McKinnon, an unusually eccentric Brit, has earned the wrath of the American authorities for hacking into top secret Pentagon databases from his north London home, and thereby crippling vital computer systems at a

naval weapons base. His motive was simply to find out if the U.S. government is hiding any information about flying saucers, a subject with which McKinnon is obsessed.

As everyone should know, the American government has no sense of humor at all, these days, and the young man faces extradition to the Land of the Free and a possible ten year term in a U.S. prison! Although McKinnon has no connection with terrorism whatsoever, the incident is being taken as a terrorist threat. According to the article, this case has really shaken up American government officials, who will have to explain how a flying saucer fanatic from Britain was able to pierce the heart of American security systems!

- Finally, we have a hilarious story from the (cursed) Net, regarding "Doctor" William LeVengood of BLT Research Team, Inc., a small group that has done a great deal of useful research on crop circles and cattle mutilations, with rather spectacular results.

When LeVengood's doctorate was recently called into question by Dr. Kevin Randle, (of Roswell fame) and others, LeVengood said that in reality he has a "Ph.D. equivalent" from the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). This would be fine if it were true, but when that prestigious body was contacted, they made it known that the NAS is not a academic institution and does not issue "degree equivalents" of any kind. This sort of leaves "Dr." LeVengood out on a limb!

Another problem is that BLT's spectacular results have not been duplicated elsewhere, either because of lack of funding, lack of interest, or possibly because these results are not valid! We don't know who the "B" in "BLT" is, but the "T" is a lady named Nancy Talbott. We have met her and seen her slide show, and she makes a very good presentation indeed, based mainly on the research of "Dr. Levegood. Stay tuned!

BRIEF BOOK BASHINGS

Tim Beckley's Global Communications has lurched forth with still another far-out offering, entitled "Nikola Tesla - Journey to Mars - Are We Already There?" The author of this 100-page softcover tome in Sean Casteel, who is apparently one of Beckley's stable of writers.

The name of eccentric scientific genius Nikola Tesla almost always evokes mystery and therefore book sales, just like Nostradamus and a few other such names. Beckley (or Casteel) is on solid ground here. The book cover questions what we know about gravity, energy, and our place in the Cosmos, and then goes on to ask if Mars is still a mystery planet. Then comes this startling statement:

"Jules Verne - and other early science fiction pioneers - wrote what was then considered to be far-fetched stories about the exploration of the moon and the planet Mars. They based their classic literary works not just on their own fertile imaginations, but on 'wild rumors' circulating that such voyages had already been made, accomplished by a group of scientists - all members of the same secret society. They had tapped into an unknown power source, using it to facilitate the birth of flight, years before the Wright Brothers. Contacted by this secret fraternal order, Nikola Tesla furthered their cause, coming up with his own improved method of interplanetary travel, soon to be stolen and used by Adolph Hitler and the New World Order."

If you would like to know more about all this, send a mere \$20 (which includes postage) to Global Communications, 11 East 30th St., Suite

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Illustrations showing Tesla's magnifying transmitter and electric airships. Could this be the secret design of the Aero Club's Mars Expedition space ship? (No! - Editor)

Pflock Ptalk - IS THERE A UFO INVESTIGATOR IN THE HOUSE?

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



This time, I give you a Mystery Guest column. What follows is the essential text of a letter I recently received from a prominent ufological figure, who insists on absolute anonymity. I present it here as a public service, to be considered, debated, denounced, or, most likely, ignored...

"I just read a letter to the editor in the new 'Skeptical Inquirer' (gasp! - KTP) from Robert Sheaffer. He says that several well-known UFO writers have admitted to him that they made up UFO stories and pedaled them to make a buck.

"...Sheaffer's revelation, unfortunately without naming names, got me to thinking about the big names of ufology and what they'd done to become big names. This led me to something interesting: some names have become big ones without any investigative

work on UFOs, or not much to speak of anyway.

"Take Jerry Clark and Stan Friedman. A While back, I overheard another big name in ufology, who has done investigations, lots of them, say: 'I really have no respect for Clark. He never goes out and investigates anything. All he does is write about what those who do find out.'

"At first I thought the guy was exaggerating. But you know, after thinking about it and doing a little research, I found he's not far wrong...Jerry has made some big contributions to ufology, like his amazing encyclopedias. But what the heck has he ever investigated? Can you tell me? He spouts all sorts of words boosting Roswell (will Roswell ever go away?) and Budd Hopkins' goofy abductions 'research', making it seem like he's speaking from field experience, etc. But does he have any real experience like that?

"But Friedman is probably the worst. Until he got into Roswell, about all he ever did was lecture to college kids and UFO cons. He tried to take over the Betty and Barney Hill case and make people think he was a major investigator of that important affair when he wasn't. He even did a pre-emptive strike with Marjorie Fish's amazing work on Mrs. Hill's star map, by publishing an article in 'Saga' on it before Fish could get her own paper published. Pretty sneaky!

"Actually, I don't think Stan's ever investigated an actual UFO case himself, unless we count Roswell. And we know what he's done with that, and it's got nothing to do with learning about the UFO phenomenon. But it sure has made Stan a big name.

"Friedman's made some important contributions too, though not so many and not so important (as) he'd like us to think. But for a guy who keeps criticizing others for doing investigation by proclamation, he sure does a lot of proclaiming!"

There you have it, gentle readers. What do you think? Is that a mass yawn I hear, or is it the first whisper of the masses aroused? And on whose side? Stay tuned. (Yawn...)

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- MILLER JOHNSON, of Ahjac Planetary Enterprises ("Earth and Beyond!") sends us the following delightful missive and accompanying photo:

"Regarding the ??? Face in the Cydonia region of Mars: In 1976 Viking Orbiter I, during its photographic mission to the Red Planet, transmitted numerous low-resolution images back to earth. Among those was what appeared to be a giant humanoid face. Many still believe it to be an Alien Artifact. However, the 2001 Mars Global Surveyor high-resolution images have proven the face to be nothing more than a huge rock pile with shadows that give it facial features.

"A recent venture to Mars by our own Surveyor Sleuthing Division, 'Ahjac Surveyor Reproductions' confirms the findings of the 2001 Global Surveyor. Further photographic exploration of the Martian surface has revealed something more than questionable Alien Artifacts. See high-resolution photograph at your right. This h-r image was taken along the Martian equator in the Valles Marineris region. It suggests that Martian entities or the crew of the saucer craft caught in this historic image have a wry sense of humor!"



- Science writer DAN COHEN writes us as follows, regarding [remarks in our last issue](#):

"Commander, you got it wrong. You were not even in the room at the New Jersey bash, when I told the story about what you were researching lo these many years ago. I checked, and you were nowhere to be found. You came wandering in after I had finished, so you never actually heard what I said; I said nothing about hybrid babies. What I said was - you called me to check on the contactee report that earth had passed through a galactic cloud which altered human gene structure, and all the children to be born in the future would be boys! Nothing about hybrids there - just straightforward genetic Armageddon!

"Now I grant you that the incident I described happened over forty years ago, and we both know-memory fades. But damnit, the New Jersey convention was just a few weeks ago, and I damn well remember what I said then. Aside from that Quibble, I enjoyed myself. There were some hostile questions from the audience, but I was never actually in fear of my life!

The point is that we remember no such incident from forty years ago, and fear that Dan has mixed us up with someone else. But it's an unimportant point in any case.
- Editor.

- MUFON Field Investigator THOMAS LEE CURTIN JR. writes:

"...I want to thank you for being a great influence on me in the UFO field. If there is ever a UFO hall of fame, names like Moseley, Pflock, Keel and Steiger are names that should be honored there. I tell any young wannabe UFO investigator, 'If you want to be a good investigator, read all the material these guys have out there to read!

"I have to say that my interest in the paranormal fields has perpetuated since I was a young lad. I'm a good Christian, and I don't feel that my infatuation with all things Fortean has affected my faith; but I can see how it could affect some people. The more I have learned and studied about Bigfoot, UFOs, etc., the more I buy into the 'ultradimensional theory'. I still study things with a believing yet skeptical attitude. As a truly professional paranormal investigator one has to be a skeptic as well as a believer, because nothing is ever quite logically solvable. Answers lie somewhere in limbo or just out of reach. I suppose this is the allure of the paranormal field..."

- TOM BENSON, former MUFON New Jersey State Director, writes as follows:

"...Regarding your statement in 'Smear' that Bob Girard, the proprietor of Arcturus Books, has a new theory that crop circles are 'physical evidence left behind from man-made energy-beam experiments'. He says that someone, presumably the U.S., working closely with British partners, is mastering the precision-controlled beaming of (probably microwave) energy.

"This type of theory is not new. In an article I wrote for the May/June 1992 issue of 'The New Jersey Chronicle' (a MUFON state newsletter), in a column covering the Society for Scientific Exploration's 11th annual meeting at Princeton University in June 1992, I said: 'Jean-Jacques Velasco, of CEPRA-CNES, Toulouse, France, presented a theory called 'Towards a Physical Interpretation of Crop Circles in Great Britain'. Velasco believes that an infrared beam projected from an aircraft or dirigible at one kilometer altitude, using a two kilowatt laser testing & focusing device for a new electro-gun weapon system (a larger laser would be used later), creates the circle phenomenon, particularly the intricate pictograms. The rotational effects of the weapon creates the circle designs using only one watt per centimeter to affect the plant. A copy of my article is enclosed..."

What was that? We're lost! - Editor.

- The illustrious STANTON FRIEDMAN writes:

"...You really ought to send Mike Gensler back to Journalism School to redo **his article about Flatwoods** in 'Saucer Smear', Nov. 10th. He mentioned I spoke on Friday. But I also spoke on Saturday. No empty seats in the small hall for either! He eavesdropped on a conversation I had, but fails to mention that I was being interviewed by a reporter who had requested the interview, and I was responding to her questions. The price on my copies of Blue Book Special Report #14 was \$20. The \$25 price is for copies sent by priority mail to people ordering from UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, Maine 04730-0958. Not bad for 250 pages including all the tables, charts, etc.

"Mike mentions a candlelight vigil Thursday night. Why no mention of the tour of the actual site, (50 years to the minute after the event) which includes the remains of the tree behind which the 10 foot 'Monster' had been before scaring Mrs. May and the boys, and, much higher, the flat area where the UFO had landed before moving down into the nearby gully? Being on site makes a big difference in understanding. Maybe the hill was too steep for Mike?

"I only wish every UFO investigator had done anywhere near as much work on a case as Frank Feschino has on Flatwoods. He has collected a truly huge amount of evidence including taped interviews with National Guard Colonel Leavitt who was on site with 50+ guardsmen within hours of the event. They stayed overnight. He also interviewed on tape Journalist A. Lee Stewart Jr., who interviewed all the witnesses within hours and reported that the 'Monster' looked like a mechanical man - 3 days after the incident and before the TV program which had the Monster-man drawing. It wasn't a concoction of Frank's.

"But I guess there is no point in digging, since Dr. Joe Nickell has 'proven' it was just a big owl and a 'landed' meteor. Though no crater or remnant! Joe, like Mike, hadn't talked to the witnesses nor visited the site. CSICOP has proclaimed. Why investigate?..."

- An ANONYMOUS fan from (shudder!) Huntsville, Alabama, writes as follows:

"...You should contact your cronies and tell them of some very strange happenings here in Huntsville - the home of the Redstone Arsenal and Marshall Space Flight Center. Many strange helicopter flights at night, strange lights in the sky and on the nearby mountain ridges, pet disappearances, and possible mutilations at the large Jones Farm in southeast Huntsville.

"I am here for only a few years but the same problems were noted in Gainesville, Georgia, where I had lived previously. In addition, an unreported case of a small crop circle. The crop circle was actually on a large lawn east of Gainesville. Gainesville is known as the "Chicken Capital of the World". How true that is I don't know, but it really has no bearing on this case. I do know that while I lived there I often saw strange lights in the hills, sighted many military helicopter flights at night, many pet disappearances, and even my own puppies acting very strange and frightened. This activity seems to be occurring all over northern Alabama and Georgia...

"Thanks again for an informative and entertaining book...Keep up the good work and don't let the bastards grind you down!..."



PHANTOM 'GOATSUCKER' ON POGEY IN ARGENTINA

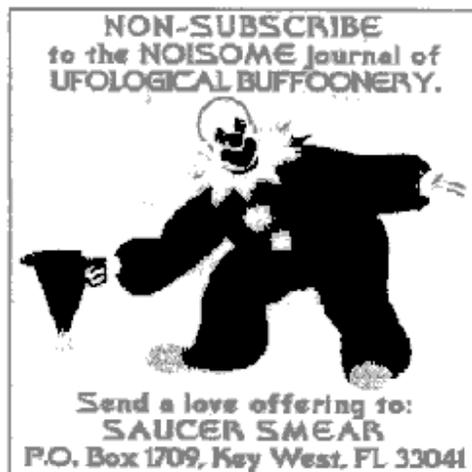
BUENOS AIRES - Argentina's bankrupt government is notorious for writing cheques to workers who never show up, but eyebrows were raised when a Chupacabra -- Spanish for 'goatsucker' -- showed up on the payroll.

Registered as "goatsucker, male, born in 1900," the mythological figure blamed for animal maulings throughout Latin America is eligible to receive unemployment benefits equivalent to about \$66 a month, local media reports said.

"It could be in doubt whether he deserves the money or not, but he is registered as a real person with an identity number and everything," a systems analyst said.

Officials blamed the error on a technical glitch and said the goatsucker, who has not collected any of his cheques, would be eliminated from the benefits list as quickly as possible.

Argentina's continuing economic crisis has left more than 21 per cent of the urban workforce without jobs.



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UFO historian JEROME CLARK, writing in the Jan.10, 1989 "Saucer Smear", states:
"Though you have nothing of consequence to say about the UFO phenomenon as such anymore (if you ever did, after you exposed Adamski), you are still the Greatest Living Authority on the history of saucer fandom and the funniest writer around.."



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MORE ALIENS AT ROSWELL!

An illegal Canadian immigrant named David Hudak is being detained on a host of weapons charges, in connection with a training camp for supposedly friendly Arabs, which he ran on the



outskirts of Roswell, New Mexico. Hudak is president of the Roswell-based High Energy Access Tools Corp. (odd name!), and had a twelve million dollar contract with the United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Hudak, who is being held without bond, is charged with possessing a large number of unregistered firearms, including shoulder-launched multipurpose assault weapons. Egads!...

(Our thanks to Karl Pflock for this story and cartoon.)

TIDBITS OF TRASH



- On the weekend of October 12th and 13th, Pat Marcattilio of Bordontown, N.J. will host another of his ufological extravaganzas, this one entitled "The Great UFO & Earth Mysteries Congress of 2002". Actually, Pat has rounded up an unusually notable group of speakers this time, including ace physicist Bruce Maccabee; abduction researcher David Jacobs; independent skeptic Daniel Cohen; Ingo Swann, known as the best remote viewer of our generation; and, of course, your ever-so-humble "Smear" editor.

Pat Marcattilio is shown here, enjoying himself at his 60th birthday party, while gaping at a belly dancer - who is not visible in this photo, unfortunately. However, mild-mannered parapsychologist George Hansen can be seen leering in the background.

- ...The Oct.-Nov. issue of "UFO Magazine" contains an amusing interview with retired MUFON czar Walt Andrus. When asked what he thinks about our (alleged) alien visitors, Walt replied in part: "I believe these alien creatures are hybridizing a species to create a generation of hybrids. With each succeeding generation of abductees they perfect the hybrid species, recycling the DNA from abductee to the abductee's child and grandchild until they have a race of human hybrids that look no different from the way we do. However, they are still aliens, endowed by an alien intelligence and whatever other powers the aliens possess..."

Of course Walt is entitled to his opinion, just like anybody else; but it is somewhat amazing to find such a far-out belief system on the part of the retired head of a supposedly scientific organization!...

- Is a truly mysterious object orbiting our Earth? Since September 5th, the Net's Minor Planet Mailing List (MPML) has been abuzz with speculation about an unidentified 16th-magnitude object which at first was thought to be in orbit around the Sun, rather than the earth. Efforts to match this object with any known artificial earth satellite at first proved futile, but eventually some spoil-sports came up with the solution(?): It is the 3rd stage of Apollo 12, according to them. Or is this just a "cover story"? Time will tell...
- The next "Smear" may or may not reach you later than usual, due to the fact that we are moving! It's only from Key West to an unfashionable suburb called (ugh!) Stock Island, very nearby; but we have an awful lot of junk, including vast saucer files. Our mailing address and phone number(s) will remain the same, but we will be harder for bill collectors, MIBs, and other undesirables to physically locate. So bear with us if we fall behind for awhile. We do look forward to seeing some of you at the giant Bordontown convention!

The following is a serious, sober statement, jointly written by James W. Moseley and Karl T. Pflock, co-authors of "[Shockingly Close to the Truth](#)":

In the Spring 2002 issue of "iUR" ("International UFO Reporter"), Esteemed UFO Historian Jerome Clark noted a most unfortunate error in our "Shockingly Close to the Truth!" According to what we believed to be reliable information, we wrote: "Williamson's wife was killed in a highly suspicious accident, falling hundreds of feet to her death at the bottom of an Andean cliff. While the Peruvian authorities couldn't prove it, they strongly suspected Williamson of foul play, and they 'suggested' it would be wise for him to leave the country with some dispatch."

In fact, as Clark reported, Betty Williamson died in Peru while her husband was in London, probably of natural causes. We regret that, in this instance, we failed to follow the journalistic rule of not publishing a story without confirmation from at least two independent sources, and we apologize to our readers and any surviving relatives of the Williamsons for our lapse. It will be corrected in future editions of our book (if any).

Shockingly, our continuing investigation has produced credible leads that suggest a factual basis for the story we were told. While all remains to be confirmed, it seems a Peruvian state prosecutor investigated "Dr." Williamson's activities in Peru, that as a result Williamson left the country under a deportation order or threat of same, and that the prosecutor may have been concerned about the circumstances of Betty Williamson's death. If and when we are certain of the pertinent facts we will make them public.

BRIEF BIASED BOOK REVIEWS

- As we forewarned you in our last issue, Rick Hilberg of Cleveland's United Aerial Phenomena Agency (UAPA) has sprung forth with a new 30-page booklet modestly called "Rick Hilberg's UFOmation". This booklet is similar to several of his previous tomes, with short sections devoted to various UFO and related phenomena. Some of these are very interesting.

However, this time the author has scored a hit by reviving our interest in a fascinating mystery-within-a-mystery, namely the matter of the 1897 airship craze.

About eleven pages are devoted to an account that Hilberg and the late Al Manak received in 1970 from a writer & researcher named P.G. ("Pete") Navarro of Houston, Texas. The story is very complicated; but Navarro at that time had recently seen (or possibly obtained for himself) eleven volumes of text and carefully-made scale drawings of flying machines, left behind by an elderly eccentric named Dellschau at the time of his death in Houston.

These strange documents discussed various aspects of an alleged secret society called the Sonora (California) Aero Club, which apparently was founded in 1858 - if it really ever existed at all, other than in Dellschau's imagination. The power for these weird flying machines was supposedly something called "NB gas", which "negated weight," i.e., it was some sort of anti-gravity device. The secret of the invention was put away in a safe for almost twenty years, and then revived again, just in time for its experimental flights to account for the dozens of close sightings involved in the 1897 flap!

There are many intriguing details: The phrase "TOSH WILSON AND CO." is written in one of Dellschau's volumes. We can assume that the word "company" could mean "crew", and it so happens that in at least two of the 1897 airship stories, the pilot introduced himself as Wilson, and had a crew of four. Incidentally, all of these airship crews looked human and acted human.

We can't do justice to this complex story in this brief biased review, and can only recommend that you buy the booklet - \$8.00, from UAPA, 377 Race St., Berea, Ohio 44017.

Back in the late 1980s, your humble "Smear" editor had several long meetings with Bill Moore, who himself is a semi-mysterious character, as is P.G. Navarro, for that matter. (Navarro writes in a strange, old-fashioned style.) Moore told us in great detail about his own research into the Dellschau matter, and if our memory is correct, he too had somehow obtained some of the old man's cryptic volumes. Moore told us that various unusual family names mentioned in said volumes are actual names from the 1800s that can still be found in public records and on tombstones in the vicinity of Sonora, California. Moore stated that he tried very hard to interest a publisher in the Dellschau Story, but was unable to do so.

Other UFO historians such as George Farley, Barry Greenwood, and Jerry Clark have shown various degrees of interest and belief in the Sonora Aero Club and the 1897 sighting flap. Hilberg admits in his introduction, "It's possible that the activities of Dellschau and his Sonora Aero Club are nothing but the ravings of a senile old man". It is clearly very unlikely that there ever was an anti-gravity gas called "NB" or anything like it. But there's probably a bit of truth here somewhere, and we sincerely hope that Hilberg and/or others of the above-mentioned gentlemen will pursue this matter vigorously in weeks to come!

As for "Pete" Navarro, he may still be alive and know a lot more than the material contained in the present article; but according to Hilberg, the late Al Manak - not noted for his diplomacy - managed to piss off Navarro to the point that contact with this key figure was lost many years ago. Pity!

Pflock Ptalk - "IT LOOKED WORSE THAN FRANKENSTEIN!..."

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist

Halloween came early to the West Virginia hills in 1952.

It was the evening of September 12th when the Flatwoods Monster touched down in Braxton County, scaring the bejeezus out of several good citizens and launching the ufological career of the late, great Gray Barker - who often had a similar effect on certain Serious Ufologists.

That evening, exactly fifty years ago this stormy night on which I write, as dusk enfolded the tiny town of Flatwoods, three boys playing touch football spotted "a silver dollar going through the sky" trailing flame.

The strange object came to a halt low over a nearby hill and seemed to drop to the ground.

The excited kids decided to "go see the flying saucer". On their way, they were joined by Mrs. Kathleen May, her two young sons, and her teenage neighbor Eugene Lemon, who brought along his dog and a flashlight.

When the impromptu posse approached the area where the saucer appeared to land, they encountered a strange fog and a terrible, nauseating stench. Those in the lead spotted a huge, glowing sphere on the ground a short distance away. "It's the saucer!" The dog disappeared into the fog, but soon came tearing back and past his master and the others, rushing down the hill, tail between his legs.

As the not yet cowed Humans pressed on, one of them spotted a pair of weirdly glowing eyes a few yards away. When the flashlight was brought to bear, it revealed a giant, manlike creature - or robot??? The bizarre thing had an orange head "shaped like the ace of spades", the top of which towered 10 to 12 feet above the ground. Its body (cloak?) may have been green, falling in folds toward but apparently not touching the ground, seeming to terminate about six feet above the tall grass.

Hissing, the spooky figure began to glide toward the seven, and not having appropriate words of greeting prepared, all turned tail and followed the example of Lemon's dog. All except Lemon,

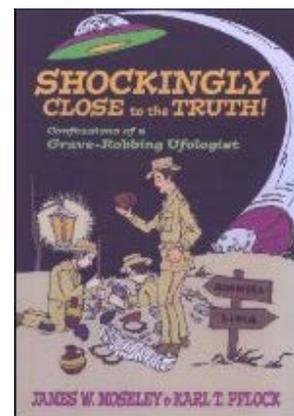
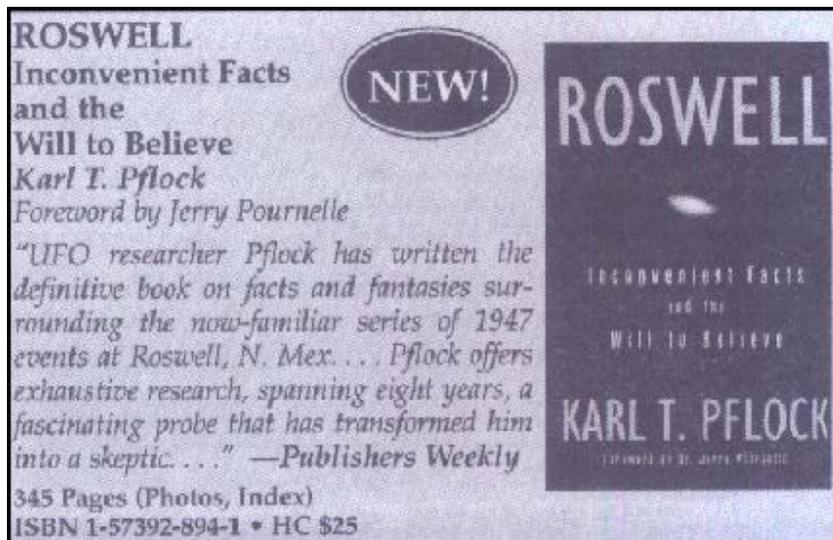


that is. He fainted dead away and had to be dragged along by the others!

That same night and maybe the next, other hill folk reported seeing strange flying objects nearby. Some seem to have been scared out of their wits by the same smelly monster (or its copilot?). An invasion from space, or Halloween '52 previews? Whatever happened, even "skeptics" don't think it was a hoax, at least not the events on that fog-shrouded Flatwoods hill.

Gray Barker lived not far away. When he read a newspaper story about the Flatwoods encounter, he contacted *Fate* magazine, offering to do an article. They bit, and Barker was off and running, interviewing the witnesses just a few days after their experience, traipsing about the scare site (in broad daylight, of course), and writing his first saucerian piece, "The Monster and the Saucer", which appeared in the January 1953 issue of *Fate*.

The rest, as they say, is hysterical...uh...history!



ANOTHER BRIEF BIASED BOOK REVIEW

Imagine our surprise upon receipt of an "advance, uncorrected proof" of a new children's book written by noted skeptic Dan Cohen and his wife Susan. This tome is called "Hauntings & Horrors - The Ultimate Guide to Spooky America". It is one of about thirty children's books written in recent years by this prolific duo, and the first of the series to be sent to our humble Headquarters.

We have known science writer Dan Cohen for over thirty years. We first met when your "Smear" editor had a real saucer office in midtown Manhattan, and Cohen was editor of a real magazine called "Science Digest". Over the years we drifted to Key West, and the Cohens moved on out of New York City to Cape May, N.J., which is near Atlantic City. Why has Dan Cohen finally sent us an advance copy of one of his books? Probably because he will soon be speaking at Pat Marcattilio's convention near Trenton on October 12th - the first time, to our knowledge, that he has lectured to a UFO convention or anything like it.

Dan is indeed a skeptic regarding UFOs and the paranormal, but he is not a CSICOP-style debunker. In fact, he has philosophical differences with CSICOP, and personal differences with some of its leaders. The present book reflects his skepticism, but he doesn't ram it down our throats. In the introduction he asks, "Are all the accounts and stories in this book 'true'? Did they actually happen? Well - probably not.. (but) these stories are meant to be believed". In other words, they are not told frivolously and they do indeed contain food for thought.

And why do the Cohens write children's books in the first place, you might ask. The answer, dear

kiddies, is MONEY. Professional writers all know that well-established authors of children's books do very well indeed!

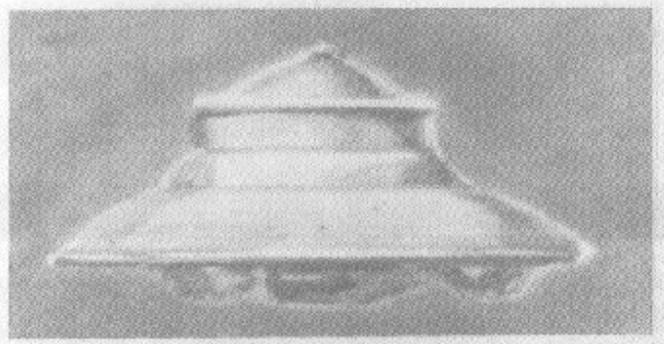
Back to the book itself - It contains short descriptions of over one hundred of the spookiest places in America, conveniently divided into regions. The idea is that you can hop in your car and take the whole family on a grand tour of these spooky places. A few UFO sites are on the list, including the Oklahoma "spook lights"; Aurora, Texas; Socorro, New Mexico; and of course Roswell! Entertainingly written, for children of all ages. Available from Dutton Books of New York. Soft cover, approx. 200 pages.

As the back cover of the book so aptly puts it, "Part guidebook, part spooky story collection, this is unbeatable reading for any fan of the supernatural."

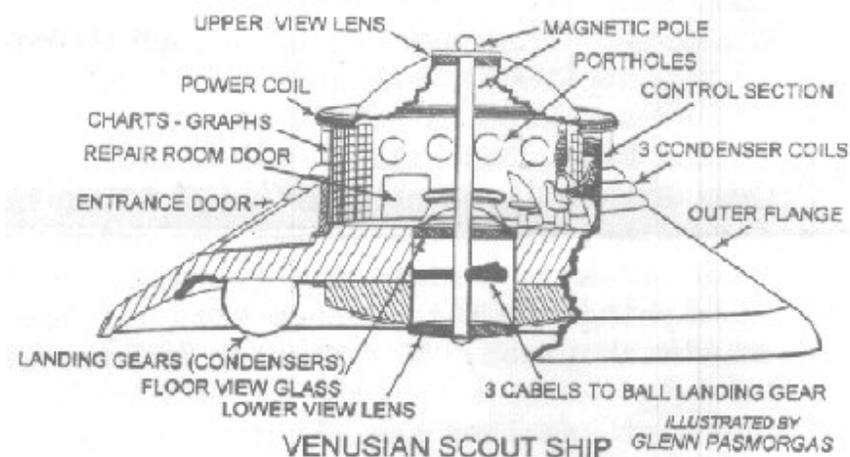
And, Dan Cohen is a nice guy, too. (We haven't met his wife.)

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- MILLER JOHNSON of Phoney Science & Unlimited Research Corp. (a division of Akjac Celestial Industries) writes as follows:



SHOWN HERE • THE ORIGINAL VENUSIAN SCOUT SHIP PHOTO TAKEN BY PROFESSOR GEORGE ADAMSKI IN 1952 THRU A SIX-INCH TELESCOPE AT PALOMAR GARDENS, CALIFORNIA.



"In response to your call from Moseley Industries at 1:42 p.m. on August 28th, we at Phoney Science & Unlimited Research have completed your scientific request. We hope you will find the enclosures (see above) to be above and beyond your expectations.

"Now that you will be able to read the scientific call-outs on the Venusian Scout

Ship (hmmm) engineering drawing, I know you will be impressed with Prof. Adamski's keen knowledge of extraterrestrial travel. Things like 'Repair Room Door' and 'Upper View Lens' were very High Tech items in 1955 when Adamski wrote "Inside the Space Ships"!

- DAVE SWINK of the International UFO Museum at Roswell, writes:

"...I told my girlfriend I was reading a particular book, fiction/novel, and she replied that she thought all UFO books were fiction. Ha.

"There are billboards on three entrances to town that advertise the Roswell Inn motel - demolished three years ago, and there is still a huge sign on the vacant property - so there must be a local mentality that supports the advertising of the invisible. Ha, again!..."

- Crop circle researcher PAUL FULLER of England writes as follows:

"...I must admit that I have thoroughly enjoyed reading and re-reading '**Shockingly Close to the Truth**' - it had me grinning from ear to ear. It's easily one of the best UFO books ever written, as it shows how the mythology was 'created and developed over the years. Your encounters with all those famous UFO personalities - including the Flying Saucer Physicist - must be one of the highlights of your book. Reading your fascinating life story I was very impressed at how you managed to retain your interest in Ufology for all those years. I suppose your delicious sense of humour must have kept you going. Let us hope that you sell as many copies as possible!..."

"When we met (at the 'UnConvention') in April, I did promise to send you copies of my former magazine 'The Crop Watcher', which exposed some of the false science surrounding the crop circle research of Messrs Burke, Levensgood and Talbot. I don't doubt that these people are sincere in their beliefs, but the fact is that their work does not stand up to critical scrutiny. I enclose copies of the two articles I published back in 1994 and 1995, which explained how Levensgood and Burke promoted some iron fillings deliberately left by hoaxers inside some crop circles at Cherhill as a result of a 'plasma vortex' created high in the atmosphere during a meteor shower that (unfortunately) had petered out some two weeks previously! Don't forget that I am a professional statistician, so I do know what I am talking about when I criticise their statistical analyses..."

- RANDY SCOTT of (fortunately) far away Alaska, writes:

"Here's my 'love offering' to get on the 'Saucer Smear' mailing list, which probably puts me on the MIB target list too; but what the hell! Your book had me laughing out loud in places, and is a hell of a good read.

"Thanks a bunch for putting that bit about 'The Fact' in at the end of the book. Now I have a headache from trying to figure it out! Fortunately I already know the Secret of the Saucers without your help. They're dwarves from Suartalfheim, aka trolls, goblins, and ogres; so there!

"May the hammer of Thor protect us all!..."

- JULIE C. STRANGES, wife of the Reverend Frank Stranges, writes:

"I wanted to personally thank you for the notice you put in 'Saucer Smear' about Frank's recent medical problems. Unfortunately, about three weeks following the open heart surgery, he was back in the hospital for gall bladder surgery. This was followed by severe complications, which landed him in the ICU for three days, and then additional complications sent him back again to the hospital for more than

two weeks... He has only been home for about two weeks.

"Frank is naturally weak from everything he's been through and as they say, he's no spring chicken (ha). Believe it or not, on October 6th he will be 75 years old. He looks pretty good for an old geezer, huh? (As you can see, I love humor - especially when it comes to birthdays.) But he's slowly recovering.

"He so appreciated your post card. It really meant the world to him that you took the time to do that for him.

"Thanks again for everything. He reads your 'non-scheduled newsletter' from cover to cover. I can see you like humor too!..."

- Anthropologist CHRIS ROTH writes:

"...I happened to be in British Columbia (Canada) in the midst of an almost unprecedented UFO flap in the northwestern corner of that province. There were 66 sightings in that region, at one count, including 17 right in the small town of Terrace (population about 18,000) that I was staying in, all within the period of a couple months. Some of the incidents were reported by First Nations (i.e., Canadian Indian) people, but for the most part Natives don't report UFO sightings because they mistrust authority and anyway don't consider such things unusual (as I have been told).

"A lot of the reports have been collected by Brian Vike, a researcher based in Houston, B.C. (not too far inland from where I was), who runs an organization called HBCC-UFO Research. Most of these sightings involved large craft moving silently across the night sky, but also strange lights. There are continuous updates on the flap even now on the HBCC-UFO website. There was also, while I was there, a lot of attention to Canadian and especially B.a. crop circles, in connection with the new 'Signs' movie..."

- Our olde pal from beyond the Pond CHRIS ALLAN writes as follows:

"Oh dear, here we go again! [Brian Parks](#) wants to resurrect MJ-12, and uses the infamous 'Aquarius Document' to do so. He tells us what Bill Moore & Jaime Shandera told us over a decade ago, namely that the said document was a retype of an original AFOSI report, which was then handed to the unfortunate Paul Bennewitz in early 1981.

"Who 'retyped' it, and how do we know it was a 'retype'? Bill Moore tells us that he tried to reconstruct the original from memory seven years (!) after he was first shown it by either Richard Doty or the mystery man known as 'Falcon'; he then waffles on for several pages (in his 1990 MJ-12 report) about its significance and how alleged counter-intelligence agents are spreading disinformation about anything & everything connected with UFOs. Better reading than any spy fiction'. "When the GAO came out with its 1995 report on Roswell they added an appendix consisting of a letter to Congressman Steven Schiff in which they (the GAO) refer to this 'Aquarius Document' (not using that name, of course). They made it quite plain that not only was there no original of this document in AFOSI archives, but that the AFOSI re-plied that the said document was a forgery!

"Does this satisfy Brian Parks? Presumably not!

"You won't of Course find the original in Moore's 1990 publication. The reason? There never was one. End of story!..."

INDIA: PANIC AND DEATH AFTER MONSTER REPORTS Reports of a flashing space creature, or maybe a mutant bug that glows at both ends, have created panic in the country's most populous state, setting off riots and lynchings that have killed more than a dozen people. Victims report being scratched by something flashing blue, red or green that strikes only at faces and only at night. Some police officers declared that the "face-clawing monster" is an extraterrestrial being. Terrified villagers have killed people suspected of being one, and one person died on Sunday when the police fired on a crowd storming their post 40 miles from the state capital, Lucknow. A scientist investigating the incidents said he believed that the most likely explanation in the drought-stricken state was lightning balls common during prolonged dry spells.

THAT'LL LEARN YOU: A national design competition asking students to "tell a convincing lie" came a cropper after an entrant convinced universities that the contest had been scrapped. Professor George Hardie from Brighton University said the student created fake headed paper from the competition poster. *Eve. Standard, 29 Mar 2000.*

JUST CHUTE ME: Bernhard Tramme, a 21-year-old Austrian paratrooper, survived a 7,000ft (2,134m) fall after both his parachutes opened at the same time and got tangled together. He hit a car park at around 50mph (80k/h) and blacked out. Awaking in hospital, his first words to doctors were: "When can I jump again?" He had escaped with just cuts and bruises. "My guardian ange] was definitely with me," he said. *Mirror, Sun, 3; July 1999.*

HONESTLY: A man who applied for a job as a police officer in Baltimore was a few tracks short of an album. When asked on the job application form whether he had ever committed a crime, Edwin Gaynor, 21, checked the box marked Yes. He told officers he had carjacked a woman and robbed five people in Killeen, Texas. He was promptly arrested. *Dayton (OH) Daily News, 4 Sept 2001.*

Weird science ANYONE who thinks the latest intricate crop circle is 'too precise to have been done in the dark overnight' is being naive. We surveyors have been able to do this for years. Any of the various commercial global navigation systems (GPS) now available would enable someone to set out such a complicated shape in only an hour or two.

Commercial differential GPS uses a base station which can be positioned discreetly up to five miles away. Way-points are pre-loaded to form any pattern required, and this can be set out using a mobile GPS station. This system can achieve an accuracy of plus or minus 20 millimetres- quite adequate for a crop circle. Can't get it all done in one night? Just set up your base station at the same position the next night and continue the pattern with no loss of accuracy.

In order to discover who's making these patterns, rather than looking at the night sky for extra-terrestrials, consider the 24 satellites which provide our GPS coverage and keep close tabs on some surveyors who have access to this technology. **CLIVE ROBERTS, Rhondda.**

NEAR THING: According to Larry Adler's book *Have I Ever Told You?*, Al Capone bribed a juror \$25,000 to reduce a murder charge on one of his men to manslaughter. "I never thought you'd get away with manslaughter," said Capone afterwards. "Oh boy," replied the juror, "you don't know how difficult it was. They wanted to acquit him." **D. Telegraph, 26 Oct 2001.**



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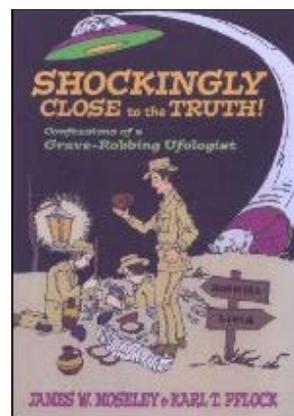
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"WHEN HELL FREEZES OVER!"

A Remote Viewer who is closely attuned to the Inner Workings of the International UFO Museum in Roswell, New Mexico, informs us that the Museum hierarchy was delighted with our performance at this year's annual Festival, and is offering us a firm contract to come back immediately after the end of the (unfortunate!) forthcoming Ice Age. The exact date of our return is not known, but the term "when hell freezes over" was used. We calculate that this will occur no later than approximately 12,000 A.D!

Of course the fee for our personal appearances will likely rise considerably by then, but if we're still operating on the Physical Plane, we will be glad to accept this kind invitation. Maybe we'll fly in on a Mogul Balloon!

In the meanwhile, we have a really firm booking for 2003 A.D. at the rival annual convention in Aztec, N.M., which occurs on the last weekend of March. It's pretty damn cold in New Mexico at that time of year. Perhaps that's what the Roswell Museum people were referring to, with the phrase "when hell freezes over"!



TIDBITS OF TRASH

- **MEA CULPA Dept:** At the beginning of the second paragraph of "PFlock PTalk" in our last issue, we made an unusually gross blunder by giving the year of the incident as 1992, rather than 1952. The whole point of the story is that in the summer of 1952, Adamski supposedly had not yet had his first physical meeting with a space person. Yet, if this account given to Pflock by a science writer is entirely accurate, Adamski was making this claim a little earlier than anyone has ever noted, till now...

Among those who called the above-mentioned Error to our attention was **RICK HILBERG** (notice the CAPITAL LETTERS!), a well-known Ohio researcher who will be speaking at [our Cincinnati NUFOC Convention](#), and who will very soon be peddling another of his endless series of self-published ufological booklets. This one will be more interesting than usual, as it will include a long section on the extremely mysterious 19th century Sonora Aero Club of California, which somehow may have been involved with the classic 1897 airship scare. This tome is modestly called "Rick Hilberg's UFOmation", and it will be reviewed in this zine as soon as Time and Space permit. Hilberg, who calls himself "the poor man's Jerry Clark" was one of the founders of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC), way back in 1964...

- Just to stay on top of the Saucer Scene, we had to see the movie "Signs", with Mel Gibson et al. It all begins with mysterious crop circles in various countries around the world, and then comes the invasion of these tall, nasty humanoids from Wherever. The drama centers around two adults and two children trying to survive in a U.S. farm house. The suspense is well done, but we never do find out just who is invading us from where, or why. Followers of George Adamski will not like this movie!...
- In a hilarious item entitled "MUFON Under Cyber Attack", International Director John Schuessler laments that his esteemed organization has been receiving an inordinate number of virus-laden messages on the (cursed) Net. These have been sent by "as yet unknown criminals", and following the virus attacks, these

- **Back to the Raelians**, a cult whose founder claims to be a UFO contactee: As mentioned previously in "Smear", their scientific team hopes to be the first group to clone a human being - something that many feel is morally wrong. Though the group operates primarily out of Canada, a South Korean branch claims to have a woman pregnant with a cloned baby, and they say they will be making a very important announcement as soon as the child is born. Stay tuned!
- **Everything** has a reasonable, logical explanation, if we just reach far enough into Left Field. **NIDS**

Our own Karl Pflock has also hinted darkly, many times, that these craft are made by our own military, and he may well be on the right track. With his background working for the federal government, he is in a position to Know Things that the rest of us do not Know.

As for crop circles, the imaginative proprietor of Arcturus Books has come up with a brand new theory: They are "physical evidence left behind from man-made energy-beam experiments". According to Bob Girard, "Someone - presumably the U.S. working closely with British partners - is mastering the precision-controlled beaming of (probably microwave) energy". Could be!?

EDITORIAL

About 12 years ago Dennis Stillings wrote, "The ETH is extremely difficult to falsify, making it a fertile breeding ground for every sort of fantasy." He concluded, "In summary, I have to agree with those European ufologists who consider American ufology to be a frightful mess! ("The American Way": A Cock-and-Bullard Story, Magonia, No. 35, January 1990)

Since then there has been little change in American ufology. The psychosocial hypothesis is rejected out of hand. Sensible explanations for "classic" cases are brushed aside, with remarks about "armchair ufologists", "skeptibunkers" and "pelicanists". Witnesses are assessed not on their reliability, but on whether or not they say what the believers want to hear.

Instead of maturing over the years American ufology has remained in a state of thumb-sucking infantilism.

The above is taken from England's "Magonia Supplement", 7/1/02.

Pflock Ptalk - "THE MORE THINGS CHANGE..."

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



(Certain true-to-form reactions to the Supreme Commander's and my "Shockingly Close to the Truth!" prompt this reprise of "Hey, Ufogs! Lighten Up", from the 9/5/00 "Smear". Next time, a shockingly new and exciting column!)

Ufologists are always complaining that they "don't get no respect". They whine that the field which they say means so much to them is not taken seriously. Seems to me one of the top reasons for this is that ufologists take themselves too damn seriously!

Zealotry and self-importance plague The Field. This Leading Ufologist and that Leading Ufologist is so sure his is a Historic Mission, so certain he has The Answer to the Mystery of the Millennium that he becomes the subject matter - UFOs - personified.

Of course, every one of these Big Frogs has appropriated his own small - no, tiny - pond with a well-centered lily pad throne on which to squat. Each plops on his own royal seat, loudly and oh-so-seriously croaking and fending off any other frogs who presume to suggest they might know something about the depth of the big fella's mud puddle. Roswell puddle. Abductions puddle. Mutilations puddle. Saucer history puddle. UFO skeptic puddle. Ufological political correctness puddle. Croak! Croak! Croak!

Have you ever seen a frog that wasn't absolutely certain of his own centrality in the universe? Ever seen a frog that wasn't funny, very funny indeed, because of his own self-importance, utterly unaware of how silly he looks sprawling on and quite a bit off a semi-submerged leaf in a fetid pool with a gaggle of burbling tadpoles wiggling around him?

Look around you. Do you see all the self-important Ufrogs? Listen. Do you hear all their I-am-the-greatest croaking? The cacophony is enough to make you - and Real Science - deaf, isn't it? Listen again. Do you hear any of them laughing at themselves? This time, it's the silence that's deafening!

I've got a theory, well, a notion: If ufology never rises above the status of a tabloid semi-protoscience, one not unimportant reason will be because its practitioners - I know this is stretching the use of a perfectly good word to the breaking point - um, leading lights don't - can't - laugh at themselves.

Hey, you dim-bulbs: Lighten up. Look in the mirror. Read "Smear". See yourselves as you really are. Scary, huh? Yeah, but funny, very funny. Have a good laugh. Knock yourselves out!

There is no better antidote for what ails ufology today, both as to its internal difficulties and where it stands with the outside "straight" world than a good belly laugh at itself. Read "Smear", ufology, and be saved!

THE ORIGIN OF THE MJ-12 DOCUMENTS - by *Brian Lloyd Parks*

Virtually everyone in Ufology is familiar with the history of the so-called Eisenhower Briefing Document (EBD) on Operation Majestic Twelve or MJ-12. Mailed anonymously to Jaime Shandera in late 1984, and made public in 1987 by William L. Moore, who had been working quietly with Shandera and Stanton T. Friedman.

Lesser known is the first MJ-12 document which was given to Moore in 1981. He was given the task of passing it on to Paul Bennewitz, who was then a target of AFOSI disinformation due to sensitive EM transmissions he was receiving from the Kirtland/Sandia complex. This document is said by Moore ("FOCUS"; '89; "The MJ-12 Documents"; '90) to be a retype of an authentic AFOSI teletype from Headquarters AFOSI to District 17 at Kirtland regarding the Bennewitz matter. According to Moore, and then AFOSI Special Agent Richard Doty, the document given Bennewitz was identical with the exception of a few spurious changes. The reference to Majestic Twelve and a UFO Project Aquarius were not altered.

This document is important for three reasons: (1) It is the first known public reference to MJ-12. (2) Its use in Disinformation in connection with UFOs. (3) Its relation to all other MJ-12 documents to follow. MJ-12 was either fabricated at that point or the source of the document knew that it was in fact real!

There is something else rather curious about this document. It is a retype of a teletype message. It has around its SECRET classification a box of asterisks. This is not odd because real AFOSI teletypes, and possibly all used in the Air Force at the time, had these around the classifications. They are also in use on every page of the EBD, although not on the attached Truman/Forrestal memo.

The EBD was mailed in a package with the postmark Albuquerque, New Mexico, home of the then

17th District AFOSI and the focal point of the UFO Disinformation of the early 1980s. I have in my own records hundreds of pages of Classified Documents from an alphabet soup of government agencies. I have never seen any with the curious classification box other than the MJ-12 leaks and authentic teletype messages. This leads me to believe that perhaps a flashing signal as to the origin of some of this material has been there all along!

Whether some of the information in this material is authentic is another matter. I suspect that something along the lines of MJ-12 did exist. It is a procedure in such operations to mix accurate and sometimes verifiable information with the bogus. It is also a matter of AFOSI regulation that they do nothing to publicly confirm the authenticity of leaked documents or information!

One final note on the subject of William L. Moore. He has been an integral part of MJ-12 history and at the forefront of accusations of forgery for fame, fortune, and whatever. I knew Bill very closely from 1983 until the early 1990s when he dropped out of UFO research. I knew that he claimed to have high level government contacts on the subject of UFOs and leaked documents, from 1984 onward. During all this time he spent much effort on research and his contacts, and very little on writing. This is the exact opposite of those who promote themselves for money and notoriety in this field!

Instead, the behavior I observed was of a man very perplexed by a set of circumstances that these so-called Aviary contacts had gotten him into. He was always open to the possibility that the MJ-12 documents were not authentic, and never stated they were. The purpose of these early documents and the current MJ-12 material is open to very important questions about Intelligence Operations against the UFO research community.

Editor's Note: Brian Parks is indeed a former co-worker of Bill Moore's, and we have known him slightly for quite a number of years. Indeed, he is a "Smear" non-subscriber.

BRIEF BIASED BOOK REVIEWS

- **Closely following the recent death of conspiracy guru William Cooper, Tim Beckley of Global Communications has rushed out with a 100-page softcover book on this fallen hero of the Militia Movement. Tim gives the date of Cooper's death as Nov. 5th, 2001. We believe it was Nov. 6th, but at least Tim has come closer to the correct date than we did in last December's issue of "Smear", where we erroneously stated that it was October 6th.**

This book, allegedly written (or edited) by "Commander X" has just about everything a conspiracy fiend could ask for - The Illuminati; The New World Order; World Trade Center Disaster; UFOs and MJ-12; JFK Assassination; Gun Control; The Constitution; Secret Societies; and MORE! Much has been said about how Cooper wildly changed his opinions on key issues over the years; but as Beckley so aptly puts it at the bottom of Page 8, "that's water under the dam". (This book really contains a flood of good information!)

As detailed in the above-mentioned December "Smear", we knew Bill Cooper quite well from various barroom scenes at Beckley's western conventions a few years back; and whatever Wild Bill may have done to others, we personally had no quarrel with him.

The title of this collector's item is "William Cooper: Death of a Conspiracy Salesman - Survivalist? Patriot? FANATIC'." It sells for \$19 from Global Communications, P.O. Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903. Also available for \$30 is Cooper's classic "Behold a Pale Horse", written back in 1991 and now difficult to obtain...

- **Our old friend Curt Sutherly has come out with a second book, entitled "UFO Mysteries", published by Llewellyn, who until recently were the publishers of Fate Magazine. (Sutherly's earlier book, called "Strange Encounters", was put out by the same outfit, and the new one is an expanded version of some of the same material.)**

The present volume devotes a chapter each to ten of the most interesting UFO situations of the modern era. Strangely, a covering form letter from Llewellyn mentions "fifteen of the best of these (UFO) stories", so it would seem to us that someone here has forgotten how to count. No matter; The book is well-written, and runs about 200 pages including a long appendix cataloguing reports of triangular UFOs in recent years.

An "Afterword" discusses some of ufology's well-known researchers, including your humble "Smear" editor, who is described on Page 160 of the "Uncorrected Proof" as a "godfather" in the UFO field. (We do not have the final version of this book, which presumably is re-edited and contains additional photographs.) There are also many other favorable references to your editor, here & there throughout the book!

On Page 167, Sutherly states his own opinion (similar to ours) about UFO origin, which is: "There is, and always has been, reason to believe that the UFO phenomenon is representative of something far more complex than spacecraft and visiting extraterrestrials. This leads into areas of religion, philosophy, and metaphysics - the combination of which can have a lasting, and disturbing, impression on the human psyche..."

Actually, the most interesting story we read was in the Preface, where a friend of Sutherly's with the pseudonym "Raymond" is driven out of the flying saucer field entirely by a series of bizarre incidents in his vicinity. Sutherly, too, gave up research for awhile, but then got back into it. We wish we knew who "Raymond" is or (shudder!) was!

This softcover book can be purchased for a mere \$12.95 from: Llewellyn Publications, P.O. Box 64383, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55164-0383.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Researcher RICK HILBERG of Cleveland, Ohio writes:

"Regarding the 'Errata' section in 'Smear' - in Karl Pflock's column he quotes Neil Barron's 1992 trip to California and his meeting with George Adamski. Wow, I thought old George passed on in 1965! Gee, do we have a typo here??"

Mea Culpa! - Editor.

- DAVE SWINK, who was Speaker Coordinator for the International UFO Museum in Roswell during the recent Festival there, writes:

"Dear Jim:

"Thank you so much for coming up to our Festival. The audience and I thoroughly enjoyed your lecture, and I really enjoyed finally meeting you, after enjoying 'Saucer Smear' for several years. Very few people are as lucky as you were, in being able to pursue your dreams and hobbies all your life, unrestricted by an 8 to 5 corporate grind..."

"Thanks again for being you, and I hope you can continue with 'Smear' until it is no longer fun..."

So, what went wrong in Roswell, you might ask. The answer will probably be in our next thrilling issue! - Editor.

- ED MITCHEL, a wonderful fan from Nashville, Tennessee, writes:

"What a pleasure it was to see you again in Roswell! You acquitted yourself admirably, as always. On Friday I talked to a woman who walked out on you. She

said you were 'too negative'. She walked out on the Raelians, too.

"i thought the Museum's treatment of the Raelians was shabby. I heard them at Alien Resistance HQ (across the street), and I drank enough of Guy Malone's coffee that I had to leave in search of the Museum's facilities. What should I find going on there, but an unscheduled second talk by Dee Wallace Stone on the joys of ET and Hollywood. If they had told the Raelians up front that no religious groups could use the facilities, that would be one thing. But to allow them to print and distribute advertising materials with time and place specified, and then to pull the rug out from under them seems...shabby. It makes one suspect that the Raelians filled a hole in their programming, until they discovered they needed a slot for a wholesome family-oriented activity!

"It is strange that they don't carry [your book](#) in the Museum Bookstore. I looked over their stock the morning after your lecture..."

Yes, it indeed is strange'. - Editor.

- Gentle old GEORGE HANSEN, the parapsychologist, writes as follows:

"Gee, I'm jealous'. Jerry Clark gave a full seven pages to [your book](#) in IUR (International UFO Reporter). His attack could almost serve as a clinical case study of psychological projection.

"I was pleased that he devoted almost a full page to the Linda Napolitano (aka Cottile) case. It seems to be gaining credibility among ufologists. Barry Downing recently promoted it in the 'MUFON UFO Journal'. At the Laughlin conference several months ago, Budd Hopkins said that he was convinced that the Pope had been informed of the details of the Linda affair. I hope UR will publish something on these astounding new developments!

"It was amusing to see Jerry assert that George Hunt Williamson's books 'will certainly be recognized as classics of esoteric literature'. Is Jerry. a closet follower?"

- The semi-mysterious HARRY LIME writes:

"So - parapsychologist (whatever that might be) George Hansen thinks I am 'Klass successor wannabe' * Kow Pflop, does he? If he is as accurate about the Linda 'Cortile' case as he is about me, we 'Manhattan Transfer' skeptics had best reassess.

"Nice try, Mr. Hansen, but no cuckoo clock, not even a small Swiss chocolate!

"With kindest regards to the Supreme Commander but not Parawhatever Hansen, I am

Your humble servant, (signed) Harry

* My but Wendy Connors has a way with words, does she not? I am certain it will not be long before we shall see her byline in the 'New York Review of Books' or 'The Weekly World News'."

- Noted British author & researcher HILARY EVANS writes:

["Your book](#) is beyond question one of the most important books in the flying saucer literature. It is essential reading for anyone who now or in times to come hopes to understand what all the fuss has been about.

"Some of your reviewers seem to be under the impression that it is nothing but a marginal commentary by an amiable buffoon sitting on the fence thumbing your nose at serious researchers. They are, perhaps, misled by your inimitable prose style. But no one could read your book without realizing that in your own way you are as serious as they are, in your wish - in your own words, 'to encourage others to think in new ways and question their unproved assumptions'.

"I enjoyed the book enormously, and at the same time I learnt a very great deal. Your personal involvement in so much of what has been going on has given you an insight into affairs that were confused to the point of obscurity at the time - the Walters affair, for example. If for nothing else, your book will be valued as a source of enlightenment on what urologists did and the hidden_ agendas that made them act that way.

"I have often thought that a social history of the flying saucer phenomenon needs to be written; but of course, with Americans liable to seize on any personal reference as an excuse for calling their lawyers, such a project will be out of the question for a century or so. However, your book comes pretty close to what I had in mind: as ufology's court jester you are licensed to point out the Emperor's nudity.

"Thank you for a great read and a real contribution to the UFO literature..."

- Anthropologist CHRIS ROTH writes as follows:

"...First of all, let me say how impressed, entertained, informed and enlightened I was by '**Shockingly Close to the Truth!**' When I try to think of another book on the subject written from an insider perspective and yet without the distortion of an ideology of either the true-believer or the debunker type, there simply isn't one! There's absolutely no one in the field who has the historical depth that you do. I think that for generations to come anyone interested in the history of the UFO phenomenon and the UFO belief-system will be turning to very few books to put things in perspective. There will be 'primary' sources like Arnold's 'Coming of the Saucers' and Scully's 'Behind the Flying Saucers'; there will be case-studies that influenced the Field greatly like 'The Interrupted Journey', 'Communion' , and 'Missing Time'; but, for a survey of the birth and growth of the Field, your book is both more informative and more level-headed than any of the other 'histories' out there. My guess is that it will stay in print for along time and that it will withstand any of the current stones being flung at it.

"Thank you also for what I think must be a quotation of me, regarding John Mack, on page 310. I consider it an honor and - just in case Donna Bassett is right and Mack is point man for a vast C.I.A. conspiracy - my anonymity in the book is probably just as well!

"I remain convinced that a hardcore minority of 'abductees' were and are experiencing possibly real, not necessarily physically real, encounters with nonhuman intelligences that are almost certainly not extraterrestrial and would have been called something else in another age..."

- Researcher KEVIN HENDERSON writes'

Thank you very much for sending me your new book. Unfortunately, I have yet to receive any issues of Saucer Smear, other than the April issue. Am I not on your mailing list, or do I need to send more \$\$? I assumed you hadn't put anything out since April, until I looked on the 'Smear' website and saw the May and June Issues. If you've sent them and they never made it here, please let me know. I assuming the MIB's haven't been watching my PO box or anything. If you haven't sent the issues since April, please do. The idea of missing an issue (print issue), not

to mention two issues, of 'Smear is upsetting to me. If they are in transit, I'll be mollified by the time you get this. Like you, I find it near-impossible to read print on a cathode ray tube.

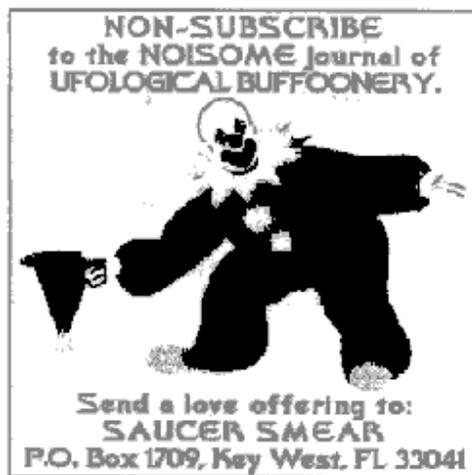
I loved "[Shockingly Close to the Truth](#)". It's the only UFO book to bring to a desert isle. Your descriptions of the 1950's saucerers are the funniest I've read. Scully, Adamski, Big Bo the Venusian Dog, and the whole cast of characters are all here, vividly portrayed. You have brought your readers much joy in these depressing times.

As a general history of Ufology in the 20th Century, [Shockingly...](#) is unsurpassed, but just as important, it documents for posterity a vital American subculture. While the Roswell myth will survive for many years to come, the names of Dan Fry and Prince/King Neosom will not, and it's nice to know who they were and what they did. Your perspectives on books like A Socccoro "Saucer" in a Pentagon Pantry and the Saucers Speak, and, more importantly, their authors, are priceless. Your book is candid and honest, unlike so much pretentious crap in the field (or as you say, Field), including those parts describing the grave robberies, which were the only chapters I found difficult to stomach.

I'm curious: What actually occurred when you met that would-be Deep Throat Carl Allen, aka Carlos Allende?

On 10 July 2001, two months after a visit to Greece by the Pope, the Greek Orthodox Church announced that the "weeping and bleeding icons", which it claimed reflected God's opposition to the Pope's presence, were not divinely inspired. Tests concluded that drops found on the icons were cherry juice. D.Telegraph, 1 July 2001.

CLOSE TO THE BONE: An undertaker suffered a nervous breakdown when the Grim Reaper turned up at her work in Berlin. The deathly visitor was an actor in fancy dress, complete with scythe, being filmed by music channel MTV as a joke. The woman collapsed and needed psychiatric care. Her boss took legal action to stop MTV broadcasting the clip. Metro, 22 Jan 2001.



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WENDY CONNORS writes: "["Shockingly Close to the Truth! Confessions of a Grave-Robbing Ufologist"](#) is a yawn-filled romp through the askewed ego of Ufoologist James W. Moseley and his Klass successor wannabee, Karl T. Pflock. Within this mish-mash of drool are some excellent passages ... Insights into Moseley's love affair with publishing a cheap dime store news rag abound, along with his propensity to sleeze to any level for a buck...But, like the proverbial brain damaged dog, he continues unabated as the decades click onward and good trees are sacrificed to put out a bad product..."

And, UFO historian JEROME CLARK, writing in the Jan.10, 1989 "Saucer Smear", states: "Though you have nothing of consequence to say about the UFO phenomenon as such anymore (if you ever did, after you exposed Adamski), you are still the Greatest Living Authority on the history of saucer fandom and the funniest writer around.."

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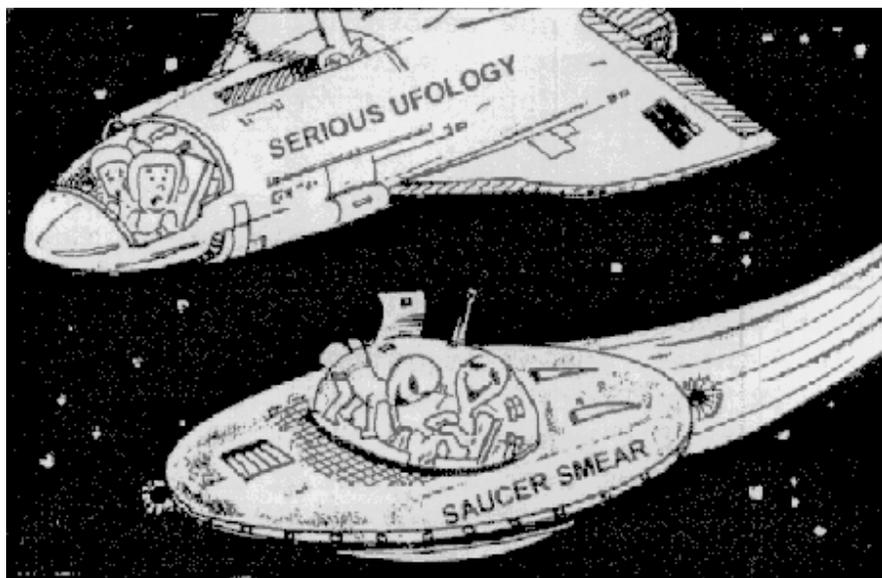
- **V**eteran UFO researcher Start Gordon will be holding a one-day display of all sorts of UFO-related items, on August 24th, at the Westmoreland Mall, Route 30 East, Greensburg, Pa. This exhibit features photos, books, magazines, government UFO documents, etc. It has attracted thousands of people in past years, according to Start
- The famed mentalist named Kreskin made a complete fool of himself in an incident involving a Las Vegas hotel back in early June. Basically, he predicted a UFO sighting which never took place, and which he didn't even expect to take place, except "mentally". He has since been barred from the Art Bell Show as well as others
- Legendary ufological evangelist Dr. Frank Stranges is seriously ill following delicate heart surgery this past June. He is now recovering at home. Those wishing to send encouragement should write to his wife, Julie Stranges, at 9101 Topanga Canyon Blvd., #209, Chatsworth, California 91311-5763...
- Gloom & Doom Dept: This year's MUFON convention clashed time-wise with the annual Roswell Festival, but this can't account for the pitifully small crowd at Rochester, N.Y., where one of the scheduled speakers, Antonio Huneus, semi-mysteriously failed to show up. And at FUFOR (Fund for UFO Research), the tiny office staff has practically gone into a state of suspended animation, due to an almost complete lack of ufological events to keep them busy...
- On a more positive note, a three-day convention is planned in West Virginia in mid-September, featuring unnamed "special events, special guests, free museum displays". This event coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Flatwoods Monster sighting, way back in 1952. Both Gray Barker and Ivan Sanderson did personal on-site investigations, separately, of this unique ufological phenomenon...
- And, approximately on the 50th anniversary of the famous 1952 radar UFO flap over Washington, D.C., a resident of nearby Maryland reported seeing a military jet chasing a "light-blue object, traveling at a phenomenal rate of speed". Military officials said they don't know what their jets were chasing, because whatever it was, it simply disappeared!...
- Bob Girard's diatribe in his latest Arcturus Books catalogue (# 2002-8) is a real winner! Says he, among many other things: "...Flying saucer books? You no longer need them. They are only the guttered scraps of a dead addiction. Anyway, you stopped buying them some years ago, thus turning my rapidly approaching golden years to crap..."

Let's give ole Bob a Break, and buy something from him! His address is: 1443 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952. Tell him OISEAU sent you!...

- The semi-mysterious entity who calls himself "Boxholder" points out that the prestigious New York Times has been selling a famous 1952 saucer photo for \$195 per 11 by 14 inch print, when a more normal price would be about \$15. The photo in question, taken by a (then) young Coast Guard photographer, is in the public domain, and is very familiar to ufological historians...
- We have two articles about recent UFO activity in South America. One tells us that an area around San Jose de Maipo is the UFO capital of Chile, with countless sightings reported over a long period of time.

The mayor, who is a saucer sighter himself, is all in favor of encouraging tourism from this angle. The Southern Lights (like the Northern Lights) are very visible down there, and this no doubt accounts for many of the sightings.

The other story, from Chilca, Peru, concerns muck-filled lagoons that supposedly cure many types of human ailments; and their amazing healing powers come from space aliens! As in Chile, many sightings have taken place in this area, which is on the south coast of Peru and is one of the many little towns your editor passed through in our long ago grave-robbing days. But we saw nothing there. (Our thanks to Scott Kupferman for this item.)

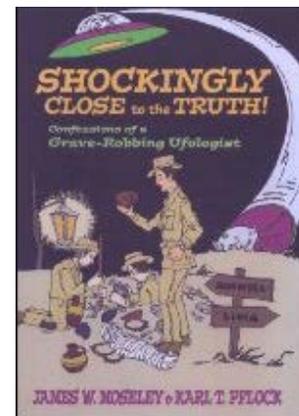


ROSWELL DOES IT AGAIN!

On the weekend of July 5th-7th, your humble "Smear" editor, sporting a Roswell T-shirt and cap, was one of a mere handful of scheduled speakers at this year's Festival in Roswell, New Mexico, sponsored by the local International UFO Museum. Our first visit to the Holy City of Ufology was in 1995, before the Museum had moved to its present spacious quarters. We came again in 1997, to the unforgettable fiftieth anniversary celebration of the famed Roswell Incident. Finally, this year, perhaps because of our [just-published book](#), we were invited to be on the lecture program. We consider this a genuine honor. As we told the audience, playing the Roswell Museum is like playing the Palace Theatre in the good old days of vaudeville - it's the top of the line!

One thing we like about the Museum is that every speaker has a full house. This is because they only put out as many chairs as there are bodies to fill them. But we must admit that ole Stan Friedman's full house was fuller than ours.

Before the Festival began, there was a great deal of discussion and confusion regarding just who would be speaking and at what time. A formal debate about the validity of the Roswell Incident was considered, with Friedman and Don Schmitt defending it as an interplanetary event, vs. Pflock and Moseley pushing the unpopular Mogul Balloon solution. This format dissolved when Pflock decided to skip the Festival altogether. It would have been a terrible debate in any case, as the written rules required that "personal attacks on each other, the Museum, or the Roswell witnesses will not be permitted". How do you have a real debate without attacking someone???



Regarding Mogul, there is a "sacreligious" pro-Mogul display on one wall of the Museum, giving credit to Miller Johnson, Karl Pflock, Prof. Charles Moore and Kent Jeffrey, among others. The text reads in part: "Was it part of one of these flight trains which rancher W.W. ('Mac') Brazel found and reported to authorities? Many researchers believe it was, and many others do not. Study this exhibit carefully and draw your own

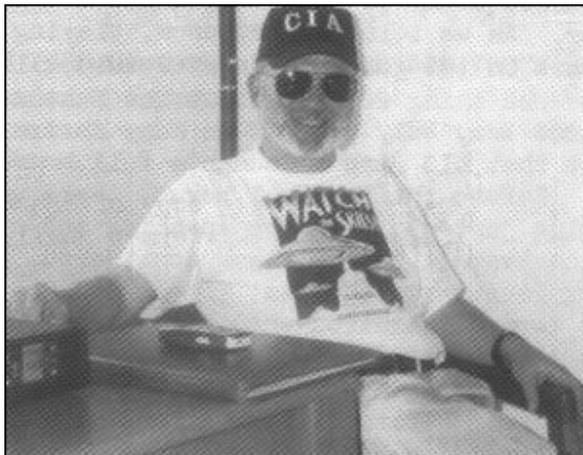
conclusions." Fair enough!

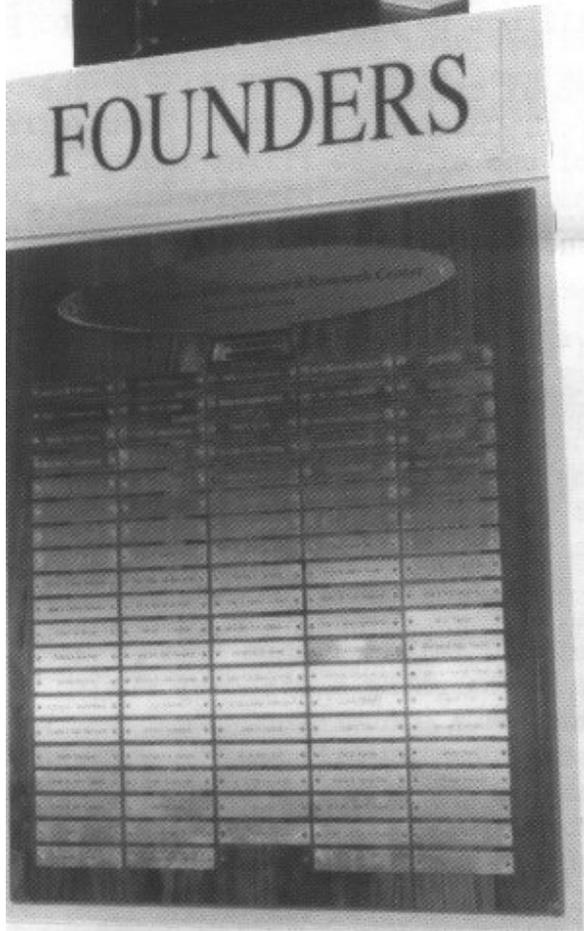
The pictures below give a partial history of our weekend at Roswell. As much as we enjoyed it, we were sorry to miss the MUFON convention which was stupidly scheduled for the same time period, in New York state. Legendary abductee Betty Hill came out of retirement to speak there, and we would have liked very much to hear her, as well as some of the others. MUFON conventions need all the help they can get, these days!

Our thanks to Roswell Museum volunteer Dave Swink for much help and encouragement regarding our lecture, and of course our thanks go out to Museum Director Julie Shuster (daughter of co-founder Walter Haut) for putting us on the program in spite of our known heretical views about the Roswell Incident. We spoke mainly about our Book, however, and managed to sell quite a few copies to the panting fans.

Our most memorable moment came just after we finished talking, when a lady came up and said, "I enjoyed your talk. Have you ever thought of becoming a stand-up comic?" Without hesitation we replied, "Lady, I really take that as a sincere compliment. Frankly, I'm not good enough to ever be a stand-up comic. But Stanton Friedman is good enough, and he will be speaking here tomorrow night. I really wish you would ask him the same question!"

Next year we are booked at the rival Aztec, New Mexico convention, which takes place near the end of March. This annual gathering commemorates a complex non-event from the year 1948 - one year after the Roswell Incident. Karl Pflock has also been invited. We are looking forward to it in spite of the frigid temperatures in New Mexico at that time of year....





EXPLANATIONS OF PHOTOS ABOVE: All except the top right photo were taken by Miller Johnson and Jim Moseley at the International UFO Museum in Roswell, N.M. during the recent annual UFO Festival there. (The top right photo shows ace UFO investigator Karl Pflock at an Undisclosed Location. It was taken by OISEAU.)

At the top left, we see your humble "Smear" editor raving with a Fan. Just below that, we see the fascinating Founders list, on one wall of the Museum. This is a group of 100 people who sent in a hundred bucks each, circa 1994 when the Museum was begun. Look at the picture very carefully and you will see that one name plate is missing at the bottom of the middle row. This came about because of the resignation of Karl P flock.

On the bottom row we have (left) Don Schmitt, part-time saucer researcher affiliated with the Museum, and part-time postman in another state. At the bottom right, in a rare group picture, we see the two surviving real founders of the Museum - legendary Roswell witnesses Glenn Dennis and Walter Haut.

The tall thin alien at the center of the page is a statue that greets the tourists as they leave the Museum's gift shop where, alas, our book "Shockingly.. "is not allowed to be sold (For the explanation, see Page 320 of [said book](#).)



ERRATA

THERE ARE THOSE who believe that there are a lot of typographical errors & other unintentional mistakes in our zine, so we have decided to begin an "ERRATA" dept., with the help of this timely cartoon by Matt Graeber.

Winning non-subscribers will get their names printed in "Smear" IN CAPITAL LETTERS.

The worst mistake in our last issue: Robert Bigelow was called John Bigelow, on Page 3.

Pflock Ptalk - COBWEBS AND RUST SPOTS

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Our publisher, Prometheus Books (shudder!) sent a review copy of "[Shockingly Close to the Truth!](#)" to Neil Barton, now former nonfiction book review editor of the "SF (Science Fiction) Research Association Review". Barton concluded that "Shockingly... ." was "well outside our scope" and therefore wouldn't be reviewed in his august journal'. (Sigh...) However, this gentleman, the editor of four editions of "Anatomy of Wonder", the standard critical guide to science fiction (4th ed., 1995, still in print from Greenwood Press), did pass along a very interesting story about an encounter he, as an 18 year old, had with George Adamski:

"Sometime during the summer of 1992, probably early July, Bob, a friend of mine (who became an astronomer and taught physics and astronomy before his death a few years ago) and I drove from Pasadena to San Diego to attend Southwestercon, an SF convention. We made a side trip to visit the fairly new Hale telescope on Mt. Palomar.

"On the way up the highway, we stopped at Palomar Gardens for lunch. We ordered, and noticed a handful of people who appeared expectant. I asked why, and they said Professor George Adamski was going to tell them

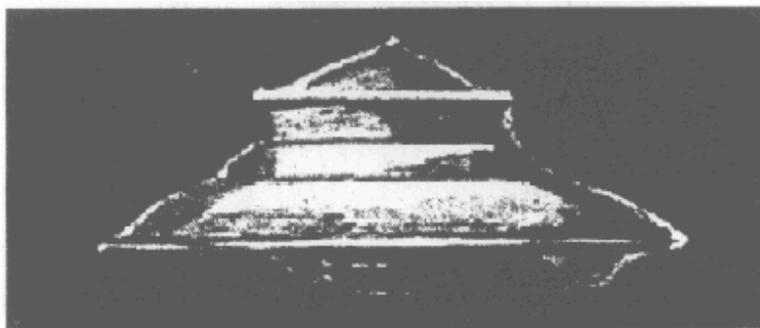
about his trip in a Venusian flying saucer. I looked at Bob and he looked at me, and we said nothing.

"Soon Adamski came out and told his tales to his acolytes, then asked for questions. Either Bob or I asked if he'd been recently observing the saucers with his telescope, which was in an enclosure on the edge of the restaurant parking lot. The answer was a predictable 'Yes'.

"What we didn't tell him is that we'd looked in the enclosure and saw the reflecting mirror, covered with cobwebs and rust spots. The telescope hadn't been used in months, if not longer.

"Adamski's loyal followers resented our skeptical tone. We concluded that we'd been dissing Santa Claus and continued on our trip."

Students of the Adamski saga will have immediately recognized something curious and important here, apart from the telescopic gotcha (but maybe Adamski meant his other telescope when he answered). If Barron's recollections of what was said that day are accurate, then the "Professor" was claiming to have ridden in a Venusian scout ship months before his alleged November 20th, 1952, meeting with Orthon of Venus - which he always said was his first encounter with a Space Brother. My, my... Of course it's very possible that, like those recalling saucer encounters many years after the fact, Barton has unwittingly incorporated things he later heard and read into his memories of this amusing afternoon fifty years ago. Still...



Prof Adamski used a Polanski 1000mm lens on his shoebox pinhole camera to capture this amazing photo.. Hnnnnnnnn

↑ Thanks to
Miller
Johnson

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- On Page 329 of "[Shockingly](#)", we offer a free lifetime (our lifetime, not yours!) non-subscription to "Saucer Smear" to the first reader who provides a clear & entertaining explanation of The Fact. The Fact is, of course, the true Secret of the Saucers.

ED GRABOWSKI, quoted in part below, is our winner:

"First of all, I have just read 'Shockingly Close to the Truth.' and must say that it is the most entertaining book on flying saucers that I have ever read. I mm not exaggerating. It may well be the best book ever written on the subject. In today's environment, it certainly is a 'must read' volume. I thoroughly enjoyed its comprehensive history of the UFO movement in America, from the early days through the present...

"The belief systems involved in The Field interest me more than any particular theory and/or event. I disbelieve everything aside from some of the '4-D' aspects of UFOs that you mention. As a matter of fact, I feel the best writers in The Field are John Keel and Jacques Vallee, not only stylistically, but in their interpretation of the phenomena as well.

"Excuse this very long-winded preamble to what caused me to sit down and write this missive in the first place: The Fact. The Epilogue of your book encourages your readers to identify The Fact, the Secret of the Saucers, contained in your book. You state that 'The Fact is not in his epilogue. A vital Clue is.' At first I thought the 'Clue' was Ray Palmer, as he is mentioned in your Epilogue and has long been called 'The Man Who Invented Flying Saucers' by those who consider the whole subject a hoax, or a long series of hoaxes. Then I realized the 'Clue' must be the quote from William James that opens your Epilogue: '...your belief will help create the fact.' In other words, the belief of each individual observer, believer, experiencer, researcher, or whatever term one wishes to use, is the Secret of the Saucers. Belief is the fuel that has powered the engines of the saucers for these past 55 years... There is, finally, no objective reality outside of any person's belief system..."

- Famed skeptic/debunker ROBERT SHEAFFER writes:

"Here's an interesting note concerning [your comment about Jimmy Carter's UFO sighting](#), in the April Fool's Day issue of 'Smear': 'While Carter was governor of Georgia, he actually saw a flying saucer and officially reported the sighting to NICAP, which was Major Keyhoe's long-defunct UFO research organization in Washington, D.C.'

"This is what NICAP wanted people to believe, but it isn't true. What actually happened was that Hayden Hewes, who ran the tiny International UFO Bureau in Oklahoma, sent Governor Carter a UFO sighting report form from his organization. Carter actually filled it out in his own handwriting, and mailed it back. Hewes seems to have lost the original, but still retained a photographic copy of it, which he was kind enough to share with me. I made several more copies.

"When I published my investigation revealing that Carter had actually seen Venus (Carter didn't remember the exact date of the incident, and guessed incorrectly on the report form), I was contacted by Jack Acuff, then-president of NICAP, who I'd met when I went to look over some NICAP files. Could I please send him the information I had on this case? Sure, I said, and I mailed him one of the copies of Hewes' form. Acuff promptly had it re-typed under a NICAP letterhead and published on the front page of his bulletin, as if Carter had reported the case to them!..."

Very interesting! Another underhanded trick by NICAP is thus revealed, at this late date! - Editor

- PROFESSOR CHARLES B. MOORE of Mogul Balloon fame ~rites as follows:

"[Your shocking opus](#) arrived here while I was on an extended field trip. This and the time it has taken for me to enjoy your account of the UFO follies are the causes of my slowness in thanking you for sending your chronicle to me. So, thank you! And best wishes on the sequel."

Our thanks for the above, and for Charles Moore's unsolicited check for \$26.78! - Editor.

- Aging debunker PHIL KLASS writes, regarding the classic Socorro, N.M. UFO landing case: ([Klass has unnecessarily underlined almost everything in his letter, and we have omitted this underlining.](#))

"Dear Capt. Jim:

"This is in response to your complaint of June 10th. I suggest that you re-read Chapter 12 of my book 'UFOs Explained' - IF YOU EVER READ SAME. You would know that during my first visit to Socorro in late 1966, I initially suspected that Zamora might have seen a 'plasma-UFO'. After all, Socorro had very intense and frequent lightning storms. That is why I spent an hour interviewing a member of the atmospheric physics staff at New Mexico's tech institute in Socorro..."

"When I asked him if he had visited the 'UFO landing site' - which was only a 5-minute drive

away - and seemingly a historic spot - HE REPLIED HE HAD NEVER VISITED THE SPOT BECAUSE HE DOUBTED ZAMORA'S TALE. He suggested that I 'nose around a bit'...

"Before I departed Socorro, I talked by phone with a man whose house was only a couple hundred yards away from the 'UFO site' and who said he had been working outside in his garden at the time. He told me that he did NOT hear the loud roar that Zamora reported, nor did he see any UFO. He told me that the next morning he went to the site to inspect same. As a retired welder, he inspected the bush - allegedly set on fire by the UFO'S engine, and said the insignificant burning 'could have been created by a Zippo cigarette lighter'. HE TOLD ME THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE ZAMORA'S TALE.

"I could go on, but these are a few of the facts that prompt me to label the incident a hoax. I WOULD HAVE MUCH PREFERRED TO EXPLAIN IT AS A 'PLASMA UFO'....

"The foregoing difference of opinion PROVES YOU ARE NOT A 'KLASS KLONE'..."

- Researcher (??) MICHAEL HESEMANN writes, via the Internet: (This letter has been cut but not edited.)

"Dear Mr. Moseley,

"May I feel honored that you added me to the bottom of [your list of reliable researchers](#)? Well, unfortunately you got the facts wrong re my recent lecture at the International UFO Congress in Laughlin this March.

"I did not show any 'photo' of an alleged interplanetary baby, retrieved in 'the republic of Georgia'. What I did show to my audience was an official film (not a photo) taken by officers of the Department of Interior Affairs of Russia when they entered the house of an old lady, which at that time was hospitalized and mentioned a strange creature in her custody. This incident took place in 1996 (at last you got the year right) in Kalinov, a village near Kystym in the Ural (NOT Georgia in the Kaukasus). The film was OFFICIALLY released by the Kystym Police to the Russian and Japanese TV and an Italian researcher. I showed interviews with Captain Vladimir Bendlin of the Dept. of Interior Affairs, Commander of the responsible police station...who examined the body and stated that it was 'a mummified corpse, similar to a baby, but definitely not a human baby'.

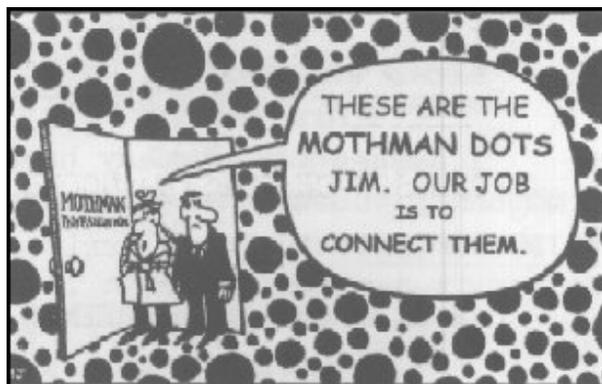
"If you consider the creature on the film 'a homemade prop for a Halloween costume', that's fine, but please explain me why both, the Kystym Police and a medical doctor were deceived by such an obvious forgery. And maybe check the facts first, before you call a lecture you obviously never listened to 'a really Sick yarn'".

Our version was taken from the Internet. - Editor.

- Under the title "MOTHMAN, PRIME SUSPECT AT WEBBERS FALLS, OKLAHOMA!", researcher MILLER JOHNSON writes as follows:

"The following investigative report was compiled after our last telephone conversation regarding the Webbers Falls bridge collapse on May 26th. Could the comparisons be more than coincidental??"

"The bridge collapse on Sunday May 26, 2002, at Webbers Falls over the Arkansas River in Oklahoma, brings back memories of another bridge disaster. Advocates of numerology might well suspect a tie-in of the Webbers Falls incident with another bridge disaster 35 years ago. I refer to the Point Pleasant, West Virginia Silver Bridge collapse that occurred on Dec. 15th, 1967.



"Some will remember this incident as part of the finale in the recent movie, 'Mothman Prophecies', based on John Keel's book by the same name. Could there be a Mothman connection here? Probably not, but then again, connecting some of the obvious dots give reasons for some serious investigative speculation.

"Some interesting numerical parallels between the two above-mentioned bridge disasters are drawn here. They are as follows:

"The number 35 is the number of years between the two disasters as well as the Ohio Highway #35 that approaches Point Pleasant from the west. After crossing the Ohio River into West Virginia, it becomes Highway #62. When reversed, 62 becomes 26, which is the year the Silver Bridge was constructed in '1926' over the Ohio River. Another somewhat interesting parallel between the two incidents is the year 1967. This is the year that included both the death of the Point Pleasant Silver Bridge and the birth of the Webbers Falls Bridge over the Arkansas River in Oklahoma.

"It makes you wonder - has Mothman returned? Could he have been on board the barge causing the destructive consequences and loss of life to both man and beast? Was he responsible for the barge captain's reported blackout or seizure, leaving no one to pilot the craft safely under the bridge??"

"Sightings of Mothman since the 1966-67 flap have been nonexistent, but when all the dots are connected, will there be another Mothman flap??"

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"Congratulations on '[Shockingly Close to the Truth!](#)' - a marvelously fun read. I am pleased to see that Jerry Clark's support of the Linda Napolitano case is immortalized in the pages of your fine volume!..."

"You hypocrite! In 'Smear' you lambasted the style of promoting the 'Roswell? Yes' video, saying that it 'deliberately cheapened an excellent presentation...by the ridiculous ploy of issuing a T-shirt and cap!

"Gee, since when are you concerned about 'cheapening' ufoology!? Roswell needs all the help it can get! We can only surmise that your dig was simply a sop thrown to your esteemed co-author Harry Lime (aka Kow Pflop).

"Actually, other promotions were considered. In fact, some market research was undertaken for 'Roswell? Yes' panty hose. There are also plans for convention appearances by Debbie D The Ultimate Fantasy Queen! (Yes, that's her name. Check her out at www.debbied.net). She will probably dress as an alien in a bikini!

"But if prudes and fuddy-duddies like you keep complaining about 'cheapening' the field, good work will sink into oblivion. Maybe that's your goal??"

- MARY MARTINEK, Spousal Associate of Our Esteemed Contributing Editor writes:

"Concerning [Tim Brigham's letter](#) in the June 10th 'Smear' - [WHAT??!!?](#)"

- And, our ESTEEMED CONTRIBUTING EDITOR speculates:

"Presumably, [Tim Brigham's comment](#) about 'the lifestyle' refers to that of the rich and famous (if only it were true, Tim!) As for Ed Komarek, I doubt even he knows what he meant. In fact, knowing Mr. Ed, Jr., am I do, I'm sure of it!..."

- Researcher ED MITCHEL writes:

"I assume you already have stacks of letters praising [your book](#). Let me add mine to the heap. Congratulations on producing a very entertaining, unique look at my favorite phenomenon..."

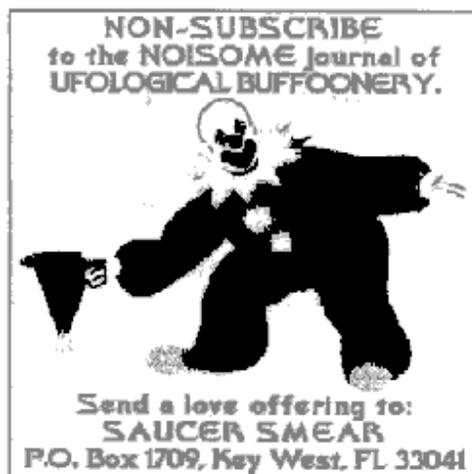
- Our olde pal DICK FREEMAN writes:

"...I am printing this on my computer which I use to hack into Wright Patterson Air Force Base's infamous hangers - though all I've been able to find hanging on them are uniforms... [Your book](#) continues to be surprisingly close to excellent..."

***** UPDATE *****

ON THE 39TH ANNUAL NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio on Sept. 28th, 2002. Speakers include John Timmerman, Karl Pflock, Jim Moseley, and many others. Further info. may be obtained from Kenny Young, 3903 Hunters Glen Dr., Florence, Ky. 41042. Phone: 859-371-7955 or 513-588-4548.

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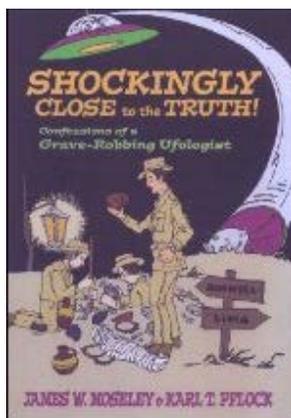


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SEEDY SAUCERERS FROM SARASOTA SLINK INTO KEY WEST FOR

A SEASIDE SYMPOSIUM!

On the weekend of May 11th, there was a series of small UFO lectures at a resort hotel here in Key West, for the first time in many years, as far as we have been able to find out. We very much wanted to attend, but unfortunately the lectures were run by an extremist New Age couple from Sarasota, Florida, who call themselves Michael and Aurora El Legion. The El Legions have a sordid history of shady business dealings in the past, according to those who know them.

Aurora El Legion actually phoned your humble "Smear" editor to forbid him from attending their lecture series, due to his perceived attitude of not taking the UFO subject seriously enough! We warned the lady that it is discrimination to bar any orderly person from a public lecture, but she said she would have us escorted away by the police if we dared to show up. Not wanting to cause trouble, we backed off, after suggesting to Aurora that she perform a rather impossible sex act upon herself.

So goeth ufoology in the very deep South!

NEWS BRIEFIES (formerly TIDBITS OF TRASH)

- Hard-core UFO activist Larry Bryant finally has what he's been waiting for - a genuine candidate for political office who will make the flying saucer issue the keynote of his whole political campaign. On April 17th, Stephen Bassett announced he will run for Congress as an independent, from the 8th District of Maryland. (The 8th District borders on northwest Washington, D.C., and is very close geographically to Larry's home stomping ground in Virginia.)

Bassett admits that he doesn't expect to get more than about five percent of the total vote. His biggest problem is to gather 4,000 signatures so as to even appear on the ballot. Still, the most important thing about Stephen Bassett may well be that he is a committed speaker for the upcoming National UFO Conference (NUFOC) in Cincinnati, Ohio. There at least he will be able to speak his mind freely before an audience that is susceptible to his belief system; and we are looking forward to hearing him!

Meanwhile, Bryant is about to file still another of his endless series of FOIA lawsuits against the government. He has chosen June 24th, 2002 as the filing date, as that is the 55th anniversary of the beginning of the modern UFO era. Says Larry: "This milestone effort to compel full government accountability happens to be a natural outgrowth of researchers' discovery of certain smoking-gun documentation pertaining to the 10 days after the Kenneth Arnold case, namely the 'Roswell Incident' and its aftermath."

YAWN!

- ...As mentioned in our last issue, we have received a fascinating video called "Roswell? Yes!", starring former airline pilot Robert Durant who essentially does a 90-minute monologue on the subject. He is supposedly being interviewed by a parapsychologist, and is answering questions, but the video boils down to Durant's very well-done narration of the basic outline of the Roswell case. He sticks mainly to the well-known military witnesses, and his aim is simply to "prove" that the material found at the crash site(s) could not possibly be anything as mundane as the wreckage of a Mogul Balloon. Durant, to his credit, admits that the stories of alien bodies, as told by various civilian witnesses, are not necessarily credible.

This video might well be called "Roswell's Last Stand", because the definitive book on the subject, called [Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe](#) has already been written by our esteemed contributing editor, Karl Pflock. Durant hammers away at the fact that some witnesses describe debris which does not sound like it came from a Mogul Balloon. We insist: So what? There is nothing about this fragile pile of Roswell junk to even remotely suggest that it was part of a spaceship from another world! This is the key point that Durant simply does not seem to understand at all!

In our May 5th issue we stated, "A Bob Durant T-shirt and baseball cap are also in the works". We thought we were being facetious, but sure enough, we have now received these items, and plan to wear them at our lecture at the Roswell Festival on July 4th weekend. (Our talk will be about [our book](#), not about the Roswell mystery.) We can only state in passing that Durant has for some reason deliberately cheapened an excellent presentation as heard & seen on the video, by using the ridiculous ploy of issuing a T-shirt and cap. Why, we wonder, did he do this?

The video is available for \$15 plus \$4 shipping & handling, from Metro-Video Production Services. They can be reached at 1-800-694-0320.

The poem below, written by Phyllis Hunt (alias "Morning Glory"), captures the True Spirit of the Roswell Incident, in our most humble opinion. We thank her for this unique contribution to our zine!...

"ROSWELL"
BY: PHYLLIS L. HUNT

THE "EVENT" FIRES MY
IMAGINATION FOR SOME
THINGS HAVE NAUGHT RHYME
OR REASON, AND I AM SEDUCED
BY DREAMS OF MEN MADE OF
POSSIBLE STUFF

THE WEAK ARE SWAYED BY REASON;
THE STRONG BY EVIDENCE, AND THE
CURIOUS BY PROPHETS WHO WEAVE
DOOM AND GLOOM
NEITHER THEY NOR THE COMET'S BLAZE
ACROSS THE FATEFUL SKY CAN KNOW
THAT WITHIN OURSELVES DO ANSWERS
LIE

POLICY HINDERS TRUTH. WHEN ENGAGED
BY DOUBT, BATTLES ARE LOST AND WON,
AND THE THINGS I AM FORBIDDEN TO
KNOW ARE REVEALED

- For most ufologists with a side interest in Bigfoot, this semi-mythical creature is as forgotten these days as is Erik Beckjord - the West Coast pitchman who once ran a Bigfoot museum. But behold, a very recent convention in Oregon drew about 400 supporters, including "Smear's" fearless northwestern reporter, George Farley. The search for Bigfoot isn't as frenzied as it was back in the 1960s, and environmentalists have crept into the movement, hoping to save Bigfoot habitat from logging. Yet the search goes on...
- John Alexander of non-lethal weapons fame reports that multimillionaire John Bigelow's NIDS (National Institute for Discovery Science) has been downsized dramatically, with only two full-time employees left. Alexander no longer works even parttime for this outfit.

Bigelow is now putting most of his energy and money into Bigelow Aerospace, a for-profit company that has about 45 employees at this time. The ultimate aim of this company is to put something Big into Space, which eventually may even include a luxury hotel in orbit. We are not fearless enough to anticipate ever staying at this hotel, however...

- Forget ye not that TOM BENSON is still selling back issues of "Smear" previous to 2001 for various prices. These issues go all the way back to 1954. Contact Benson at: P.O. Box 1174, renton, N.J.08606.

Back issues from the years 2001 and 2002 can be obtained for one dollar each here at Headquarters.

- From the (cursed) Net and thanks to our Contributing Editor, we have learned of a little-known cult called Summum, which incorporates sacred winemaking, mummification, and sexual ecstasy. (WOW!!) The

group is somewhat similar to the Raelians, in that its founder has had a series of visitations, starting in 1975, from a group of hairless blue otherworldly beings who taught him their philosophy. Naturally the sexual ecstasy part interests us the most, though we have nothing against wine or even mummification. The center of this movement is in Utah, giving a Mormon tinge, and there may be as many as 250,000 people who have come into contact with the Summums in recent years.

The Summum belief is that copulation played a vital role in the creation of the universe, and that all progression and evolution happens through sexual ecstasy. With Summum, sexuality is not merely an avenue to enjoyment. Says their leader: "It's there for meditation. When you have that ecstasy, that's creation itself. We call it the state of becoming god. It's not something you would do at a brothel or only for procreation."

The vital role of sex in their belief system is evident in the decorations in their sacred pyramid.

Pflock Ptalk - RANDOM THOUGHTS & POTSHOTS

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



I am in a more scattered mental state than usual as, in his gentlemanly fashion ("Write your damn column, damnit!"), the Supreme Commander gently reminds me it's time for another round of Pflock PTalk. So this time, a few tidbits of - dare I say it? - trash.

The two seeming typos in my column in the last "Smear" ('Shaeffer' for "Sheaffer" and "Mars" for "Marts") were not my doing. The first was a feeble attempt by our Esteemed Editor, Etc., to preserve MJ-12/3.73's cover. The latter was, well, a typo.

[As reported](#) last ish, some weeks ago I resigned from the exalted position of MUFON New Mexico state section director for Bernalillo and Sandoval counties. Yet my newly issued MUFON membership card still shows me as an SSD. A sign of MUFON's hard times?

Also in the last exciting "SS", former Adamski believer Christopher Allan [laments](#), "Karl Pflock tells what the black triangles are not. Now why cannot he be a good boy and tell us what they ARE?" What? And ruin my ufological reputation, not to mention other dire consequences?

In the same ish, Marty Kottmeyer, dean of American psychosocial ufologists, [chided the Supreme Commander](#) for being slightly off on the number of UFO reports made to Blue Book in July 1952 ("over 1500" vs. 536). It still was the busiest BB month on record. Marty also noted that the National UFO Reporting Center got 2836 reports in 2001, while Blue Book's annual record was 1501, racked up in 1952. But there are so many variables in play, from changes in population size and densities to the spread of I-want-to-believe-itis, that comparing the two years is very much an apples and oranges thing. And even the explain 'em away Air Force wound up with 21% of 1952 reports (315) as unknowns. Wonder what the figure would be if the NUFORC reports were expertly investigated and analyzed?

Yep, Marty, you're 100% correct about quality versus quantity in as the basis for my They Were Here notions. Which brings me to...

...[George Hansen's](#) amusing and erudite likening of my views to those of John Calvin (shudder!). Actually, I am a solipsistic existential Zen logical positivist. Which means, by Schopenhauer, that UFO data - and Everything Else - is and means whatever I want it to be and mean. Thus, though Hansen has now exposed the psychosocialist plot behind my reformist propaganda, it really doesn't matter. The Truth IS out there, and it is what I Will it to be! Hah, hah, hah, hah, hahhhhh...

BRIEF BIASED BOOK REVIEWS

- "Mothman - The Facts Behind the Legend" is a 155-page softcover effort, timed to coincide with the recent "Mothman Prophecies" motion picture, which as we all know by now was based very loosely on John Keel's book by the same name. The present book features eyewitness accounts, news clippings, and previously unpublished material, and is written by two young men named Donnie Sergeant Jr. and Jeff Wamsley. Both are somehow associated with "Criminal Records" (strange name!), a video store located at 330 Main Street in Point Pleasant, W.Va., where we have visited. The authors clearly state that they are not out to either prove or disprove the Mothman legend, but they do seem to be enjoying it greatly.

The book contains a long exclusive interview with a woman named Linda - current last name withheld. Linda seems to have been at the very center of the weird activities around Point Pleasant in 1966-67. She claims to have seen Mothman several different times, and gives a detailed description. She also saw semi-transparent Men in Black, at other times. She was afraid of Mothman, but also had a strange sympathy for the creature. The MIBs were much more frightening to her than the Mothman encounters. UFOs were also involved in this complex mess, but in a secondary way. For awhile, the real John Keel actually boarded with Linda and her husband, so it is easy to understand why she is so steeped in all this lore.

Also of interest are photocopies of letters from John Keel to the local "hard core" in Point Pleasant, after he left town and while the Mothman craze was continuing. Your "Smear" editor is mentioned in one letter, not too favorably.

In another letter, Keel either deliberately sews confusion & paranoia, or else he is trying to be helpful, by giving potential UFO and Mothman witnesses weird clues as to what to look for. Such as (Page 139-140): "If you get a UFO landing report, measure the holes left in the ground and look for deposits of a jelly-like liquid. Collect this liquid in bottles, using sticks in chop-stick fashion to pick it up. (It may burn your fingers.) Also look for burned foilage (sic) and for freshly dug earth. The latter will appear in perfect circles. If you dig down a few feet you may find one or more small round metal spheres. If these spheres turn up, ship one to me collect. Do Not Give Them To The Air Force or To Local Authorities Who May Turn Them Over To The Air Force. Handle the spheres with gloves..."

On what basis did Keel ask for these very strange details?? What previous UFO case(s), if any, set him off?? We may never know for sure!

No Mothman fan should be without this book, written deep in the heart of West Virginia by two young men who obviously are enjoying legends from a previous generation of local people. The book is from Mothman Lives Publishing, a publishing imprint of Discovery Press WV, 330 Main Street, Point Pleasant, WV 25550. (www.mothmanlives.com). The price is not given.

-And on another literary front, Rick Hilberg of Cleveland's UAPA (United Aerial Phenomena Agency) has done it again, with a brand new thin softcover booklet about a specific aspect of the UFO mystery. This time it's called "Extraordinary Happenings - 1965 Revisited".

 Many of the sightings therein are routine, but we like the one from Waynesboro, Virginia, involving a wood chopper who saw three very small humanoids emerge from a landed craft. He stated that they did not appear to be hostile, but they may have thought he was hostile, as he was carrying an ax at the time! (O George Adamski, where are you when we need you?) Less than a week later, in another part of Virginia, six teenagers saw "three little spacemen", had a complicated encounter With them, and may even have gotten a photograph of one of the creatures. The probability is that this incident was a hoax, inspired by the Waynesboro case.

Included in this tome is the famous Brooksville, Florida case, which we won't go into here, although it is an unusually interesting incident. Suffice is to say that this book gives an unfiltered cross-section of UFO cases from 1965. After all the good things Rick Hilberg has said about "Shockingly", we haven't the heart to knock his book. Send eight bucks to Rick at the UAPA address: 377 Race Street, Berea, Ohio 44017....

- Also in need of a brief review are two new works from Tim Beckley of Inner Light Publications, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903. They are entitled "Develop Your Own Paranormal Powers" and "How to Travel to Other Dimensions". We have not read these, as we have no need. We already have amazing paranormal powers and we travel to other dimensions on a regular basis. Those of you who are mere mortals,

however, would indeed benefit from these books. The paper is of high Quality and is ideal for starting a friendly little fire in your fireplace on a cold winter night - assuming you have a fireplace and that you don't live in an inferno like Key West!

Remember (as we learn from the back cover of "Other Dimensions"), there is no reason to be tied down to this place and time, best described as the "material world", the lowest of all astral planes. Amen, brother!

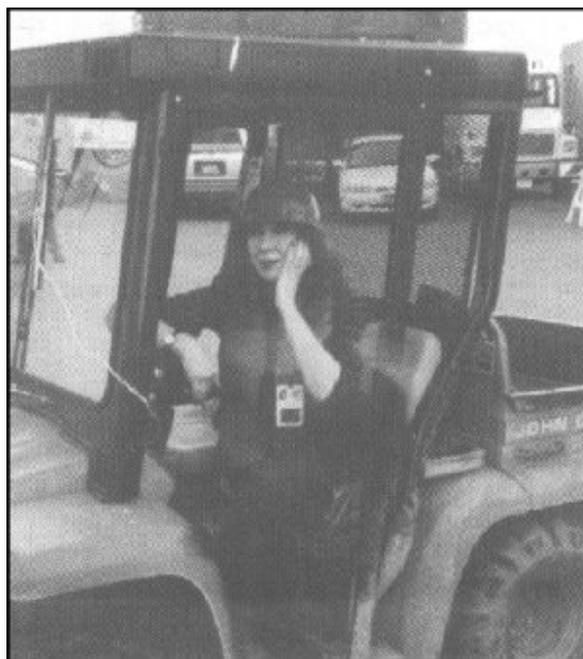
MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES

- LINDA CORTILE (also known as Linde Napolitano), famed abductee of yesteryear, lives in Manhattan, not far enough from the former World Trade Center. She has kindly sent us this photo of herself, and the following letter:

"Please keep the 'Smear' newsletters coming. They've cheered us up. Believe me, every little bit counts.

"Although our family members haven't been found, as wasn't most of the people killed on that horrible day, things are just about wrapping up at ground zero. Recovery efforts at a tiny corner where the south tower used to be, is still going on. Evidently, when the south tower collapsed, it was a surprise. So most of the people who lost their lives were in that tower. Those of us (I was on a job interview at the time) who were in the north tower had a better chance to escape, since we were forewarned...

"Since then, I decided to help rebuild our neighborhood 'one meal at a time', and 'one piece of debris at a time', by volunteering down at ground zero. It felt good for three reasons: First, to help the rescue/recovery workers. Second, to help myself from not feeling too helpless. And third, to get even, in a small way, with those sons-of-bitches who did this to our country and to my family. The last thing they wanted was the unification of our states. WELL, SCREW THEM! I HOPE THE ALIENS TAKE THEM AWAY!..."



- RALPH COON, producer of "Whispers from Space", a documentary film about the late Gray Barker, writes from an undisclosed location in Chicago:

"I recently shoplifted your new book '[Shockingly Close to the Truth](#)' from a corporately owned chain-bookstore and was disappointed to not even get a mention of my film of which you were so prominently featured. Oh well...

"I'm backed up on my reading, having just finished Cormac McCarthy's epic 'Blood Meridian'. I'm now committed to reading Iceberg Slim's autobiography, 'Pimp'. After that I have several porno magazines to peruse, AFTER which I plan on starting 'Shockingly'. It looks good, Jim. I'll write you a critique when I'm finished.

"How fortuitous that in my 'Last Prom' research I stumbled upon Gray Barker and you and your whole UFO subculture.

"When we're all dead (you and I, as Gray is already dead), I hope we can hang out some time. I think you're O.K., Jim."

"The Last Prom" is the name of an artsy zine that Ralph used to publish. - Editor

- Somewhat cryptically, TIM BRIGHAM (editor of the now-defunct "Devil's Advocate") writes:

"Dearest Mostly:

"I found Olde Bob's (R.A.W.) [excommunication](#) from the Profits Conference rather ironic. From a group calling themselves Prophets, who would expect such self-righteous elitism? Bob's use of a Quote containing 'profanity' in an essay commenting on capitalism led to him getting less of that green magick of which we are all in need. I hope the esteemed Profits realize that the lack of the one speaker I had actually been tempted to attend their conferences in order to hear will at least save me a few of my own green presidents for use on Old Smuggler, strippers, and mad science work.

"Also, Ed Komarek's stab at you and Karl was totally uncalled for. Though I'm not 'into the lifestyle' as you and Karl say, I appreciate that two men of your ages and eclectic interests can defy the odds and find someone to enrich and, err..., stimulate each other's lives."

What? - Editor.

- The semi-mysterious HARRY LIME communicates as follows:

"Dear Not-So-Crypto Monarchist:

"I was amused by [your comments](#) about the Bush 'dynesty' (a typo or a subtle bit of irony?) and your observation that it is a 'very poor substitute' for the British monarchy, which as Tom Paine observed was established by 'a French bastard, landing with an army of banditti, and establishing himself king of England against the consent of the natives'. And have you been following the Royals' more recent if far less sanguinary antics?

"Perhaps even more amusing was your follow-on observation that 'America has more money and better bombs than anyone else, and that's all that really matters these days'. Substitute 'ships' for 'bombs', and you could have been referring to the British Empire of old'...."

- Our olde friend WILLIAM L. MOORE writes as follows:

"Dear Loon -

"Leave it to [Christopher Allan](#) to disparage the title of your new book. Personally, I think it's a great title! Great cover design as well! Of course I continue to question your choice of publisher but that, as you know, is for reasons which have nothing to do with the way they have presented your material.

"Concerning [Karl Pflock's dismissal](#) of the alleged MJ-12 - Tex-Mex (El Indio-Guerrero area) UFO crash of 1950 as 'fragmentary recollections of a real event (the accidental shutdown of a Civil Air Patrol plane)...(coupled with Todd) Zechel's fevered imagination and ambition..., it should be pointed out in fairness to all parties that even though Zechel, Brad Sparks and others (as far back as Frank Scully) had been bubbling about rumored Mexican UFO crashes long before the MJ-12 documents came on the scene, none of these mentioned either El Indio or Guerrero, nor did they focus in on a December 6th date.

"Therefore, presuming for a moment that the so-called MJ-12 Eisenhower Briefing Document (EBD) is a fabrication dating from the late 1970s or early '80s (a possibility which I have never denied, and indeed one which seems more and more likely as time goes by), then how did whoever composed it know of this particular event in order to transform it into disinformation and weave it into the fabric of the document so well that it stood unchallenged for fifteen years?

"Sorry to hear about [John Keel's failing eyesight](#). I'm glad he managed to make a few dollars on the movie, even though it was a terrible film..."

- Famed UFO activist LARRY BRYANT writes:

"The copy of your book arrived here in good condition yesterday. I've of course placed it upon the very bottom of my pile of 'to read' tomes (but not without at least perusing that write-up of the Zechelian period in your ufological career!) Plus: I did manage to find time to revel in the photo section. Ah, ufostalgia!..."

- JOHN RIMMER, editor of England's prestigious "Magonia" zine, writes:

"Your book is a Triumph! It arrived just as I was setting out for a week in Paris. It kept me going as I sheltered from riots, manifestations, and general mayham, at election time. I am encouraged by how much we agree about certain Serious Researchers and their strange little ways. A favorable review in 'Magonia' is guaranteed!..."

- Famed UFO sighter from the 1950s (and lifetime professional pilot) BILL NASH writes as follows:

"I very much enjoyed your book, though Karl (Pflock) didn't get much to say..."

"I too considered all sightings in my judgment, placing the most logical foremost in my mental file, and other cases in the order of my believability. As you said, in an unknown subject, who knows what is true and possible, since earthly experience does not prepare us for the unearthly.

"Adamski and I exchanged a few letters when I checked up on him. In my initial contact, I asked him a list of probing questions. His answers assured me, as my Dad used to say, that he didn't know his ass from a hole in the ground about even High School science, and he talked as though his head was hollow! I could not believe desert sand could imprint the complicated designs from the bottom of the space man's shoes. Also, even then, I knew enough about the horrible climate on Venus to discount that planet as the home of his Visitor. So, very early, Adamski went to the back of my mental file, and I got on with other things..."

"The humor in your book was great. You managed to hash up some who deserve it, at the same time doing it without ego (unlike Donald Menzel!) You're a great guy to know, Jim. The world needs people like you, or we'd all be frowning all the time! I thoroughly enjoyed the book!..."

- GEORGE EARLEY, a long-time veteran of the ufological Wars, writes:

"...I chuckled and chortled, giggled and groaned my way through ['Shockingly Close to the Truth'](#), and then had a final guffaw when, on shelving it, I found it went between the ufological works of Professor Donald Menzel and Curtis 'Watch the Sky' Peebles. Such company you keep!..."

"Which brings up the Mothperson (gender was never established) movie: I did not see it, and from every dribble of info I've read to date, neither did most of the American movie-going public. Perhaps it will find favour in the eyes/minds of the Japanese, who seem unduly fascinated by all things odd in America...Given the poor turnout in the States, I am delighted John Keel got the money up front. I had not realized he was losing his sight...Very sad..."

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"In the future, historians, social scientists and philosophers will look back in utter amazement at one landmark and definitive book on the UFO phenomenon. Moseley's ['Shockingly probably'](#) will not be that momentous work, but it will most certainly be 'shockingly' close to it!"

- And, SCOTT BOND charms us with:

"...I just wanted to drop you this note to say that the Commander's magnum opus, '[Shockingly Close to the Truth](#)', is everything I hoped it would be, and more! You, Karl and Prometheus have done a first rate job in every department, and I was delighted with the autographed bookplate. For some reason I was expecting a rather routine soft cover presentation, so the handsome hard cover volume that arrived a week and a half ago was a welcome surprise. This really is the insider's look at fifty plus years of ufology that only people like Karl and you can provide..."

- And last but by no means least, noted aerospace writer CURTIS PEEBLES writes:

"Congratulations to you and Karl (Pflock) on publication of '[Shockingly Close to the Truth!](#)' I found it most enjoyable and illuminating. The book adds a whole new dimension to saucer history. Reading your account, it seems so much more innocent back in the 1950s, with Adamski and the other contactees.

"When I lived on Mt. Palomar, I met several people who had known Adamski when he lived at the foot of the mountain. They talked about his saucer observing sessions and 'audiences' at the Lodge. None of them believed him, and their opinions seemed to be that he was a con man, but otherwise mostly harmless. One person recalled attending a lecture by Adamski, where a film of a saucer in South America was shown. Even though she was just a kid at the time, she thought the saucer looked like a reflection on a car window. The only real problem Adamski ever had was with the postmaster on the mountain, who got tired of having to deal with his mail. This amounted to a rather sizable volume each day..."

"I was interested to see the reference to the McMinnville UFO Fest in the latest 'Saucer Smear'. I was in the town in April 2000, and the only artifact of the sighting I saw was a framed copy of the newspaper front page in a restaurant. Incidentally, that is not the only strange flying machine the town is known for. It is also the new home of the Spruce Goose...."

The Spruce Goose is Howard Hughes' famous seaplane, which only actually flew once. - Ed.

***** UPDATE *****

ON THE 39TH ANNUAL NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio on Sept. 28th, 2002. Speakers include John Timmerman, Karl Pflock, Jim Moseley, and many others. Further info. may be obtained from Kenny Young, 3903 Hunters Glen Dr., Florence, Ky. 41042. Phone: 859-371-7955 or 513-588-4548.

DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

Items lifted from



VERY PROGRESSIVE: From The Rossett PTA News last November; "New Parent Evening. This was an excellent night, with over 70 parents attending and from the feedback we hope to shortly organise a sex-and-drugs evening."

AMBITIOUS SCHEME: Michael Marcum, 21, was found guilty of stealing six 3501b (159kg) electrical transformers from a power company in Stanberry, Missouri. He wanted to build a time machine so that he could transport himself a few days into the future, learn the winning lottery numbers, and return to buy the right tickets.

END GAME: A Catholic priest in a Mexican town arranged a ritual burning of Pokemon cards and magazines on 18 February, citing "subliminal demonic influences" in the Japanese game. Fr. Juan Ramon Hernandez Bautista, parish priest of Espiritu Santo, a town in Hidalgo state, received "destruction" pledges from 100 local children.
Irish Times, 15 Feb 2001.

The Week, 16 Feb 2002.

NEW HIGH: Scorpion-smoking is becoming popular in Quetta, Pakistan. Users dry the scorpion's stingers, grind them, light the powder, and suck in the smoke. "When I smoke scorpion," said Ghulam Raza, "then heroin is like nothing to me." Smokers hang out at a local cemetery, where outsiders will not bother them.
[R] 7 Nov 2001.



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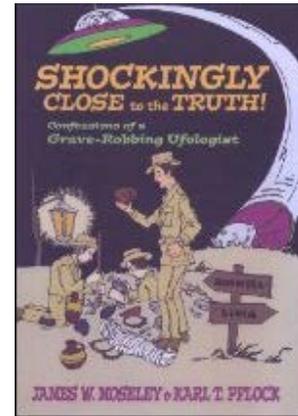
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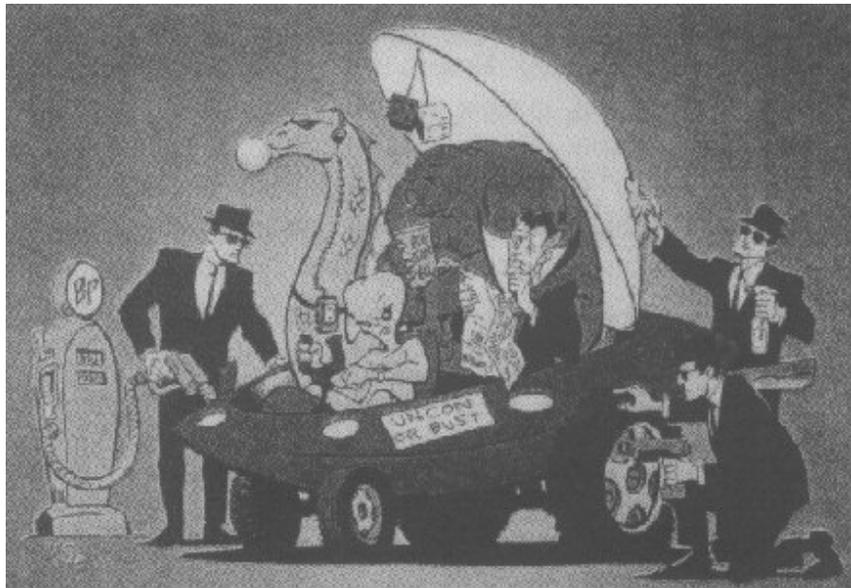
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YOUR "SMEAR" EDITOR FLIES ACROSS THE "POND" AGAIN TO ATTEND ANOTHER "UNCONVENTION" SPONSORED BY "FORTEAN TIMES" MACAZINE

As we did back in 1997, your fearless "Smear" editor accepted an invitation to speak at the "UnConvention" (April 6th & 7th) which is given (almost) every year by England's prestigious "Fortean Times". This time the location was the Commonwealth Institute in London, which has two lecture halls holding 600 to 700 people each. Both halls appeared to be pretty full, so we assume that a total of well over one thousand people

attended this series of simultaneous lectures. Apparently publicity for the event was mainly through the magazine, as there didn't seem to be much advertising, and unlike five years ago, the press was not in evidence on the premises.



Need we tell you that our main purpose in being there was to push our book ["Shockingly Close to the Truth!"](#). Karl Pflock, our esteemed co-author, had been given this task, but when Personal Problems beset him, we accepted the challenge to go to London in his place. We did attempt to present his views, even on a couple of matters about which we differ; but the British have little stomach for 3-D ufology. On the second and last day of the UnCon., we were placed on a panel of seven or eight "experts", all but one of whom seemed to be into one version or another of the "4-D" fuzzy thinking which we are in tune with, and which has long caused Americans such as Jerry Clark to throw up their hands in despair!

Our talk, mainly on 1950s ufology (see [our book](#)), went over very well, as we must admit in all due modesty. Shamefully, we spent most of our time thereafter peddling advance orders for the book in the vendors' section, rather than listening to the other speakers, of whom there were more than twenty. We did listen to Doug Skinner, a fellow American, give a sanitized version of John's life & works; and we also heard Britain's Peter Brooksmith give an interesting run-down on the famed case of Betty & Barney Hill. We wish we had taken time out to hear Colin Bennett speak on "Skepticism as Mystique" - whatever that means. He is quite a character, and is the author of a brand new book about George Adamski, reviewed [further along in this issue](#).

In our lecture we made a reference to "Flying Saucer from Mars", a book published in England in 1954 by one Cedric Allingham. There was always a question as to whether Allingham ever existed, and strong rumors to the effect that it was a spoof of "Flying Saucers Have Landed", secretly authored by Patrick Moore - who was and still is a scientific fixture in England - much like Carl Sagan used to be here. Moore, now in his 80s, still has his own TV program in London. Someone in the lecture audience informed us that Moore continues to claim he did not write that book, and that he has threatened to sue anyone who says otherwise! Thus we must clearly state that whatever alleged remarks we may possibly have made to the contrary have surely been misinterpreted, as we in no way intended to state or even imply that Patrick Moore would stoop to doing such a dastardly thing. Amen!

UnConvention topics always include all matters that could remotely be considered Fortean. Among the subjects discussed this year were dragons, the paranormal, Noah's Ark, "Lost Kingdoms of the Ice Age", "The Magical Cattle Sheds of Ireland", underwater cities, the Sumatran Yeti, and vampires.

Following the panel discussion, which was the last event on the UnCon program, there was a brief but hilarious interlude regarding the results of a Remote Viewing contest. Sadly, no one came even close to guessing the contents of the box, so at least we know there was no cheating!

We were happy to finally meet Andy Roberts, a legendary zine editor whose rag is said to be even more scandalous than "Smear". Others whom we met in 1997 were not present, such as Hillary Evans and



"smear" Overseas Correspondent Christopher Allan. We did have the chance to renew our friendship with Paul Fuller, a crop circle expert who is becoming more & more disillusioned with the whole UFO scene (as are many).

Our thanks to Bob Rickard (pictured above) and Paul Sieveking, co-editors of "Fortean Times" for their kind invitation to cross the Pond for their UnConvention. And special thanks to Tracy Francis, the "Event Organizer", who helped us out in many ways, large and small

This was our fourth and probably final short visit to England over the past 49 years. Each time we are impressed with the quaintness, dignity, and old-fashioned human values which seem to persist there, though sadly lacking in America. (Your editor is of English descent, so forgive these ravings.)

Your editor even loves the monarchy, with all its flaws, though it would never work here. The Bush dynasty - father, son, and baby brother Jeb, is a very poor substitute! But remember that America has more money and better bombs than anyone else, and that's all that seems to really matter these days. Pity!

MORE ABOUT MOTHMAN AND THE MYSTERIOUS JOHN KEEL:

We have learned that John Keel did not really write the column attributed to him on Page 6 of the April issue of Fate Magazine. Actually, the column was written by someone else, based on a telephone interview with Keel, who unfortunately is now so nearly blind that he cannot write nor read for more than a very few minutes at a time. We extend our sincere sympathy to Keel, who surely does not deserve such a Fate!

In addition to the very recent book by cryptozoologist Loren Coleman, there is another new book out called "Mothman - The Facts Behind the Legend". This is a handsome 165-page softcover tome written and self-published by two of the guys from "Criminal Records", 330 Main St., Point Pleasant, W.Va. 25550. We hope to have a full review ready for our next issue. Please note the fascinating letter from researcher Harry Lime, near the beginning of our [Letters to the Editor section](#).

TIDBITS OF TRASH (formerly NEWS BRIEFIES)

- While in London we contacted Denis Plunkett, founder and chairman of the British Flying Saucer Bureau (BFSB) since 1953. Interestingly, BFSB is a surviving branch of the International Flying Saucer Bureau (IFSB) that was founded in the U.S.A. in 1952 by Albert K. Bender, who then was closed down the following year supposedly by Three Men in Black, or whoever. There has been a recent rumor that the BFSB was finally about to shut down also, but Plunkett vigorously denies it.

The unfortunate thing here is that the BFSB appears to have been founded one year before the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (S.A.U.C.E.R.S.), which of course is the parent body of "Saucer Smear". Could it be that we are not the oldest UFO organization on this planet after all?? Egads, say not so!...

- Add McMinnville, Oregon to the growing list of otherwise mundane communities that have cashed in on the UFO craze, and are holding annual festivals. Back in 1950 a couple named Paul & Evelyn Trent, now long deceased, took pictures of an odd-shaped flying saucer in broad daylight over their yard, and these photos have remained among the very few which are considered provably genuine in all probability. The Trents never profited from their experience, nor did they have any follow-up celestial adventures. Nevertheless, the Third Annual McMinnville UFO Feet will take place on the weekend of May 10th and 11th. Your editor does not plan to attend (but we'll be at the Roswell Festival on July 4th weekend).

Photo expert Dr. Bruce Maccabee is among those who strongly believe the Trent photos to be genuine; but then again, he also endorses Ed Walters' Gulf Breeze photos!...

- Michael Hesemann, who along with Erik Beckjord & a few others is at the bottom of our list of reliable researchers, has come up with a really Sick yarn this time, which he shared with the audience at the most recent International UFO Convention in Laughlin, Nevada. In June of 1996, an elderly woman in the Republic of Georgia came upon an alleged interplanetary baby in the middle of the road. She took it home and fed it, but the creature died a few weeks later. The news reporter describing the photo of the creature shown by Hesemann says that "it looked a bit like a homemade prop for a Halloween costume"....

This may not be of utterly Cosmic importance, but our readers should be informed that Karl T. Pflock, Contributing Editor for this magazine, has resigned his high position in MUFON, which was New Mexico state section director for Bernalillo and Sandoval counties. Karl was unhappy with one of the new people chosen in a recent reorganization of the New Mexico MUFON hierarchy. Karl has thus sunk to the same embarrassingly low level in MUFON that your "Smear" editor has endured for the past several years - J.S. (Journal Subscriber). Way to go, Karl!

Pflock Ptalk - "EL INDIO?..." - STAN FRIEDMAN, 09 FEBRUARY, 2002

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



First a Confidential MAJIC Flash-Plus message to Robert Shaeffer (MJ-12/3.73): You used your real name. MJ-1 is most upset about this lapse. You know what that means.

Speaking of MJ-12, in February I was in New York City taping the pilot for a hoped-for new Science Fiction Channel series hosted by actor, comedian, author, and conspiracy buff Richard "Munch" Belzer. "The Belzer Connection" will feature face-offs between two alleged experts on a well-known (does not = "true" or "real") conspiracy before a panel of "judges", with discussion moderated by Belzer. The conspiracy chosen for the pilot? MJ-12 and Roswell. The experts? Stanton T. Friedman and Yours Truly. The panel?: Rapper-turned-actor Ice T,

comedienne Jeannine Garafolo, "Saturday Night Live" creator Al Franken, and ace conspiratorialist Jim Mars. (I'm NOT making this up!)

You'll have to wait till the show airs to find out which expert won the hearts and minds of the Panelists, but I will now share something perhaps even more interesting and revealing. Following the taping, Stan Friedman and I had dinner together. In the course of conversation, MJ-12 came up (surprise!), and I mentioned the second saucer crash referred to in the MJ-12 Eisenhower Briefing Document: "On 06 December, 1950, a second object, probably of similar origin, impacted the earth...in the El Indio - Guerrero area of the Texas - Mexican border (sic)..." I asked Stan how he could continue to argue for the authenticity of the EBD and the reality of MJ-12 with this little clinker in the mix.

Puzzled, Stan asked what I meant. I reminded him that this alleged event was introduced to saucerdom by the long-since discredited W. Todd Zechel. I reviewed the years-long investigation by top MUFON official Tom Deuley and Dennis Stacy that had established the tale was the product of fragmentary recollections of a real event (the accidental shutdown of a Civil Air Patrol plane) and Zechel's fevered imagination and ambition, about which both Tom and Dennis had written and publicly spoken.

"El Indio?...", Stan said. "Well, I..." Then, with a worried look, he changed the subject.

It was as if he'd completely forgotten that the Texas-Mexico "border" incident was mentioned in his favorite Cosmic Watergate evidence. I had the distinct impression that Stan had been so wrapped up for so long in touting Menzel's "secret life" and debating date formats, presidential signatures, and classification markings that he'd completely neglected this little red flag flapping in the ufological breeze.

Well, Stan??

BRIEF BIASED BOOK REVIEWS - GEORGE ADAMSKI RIDES AGAIN!

In London we obtained an autographed copy of a new book by Colin Bennett, entitled "Looking or Orthon - The story of GEORGE ADAMSKI, the first flying saucer contactee, and HOW he CHANGED the WORLD" (ParaView Press, N.Y.) That's how the title is written and capitalized on the cover, together with a hopefully genuine photograph of old George with his trusty telescope.

We are delighted that Adamski is receiving new attention at this particular time, as we published a definitive expose of Adamski back in 1957. (Bennett quotes from it, very selectively!) That was the same year that we, together with the late Gray Barker, concocted the R.E. Straith letter, supposedly from the U.S. State Department, which seemed to endorse Adamski's claims. Both the expose and the Straith letter are in the appendix of our current book "[Shockingly...](#)" Thus it is clear that we agree with Bennett on at least one thing - that old George still deserves attention!

We actually read this Bennett book almost word for word, and that is a rare thing for us to do. The author calls Adamski's first book, "Flying Saucers Have Landed" (written with Desmond Leslie in 1953) "a masterpiece". Surely Bennett's admiration for the man is more than a bit excessive! Throughout the book, in endless erudite philosophical asides, he hammers home his point: That Adamski was too dumb and homespun to be a fraud; that even if he did make up some things, so what? And that old bourgeois concept of "true or false" doesn't really matter, or even apply! Adamski is valid, he says, because people are still seeing similar craft today, fifty years later, and Bennett compares old George favorably to any number of much more famous heroes of the modern world. Hero worship at its worst! Bennett makes a pretty good circumstantial case to show that George Adamski was bisexual - hich we already strongly suspected. His many meetings with young, attractive "spacepersons" of the male variety, in a dingy Los Angeles hotel, seem to prove this point. Also, his "ill-concealed liking for intense relationships with young men such as (Jerrold) Baker". This was the young follower of Adamski who, after a falling-out with the Master, contributed a lot of important material to our expose.

Bennett presumably never met Adamski, but takes his background facts from several other biographies. One fascinating and truly mysterious incident that he misses out on completely is the 1953 disappearance of Karl Hunrath (a hard-core follower of Adamski) and Wilbur Wilkinson. Says Bennett: "Apparently the pair went to Mexico...and they were never seen or heard of again". True, but the real story is that these two men rented a small plane at a Los Angeles area airport, hoping to rendezvous in mid air with a flying saucer from Mars. The FBI never solved the case, but presumes the pair fled to Mexico because of personal problems. The plane was never found either!

Although Adamski lectured in Australia, New Zealand, Europe, and all over the U.S., Bennett admits that he was not a good speaker at all. The low point of his career must have been the time in Zurich, Switzerland in 1959, when an audience of some 300 rowdy students, in a pre-planned action, were seen "screaming, clapping, shouting, stamping and singing... (They) reduced the event to ruins by throwing onto the stage whatever they could lay their hands on." Most of Adamski's lectures went a lot better than that, mercifully!

Bennett admits that in his later years Adamski grew paranoid, hearing telepathic voices in his head and ranting quite seriously about the International Bankers and such. (He once called your editor "an agent of Wall Street", which was somewhat true.) He started making up space stories more blatantly than ever before, and even Bennett seems to acknowledge that this was the case. Adamski's followers, including Carol Honey who is still alive & kicking, deserted the Master one by one. Adamski died in 1965 and as a veteran, he was buried in Arlington Cemetery.

We met the Master a few times, and had no quarrel with him, except that he was a habitual liar. Bennett, on the other hand, takes the attitude that anything that should be true is true. This must be why he recently wrote an article for "Fortean Times" endorsing a purely fictional book about the late Long John Nebel's wife Candy Jones. About this, more in a future issue of "Smear". In spite of his weird philosophical quirks, Colin Bennett is an authentic British intellectual of the Old School. We told him that we intend to sell his Adamski book after reading it, but he kindly autographed it for us anyhow. Now, there's a gentleman!

VAMPIRE PRODUCER PUMPS FRESH BLOOD INTO ROSWELL:

Ace pro-Roswell researcher Bob Durant (left) looks rather uncomfortable here, standing next to busty scream queen Deana Demko, who has starred in such thrilling movies as "Ironbound Vampire", produced by Karl Petry. More relaxed is Pat Marcattilio (right) of UFO convention fame. The scene is a promo for Durant's new 97-minute pro-Roswell video, and the locale is Pat's recent conclave in Bordontown, N.J. A Bob Durant T-shirt and baseball cap are also in the works, according to parapsychologist George Hansen, who sent us this photo & other info.



LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- PAUL KURTZ, President of Prometheus Books, writes:

"We are delighted to present you with ten (10) copies of your new book titled '[Shockingly Close to the Truth!](#)', just off the press. It has been a pleasure publishing this book, and we hope it receives wonderful reviews..."

We have ordered an additional one hundred copies, which are expected to arrive at our Headquarters momentarily. Then we will fill the advance orders that some of you have been waiting patiently for. - Editor.

- The semi-mysterious HARRY LIME writes:

"Here are the curious exact 'disclaimer' words from the copyright page of the new edition of 'The Mothman Prophecies' (Tot Books paperback, February 2002): 'This is a work of fiction. All the characters and events portrayed in this work are either products of the author's imagination or are used fictionally.' This is a far cry from the usual 'any resemblance to any real person, living or dead, is purely coincidental' disclaimer'.

"The original edition of the book published in 1975 was presented as 100% non-fiction. I don't know about the 1991 reissue you mentioned (by the way, the Tot edition carries a 1991 copyright notice). It's also worth noting that Keel's afterword written for the Tot edition and dated August 2001 includes these lines: 'I warned Sheriff Johnson and Mary Hyre that this was folklore in the making. Gray Barker did try to turn it into a celestial fairy tale, making me decide to write this book and tell the truth as it happened.' Hmmm... 'a work of fiction' tells 'the truth'..."

- Ace UFO investigator MARTIN KOTTMEYER writes as follows:

I'm unsure if you need to be smited for your [addendum to Karl's Sacred Text](#), but you might need to seek penance. You wrote that over 1500 reports came to Blue Book in July 1952 - "far more than in any month in history." If you re-check things I think you'll find that the over 1500 number you have refers to the total for the whole year of 1952 and the official figure for July is 536 reports.

Karl doubtless would prefer to keep his argument in a qualitative form, for if you start talking numbers then there is a slight problem that The National UFO Reporting Center has been getting more reports per year than Blue Book did. In 2001 they received 2856 reports. In 2000 there was 2576 - in 1999 there was 2690 - in 1998 there was 1526 reports, I know you will be incredulous for there has been so little media reporting of ufo sightings in recent years, save if you count certain other sites on the Web. But numbers are numbers and 2856 is far more than 1501.

Whether you personally regard this as an objection against the 'They Were Here' thesis, I don't know. Carl's point is surely that the most impressive ufo evidence for alien visitation remains in the Fifties and Sixties and that is not what you'd expect if methodology improves over time as happens in scientific disciplines. Even a merely stagnant program of research should have impressive cases spread more or less evenly across time. Are there impressive cases among the thousands on the NUFORC site? Probably not in the sense that Karl means...

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"Karl Pflock: The John Calvin of Ufology:

"Ufology must be reformed! The time of the saucers is past! We can now study only the sacred scriptures already placed before us! Or so decrees Karl Pflock.

"Pflock follows Protestant reformer John Calvin, who asserted that miracles ended with the apostles. Reports of later miracles were mere 'Romish superstitions' that caused no end of problems and disputes. Hence Pflock tries to purify ufology. The space gods have left; they no longer intervene in the world. Ufologists must become exegetes. The current (spurious) charismata of abductions, implants, and contactee revelations are to be expunged from 'respectable ufology'.

"A reformation is underway, and Kevin Randle has joined the apostasy, but nota bene: Reformation theology sowed the seeds of Enlightenment philosophy, and the denial of all miracles!

"Secular humanists rejoice and now assist in ufology's Enlightenment (e.g., Prometheus Books' alliance with Pflock). They hope that all saucer visitations will be eventually repudiated, and literary criticism and the psycho-social perspective will reign."

- CHRIS ROTH, who may soon become our only non-subscriber in Alaska, writes:

"...A recent flap in the British Columbian press has been over a Canadian movie that is in the works about Ogopogo, the Loch-Ness-type lake monster in Lake Okanagan in B.C. The film is about to begin shooting, not in B.C. but in New Zealand, partly because the filming season is longer there and partly because Lake Okanagan and nearby lakes are too overdeveloped for the primeval feel the director wants.

"The New Zealand location is on a Maori reserve. The Maoris were enthusiastic about the project but then asked the filmmakers what the indigenous people back home, whose legend it is, thought about the film project. The filmmakers said they honestly didn't know and, to

appease their Maori hosts, they went and asked. Big mistake!

"The Okanagan Band is very militant and have been involved in roadblocks and other political activism as protests against development on their ancestral land. They were in no mood to give their blessing to some white man's movie about their legend, and so they issued a statement saying they don't want the movie made. They have no legal say, but the filmmakers have been embarrassed enough to change the movie into a more generic lake-monster story with no reference to the true legend. This infuriates local cryptozoologists as well as the Canadian author W.P. Kinsella, who told the press that the filmmakers should have said 'fuck you' to the Indians.

"Cryptozoology meets political correctness at last! The moral is: Don't ask a question unless you're prepared for any answer..."

- Our Eternal Overseas Correspondent CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes:

"...Why has your book got such [an absolutely dreadful title](#)? You don't deserve to sell even one copy with a title like that. However, you will sell one (I promise) since I have just ordered one from Arcturus Books. So you can rejoice now, can't you?

"You talk about the fiftieth anniversary of the July 1952 UFOs and all that. Another anniversary coming soon is the 50th of Adamski's (in)famous encounter at Desert Center, California. That was on November 20th. The American people, and maybe the British too, should be given a national holiday to commemorate that day! Goddammit, it was the most important date in UFO history (after Kenneth Arnold) until Roswell was thrust upon us by you know who.

"Karl Pflock tells what the big black triangles are not. Now why cannot he be a good boy and tell us what they ARE?..."

- The esteemed DENNIS STACY writes:

"While it doesn't behoove a begger to be choosey, I nevertheless feel compelled to point out a few things you overlooked in [your erstwhile review of The Anomalist 10](#) in the last issue of 'Saucer Smear'.

"For starters, at 224 pages it's the largest Anomalist ever. Moreover, it's the first to boast a color cover, which I thought you might have noticed and mentioned, unless those vicious Internet rumors about you being totally colorblind are indeed true..."

"Of course all these improvements are not without a price. Please make your check or money order for \$12.95 plus \$2.50 shipping & handling payable to Dennis Stacy, P.O. Box 12434, San Antonio, Texas 78212..."

- Researcher KEVIN HENDERSON writes as follows:

"...Your news on [the death of Bill Cooper](#), oddly enough, may have been what spurred me on to non-subscriptionhood, because for Chrissakes, I live in Arizona, and Cooper's death went almost unreported, passing like a blip on the local media screen. I first heard about it in 'Smear', all the way from Key West, which is insane.

"I agree totally with your assessment of Cooper, but he sure was fun to listen to on the shortwave. One had to down a few drinks in order to get in anything close to a similar state of mind, but his radio show 'The Hour of the Time' was nothing if not entertaining..."

- DALE RETTIG, former teen UFO researcher from many years ago, writes:

"...Movie Review: 'The Mothman Prophecies' was pretty bad. My heart sank at the opening scene - a computer & a touch-tone phone, which we didn't have in '66-'67. So much for

authenticity. At the end of the movie I figured out why they had to put it in a contemporary setting. How could they get dozens of vintage cars from the '50s and '60s to dump off the bridge into the river? And there was no real Mothman - just a few lousy drawings & flashes of light. Why couldn't we have one good creature feature? They did manage to create a weird atmosphere in the scenes inside the motel when the protagonist receives bizarre telephone calls. Overall, only a C+.

"I still want to get my hands on the documentary about Gray Barker, 'Whispers from Space.' I still have, somewhere around the house, one of Gray's old 'Time Warp' cassette tapes in which he is actually interviewing the original Mothman witnesses..."

- Non-subscriber SCOTT BOND writes:

"...I don't know what your personal history is with Keel, but I recently reread 'Mothman Prophecies' and still find it a marvelously entertaining, compelling piece of work. I'm glad John got some bucks out of the movie deal, and I note that the paperback reissue, tied in with the movie release, is on the New York Times paperback best seller list!

"Incidentally"--it's no accident that Indrid Cold turned up in the Mothman movie. Both Cold and contactee Woodrow Derenberger are prominently featured in Keel's book.... "

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"...All things considered, perhaps it's just as well that Robert Anton Wilson did not write the intro for 'Shockingly'. After all, the field of ufology is tainted enough as it is, and the [rantings of a foul-mouthed philosopher](#) might destroy what little bit of veracity and decorum that's left. Hopefully, 'Bob' will clean up his act a little at the next conference that has the 'balls' to invite him to speak!

***** UPDATE *****

ON THE 39TH ANNUAL NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio on Sept. 28th, 2002. Speakers include John Timmerman, Karl Pflock, Jim Moseley, and many others. Further info. may be obtained from Kenny Young, 3903 Hunters Glen Dr., Florence, Ky. 41042. Phone: 859-371-7955 or 513-588-4548.

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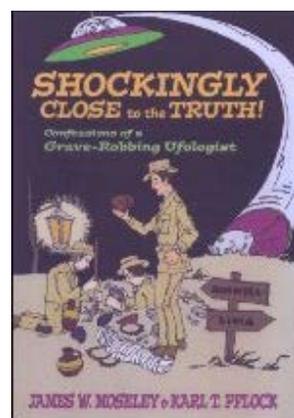
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MOTHMAN MOVIE SOARS BEYOND MEDIOCRITY!

Your editor was pleasantly (as in [Point Pleasant!](#)) surprised when he finally was able to see "The Mothman Prophecies". This was in Miami, as the film was never shown in Key West, for some reason. We found the theatre on the very last night of the film's run, and the title had already been taken off the marquee - strangely enough!

We have never had the pleasure of reading John Keel's book, and can only assume that the movie is a wildly loose interpretation thereof. However, it is good science fiction, and a welcome change from most science fiction movies. Even when the continuity gets rather garbled, this only adds to the atmosphere of mystery and confusion, and tends to make the film better rather than worse.

The aim of the movie is to convince us that we cannot always trust our own senses, and that there are forces around us that we simply don't understand. We'll drink to that!

Then there are the weird subtle elements: The hero is named John Klein, which is remarkably similar to John Keel. There is also a Dr. Leek, which is Keel spelled backwards! The number of people who died in the 1967 Silver Bridge disaster is deliberately misstated, as is the date of that incident; and the entity who keeps making crazy phone calls is named Ingrid Cold.

There was indeed an Ingrid Cold in ufological lore, but this was an entirely separate incident involving an alleged spaceman who landed near a highway in West Virginia around the same time as the Mothman sightings, and it involved a human named Woodrow Derenberger, who wrote, a book about his personal adventure with the Unknown.

Although John Keel and your editor have not chosen to speak to each other for quite a few years, we say again that we are glad that the producers of this film were decent enough to give him a payoff for using his book as the basis for their story. We understand that it took some legal pressure for Keel to accomplish this goal. In the end, Keel made out a lot better financially than the late J. Allen Hynek, who was screwed to the wall by the producers of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" - which was a chapter title in one of Hynek's books.

As for the small germ of Truth behind the "Mothman" science fiction - yes, there were sightings of a mysterious winged creature in West Virginia in 1966-1967. (Wisely, the movie does not attempt to show exactly what this alleged bird looked like. This adds to the mystery.) And yes, there was the collapse of the Silver Bridge, which we can only assume was unrelated. As for the paranormal things that supposedly happened to Keel during his real-life investigation, some may well have been hoaxes perpetrated by our long departed mutual friend Gray Barker. There is no way we will ever know for sure, at this late date. However, Barker did write a book in 1970 called "The Silver Bridge", which touches on the same topics as Keel wrote about five years later in "The Mothman Prophecies".

There are things in this world that we are not likely to ever understand. UFOs constitute one category. "Mothman" constitutes another category, far less widely known but equally interesting

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Mothman actually has a Web address, and it is that of "Criminal Records" (see ad above), which is a store located on Main Street in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. We visited there last year, with Tom Benson, Antonio Huneus and others. The other day we phoned the guys at "Criminal Records", and as expected, they report a big increase in business in recent weeks. People from all over the U.S. and various other parts of the world have been visiting, even though the movie was not filmed there...And, there has been much silliness. Cryptozoologist Loren Coleman, author of a current book about Mothman, reports that someone (or some thing?) is pretending to be him, on the Net and in person. Fake people such as this are known as "doppelgangers". There were various such incidents in the late 1960s, some of which are now known to have been hoaxes. (See [our book](#) for more information on the madness of that era!)



UPDATE ON CONVENTIONS AND "SHOCKINGLY CLOSE TO THE

TRUTH!"

On the first weekend of April, your humble "Smear" editor will be lecturing at the "UnConvention" in London, England, substituting for Karl Pflock. (This is an annual event sponsored by England's prestigious "Fortean Times".) We had hoped to have "Shockingly" with us, but alas, it won't be out till a couple of weeks later. For those of you who have kindly pre-paid for the book, fear not! We still have your dough, and will mail out your copies comfortably before the end of April, at the latest!

Now, regarding this year's glorious National UFO Conference (NUFOC), to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 28th: The exact location is the Kings Island Inn Conference and Convention Center. On hand will be noted UFO researcher Kenny Young, this year's local host. The big news is that the Master of Ceremonies will be Bill Boshears, host of "The Sci Zone" radio show on 700 WLW ("The Big One"), heard in 38 states. Also scheduled are Karl Pflock, Peter Davenport, Steven Bassett, John Timmerman, Jerry Black, and of course your above-mentioned "Smear" editor. Other speakers will be added to the list in the near future. You can contact Kenny Young on the (cursed) Net, or by phone at: 859-371-7955 or 513-588-4548. His address is: 3903 Hunters Glen Drive, Florence, Kentucky 41042.

F**K CENSORSHIP!

We have never actually met New Age philosopher Robert Anton ("Bob") Wilson in the physical body, but through correspondence over a period of quite a few years, we have come to know each other quite well. "Bob" was even kind enough to write a favorable "blurb" for the jacket of "[Shockingly Close to the Truth!](#)" The best part of this was his Fee, which was zero.

Anyhow, "Bob" is now in Big Trouble with the Prophets Conference, an apparently wealthy outfit which holds 3 or 4 high-class conventions each year in various parts of the U.S. & elsewhere. The group is based in Hawaii. Since the Prophets (Profits??) charge attendees through the nose, they presumably pay their speakers well. "Bob" has spoken at several of their con-claves, but when we attended one such conference in Santa Fe a couple of years ago, hoping to finally meet him, he was not there because of illness, "Bob's" trouble is that he placed on his website a highly profane quote from a current Spike Lee movie called "Jungle Fever" We would quote it here, but after all this is a Family Newsletter (maybe). Said the Prophets, in part: "The opening lines of your web page are an example of why we have discontinued presenting your work. Even though you are quoting Spike Lee and leading to a significant point, we were set back by the above-mentioned introduction."

"Bob" lives from lecture fees and book royalties, so, although this is a Moral Victory for him it is not a Financial Triumph. All we can say is - F**K CENSORSHIP!

To learn more, turn to mark@cruzio.com. See also "Bob's" [brief letter](#) to "Smear" about this matter - further along in this issue.

NEWS BRIEFIES (formerly TIDBITS OF TRASH)

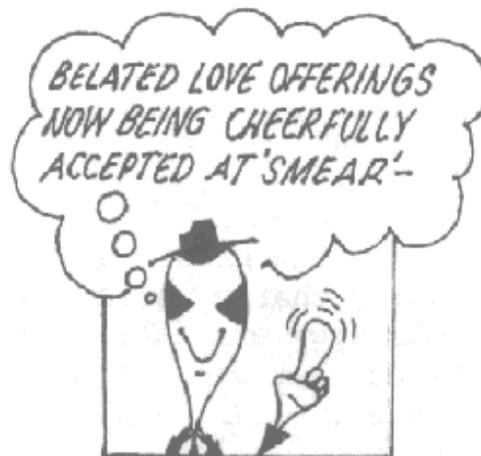
- Some time ago (we're too lazy to look it up), "Smear" ran a short item about a UFO-related cult, based mainly in Quebec, Canada, which claims they are just about ready to clone the first human being. This group is called the Raelians, and was founded by a man named Claude Vorilhon, who asserts that in 1973 he boarded a flying saucer and met an alien scientist. Vorilhon believes that scientists from another planet created all life on earth in the first place, and that they will soon board their saucers and return to earth.

Vorilhon has called for beautiful young women in his group to step forward as hostesses for the arriving aliens. Members of the elite "Order of the Angels" are to devote themselves fully - and in some cases sexually - to these creators and also to their prophet on earth, namely Vorilhon himself! According to former members of the cult, more than 100 women have volunteered!

Some of these women have also volunteered to carry the first cloned baby, and they will consider it a privilege to do so. All this has become highly political in the United States, where the sexually repressed Bush administration is against all human cloning for any purpose at all. About a year ago, the anti-cloning chairman of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee invited Vorilhon to testify in the strange outfit he normally wears, and the chairman later stated that Vorilhon's testimony convinced lawmakers that "even kooks may have the capacity to make human beings through cloning, and we better get serious about legislating here".

The Raelian headquarters in the province of Quebec is called Ufoland, and it is open to the public. It is part office space and part museum. Visitors are given a guided tour of the founder's life history and belief system

- One of the current mini-scandals on the (cursed) Net concerns our olde pal Stanton Friedman. Don Berliner, Chairman of the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) accuses Uncle Stan of selling a French-language UFO report called COMETA in its English translation, even though this report is copyrighted. In the name of Serious Research, we actually phoned Stan about this. He admits (with reservations) to this Sin, and says he has now taken the COMETA report off the list of saleable items on his Web site. Another tempest in a teapot!...
- Carol Honey informs us that in a few weeks he will be publishing a book called "Flying Saucers - Fifty Years Later". This tome is about his complex relationship, many years ago, with the late, great contactee George Adamski. If possible we will review Honey's book as soon as we receive a (free) copy, but in the meanwhile you can obtain it pre-publication by writing directly to the author at: 2456 South Woodlark Drive, Ontario, California 91761-6530... The price is \$19.95
- Professor Grover Krantz of Washington State University, considered the foremost authority on the legendary Bigfoot, has died at the age of 70. His devotion to this "fringe science" hurt his career in anthropology, regarding promotions and tenure at the University. He caused controversy by stating, among other things, that it would be ethical to shoot a sasquatch as the best way to secure physical evidence of its existence. No one has ever gotten close enough to do so, however. - Now that Krantz is gone, can we expect Erik Beckjord to step up to take his place in Bigfoot hunting? Probably not!....
- Issue #10 of The Anomalist, co-edited by Dennis Stacy and Patrick Huyghe, has just rolled off the press, featuring contributions by Loren Coleman, Bob Durant, and Martin Kottmeyer, among many others. This has been an excellent Fortean publication, but we are told that the present issue is the last that will be available in "old-fashioned" print form. Egads! (Write to Stacy at P.O. Box 12434, San Antonio, Texas 78212.)
- And let us not forget Tom Benson, who is stuck with all the back issues of "Saucer Smear" (and earlier titles for the same rag) going all the way back to 1954. These are for sale at prices ranging from two dollars each to gawd knows how much! Write to Benson at: P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606. - For "Smears" from 2001 and 2002 only, we still have them available here at Headquarters for a mere one dollar each
- MEANWHILE, the scientific search for extraterrestrial life goes on! NASA has given approval to the Kepler Mission, which will study one hundred thousand stars in a search for potentially habitable planets. Kepler will be the first spacecraft specifically devoted to the search for Earth-sized planets around other stars, and it is a very important step toward finding life elsewhere in our galaxy. This mission is not scheduled to be launched till 2006, however. It will last for four years.



Pflock Ptalk - UFOs? YES! SAUCERS? NO!(PART 5 OF "THEY WERE HERE...")

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Last "Smear", my friend and High Official of the Fund for UFO Research Rob Swiatek wrote, "I must confess I find your fifth columnist's recent... articles most puzzling. What's all this frippery about UFOs leaving in the '70s? When I read this, I about jumped out of my Fund...running shorts! His odd speculations might have merit but for the fact that UFOs continue to be seen! There were several excellent cases in the '80s and '90s that puzzled a whole lot of us..."

Earth to Rob: I didn't say UFOs have gone away. I said flying saucers have gone away. We still have UFOs - and would-be UFOs - with us, but the otherworldly craft and critters that once contributed to the UFO count have split, or so it seems to me - and to no less a personage than Kevin Randle (see "Smear", Nov. 1st,

2001). I've been explaining why I think so since I started this series ("Smear", Aug. 4th, 2001).

I'm not sure which "excellent cases" Rob has in mind as he jogs along in his Official FUFOR Running Shorts - and, no doubt, the Official FUFOR Wrap-Around Rose-Colored Glasses - but I certainly haven't heard of any. (Care to offer up a few, Rob?) All the latter-day cases I've seen touted as "excellent" and "puzzling" and involving reports of machine-like objects or such objects with associated flesh & blood (of whatever color) beings, certainly haven't ranked high on the strangeness-probability index (ref. Hynek's "The UFO Experience") - the strange ones being far from probable, and the probable ones being far from strange, or, rather, far from unearthly (e.g., I know what the big black triangles are, and they aren't from another planet/dimension/universe. Don't ask. If I told you, I'd have to force you to listen repeatedly to a Walt Andrus lecture!)

The types of objects sighted during the Golden Age of Saucers, their behavior, their purposefulness revealed by the patterns of their activity, etc., are no more, and haven't been for at least 30 years. What the data now suggest is a cargo-cult-like hangover, aided and abetted by the popular media, the dreaded internet, and a cadre of ufological hucksters and true believers - whose messages are falling on fewer and fewer ever-more-bored ears!

Welcome to the Ufological Dark Age, Rob. Better pull up your shorts, take off the rose-colored glasses, and hunt for The Answer to The UFO Mystery in the historical data. That's where the saucers are.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

We never tamper with Karl's Sacred Text (above), but this time we want to chime in with an additional thought. July of this year will be the fiftieth anniversary of the biggest UFO "flap" of all times. In July, 1952, over 1,500 cases were reported to the Air Force's Project Blue Book - far more

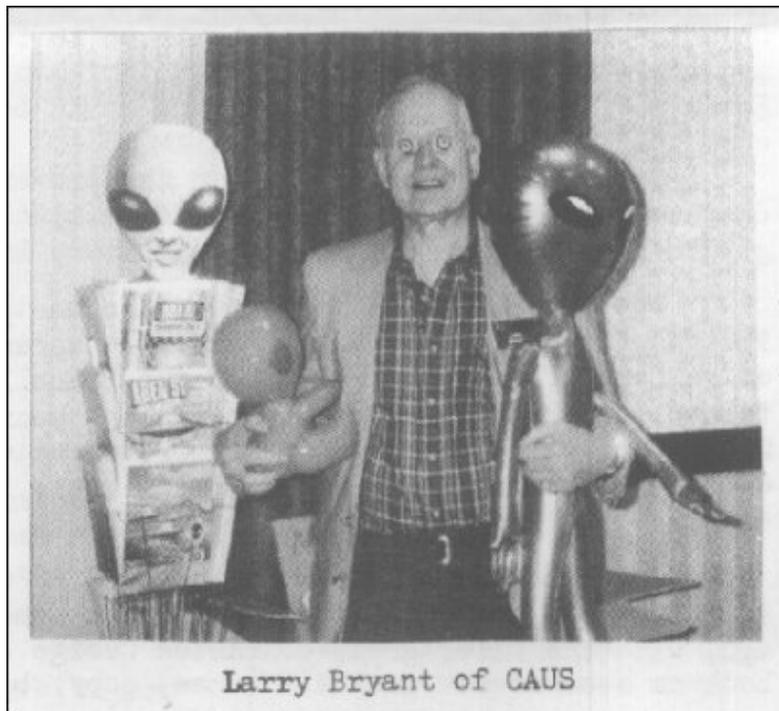
than in any other month in history. No one will ever know how many other important cases were not reported. There were sightings by airline pilots, plus the famous anomalous radar blips over Washington, D.C., and a host of other horrors. If the Space People bother to keep track of our earthly months and years, maybe they will make a comeback very soon. Or, maybe they won't. As George Adamski often said, TIME WILL TELL!

BRIEF BIASED BOOK REVIEWS

"UFO Politics at the White House" (sub-title: "Citizens Rally 'round Jimmy Carter's Promise") is an exercise in prose by Larry Bryant, the tenacious, pugnacious firebrand of the group called Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS). The book consists mainly of UFO-oriented letters written to the White House by ordinary citizens.

The premise here is that while Jimmy Carter was Governor of Georgia, he actually saw a flying saucer and officially reported the sighting to NICAP, which was Major Keyhoe's long-defunct UFO research organization in Washington, D.C. Most reasonable ufologists now believe that Governor Carter was misled by a sighting of the planet Venus, which can be a scary-looking object under the right atmospheric conditions.

On February 6th, 1977, Larry Bryant himself wrote a long letter to then-President Carter, reminding him of his campaign promise to "release to the public all heretofore unreleased files, reports, and other data on the federal government's role in the investigation of sightings of unidentified flying objects". Alas, young Larry never received a personal reply from the President. Instead, he received a self-serving form letter from



one Colonel L.E. Seminare Jr., USAF, who answered "on behalf of President Carter". We all know the feeling of frustration & disgust when a high official pays no attention at all to our pet project.

In 1977 Larry was already a veteran trouble-maker in UFO research, in spite of his job as a civilian employee of the U.S. Army. He retired in 1994, and since then he has had more time & energy than ever before, to devote to his obsessive hobby.

This self-published book is one of the results.

What can we say? Our view is that the Government probably knows little more about real UFOs than we do, but of course we could be wrong about this. Mavericks like Larry Bryant are needed, to keep the kettle boiling and to keep the water running under the dam (as Tim Beckley might say).

Our (free) copy of "UFO Politics at the White House" is signed by the author, with a note stating that the solution to the UFO Mystery can be found on Page 317. Amazingly, the solution is on Page 317, but you will have to buy the book to read it. (We don't want to spoil this for you!) Write to the Invisible College Press, P.O. Box 209, Woodbridge, Virginia 22194.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- WILLIAM MOORE, famed ufologist of yesteryear, writes:

"... In regard to 'Rael' and human cloning...it seems like no matter how hard some segments of the ufological community strive to build legitimacy and credibility, all it takes is some lunatic with a penchant for publicity to knock things right back to fairy dust. So here we go again. Move over Adamski, Van Tassel, Meier, Cooper, et al, and make way for 'Clonin' Claude and his Celestial Concubines' - the greatest act to hit ufodumb since 'Spaceship Ruthie and the Unarians'!

"There is one consolation, however. When flying saucer clone-meisters rate more print than flying saucer physicists (not to mention grave-robbing ufologists), it's a sure sign things really haven't changed that much after all.

"As to other matters, I continue to be both shocked and dismayed by your association with Prometheus. Have you no shame? Allowing them to publish your material is, it seems to me, nothing less than the moral equivalent of having the Taliban publish the Holy Bible! Somehow can't imagine many ufologists going out of their way to either buy or promote your book - but then perhaps you expected that!..."



- Ufological historian JERRY CLARK, shown above with his new bride, writes:

"I was interested to read [your editorial](#) 'Where Have All the Saucers Gone?'...You make some good points, but it's surely overstating the case to assert that 'ufology is in a profound slump these days'. It's in a slump, but hardly a profound one. We're in the low end of the usual, decades-long cycle of popular interest and indifference. Karl Pflock's book about Roswell, unheard of by any but the minuscule population that carefully monitors ufological arcana, has nothing to do with it. Fact is, UFOs had a pretty good run from the mid-1980s well into the 1990s. Probably all of us, including ufologists, need some time off. UFOs will be back one of these days, no doubt on the back of a new wave of sightings or some interesting development or other.

"Back in 1983, convinced that it was all over, I actually wrote a piece for Fate Magazine based on the premise that the UFO era had passed and that only a later generation would be able to look back and sort it all out. For my pains I was interviewed by a New York Times reporter. How wrong I was. As a historian of the controversy, I've learned since that UFOs were pronounced dead for the first time about two or three weeks after Kenneth Arnold's sighting. The number of obituaries for UFOs and ufology declared thereafter is probably uncountable..."

- Anthropologist, ufologist, etc. CHRIS ROTH writes as follows:

"...I was glad to see the ['Where Have All the Saucers Gone?'](#) editorial, as well as

Karl Pflock's discussion of similar issues. And I think these raise some interesting questions, such as: Why did there stop being 'little man' sightings of the Hopkinsville and Socorro variety after the Hill and then Strieber type abduction scenario became ascendant? Why no hairy dwarves outside of South America? One could say that the actual alien incursions came in waves and, perhaps, in the case of hairy dwarves in South America, that it's similar to the reason why nineteenth-century New Guinea natives were making Englishman sightings while nineteenth-century Madagascar natives were making Frenchman sightings. Have different alien species divided the earth into territories?

"The trouble is, then we would also have to assume that chupacabras 'territory' includes Hispanic neighborhoods in U.S. cities but not Anglo ones. And here we have to stretch the hypothesis to avoid saying that these sightings are cultural and folkloric phenomena. And I also don't buy, necessarily, the implications of Pflock's idea that 'when confronted with something strange and out of the ordinary, (cultural) filters seek to make sense of it by imposing a "normalizing" frame of reference'. That's true enough, but it is the sad truth that culture and folklore do not only filter perceptions; they also create them. People don't need any stimuli at all to start thinking that they are encountering the bugbears of their cultural unconscious (chupacabras, aliens, child molesters, demons, fairies, etc.) in the flesh!..."

- DR. LEO SPRINKLE, famed abduction researcher, writes as follows:

"Thanks for the note in your Vol. 49, No. 2 issue that the Rocky Mountain UFO Conference no longer is being conducted (1980-2001). We enjoyed 22 years of presentations by UFO experiencers and researchers.

"However, the last six years were hosted by Franklin Carter of the Institute for UFO Research, 1304 S. College Ave., Fort Collins, Colorado 80524. The Conference was held each year at the University of Wyoming - Laramie. Now, my former colleagues can breathe a bit easier. Whew!"

- Famed remote viewer INGO SWANN writes:

"I continue to enjoy your marvelous 'Saucer Smear'. Thanks for it.

"I have a question: One Joseph Trainor puts out a weekly UFO Roundup via masinalgen@aol.com. This seems loaded with fresh & up-to-date reports of sighting events around the world. Yet, ufologists hardly ever mention this update, and I don't recall seeing mention of it in your wonderful zine. There seems to be a noticeable avoidance here, a sort of sociological one, which is puzzling. Can you enlighten me, or perhaps others might..."

- KENN THOMAS of Steamshovel Press (Box 210553, St. Louis, Mo. 63121) writes:

"The Prophets Conference dropped Robert Anton Wilson as a speaker for using the 'dirty' words long ago liberated by the likes of Lenny Bruce and George Carlin. I was reminded of when Acharya S., great chronicler of the conspiracy known as Christianity, was kept off the dais at one well-known UFO conference in Nevada because her topic might have offended one of the other speakers. Then I thought of what Jerry Lucci wrote in the last issue of 'Saucer Smear', about the same people ranting on and on about the same things. Small wonder, considering the kind of decision making that apparently goes into these conferences. Too bad, since they should be places where free speech and new ideas reign. I called for Ram Dass to remove himself from the Prophets Conference in protest!"

- And, the one & only ROBERT ANTON ("BOB") WILSON writes:

"Enclosed is background info on the Prophets and their excommunication of me from their Elite circle... which I have thoroughly enjoyed. In fact, I haven't felt so flattered since Barnes & Noble removed my books from 'New Age' and placed them in 'Philosophy'.

"The androphagian joke at the end of my offensive essay (on the Net) refers, of course, to Swift's demonstration, in 'A Modest Proposal', that those who can stomach imperialism should not gag at cannibalism.

"Some of my fans have discussed staging a protest outside the ProfitsCon, but I don't know if anything will come of that.

"Keep the lasagna flying'."

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"Thanks (I guess??) for giving me the glorious opportunity to be 'Smear's' roving movie critic:

"Well, at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday Feb. 17th, I went to a multi-cinema theater to see 'The Mothman Prophecies'. Of a 300+ seating capacity in the theatre, only 37 brave souls were in attendance. A quick check with a ticket-taker and cashier confirmed my suspicions that this was not out of the norm for the show. So, here's my review of the flick:



"Mothman - a Fortean Flop: If you relish gazing at out-of-focus globs of street lighting, seemingly endless footage of lines on a highway zipping by at various speeds or, just patiently waiting for the show to get off the ground - then, Mothman should be right up your alley!

"But in all fairness, I must report that the film's star (Richard Gere) and the entire supporting cast did the best anyone could do with a two-reel storyline that was stretched into a four-reel movie. I'll give this production 1« stars out of a possible 5."

- MILLER JOHNSON, MJ-13, who is rumored to have a secret underground base somewhere under his house in Albuquerque, New Mexico, writes:

"I suddenly realized my communication with you has fallen by the wayside with the hectic pressures of Strange and Weird Projects that confront me on a daily basis.

"I did, however, take a break on January 28th, the third day after opening, to see the long awaited 'Mothman Prophecies'. I had dreaded the possibility of 'ET'-like lines of Mothman fans with grand expectations of the true story on the big screen. The much anticipated long line of Mothman fans was, however, nonexistent. After ticket purchases for myself and wife another clue to Mothman's sagging popularity was soon evident. There was no theater employee to accept our ticket stubs as we entered Auditorium 6 of the Four Hills Mini Mall Theater complex...There is something positive to be said for a non-crowded auditorium. There were only 9 other patrons seated to watch the film!

"What is known as the 'true story' had obviously been HOLLYWOODIZED into 99% BULLSHIT. John Keel should sue!..."

We are quite sure that John is too busy counting his money to sue! - Editor.

- Researcher THOMAS LEE CURTIN JR. writes as follows:

"...I saw the Mothman movie as soon as it came out. I must say I love John Keel and his books, but the movie did no justice to his book. In short, I was very let down and I'm sure many of his other fans will be too...

"You guys (Jim and Karl) are great! The best thing I've ever done is become a nonsubscriber to 'Saucer Smear'. Keep up the great work..."

- Our Dear Friend ED KOMAREK, formerly of "Operation Right to Know", astounds us with the following missive:

"I expect the next news I'll hear will be that you and Karl move in together and get married! Please send me a wedding invitation. I would like to attend. I would like to buy your new book and enrich your wallet, but not Karl's or CSICOP's. Any ideas?"

Yes, we'll bind half of each page for you, for half price! - Editor.

- GREG BISHOP, editor of "The Excluded Middle (P.O. Box 481077, Los Angeles, Ca.90048) writes as follows:

"...Who speaks for the UFO community? Certainly not Steven Greer! At the last MUFON conclave out here in California, he sounded like a televangelist. Now, I'm the last one cheering for 'respectability' in the saucer field, but to me he looked even sillier than those 'Operation Right to Know' people from the late '80s. Isn't he supposed to be reaching out to the public? Preaching to the choir and pausing every sentence or so for applause is not the way to get a message out on a subject that's pretty strange for the general public, unless you're trying to break into inadvertent standup comedy!..."

In any case, Greer goes on his merry (VERY merry if you ask me) way, talkin' the gospel according to Steve, and picking up acolytes on the way. Doesn't he know that Intelligence types not only lie their compartmentalized asses off, the retired military dudes he relies so heavily on don't seem to have ever been in the loop on anything!..."

French Intellectuals to be Deployed in Afghanistan to Convince Taliban of Non-Existence of God.

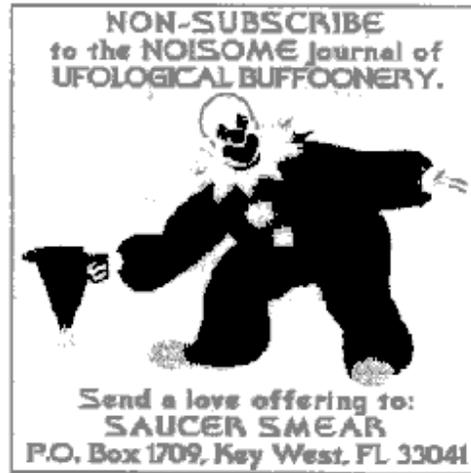
The ground war in Afghanistan heated up yesterday when the Allies revealed plans to airdrop a platoon of crack French existentialist philosophers into the country to destroy the morale of Taliban zealots by proving the non-existence of God. Elements from the feared Jean-Paul Sartre Brigade, or 'Black Berets', will be parachuted into the combat zones to spread doubt, espondency and existential anomie among the enemy. Hardened by numerous intellectual battles fought during their long occupation of Paris's Left Bank, their first action will be to establish a number of pavement cafes at strategic points near the front lines. There they will drink coffee and talk animatedly about the absurd nature of life and man's lonely isolation in the universe.

Their leader, Colonel Marc-Ange Belmondo, spoke yesterday of his confidence in the success of their mission. Marc-Ange plans to deliver an impassioned thesis on man's nauseating freedom of action with special reference to the work of Foucault and the films of Alfred Hitchcock. However, humanitarian agencies have been quick to condemn the operation as inhumane, pointing out that the effects of passive smoking from the Frenchmens' endless Gitanes could wreak a terrible toll on civilians in the area.

Speculation was mounting last night that Britain may also contribute to the effort by

dropping Professor Stephen Hawking into Afghanistan to propagate his non-deistic theory of the creation of the universe. This is only one of several Psy-Ops operations mounted by the Allies to undermine the unswerving religious fanaticism that fuels the Taliban's fighting spirit.

Pentagon sources have recently confirmed rumours that America has already sent in a 200-foot-tall robot Jesus, which roams the Taliban front lines glowing eerily and shooting flames out of its fingers while saying, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. Follow me or die!'



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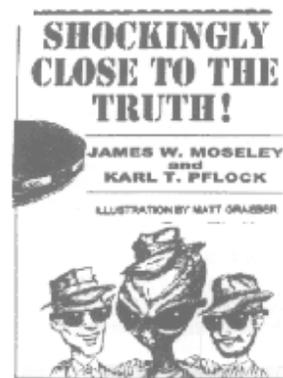
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WHERE HAVE ALL THE SAUCERS GONE?

We hate to write an editorial like this, but there is no getting away from the fact that ufology is in a profound slump these days. Could our esteemed colleague Karl Pflock be right after all, in believing that the real "space people" were here from World War II till the early 1970s, and then went on their merry way elsewhere?

In contrast to Pflock's, our basic view is that the UFO phenomenon, whatever it may be, is a permanent part of the earth's environment, and doesn't just come & go. But the frequency of good sightings, and the public's interest in same, certainly does ebb and flow'. In our opinion there's no doubt about that.

Recent opinion polls indicate that public belief in and interest in the UFO subject is not as high as it was just a few years ago. We know that all the major UFO organizations are in financial trouble, and several meeting groups have folded. The latest such group to come to our attention is the Institute for UFO Research, founded

by Dr. Leo Sprinkle of the University of Wyoming. This abductee-oriented outfit is now giving up their annual conventions after many years, due to increased costs and falling attendance.

On a lighter note, we have an item off the Net telling us that UFO sightings have doubled in Malaysia in the past year, and one man there claims he was abducted for eleven days after meeting a square-headed alien. The Centre for Malaysian UFO Studies states that six sightings were reported in 2001, as opposed to a mere three in the year 2000.

That's all well & good for that far-off country, but what about the U.S.A? "Filer's Files" in the MUFON UFO Journal often contains items of more than passing interest, but no one seems to care!

We can think of three good reasons for the present negative situation, and they are:

1. The tragedy of 9/11/01, which reminded all of us of the seriousness of life. Whatever UFOs may be, they certainly don't seem to be an immediate threat.
2. The present (alleged) recession.
3. Believe it or not - the publication of Karl Pflock's book, "Roswell: Inconvenient Facts & the Will to Believe" ([still available](#) for \$25. Hint!) We are not being facetious here. We of "Smear" worked as hard as anyone, over the years, to kill off the Roswell myth. Now that it is (in our opinion) dead, this means the end of UFOs for a lot of people who are not very thoughtful (such as Tom Carey, for instance!) Just because one key case collapses, it doesn't mean that there is nothing valid in the entire subject; but some people may erroneously think so.

There is, however, one very recent case which has rekindled our own interest to some degree - even though it is not directly related to UFOs at all. This case follows, below:

"FORMATION OF CROP CIRCLE WITNESSED"

This is the screaming headline on the cover of the latest (January) issue of the MUFON UFO Journal, and we are glad to see they have come up with something, for once, which is really orth paying some attention to:

The article concerns an incident in Holland in August of last year. Nancy Talbott and another crop circle researcher named Robbert Broeke actually witnessed, over a short period of time one night, two or three beams of light which clearly came down upon a nearby field. The next morning there was a relatively simple crop circle in that field!

Thus, they did not actually see the formation being formed, but it is a reasonable assumption that it was indeed related to the beams of light. There is an apparent photo of this beam of light on Page 1 of the Journal, mindlessly repeated on Page 3, and then it turns out that this is merely an "artist's illustration" - not a photo of the actual event. Even so, if we can assume that Talbott and Broeke are both sane and honest, this is quite a coup!

We still wouldn't get too excited about this, except that Nancy Talbott is no runof-the-mill crackpot. She has real degrees, and seems to be objective. We have heard her lecture, and she is very good.

But are crop circles even related to flying saucers? Your guess is as good as ours. But anything is better than nothing in these dreary ufological times!

ANOTHER UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE (NUFOC)

Well, in [our last issue](#) we told you that this year's 39th annual NUFOC will definitely take place in Lima, Ohio, hosted by a lady there named Jan Pheneger. (She had originally intended to hold it in Nashville, Tennessee.)

Unfortunately, after we had already announced the Lima location in "Smear", Ms. Pheneger changed her mind and decided that she will not be able to sponsor the event after all - anywhere. This was rather unprofessional on her part, to say the least!

Now we have recently gotten in touch with a gentleman named Kenny Young, who lives near Cincinnati, Ohio, and he has agreed to hold the NUFOC in that area - date and details to be announced later. This will be a one-day affair - Saturday only - and it will probably take place on a weekend in October. We will let you know, just as soon as more information is available. Hopefully there will be no more changes!

We also wish to announce that the 2003 NUFOC will be held in the Los Angeles area, sponsored by Ann Druffel and a group of ufologists with whom she is involved. Again, details are not yet available, but what we like here is that it will be a two day affair, with one day devoted to discussion of all sides of the UFO abduction question, and with the other day devoted to "nuts & bolts sightings. Ann is the author of the recent book "How to Defend Yourself Against Alien Abduction", which has received many good reviews, and even a fairly favorable review from "Smear". Ann Druffel is a very nice lady whom we have known slightly for many years, and we look forward to working with her, when the time comes.

TIDBITS OF TRASH

- "Smear" Contributing Editor Karl Pflock has been invited to speak at this year's "UnConvention" in London, England, to be held on the weekend of April 6th - 7th - which by coincidence is the same weekend that Pat Marcattilio is holding one of his conventions in Bordontown, N.J.

"UnConvention" is an annual affair sponsored by England's prestigious "Fortean Times" Magazine, which we read with great gusto. Pflock's topics will be the Betty & Barney Hill abduction case, and also our co-authored book "Shockingly Close to the Truth'." Shockingly, your "Smear" editor has not yet been invited to participate, but we made it in 1997, when the "UnConvention" featured the theme of Fifty Years of Ufology.

On the other hand, as we've bragged several times by now, your editor is a featured speaker at this year's Roswell Festival in early July, whereas Pflock, having written the ultimate anti-Roswell book, is somehow not on the program at all. However, he lives in New Mexico, and perhaps can be persuaded to make an informal appearance. Wheee!

- Ace novelist Rob MacGregor has sent us two items from the Net concerning an eccentric Florida physicist named James Hughes who is trying to sell an alleged flying saucer fragment for ten million dollars, even though he admits he can't prove that it really came from a UFO. It seems that 44 years ago, a friend of his was riding a motorcycle in southern New Jersey in broad daylight, when he saw a cigar-shaped UFO hovering over a dump site. A door on the craft opened and there was a weird noise as the beings on board tossed out several pieces of metallic debris. The man never got a good look at the occupants for some reason, but he managed to recover some of the debris after the object flew away.

The UFO sighter, named Joe Wilson, gave a fragment to Hughes, who has conducted various tests on it over the years. In simplest form, it can be said to contain "unusual metal alloys", but we can't imagine why it should be worth ten million dollars. Hughes says he has already been offered 7 million by someone, and is holding out for more dough, apparently...

- The cartoon below was intended to go with our item in the last "Smear" about "Area 51" security guards going on strike against the government, for a new work contract and higher pay. These men are the paranoia-inducing gents who strike fear into the hearts of civilians foolish enough to approach the unmarked boundaries of Nevada's "Area 51", where legend has it that captured interplanetary saucers are being test-flown, etc. We have not learned how the strike turned out, but we assume it is probably over by now. The cartoon is by "Smear's" legendary Matt Graeber, who also did the cover for "Shockingly Close to the Truth!...



- A few of our readers may remember that, many moons ago, there was [an ethical crisis in MUFON](#), in which John Carpenter, their Director of Abduction Research, was caught selling confidential abduction information to wealthy John Bigelow's NIDS organization (National Institute for Discovery Science). This was back when Walt Andrus was still MUFON's esteemed director.

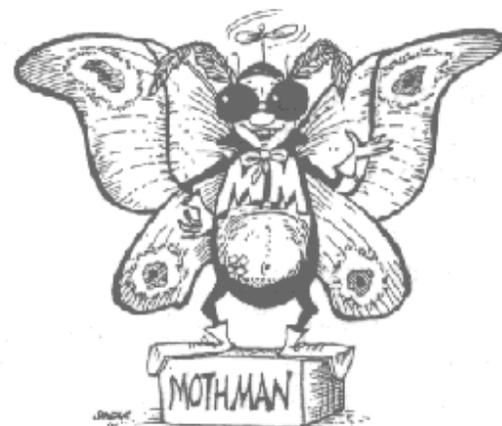
An Ethics Committee was to be formed to investigate the charges against Carpenter, which included breaking the confidence given to him by these abductees, and charging fees for his hypnotic sessions with them. Little if any mention was ever made of this matter in the MUFON UFO Journal, and the whole subject was deliberately left to be forgotten by the rank & file of the organization.

Well, we have belatedly been informed that there really was an Ethics Committee, consisting of Walt Andrus, Herbert Prouty, Thomas Whitmore, and Tom Deuley. Their report was issued on April 24th, 2001, and amazingly it concluded that "the charges brought against MUFON member John Carpenter were not found to have sufficient relationship to MUFON or to be sufficiently established by credible evidence...Therefore he continues as a member in good standing with MUFON."

Basically, the Committee was simply unwilling to hold Carpenter up to the organization's own ethical code, as given in their Bylaws! Carpenter nevertheless resigned, and the whole matter was swept under the table, so to speak, and duly forgotten!....

- "The Mothman Prophecies", which is the motion picture based on John Keel's book of the same name, supposedly opened in theatres throughout the U.S. on January 25th. Maybe Key West is not considered to be a major American city, because our six-screen local Regal Cinema (the only movie house in town) is not showing it and apparently doesn't plan to do so.

Interestingly, the current Mothman craze has brought a measure of fame to longtime cryptozoologist Loren Coleman, who just happens to have recently come out with a book called "Mothman and Other Curious Encounters". The book details 26 specific sightings of a giant bird-like creature in and around Point Pleasant, West Virginia, during 1966 and 1967. The sightings came just before the collapse of the Silver Bridge across the Ohio River, which killed about 47 people and led to speculation about paranormal activity. However Coleman's approach, unlike Keel's, is strictly "nuts and bolts".



Loren Coleman is a long-time social worker and cryptozoologist, associated with the University of Southern Maine. He has written several previous books, and has even been a "Smear" non-subscriber from time to time over the years.

Last year your "Smear" editor made a trip to Point Pleasant with researchers Tom Benson, Antonio Huneus, and others. Your editor was also there about 1968 with Gray Barker, but saw nothing out of the ordinary except Gray Barker himself.

Rumor has it that John Keel has finally achieved a fifty grand payoff from the movie company. He richly deserves it, as he is one of the great science fiction writers of our Time!

On the other hand, our friend John Alexander of NIDS (National Institute of Discovery Science) was favorably impressed by the moou of the Mothman movie, and in his review written for the NIDS website he states in part:

"Readers of this website are probably aware of the research conducted by NIDS at a secluded ranch in eastern Utah. During that period of observation and research multiple witnesses, many highly-qualified, reported strange occurrences that parallel those of Point Pleasant. There were numerous UFO sightings, a point underplayed in the movie, encounters with very unusual creatures, extensive poltergeist activities, interactions with balls of light, a sense of apprehension and fear prevalent in both humans and animals, and mysterious sounds with no known origin..."

We've got to find a way to see "The Mothman Prophecies"!....

- From John Alexander we also learn that NIDS investigators have recently found the presence of a known sedative called oxindole in the partly decomposed head of a mutilated cow. This tends to prove that the death was caused mysteriously, rather than by predators...
- Phil Klass, the ufological arch-debunker whom we all love to hate, remains in declining health made worse by personal problems. His SUN Newsletter is now published quarterly instead of bi-monthly. All we can say is - where would ufology be without Phil Klass to kick around? If you sympathize with him, as we do, drop him a note to: 404 "N" St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024-3702...
- Back issues of "Smear" from the year 2000 on back to 1954 are now available, for two dollars and up, from Tom Benson, P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, New Jersey 08606.

Pflock Ptalk - A HAIRY SITUATION (PART 3A OF "THEY WERE HERE...") by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Note to [Bob Pratt](#) concerning the hairy dwarf cases in South America: Check out Keyhoe's "Flying Saucer Conspiracy" and the Lorenzens' "Flying Saucer Occupants" and "Encounters with UFO Occupants". The ill-tempered, sharp-clawed little buggers seem to have been all over the northern reaches of the continent in 1954. While these cases were rather widely publicized and there was a major landings-and-occupants flap going on in France at the time, apparently no hairy ufonauts in need of manicures were spotted there or anywhere else outside of South America, then or at any other time.

It's possible we may have been visited by differently constructed humanoids from several planets or realms, and that some of them are exclusively partial to one neck of the earthly woods. However, it's more likely this hairy issue is a reflection of cultural influences at work. It is well established that every culture has its own set of perceptual filters through which it interprets the world. When confronted with something strange and out of the ordinary, these filters seek to make sense of it by imposing a "normalizing" frame of reference.

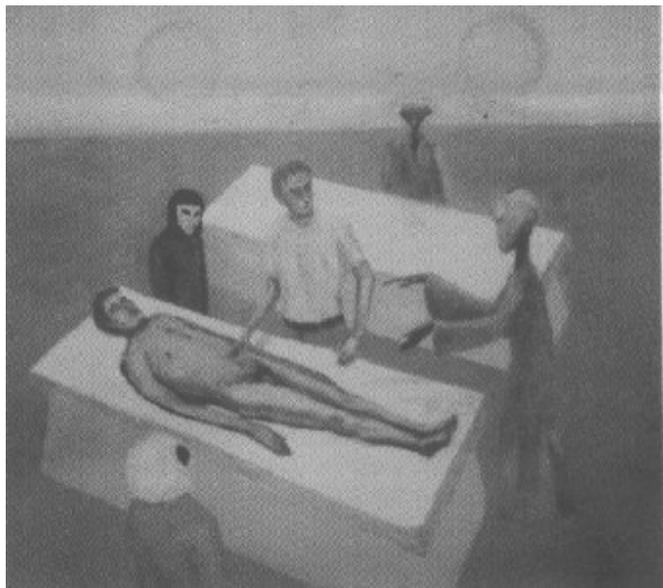
In the hairy dwarf cases, the beings were doing the same things as less bizarre beings seen in other parts of the world: collecting soil and plant samples, buzzing hapless motorists, using peculiar rays to paralyze those who stumbled upon them, hopping into their vehicles and whizzing away, etc. But they were short, nasty Bigfoot-like critters from outer space. In some instances, they seemed bent upon snatching a witness or two, apparently never succeeding (whew!)

In recent years, el chupacabras, "the goatsucker", emerged in Latin America, first in Puerto Rico, then spreading to Puerto Rican and other Hispanic communities in the U.S. and on to Cuba, Mexico, and scattered areas of Central and South America. The chupacabras is the hairy dwarf of the '50s as interpreted by Stephen King. And, like the dwarves, it shows up only in Latin countries and communities.

Is there something in Latino culture that conjures up such tales or, less skeptically, causes Witnesses innocently and unwittingly to ascribe certain features and behavior to odd, frightening, and out of place creatures? There's a Ph.D. in comparative/ cultural anthropology or social psychology waiting to be earned here. When you do yours, don't forget to give me credit for inspiring you.

Egad! Once again I've failed to titillate loyal Smearians with the X-rated tale of Antonio Villas-Boas and the Space Babe, but yet again I'm out of Space - till next Time.

WILD ALIEN ART!



Many of our readers will remember David Huggins, the New Jersey abductee and artist, who has had a series of many, many incidents throughout his life, in which apparent extraterrestrials interact with him. In the incident depicted here, the naked man lying on the table and the clothed man standing by the table are both David Huggins. To his left in the painting is "Crescent", an alien woman with whom he has had Sex many times. The other creatures shown are also aliens. The idea here is that David is being transferred from his present, older body to a new one which is the naked one on the table. This incident happened about three or four years ago, he says.

Huggins has lectured several times about his experiences and done many paintings.

BRIEF BIASED BOOK REVIEWS

- We begin by commenting on a purported children's book called "Almanac of Alien Encounters", from prestigious Random House. Though it is a small pocketbook-Sized tome, it nevertheless is unexpectedly complete and interesting. It has lots of weird illustrations for kiddies of all ages, and there are also some neat graphs, including one that gives brief accounts of a dozen little-known sightings from 1904 to 1945.

Included is a discussion of Fatima (one of our favorite mysteries); The Great Los Angeles Air Raid of 1942; "FOO Fighters"; Roswell (of course!); the Flatwoods, W.Va. monster (1952); Albert K. Bender & the Three Men in Black; sizes and shapes of UFO occupants; Lonnie Zamora (1964); the Condon Report; and a great deal more.

This book was authored by someone named Eric Elfman (a pseudonym?) who has written previous children's books and obviously did his homework on this one. One of his previous efforts is called "Almanac of the Gross, Disgusting, and Totally Repulsive". Egads!

- ...Closely following the recent death of conspiracy guru William Cooper, Tim Beckley of Global Communications has rushed out with a 100-page softcover book on this fallen hero of the Militia Movement. Tim gives the date of Cooper's death as Nov. 5th, 2001. We believe it was Nov. 6th, but at least Tim has come closer to the correct date than we did in [last December's issue](#) of "Smear", where we

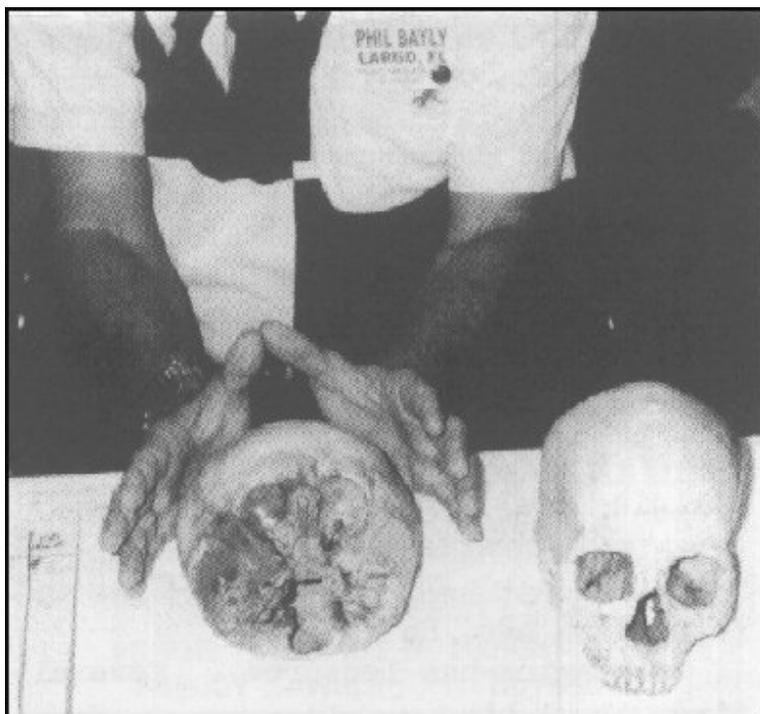
erroneously stated that it was October 6th.

This book, allegedly written (or edited) by "Commander X" has just about everything a conspiracy fiend could ask for - The Illuminati; The New World Order; World Trade Center Disaster; UFOs and MJ-12; JFK Assassination; Gun Control; The Constitution; Secret Societies; and MORE! Much has been said about how Cooper wildly changed his opinions on key issues over the years; but as Beckley so aptly puts it at the bottom of Page 8, "that's water under the dam". (This book really contains a flood of good information!)

As detailed in the [above-mentioned December "Smear"](#), we knew Bill Cooper quite well from various barroom scenes at Beckley's western conventions a few years back; and whatever Wild Bill may have done to others, we personally had no quarrel with him.

The title of this collector's item is "William Cooper: Death of a Conspiracy Salesman - Survivalist? Patriot? FANATIC!" It sells for \$19 from Global Communications, P.O. Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903. Also available for \$30 is Cooper's classic "Behold a Pale Horse", written back in 1991 and now difficult to obtain...

- Finally - we have recently come upon a paperback book called "Everything you Know is Wrong - Book One: Human Origins", written in 1997 by a man named Lloyd Pye. The author obviously has an extensive background in biology, but he has his own bizarre & revolutionary views about human evolution. In brief, he appears to believe that humans originated on another planet, and merely co-existed with primitive hominoids on earth. He points out various flaws in Darwinism, such as the fact that one species never evolves into a totally different species. Pye is hardly the first to find embarrassing (to orthodox science) problems with Darwinism, but most scientifically-oriented people would still prefer that belief system to its rival - Creationism, which is the view that humans were created by God, as the Bible tells us. Pye calls his system Rationalism, as opposed to Darwinism and Creationism.



Pye is interested in Bigfoot and all such creatures. In 1999 we heard him lecture regarding two anomalous skulls found in a mine shaft in Mexico many years ago (see photo). At that time Pye was spending a great deal of money trying to prove scientifically that these skulls are alien or hybrid. It is our understanding that he never obtained such proof. - If still in print, the book can be obtained from: Adamu Press, P.O. Box 8100, Madeira Beach, Florida 33738.

TO YE OLDE LETTER BOX (OR WHATEVER):

- The semi-mysterious "RAY X" writes as follows:

In one of your letters you wrote this PS: "Do you want me to try to get people for you thru 'Smear'? Since you don't seem to charge, maybe you don't want any more people. RSVP."

I'm always looking for more readers for my e/zine, the Ray X X-Rayer, especially through the "Dreaded" Internet. The cost is the same to send one issue or a thousand electronically; that's why email subs (rayxr@aol.com) are free. As you can see from my new "letterhead" I'm now promoting the free ezine angle. As for snail mailers, I'll be happy to send them a free sample copy. They can write to BoXholder, PO Box 2, Plattsburgh, NY 12901-0002 and mention they

saw it in "Smear". After the sample copy they can decide if it's worth a dollar per issue for the hardcopy version.

- BRENDA DENZLER, Ph.D. writes in regard to her book "The Lure of the Edge":

"I was delighted to hear that you had received the complementary copy of my book that I asked the Press to send you, and that you had reviewed it in your newsletter. When I actually read [what you had written](#), however, I was a bit perplexed. Either you did not actually read the book, or else you missed my explanation of how I used the word 'myth'...Your comment in the review presumed that my use of the word myth was pejorative. It was not.

"I was also perplexed and bemused by your criticism of the book's technical apparatus. The Appendix is a very important part of what I have to say in the book. Just because it is called an 'Appendix' does not make it some kind of useless fluff taking up paper and ink and needlessly increasing the cost of the book, as your review implied. And in some quarters the extensive footnoting and bibliography are viewed as signs that I did a thorough job of researching my topic - in short, these parts of the book are viewed quite favorably. I am surprised that someone with your longevity in the UFO field would suggest that thorough research and documentation are of little worth

"I appreciate your comment that there is 'some well-written text' in the book. I tried to make it very readable and accessible to a reasonably literate audience. I presume that most of those reading it will not be very familiar at all with the UFO phenomenon or its history - and I definitely wanted to present all of that, as well as the scientific and religious aspects of the phenomenon, in a way that readers would find both informative and entertaining. And I was pleased to be able to include a reference to 'Saucer Smear' in the book. How could I write about the history of the UFO phenomenon in the United States without mentioning your work, after all?!"

We admit that we were more than a bit too harsh. - Editor.

- Researcher ROBERT DAVIS writes:

"...I'm surprised by [your comments](#) on page 3 of 'Smear' about 'Harry Potter' and 'Lord of the Rings'. Surely no one watching these movies would be intended to conclude that magic wands, magic rings, etc. really exist. Everyone knows that these films and books are fantasies, not propaganda to promote irrational superstitions. I'm among the many Americans who find them inspiring in these frightful times, because they are exciting epics of adventure and courageous struggle against monstrous evils! Lighten up a little!..."

- ROB SWIATEK of The Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) writes:

"I must confess I find your fifth columnist's recent, multi-part articles ("THEY WERE HERE") most puzzling. What's all this frippery about UFOs leaving in the '70s? When I read this, I about jumped out of my Fund for UFO Research running shorts! His odd speculations might have merit but for the fact that UFOs continue to be seen! If memory serves, there were several excellent cases in the '80s and '90s that puzzled a whole lot of us - maybe even you. Or is this just another instance of wishful thinking on Karl's part, the old will to believe? Far from UFOs leaving the scene, I think it more likely that UFO investigators have left - to their computers, seaside condos, girlfriends. 'Anything except field investigation' seems to be their credo. Maybe Walt Andrus should look into this, in much the same manner retired generals are impanelled to investigate military fiascos..."

- Dreaded debunker ROBERT SHEAFFER writes:

"...I am amused to see how Dick Hall and others are trying to paint Karl Pflock as one of the 'skeptibunkers'. I've had enough disagreements with Karl to know that he'll never be elected a

CSICOP fellow! A particularly low blow is when Hall writes that '(Karl's) adoption of Jim Moseley as his 'standard' of serious UFO research tells us all we need to know about him'. Congratulations to you both, Karl and Jim. If you got old Dick this riled up, you must be doing something right!"

- DR. PHIL DUKE, who believes that the AIDS virus comes deliberately from the Space People, writes:

"...My explanation for my ongoing blacklisting, which on the surface makes no sense whatsoever, is that these MUFON people are in fact only following orders from above, and that the CIA which funds and controls MUFON continues to do everything in its power to suppress my research. Especially my book and articles on the AIDS-ET Connection Hypothesis. Evidentially because it is very uncomfortably close to the truth!

"MUFON's negative reputation is becoming better known. Our local MUFON group, formerly meeting at the Ahmanson public library in Omaha (Nebraska), under the direction of local MUFON Director Jack Kasher Ph. D., who is no longer a professor at UNO, was recently directed to meet elsewhere. Just one negative is that, according to Dr. Kasher, MUFON policy requires, despite numerous objections, that the local meetings be recorded. The result is that people are afraid to say anything. You have to be pretty bad to get kicked out of a public library!

"At this time MUFON is part of the problem, not the solution. Anyone who supports MUFON is in bed with the enemy!

"Should anyone associated with MUFON object to any of my statements, I offer to apologize and retract them all, if MUFON's editor, Mr. Dwight Connelly, will just consider my work for possible publication. Not necessarily publish anything, just consider for possible publication..."

- Skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"What's happened to the once vigorous and contentious 'Saucer Smear'? Where has the flying saucer controversy gone? It seems like most contributors are writing to promote their latest UFO book. Even 'Smear's' 'humble' editor is promoting something called 'Shockingly Close to the Truth!'

"Your report on the death of Bill Cooper in the past two issues is a case in point. Where once we would have seen a broad spectrum of views, we now get timid glimpses of the man. Tim Beckley writes, as if for the IRS, explaining his association with Cooper as purely in accord with the tax laws! The only bite to the whole tale being negative comments about Erik Beckjord's interaction with the late Mr. Cooper, by the Editor himself.

"I hate to do this, but in all fairness someone should stand up for Beckjord. Surely he comes out second best in the descriptions of Cooper/Beckjord. I think the evidence points in the other direction. Certainly Cooper's shoot-out with the police far surpasses Beckjord's record, though impressive, of brushes with the law. And while Erik has allegedly been belligerent at times (my personal experiences always being cordial), it would appear that Cooper had the more violent character. No one seems to give Beckjord credit for his prominence in the UFO field, something he has managed without providing any real contribution. He is better known, admittedly mostly as a nut case, than many longtime 'researchers' of flying saucers. Hear about the 'Face on Mars' and you think of Beckjord. Perhaps nothing is better than something in the UFO field, if you get my drift!..."

From Bob Girard's monthly book list

Moseley, James, and Pflöck, Karl. SHOCKINGLY CLOSE TO THE TRUTH: CONFESSIONS OF A GRAVE-ROBBING UFOLOGIST

Prometheus, 2002. Advance notice: scheduled for publication March 15.

I thought you'd like an early listing for this title, which is about 6 weeks away at this point. James Moseley's baptism of fire in the UFO

movement, a 1953 cross-country trip in which he interviews 100 experts and eyewitnesses, is described here, as is his work as a saucer journalist responsible for the long-running **Saucer News** (begun in 1954, and continued even today as his **Saucer Smear** newsletter). If ufology has ever had a moral compass, then Jim Moseley has been that device. For a half-century he has managed to straddle the fence which separates the nuts-'n-bolts saucer crowd from the simply nuts saucer contactee crowd, and has also managed the much more difficult balancing act of straddling the numerous loose-cannon personalities who have come and gone (and in some cases, regrettably stayed) as part of the saucer game, without ever falling victim to any doctrine, belief or even temptation (well, except, perhaps, that little matter of the Straith Letter). Moseley unburdens himself here, assisted by Karl Pflock, and presumably there are more than a few laughs to be had, surely a lot of time-traveling back to the John Nebel days at WOR, and even a bit of grave-robbing in Peru! Reserve now at \$24.95

INSTANT HISTORY:

After the museum of Bohuslan in western Sweden declared a stone maze on a small island outside the town of Grebbestad a historical monument and erected a sign describing it as a "mystical and fragile historical remnant", Thomas Karlen and Peter Witt said that they made the maze in two days during the summer of 1974 when they were eleven. *Dagens Nyheter, 4 Sept 2001*



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MUFON maverick Larry Bryant has become the very first person to order our glorious new UFO book, "Shockingly Close to the Truth'." Larry amuses us by calling your Supreme Commander "Commander-of-Sheep", but that's okay! There's nothing wrong with sheep, unless one becomes too friendly with them, as the late contactee Orfeo Angelucci did! (See our Book for the shocking details about this!)

We stated in our last issue that the price of our priceless tome is \$25.00, but we forgot to include the cost of postage, etc. Thus future buyers will be asked to pay us \$28 rather than \$25.

Incidentally, Larry Bryant has just published a book of his own, oddly called "UFO Politics at the White House: Citizens Rally 'round Jimmy Carter's Promise". This book apparently consists of hundreds of letters received by former President Carter, in regard to his own well-publicized UFO sighting (probably Venus!) and his supposed promise to bring forth the Truth about flying saucers during his presidency (which he obviously did not do). We aren't clear as to how Larry obtained these letters. Anyhow, the book can be ordered for \$14.95 from the publisher: Invisible College Press, 3703 Del Mar Dr., Woodbridge, Va. 22193.

UPDATE ON THE 2002 NAIONAL UFO CONFERENCE:

In [our last thrilling issue](#), we told you that the 2002 NUFOC will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, sponsored by an energetic young lady named Jan Pheneger.

Well, it turns out that Nashville did not work out after all, but we are now definite for the lovely Civic & Convention Center in Ms. Pheneger's home town, which is Lima, Ohio. The dates are October 5th and 6th, which is just one weekend before Pat Marcattilio's annual UFO/ET/Alien conclave, which will be held as usual in Bordontown, New Jersey (near Trenton). We intend to be at both of these events, and we hope that many of you will join us.

Speakers at the NUFOC will include Stanton Friedman, Bruce Maccabee, Karl Pflock, and of course your humble "Smear" editor - vigorously pushing [his above-mentioned UFO book](#), co-authored with Pflock. Other speakers and details will be announced shortly. Wheeee!



Cattle Mutilation Kindergarten

NEWS BRIEFIES (formerly TIDBITS OF TRASH)

- You might notice that we are using a new old electric typewriter for this issue of "Smear". The letters seem to hit more evenly, and darker, and also we get more ravings on a page, as this is elite type (12 letters per inch) as opposed to pica (10 letters to the inch). We hope this will be a worthwhile improvement

In our last issue we printed part of a letter from C.A. ("Carol") Honey, who was a close associate of the late contactee George Adamski, during Adamski's later years on this planet. We literally ran out of Space before we could give you Honey's address. He has something called Tract #252, which explains his final falling-out with George, and he will send it to you free or nearly free if you write to him at: 2456 South Woodlark Rrive, Ontario, California 91761-6530...

- Our olde friend Timothy Green Beckley has rushed out with a Quickie book about the late William Cooper, who, as detailed in our last issue, recently died in Arizona in a wild shoot-out with police. Paranoia has run wild in America since 9/11/01, and this tome fits right in!

The book is called "William Cooper: Death of a Conspiracy Salesman, and is edited (or written?) by the ever-mysterious "Commander X", who works very closely with Beckley. Your "Smear" editor is mentioned several times therein, so we may have to actually read it and review it in our next issue.

A mere \$19 will get you this memorable tome. Also available, for \$30.00, is Cooper's infamous classic conspiracy book, "Behold a Pale Horse", written several years ago. Both can be ordered from Global Communications, P.O. Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903...

- It occurs to us that CSICOP (Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal) is losing its lonely battle to make American society more rational or at least more rational according to their very strict definition of rationality. We refer to the blockbuster movies "Harry Potter" and "Lord of the Rings", which threaten to become an endless series of similar movies. Therein, all aspects of folklore and superstition are glorified, literally beyond belief. Not exactly our cup of tea, but this seems to be what America wants. Maybe it's a form of escapism related to the dire events of last September 11th...
- From a Semi-Secret Source (S.S.S.) we learn the surprising fact that the circulation of "UFO Magazine" is considerably greater than that of "Fate". For the month closest to the end of the last filing period, "UFO Magazine" sold a total of about 27,000 copies, vs. a mere 21,600 for "Fate". We do hope that our friend Phyllis Galde, who recently took over as owner/publisher of "Fate", is able to turn things around, because in our opinion hers is by far the better of the two zines...
- Non-subscriber Dean Zevchek has sent us an amusing item from the (cursed) Net, telling how a group of security guards who work in "Area 51" in Nevada have gone on strike for a new contract and higher pay. The amusing part is that these "camo dudes", as they are sometimes called, can't come right out and tell the public where they work, although everyone seems to already know. They are known as "camo dudes" because of the camouflaged uniforms they wear while patrolling places where public lands border restricted areas around the Groom Lake, Nevada installation. One reason for the strike is that these men have been required to put in an excessive amount of overtime ever since the Sept. 11th tragedy...
- Paging through the December 2001 issue of Lou Farish's "UFO Newsclipping Service", we came upon an unlikely item about the death of England's Rosemary Brown. Few if any "Smear" readers will have heard of her at all, but in the 1960s she gained a measure of fame as a widow who played and recorded compositions by famous dead composers such as Chopin, Beethoven, and Bach. These were new works, in the distinctive style of these departed souls.

Brown supposedly had very little training as a pianist, but when her invisible dead companions showed up, they either moved her fingers on the piano for her, or dictated the right notes to play. Musical experts were divided in regard to the value of her talent. Said one: "If she is a fake, she is a brilliant one, and must have had years of training. Some of the music is awful, but some is marvelous. I couldn't have faked the Beethoven."

We heard a lot about Rosemary Brown in the 1970s from the late psychic researcher Stewart Robb, who was obsessed with classical music. Robb, whom we visited many times at his home near Los Angeles, was also an expert on Nostradamus and other paranormal matters.

What is Rosemary Brown doing in "UFO Newsclipping Service" or "Saucer Smear", you might ask. Let's face it, folks; Things are slow in ufology these days. Most of Farish's December 2001 issue is devoted to crop circles and other overseas matters, as there just isn't enough going on, here on this side of the Pond!

Farish's monthly zine can be obtained for \$55 per year by writing to: #2 Caney Valley Rive, lumerville, Arkansas 72127...



- On a high-level Social Note, we have learned that UFO historian Jerry Clark will be getting married (for the 3rd time) at a Catholic Church in his home town of Canby, Minnesota on January 5th. His bride is Helene Henderson, who is one of the editors at Omnigraphics, which published Clark's famed UFO Encyclopedia. Way to go, Jerry!...
- "Mothman Prophecies", the motion picture based on John Keel's [book of the same name](#), is finally having its world premiere on Jan. 25th. Cryptozoologist Loren Coleman suggests that someone get written statements now from all the old Mothman witnesses in the vicinity of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, before the movie turns the area into a tourist circus, like Roswell, N.M.

- Finally, just before press time, we were visited in Key West by Tom Tulien and Jan Aldridge of the Sign Historical Group, who have just come out with (guess what?) a book based on their extensive UFO research. At present the duo are traveling around the country doing videotaped interviews with everyone they can find who can add significant details to the long, complex history of the modern UFO field. They seemed particularly interested in talking about the Straith Letter hoax and other Sins from our Mad Youth. Eventually all this material will be transcribed into a written record for posterity.

Pflock Ptalk - ANTONIO DOES A SPACE BABE (PART 4 OF "THEY WERE HERE...") by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Last time I left everyone hanging (?) in eager anticipation of the tale of Antonio Villas-Boas and his alleged and allegedly unwilling sexual liason with a (not-so-natural?) blond alien seductress. I apologize for any frustration this may have caused loyal nonsubscribers trust this issue's column will bring all hands welcome relief. But first...

As revealed by the glorious announcement in the last "Smear", Jim Moseley's and my "[Shockingly Close to the Truth! Confessions of a Grave-Robbing Ufologist](#)" (Prometheus, March 2002) soon will be soaring to the top of bestseller lists everywhere. Why even now, more than two months before publication, we've already hit #1,785,218 on the Amazon.com chart! By the time you read this, we'll

probably have hurtled up to at least #1,653,113, or perhaps even have crashed through the #1,500,000 barrier!

So if you want a First Edition, First Printing, Collector's Copy, Autographed by the Authors, you'd best hurry and get your pre-publication order in - to ME! Well, you could place your order with Supreme Commander Moseley, but he's already got a leg up, and...

You see, Jim and I are having a little competition to see which of us can bag the most advance orders for our masterpiece, and since he got off to a head start with the big splash ad and begging bowl bit in the last issue of "S.S.", I've got some catching up to do. So...

All orders placed with ME (not Jim) that are postmarked on or before January 19th, 2002, will go to the swift and lucky for \$25 per copy, shipping and handling included. All ordering thereafter must add \$3.00 for s&h, a total of \$28 per copy. Please make your check out to Karl T. Pflock, and send your Rush orders to ME (not Jim) at this Semi-Confidential address: Post Office Box 1569, Bernalillo, N.M. 87004-1569.

Not only will you be adding a Classic to your library (order a few extras for your Closest Friends, too), yoU'll be helping keep a starving ufologist alive and working. It's getting harder and harder to get along on what our Esteemed Editor and Publisher pays me for this column (free copies of "S.S." have very little nutritional value!) Remember: \$25 for all orders through January 19th, and \$28 thereafter. Hurry!

We're rocketing toward #1,700,000 on the Amazon hit parade. Don't miss out!

Now then. back to Lust North of the Pampa... Uh, oh. Did it again! Out of Space - till next Time'.

Lifted from the Dec. 2001 MUFON UFO Journal

Pflock on Corso

In [my book](#) Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe and in a 1997 MUFON UFO Journal review of the late Lt. Col. Philip Corso's The Day After Roswell (TDAR), I exposed the fact that Corso had pulled a bait and switch on Sen. Thurmond (R-SC).

Corso, who had worked for Thurmond for two brief periods in the 1960s and '70s, had given the

senator an outline of his memoirs, grandly entitled *I Walked With Giants (My Career in Military Intelligence)*, asking him to pen a foreword for the book. The senator did, and much to his chagrin, his brief, plain-vanilla comments-laudatory of Corso, but containing nothing specific about the book itself-found their way into the first printing of *The Day After Roswell*.

When I saw the senator's name and foreword in the bound galleys of TDAR I was sent by Simon & Schuster, Corso's publisher, I contacted his office. Thurmond's staff was stunned, and in short order, the senator contacted S&S, told them what had happened, and demanded that his foreword and name be removed from further printings of the book and not be used in any way to further promote it. The embarrassed publisher quickly complied.

The Oct.-Nov. 2001 UFO magazine (U.S.) carries a fatuous attempt to rehabilitate Corso and, by implication, UFO's publisher, William J. Birnes, who coauthored TDAR with Corso: "Honor Restored: The 'De-Pflocked' Facts About Philip Corso," by Don Ecker, the 'zine's director of research. Ecker recently posted the text of this gem on UpDates, conveniently not including the illustrations.

The most important of these is a Simon & Schuster release form signed by Senator Thurmond, allegedly giving his permission for Corso's publisher to use his foreword in TDAR. The form as reproduced in UFO has the words "Roswell Book" typed in the blank left in the boilerplate text of the form for a book title, with the other blanks, for "undersigned" and "author," left, well, blank.

I made a copy of Ecker's piece available to Senator Thurmond's chief of staff, and a few days ago I received in return copies of several very interesting items. One of these is the release form in the senator's office file, on which ALL the blanks in text are, well, blank. No "undersigned," no "author," but, most important, no book title, not even the generic "Roswell Book."

This clearly is the same form reproduced in UFO, as the senator's signature and date of signing match-but it is as it was when the original left the senator's office, BEFORE someone (gee, wonder who?) typed in "Roswell Book." Hmmm...

Along with this revealing document, I received the complete outline for *I Walked With Giants*, wherein nary a word about UFOs or Roswell (incident or town) is found. A perusal of this outline and a reading of the senator's foreword leave no doubt in any reasonable mind that the latter was intended for the outlined proposed memoir, not the ufoological (NOT a typo) dream to which it was appropriated.

Other than the inclusion of many of the non-UFOconnected tall tales and pulp-fiction prose that appeared in and animated TDAR, the only resemblance between the proposed book and what finally saw print is Corso's Walter Mittyish ego strutting across the pages.

Also included in the package were the senator's June 5, 1997, press release about the matter ("Right Foreword, Wrong Book"), and his June 11, 1997, letter to Simon & Schuster Deputy General Counsel Eric Raymond, demanding the removal of his misappropriated foreword from TDAR.

I will not engage in further debate on this matter, but will be glad to provide copies of any or all of these documents to anyone who's interested enough to cover the cost of copying and mailing. Those who'd like the full details of the Right Foreword, Wrong Book Caper will find them in Chapter 16 of [my book](#).

-Karl Pflock

BRIEF BOOK BASHINGS

Our old friend Curt Sutherly has come out with a second book, entitled "UFO Mysteries", published by Llewellyn, who until recently were the publishers of Fate Magazine. (Sutherly's earlier book, called "Strange Encounters", was put out by the same outfit, and the new one is an expanded version of some of the same material.)

The present volume devotes a chapter each to ten of the most interesting UFO situations of the modern era. Strangely, a covering form letter from Llewellyn mentions "fifteen of the best of these (UFO) stories", so it would seem to us that someone here has forgotten how to count. No matter; The book is well-written, and runs about 200 pages including a long appendix cataloguing reports of triangular UFOs in recent years.

An "Afterword" discusses some of ufology's well-known researchers, including your humble "Smear" editor, who is described on Page 160 of the "Uncorrected Proof" as a "godfather" in the UFO field. (We do not have the final version of this book, which presumably is re-edited and contains additional photographs.) There are also many other favorable references to your editor, here & there throughout the book!

On Page 167, Sutherly states his own opinion (similar to ours) about UFO origin, which is: "There is, and always has been, reason to believe that the UFO phenomenon is representative of something far more complex than spacecraft and visiting extraterrestrials. This leads into areas of religion, philosophy, and metaphysics - the combination of which can have a lasting, and disturbing, impression on the human psyche..."

Actually, the most interesting story we read was in the Preface, where a friend of Sutherly's with the pseudonym "Raymond" is driven out of the flying saucer field entirely by a series of bizarre incidents in his vicinity. Sutherly, too, gave up research for awhile, but then got back into it. We wish we knew who "Raymond" is or (shudder!) was!

This softcover book can be purchased for a mere \$12.95 from: Llewellyn Publications, P.O. Box 64383, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55164-0383.

Next we were going to tell you about a purported children's UFO book called "Almanac of Alien Encounters", from prestigious Random House. However, we have run out of Space and will discuss this unexpectedly interesting book in our next glorious issue of "Smear"!



"What possible harm can come to this planet from teaching these miserable creatures how to use fire and simple tools?"

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- Ufological historian JERRY CLARK writes:

"In [your review](#) of Brenda Denzler's recently published 'The Lure of the Edge', you misread her use of the word 'myth', which you infer means she takes a negative view of ufology. In point of fact, early in the book (pages 2-3, specifically) she writes that she is referring to 'myth' in a scholarly, rather than a popular, sense. The popular definition, as we all know, is 'something that isn't so.' Denzler, on the other hand, sees myth in a larger context, as a word to denote, on one hand, a phenomenon that inspires a movement and, on the other, the movement inspired by the phenomenon.

"The book, quite an excellent one, is actually positive in its depiction of ufology, which it treats as intellectually serious and as addressing real questions. In other words, unlike the excitable soul who writes Prometheus' advertising copy for Moseley and Pflock, she rejects the notion that ufology is a 'cult-like movement'. Thus, hers is not a book that those who want - or need - to believe that all nonhostile students of the UFO phenomenon are raving irrationalists will like much."

- Our olde friend, UFO researcher ALEXANDER MEBANE, writes as follows:

"I've plowed through [George Hansen's complex and wide-ranging book](#), which certainly has its merits, but I can't see any sense in his UFO perspective. Though he quite justifiably points out 'trickstery' in the hoax-plagued UFO field and others, he insists throughout on speaking only of 'the' Trickster - as if all manifestations were attributable to some unique God of Trickstery'. This is not a sensible way to talk. As for UFOs, on p 248 he declares that some are indeed real, though not 'nuts-&-bolts' alien vehicles. So far, so good - but what, then, are they? No hint here of my own diagnosis (deceptive 'shows' by supernatural tricksters). It appears, instead, that this parapsychologist wants to call UFOs things somehow produced by unconscious human 'psi' powers - Jungian 'physical projections'. This cannot be called a persuasive suggestion!

"As for the abductions, he seems to take it for granted (like nearly everyone who has not looked into the evidence) that 'obviously, no such thing can really happen,' and he seems to suppose (p. 140) that all the testimonies must really be 'iatrogenic', fictions invented by the investigators, and implanted by them into the minds of the hapless 'abductees'. So, as a ufologist, this earnest and learned writer must unfortunately be called out of his depth. (Except, of course, for the Linda Cortile case, where I find myself compelled to agree with him that it can't be real, and that the very praiseworthy Budd Hopkins must have been duped by a diabolically convincing 'tricksteress'.)... "

- BOB PRATT, an expert on Brazilian ufology, among other things, writes:

"...[Your information on Bill Cooper](#) is fascinating. I never knew the man and never believed what he said, but I got the feeling that a lot of people did...

"I must say I thought [Mr. Pflock](#) was a bit snide in referring to reports from South America of 'powerful, hairy dwarves with long, sharp claws' (which I've never heard of) as being 'likely the product of culturally influenced perception'. Pretty shitty, Jim."

- Famed ufologist & folklorist TIMOTHY GREEN BECKLEY writes:

"...To set the record straight, there are a few comments I have after reading [your recent write-up](#) 'The Life and Death of Former Ufologist William Milton Cooper'... As far as I am concerned, 'our pleasant relationship' with Cooper did not end 'abruptly' when I suggested 'he pay taxes on the money' he received from his lectures' at my various conventions. I merely continued to file the appropriate W2 'free lance' forms required by the IRS for anyone making

over \$600 as an independent contractor. Cooper made way more than that on several occasions.

Cooper had never told me in advance that he would not speak if I filed the necessary papers at the end of the year. If he didn't want to pay taxes that was his business, but I certainly wasn't planning to pay them for him. He balked at the last minute from one of his presentations, but we never really had a falling out. We spoke on the phone maybe once after that. His material became even more radical as time went on. Our conventions aren't about paying or NOT paying taxes or about arming your neighborhood. Basically, there just wasn't anywhere to take our relationship.

"Regarding the outbreak of 'violence' at one of our conventions, I will take Cooper's side on this. The other party (**Erik Beckjord - Ed.**) is known for his abrasive attitude and inability to get along with others. I never saw Cooper drunk, though I do believe the night of the 'fight' - or perhaps it was another evening; I don't recall - saw the other individual spending some time in the local poky for driving under the influence.

"There are some who feel Cooper was 'assassinated' because of his last statements regarding the World Trade Center disaster and the theory that the CIA was somehow involved. Well, you know how rumors get started!"

- HARLEY BYRD, who is either the son or nephew of famed Admiral Richard Byrd, or perhaps unrelated to Admiral Byrd, writes for the first time in quite awhile:

"I assume you've learned of the untimely death of Bill Cooper. The 'Arizona Republic' is our source, after seeing the reports all over the Internet. "We will miss a true flag-waving American. We fortunately have a signed copy of his 'Pale Horse' work, and a ton of memories from all the Expos we attended'.

"His shooting has all the earmarks of Ruby Ridge and the David Koresh deaths! Keep in touch..."

- DICK Freeman writes:

"Thank God it wasn't a couple of UFOs that crashed into the twin towers and Pentagon, irradiating NYC and DC with anti-matter - or whatever the hell it is they use for fuel. That would have been a nasty mess, and, consequently, ufologists all over the US and abroad would now be hunted down like towelheads, and held incommunicado as material witnesses until our government could discover just what planet they came from, and deport them.

"Being all too close to Wright Patterson AFB, who knows if I could have managed to talk my way out of being charged with who knows what. As it is, I've stopped wearing my Sam the Sham turban when going to the post office, and I now wear a bright orange hat, which not only keeps me out of jail, but protects me from duck hunters, as well."

- DENIS COREY writes:

"...I'm enjoying reading Ron Story's 'Encyclopedia of ET Encounters'. The title is a bit misleading. I particularly like the topics on pages 214-217 on 'geomagnetic explanations', etc.... I'm sure the professionals like you and Paris Flanmlonde can find much lacking, but for a semi-informed amateur like me, I'd give it **** out of five. I think Story did a very good job presenting many different viewpoints..."

- FRED WHITING, who describes himself as a "former 'Respected UFO Researcher' and now 'Apathetic Agnostic'", has this to say:

"...I think it is important for you to know that 'Smear' is the only UFO publication for which I pay, as a matter of principle - all other UFO-related publications are a waste of money. Moreover, I can attest to the fact that it makes superior bathroom reading material and is

recyclable, thus preserving the environment...Keep up the good work and best of luck with the publication of your book...I encourage all of your readers to purchase it otherwise, the terrorists win!"

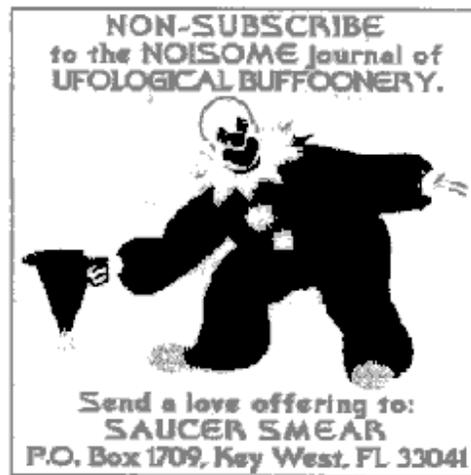
- Hard-core anti-Roswell researcher JERRY LUCCI writes:

"...I have discovered an amazing fact, while going through some old files. I found some issues of 'Smear' from 5, 6, 7 years ago, and I discovered that you can randomly choose any issue from any year, and the same people rant on and on about the same thing'. You would think that sooner or later someone would have an original thought or opinion, but what do I know!..."

- Researcher LOUISE BRAISED writes:

"...I'm intrigued by you referring to yourself (in 'Smear') as 'we' I know you are rich - but royal also?..."

Ours is, hopefully, a use of the editorial "we". - Editor.



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THE NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE (NUFOC) GOES TO NASHVILLE NEXT YEAR!

W are very pleased to announce that the 2002 National UFO Conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee in October of next year - exact date yet to be determined. This is exciting to us, as we have never held one of our annual conventions in that part of the country before.

The promoter/coordinator for this event will be an energetic lady from Lima, Ohio named Jan Pheneger, who is a professional at this sort of thing, having been involved in several past events involving UFOs and also popular music. Ms. Pheneger is looking for speakers, sponsors, and anyone - especially MUFON people - who want to help out. She can be reached on the (cursed) Net at jan0320@aol.com, or by "snail mail" at P.O. Box 641, Lima, Ohio 45802. Possible speakers at this, our 39th annual event, include Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Stanton Friedman, Karl Pflock, and of course your humble "Smear" editor.

We are also pleased to announce that we have a couple or so good leads already, for the sponsorship of the 2003 conference, which will be our 40th. We will publish more information on this as time goes by.

REBEL WITHOUT A PAUSE: THE LIFE & DEATH OF FORMER UFOLOGIST WILLIAM MILTON COOPER

William Milton ("Bill") Cooper, 58, died on October 6th in a hail of bullets while shooting it out with sheriff's deputies outside his home, in the little town of Eagar, Arizona. Cooper was an important figure in the extreme right-wing Militia movement in this country.

Before being killed, Cooper managed to shoot one officer twice in the head, but the man is expected to recover. Cooper's manner of death was no surprise at all to those, including your "Smear" editor, who knew him.

Cooper had spent the past few years holed up in his house, avoiding a warrant regarding unpaid taxes for the years 1992 to 1994. He was a hard-core tax evader, and made no secret of it, for he believed the federal government had no right to collect income taxes at all.

For several years Cooper had been a regular and very popular speaker at Tim Beckley's UFO conventions in various western cities. The pleasant relationship between Cooper and Beckley ended abruptly when the latter suggested he pay taxes on the money he received for his lectures at these conventions.

Bill Cooper first appeared on the UFO scene in the late 1980s, when the MJ-12 controversy began. Cooper claimed that, as a former Naval Intelligence officer, he had seen government documents that proved our military has interacted with alien spacecraft. One of these documents was, as we recall, "Project Blue Book Report #13;" which actually does not exist. There was a #12 and a famous #14, but never a #13, as far as we have been able to find out!

Eventually Cooper got off the saucer kick, rather suddenly. In essence he said, in regard to all the alleged classified information he had been talking about, "Never mind, it was all disinformation". But he never attempted to explain why the Navy was deliberately showing him detailed disinformation over a period of time!

Cooper continued to lecture to saucer groups, but he focused on other things, such as the Kennedy assassination. One of his most interesting theories was that the driver of Kennedy's car fired at least one of the bullets that killed the former president. Cooper also tried to tie in the Kennedy assassination with various classical conspiratorial groups such as the Freemasons and the Illuminati, and he illustrated these talks with impressive slides.

Cooper was the author of a book called "Behold a Pale Horse", which sold very well in the "underground" press. Your "Smear" editor is listed therein as a secret agent of our government, but Bill later told us that this designation was an error on his part (thank god!) Cooper also had a regular show on a shortwave Christian radio network, and we did an hour interview with him on that program once, several years ago.

We knew Bill Cooper quite well, mainly from having spent long periods of time with him at the bar, at various conventions. Cooper was quite a drinker, and one excuse for this was pain from having to walk on an artificial leg. He said he had lost the lower part of one leg from an assassination attempt, which he did not further explain.

One good thing we will say about Cooper - he was one of the best public speakers we have ever heard, in regard to technical performance. (The content was something else again!) Cooper never used notes, and yet he never faltered or repeated himself. In the heyday of Beckley's western conventions, Cooper would draw

Fatal gunfight

Militia leader William Milton Cooper died in gunfight that left an Apache County sheriff's deputy wounded.



several hundred people and earn perhaps a couple of thousand dollars!

Our most interesting memory of Bill Cooper is from a Beckley conference in San Diego. Bigfoot enthusiast Erik Beckjord - another hard drinker - was there, and kept giving Cooper a hard time all evening about a perceived wrong. Finally, at a private party in one of the hotel guest rooms, they started to grapple with each other physically. Sadistic Beckjord pushed Cooper to the floor, and then said something like, "Don't worry. I never fight with cripples". This quite rightly enraged Cooper, who got up, and Beckjord pushed him down again.

Eventually both men left the party (which was quite shaken up by all this); but later Cooper came back alone, and by then he was really visibly plastered. He started shouting wild insults at the few remaining party guests in the room, who quickly fled in disarray. Your editor just sat there quietly observing the scene, and confident that Cooper would not get physical with us. He didn't, probably because on a certain level We respected each other.

So, anyhow - a tortured soul has moved on. So long, Bill Cooper! We kind of liked you for some reason, though we rarely agreed with a word you said! (Our thanks to several non-subscribers who sent us info for this article.)

HOT FLASHES!

- Former Bigfoot & Crop Circle researcher Erik Beckjord has put out a new Web posting which he swears should be taken seriously. Ever the buffoon, Beckjord insists that these are serious clues as to how to avoid hijacking while on an airplane: "Search your seat and under it, and in cabinets, for hidden box cutters and knives planted by clean-up crew assisting hijackers...As a LAST resort, open the emergency door or emergency window a crack...to DECOMPRESS THE PLANE. Pilot will have to dive plane to get to a lower altitude. In some cases this may crash the plane, but this is better than dying by smashing into the Empire State Building and killing thousands..."

Beckjord goes on: "Also, Muslims abhor pig meat...If you bring on canned Spare, which is pig meat, you can open it and throw bits at them, to force them back. You must chant 'Pig meat!' over and over. Some, not all, will recoil and back off..."

Finally, if all else fails, Beckjord advises people to buy off potential hijackers with money and whores. But we should only give them money and whores if they agree to DEFECT and reveal their plans and locations. Wheee! (Our thanks to former UFO researcher Tim Brigham for this item.)

- ...Glen Steckling of the George Adamski Foundation still believes that the R.E. Straith alleged State Department letter to the late George Adamski back in 1957 was absolutely genuine! This in spite of your "Smear" editor's confession to the hoax, which was published in "Smear" shortly after our co-conspirator Gray Barker died in 1984. On this website Steckling raves: "The Straith letter, which we have in our vaults, is authentic...The letter is on official State Department letterhead with appropriate stamped envelope. Mr. Moseley and the late Gray Barker would love to falsely claim credit, hoping to once again do what they have done for many years, to confuse this entire subject. However, their claiming any association with that letter is nothing less than a complete lie."

More details about the Straith letter, as well as the complete text of our famous expose of George Adamski, will appear in [our forthcoming book](#), co-authored by Karl Pflock.

Steckling is also still giving a hard time to former Adamski associate Carol Honey. This is a complex feud, going back many years...

- In a letter to MUFON Board members, which somehow fell into the hands of your crafty "Smear" editor, MUFON International Director John Schuessler laments about a number of things - especially lack of money - and then goes on to say:

"Incoming mail is worrisome. As a rule we get five or so nut case letters each month. Usually these are mailed without identification or return address, in true terrorist style. The authorities

warn against handling this sort of mail. Now the authorities also warn that anthrax spores can escape from tainted letters and taint other mail going through their machines. This is very unnerving for me. I am now handling the incoming mail using rubber gloves and putting the envelopes in the trash. Even with that extra caution, I am still concerned that spores may have tainted what is inside the envelopes. That means Kathy and I are potentially exposed every day of the week. This is not a fun situation!"

No, it certainly isn't!...

- Where are they now department: Does anyone out there remember Dr. Yonah Fortner, also known as Yonah ibn Abaton? Many years ago he wrote, for the old SAUCER NEWS, a fascinating series of articles called "Extraterrestrialism as an Historical Doctrine". This was based on his scholarly opinion that the god of the Old Testament was in reality a space being. Yonah was years ahead of Von Daniken in his historical UFO research, but he could never be persuaded to publish his findings in the popular press. Yonah, though he has enjoyed ill health for most of his life, is still alive & kicking in California. He asks his Fans, if any, to write to him at: 6353 Babcock Ave., North Hollywood, Ca. 91606-3118.
- ...Signs of the Times, from the latest quarterly report of the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR): Under "Office Activity", the full text reads: "This quarter has been slow in terms of sightings, press interest, and general office activity". Under "Press Newsletter" we read: "The UFO Report" continues to be mailed on a regular basis to the world's press. The November issue included a postpaid questionnaire...Of almost 700 copies mailed, only 10 questionnaires were returned." Egads!...
- We seldom mention England's annual outpouring of crop circles in this zine, as we just assume they are the work of industrious Martians, Venusians, etc. But this past summer there was one which appeared in a place called Milk Hill, overlooking the surrounding countryside, which was so large and so beautiful that it startled even veteran crop circle enthusiasts.

This formation was over 900 feet across, and consisted of over 400 individual circles, some of them as much as 70 feet in diameter, with others much smaller. "This is the formation that has brought the phenomenon back to the people", cried Stuart Dike on "Crop Circle Connector", which is the croppies' online focal point. The print media in England went wild. As yet, no humans have taken credit for this magnum opus! We would like to reproduce the picture here, but we just can't do it justice in the Space available.

PFlock PTalk: THEY WERE HERE (PART 3 OF ?)

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



...As I was saying, then came the "little men". In the early 1950s, credible reports began coming in from people claiming to have seen little humanoids near landed or hovering saucers, scooping up soil and plant samples, making observations, etc. Sometimes the diminutive characters appeared to be doing some emergency repairs on their ships. When they realized they had been spotted, the saucer men hopped into their machines and, engine trouble or not, headed for the hills (not the Hills. That came later).

Sometimes they stood their ground, zapping those who stumbled upon them with paralyzing rays, as in the July 1, 1965 Valensole, France incident, or blasting/gassing them with strange "balls of fire", if, for example, Florida scoutmaster Sonny Desvergers is to be believed. But the little men usually shied away from any close contact or attempts at communication with the locals, at least in virtually all of those instances that appear credible. (Sorry, George. Sorry, Orthon.)

So it was that the pattern of exploration and study continued. First there was the long-range survey and the probing of our detection and intercept capabilities, the latter probably to make sure the expedition could do its

work in relative safety. Then came "One small step for Reticulikingd" and many follow-up landings and surface-sampling activities. Many in ufology were convinced it wouldn't be long before the proverbial landing on the White House lawn. Wrong!

Instead, at least some of the saucer beings decided to get considerably more up close and personal, in the mid- and late 1950s, there were many disturbing reports of attempted earthling-nappings, some of the most harrowing of these coming from South America and involving powerful, hairy dwarves with long, sharp claws (embellishments confined to that continent and likely the product of culturally influenced perception). It looked like They were trying to collect a few of us, maybe for their version of the alien-body pickle jars at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (the Right Field, for saucer-trivia fans).

If these grab-and-s snatch incidents can be credited as actually happening - and some such cases are quite convincing - they were very clumsy, hardly worthy of spacefaring super-scientists. At best, they seem spur of the moment actions, possibly even against the rules, maybe the doings of drunken graduate students blowing off steam, or the interstellar version of sailors getting out of hand on shore leave.

Speaking of which, consider the X-rated case of Antonio Villas-Boas and the Space Babe... (Stay tuned.)

BRIEF BOOK BASHINGS

(Free) UFO & related books continue to pour into our Headquarters faster than we can find Time and Space to review them. One of the latest is a scholarly work by a real lady Ph.D. named Brenda Denzler. The title is a mouthful: "The Lure of the Edge - Scientific Passions, Religious Beliefs, and the Pursuit of UFOs". The use of the word "myth" here and there, in regard to UFOs, gives us a clue to the author's viewpoint. Another negative aspect is the fact that the total length of the Afterword, Appendix, Notes, Bibliography and Index is almost as great as the length of the book itself! Yet there are some favorable references to "Saucer Smear" therein, and some well-written text. This book comes from the University of California Press and sells for an amazing \$35.00 for those who have to pay for it. Egads!...

The next book we would like to consider is "The Trickster and the Paranormal", another scholarly tome written by our friend George Hansen, who can be described as a professional parapsychologist. Unfortunately his book is not free to anyone, as it is one of the new genre of books that are printed one copy at a time, to fill an order. (Try phoning 888-795-4274 or 215-923-4686, if you want to generate an order - or whatever!)

"The Trickster and the Paranormal" seems to be a dispassionate look at the very complex relationship between, for example, stage magic, which is trickery; the psychic, which sometimes (but not always) involves trickery; UFOs, etc. After reading several parts of the book we are still not totally clear as to what a trickster is, but a clue is given in Hansen's letter in our last issue, where he correctly states: "James Moseley...is an exemplary trickster figure - a believer, a grand hoaxer, and a debunker, all in one."

James Randi, grand magician and super debunker, draws this comment from Hansen: "Randi has written a number of books on the paranormal, and they are not known for their accuracy. I documented some of his errors in my overview article on CSICOP. He was infuriated by that and wrote me an unpleasant letter demanding a correction. I asked him to explain any mistakes I made, but he was unable to do so, and I didn't hear from him again..."

Our favorite passage, of the parts we have read, was Hansen's detailed description of Budd Hopkins and the Linda Cortile (aka Napolitano) UFO abduction case of 1989. Hansen attributes Hopkins' acceptance of this complex, highly amusing hoax as an aspect of his sincerity and gullibility. Hansen does not brush off all UFO cases as mundane, however, and states: "I want to be clear that I am not suggesting that all UFO reports can be dismissed as intentional fraud or honest mistakes. On the contrary, the evidence is clear that some UFO phenomena have a physical event-level reality. Well-documented cases have not been satisfactorily explained in conventional scientific terms, despite considerable efforts by debunkers..."

As Hansen tells us in the text - this book need not be read in sequence, from front to back. Feel free to skip around, as we did. But do buy it if you can get some action out of one of those two phone numbers!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- CHRIS ROTH writes:

"...Lt. Col. Milton William ('Bill') Cooper, author of 'Behold a Pale Horse' (or 'Behold a Pail of Horseshit', as Martin Cannon calls it), was shot and killed in Arizona on Nov. 6th as the culmination of his struggle with the federal government. I enclose the 'Arizona Republic' report on the incident, as well as Kenn Thomas's eulogy, which he posted on his website and also emailed to me. Kenn seems to think that since Cooper had a missing leg it would have been possible to subdue and arrest him nonlethally, but he neglects to mention that Cooper shot a deputy twice in the head before being fired upon. Cooper is famous throughout the conspiracy and UFO world for being belligerent and erratic in his behavior, and this is enough to explain, to answer the final question in Kenn's editorial, why this happened. Which is not to say I'm glad it happened.

"I spoke with Cooper only once, on the phone. I invited him to be on my radio show, and he hung up on me when he ascertained that I had never heard of his short-wave radio show. He sounded drunk. I am told by those who have had more interaction with him that this was a typical encounter..."

- Long-time "Smear" non-subscriber PARIS FLAMMONDE writes:

"...Regarding Ron Story's (inaccurately) titled '[Encyclopedia of Extraterrestrial Encounters](#)', let me make the following comments: Last year Story petitioned me to write a 'series of articles' for the proposed reference work...Finally, citing spacial restrictions, he settled on six, plus a 'personal position statement'. He then agreed to send me two copies in lieu of the free professional material he was getting. In point of fact, I received one. He used...only one piece. And, in spite of having produced hundreds of radio shows on the UFO subject and having participated in hundreds of hours as a panelist on such, as well as having had published two of the mostly highly praised books in the field... I am not awarded even a sentence in the text, as either researcher or author, and I am not included in the Index! Yet, this is hardly surprising, considering how ill-conceived and shabbily executed the volume is - rambling endlessly through areas virtually unrelated to the subjects, inaccurate in much of the material (as doubtless you have noticed), and overlooking major persons in the history of the field, revealing an appalling ignorance of many aspects of it!..."

- Famed UFO researcher of yesteryear BILL MOORE writes:

"...As to [Kevin Randle's question](#) about Jesse Marcel's military records, the answer is really quite simple. Had Randle been conducting such research twenty years ago instead of only ten, he would have known that the policy about releasing records was considerably different then than it is now. Back in 1981 I requested and received about two dozen military records from St. Louis on a variety of people, of whom Jesse Marcel Sr. was one. I had no problems whatsoever in obtaining them, except in a few cases where records were incomplete due to loss by fire.

"...Unfortunately I no longer have Jesse's records on file, due to the fact that I loaned them out to someone (I forget whom) about ten years ago, and never got them back. I would expect that whoever 'borrowed' them is probably the one responsible for introducing them to 'mainstream ufology', although it remains entirely possible that someone else undertook a similar initiative and received their own copy.

"Why any of this is important at this late date is beyond me, except for the fact that it provides an excellent example of the relative competence of certain would-be researchers."

- Budding (as in Budd Hopkins) author GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"It's good to see that [Linda Napolitano](#) is as feisty as ever and still promoting her abduction story. With the U.N. Secretary General, and now even the Pope involved, the case might even last longer than Roswell. I hope so, because I have nearly a full chapter on Linda in my book 'The Trickster and the Paranormal' (which is now available from Amazon.com and can be ordered at some bookstores)."

- CAROL HONEY, former associate of the late George Adamski, writes:

"...I am writing to tell you of yet another ridiculous attack on me from the George Adamski Foundation. They placed 15 pages of it on their website, probably not realizing they were alerting people all over the world about me and my (eventual) disassociation with Adamski. I would assume that most of the people following their claims today have never heard of me. They no doubt may want to get more information about me and what it is all about..."

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CONVENTION UPDATE

Your editor, as well as the nation as a whole, has been having a hectic time since last we took typewriter in hand to write "Smear". The glorious Austin, Texas NUFOC, scheduled for Sept. 14th - 16th, had to be cancelled because none of the scheduled speakers could fly there!

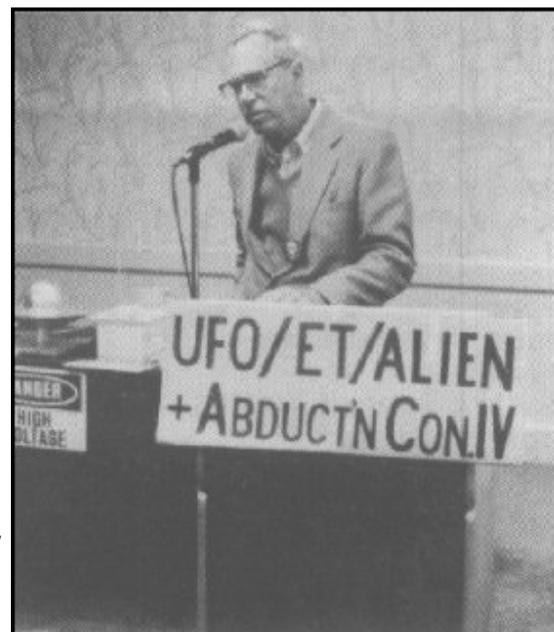
At 8:30 on the morning of Sept. 11th, your fearless editor took off on American Airlines on a flight from Key West to Miami, on the first leg of our journey to Austin. As most of you know, at about 8:45 the first of two planes (also American Airlines!) hit the World Trade Center in New York. When we arrived at the Miami airport at about 9:30, this and various updates were on the CNN News; but one by one the airport televisions were turned off by order of the airport authorities, because of "fear of panic in an airport during a national emergency".

All flights were cancelled, and everyone had to scramble for their baggage at the same time. The airlines made no attempt to find accommodations for anyone except international passengers! We found a motel in Miami where we stayed at great expense for two nights, hoping that the airports would reopen. When it became clear that there was no choice but to cancel the Austin Con., we rented a car, to get back to Key West.

Miles Lewis, local chairman for the Austin NUFOC, was upset because we decided to cancel the convention rather than postpone it into January of 2002. That would have meant there would be no 2001 NUFOC at all, after 37 consecutive years! So we decided to combine with Pat Marcattilio's "Great UFO/ET Congress of 2001", which was held on the weekend of October 6th-7th in Bordontown, New Jersey. We have done this combined effort with Marcattilio in two previous years, but never at the last minute like this.

Your editor flew to New Jersey in early October, to speak there on the 6th, and several other well-known UFO personalities were also on Pat's speakers list - including Major George Filer (Ret.), Antonio Huneus, Susan Swiatek, Ron Story, and George Hansen. (The latter two have just brought out new books, incidentally.) The crowd at the convention could be described as small but enthusiastic.

Regarding next year's NUFOC, there are several possible sites currently under Consideration, and we hope to have reached a decision by the time the next issue of "Smear" comes out - circa December 1st.



Regarding the terrorist bombings, all kinds of silliness has emerged, including newly-discovered predictions by Nostradamus which seem to explain things to the satisfaction of some people. To us the most interesting little-publicized angle is the possibility that wealthy friends of Bin Laden went "short" on airline stocks just before Sept. 11th, in anticipation of their sudden decline in value. This would be trading on the basis of inside information, which is probably illegal on all stock exchanges in the world! Egads, these people will stoop to anything!

STONED AGAIN!



Former Army Sergeant Clifford Stone has become one of the most vocal and sensational supporters of former M.D. Steven Greer, according to recent material on the Net. When we met Stone a few years ago, he was working as a security guard in a shopping mall in Roswell, N.M. We had a pleasant, lengthy interview with him, and he told us of several military ufological angles he was researching regarding UFO secrecy. However, he definitely did not mention any personal experiences with aliens, or anything of the sort!

Apparently the wild-eyed atmosphere of Roswell has finally gotten to the good man, because now he has remembered several personal experiences from years earlier, when he was on active duty around the age of 19. About 1969 (he's not sure of the year), Stone was allegedly on duty in Indian Town Gap, Pennsylvania, when he was called upon to take radiation level readings from what appeared to be a heel-shaped crashed spacecraft. There were four dead aliens inside it, according to Stone's story.

On a different occasion, Stone and another soldier helped a live alien to escape from the military, as they felt sorry for the creature. Stone does not give any details at all about this incident, nor about why he was not courtmartialed if the story is true!

We are told that the first-mentioned incident involved details very much indeed like those given by Roswell witness Frank Kaufmann. This, by Saucer Logic, is confirmation, as it shows that almost identical spacecraft have crashed in at least two widely separated parts of the country! Wheee!

THE PASSING PARADE

Gabriel Green, one of the most colorful of the early UFO contactees from the Giant Rock Convention era, died about Sept. 9th at the age of 76. He was at one time head of an organization called Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America, if we remember correctly. Green ran for president in 1960 with the catchy slogan, "Abe in 1860; Gabe in 1960". He lost

A BITTER BLAST FROM THE PAST!

Let us start by reminding our dear readers that your editor is not on the (cursed) Net, although "Saucer Smear" is, through the kindness of a gentleman in Chicago (whom we have never met) named Steve Mansee.

In our last issue, in discussing [the anti-Randi website](#), we stated, "He can't vouch for the authenticity of all the information thereon", other than the fact that the text of the famed "Blackmail Tape" is indeed given accurately.

Little did we know at that time that our ex-wife Sandra Moseley (nee Sandra Swendsin, aka Amanda Stevenson) had sent the anonymous anti-Randi website master two wild expose-type messages about your humble "Smear" editor. Sandra, whom we divorced way back in 1965, accuses us of having had Sex with both James Randi and the late Gray Barker - but, fortunately, not at the same time!

These messages were received at that website on July 21st, but for some reason they were not posted till Sept. 3rd. Strangely, on July 24th, we received a phone call from famed spoon bender Uri Geller, now living in England. We had not heard from him at all in several years. He deliberately never mentioned Sandra's ravings, but the timing and content of his call tells us that he was well aware of them. He asked us for negative information about Randi that we had already given him years earlier. Thus no trickery on his part was necessary! In view of said trickery, we now feel that both Geller and Randi are rather sleazy individuals, and that they richly deserve each other!

The last "Smear" was mailed out on August 24th. On about Sept. 8th, the anti-Randi website disappeared semi-mysteriously, and has not been seen since! There are several possible reasons for this, not worth going into here.

Several days ago, after returning to Key West from our recent travels to Arizona and New Jersey, we received a phone call from Scott Cart, editor of "The Flying Saucer Gazette" (soon to re-begin publication after a gap,) informing us of email he had just received from Sandra. In it she accused us of any number of truly dreadful things, including several murders! (We kid you not.) Worst of all, she calls your editor "a lifelong FANATICAL Republican". Nothing could be further from the Truth!

Obviously we are dealing here with a seriously deranged person, who had best be ignored. 1965 was a long time ago, and a more normal person would have long since gotten over any unpleasant memories. Or, focused more fairly on the pleasant memories, if any.

TIDBITS OF TRASH (formerly NEWS BRIEFIES)

FLASH: Phyllis Galde, long-time editor of FATE Magazine, has now become the publisher as well. There has been a complex split with Llewellyn, starting with the September 2001 issue. FATE has long been friendly toward "Saucer Smear" and its humble editor. Our first article there was published back in 1955...

- Note discouraging news from the (cursed) Net: A real newspaper man from the Los Angeles Times, named Phillip Krapf (no Crap, we kid you not!) has apparently Flipped Out, according to a web posting by Dr. Richard Boylan. (Boylan is the hot-tub-massage former psychologist, remember?) Boylan calls Krapf a "no-nonsense middle-aged hard-bitten big city daily newspaper editor who does not mince words".

Unfortunately, Krapf has recently taken to holding meetings with space beings called Verdants, who not surprisingly look a great deal like us. (Verdant means green, so we can suppose that these beings are environmentalists.)

Naturally the Verdants feel threatened by our "Star Wars" weapon systems, which they believe are designed to shoot down their spacecraft. They also don't eat meat, and are against the 20% of earthlings who comprise what they call "geoplutocrats". That's us rich folks!

Krapf has written two contactee-type books, called "The Contact Has Begun" and "The Challenge of Contact". If someone will send us (free) copies of these tomes, we will try hard to give them objective reviews in "Smear". We will, however, have to try very hard in order to achieve that goal!...

- Firebrand Larry Bryant of MUFON and CAUS is at it again - this time with a formal petition demanding the resignation of the MUFON Executive Committee. Larry states several grievances, but the one we find most reasonable is this: In regard to approval of a new simplified set of MUFON bylaws, MUFON International Director John Schuessler states: "A yes vote or no vote at all will count as a yes vote". This is incredible, and worthy of a "Third World" election plan. Everyone who, for whatever reason, doesn't bother to vote, ends up supporting the new bylaws by default!

The MUFON hierarchy likes Larry Bryant when he is making endless, largely futile requests to governmental agencies, demanding more public information about UFOs. (That's why they made Larry MUFON's Director of Governmental Affairs.) But when the same Larry Bryant turns on the MUFON hierarchy, as he often does, they tend to get huffy about it!...

We should mention that the Sept. 11th tragedy and the general economic slowdown have had a seriously adverse effect on MUFON's finances, according to Schuessler. We would hate to see this organization actually shut down, but it's a possibility!...

- The Tampa Bay (Florida) MUFON chapter, where your "Smear" editor lectured a few months ago (with Tampa Bay Skeptics also attending), has apparently fallen apart, with the resignation of Lorraine Gerber, the local director. Other factors include the loss of the library location they had been using for meetings, and of course the events of Sept. 11th. We do hope this formerly very active hotbed of ufology will reorganize and keep on truckin', or whatever...
- Update on Linda Cortile (also known to some as Linda Napolitano): (1) Before his recent death, Linda discussed her famous UFO abduction case with Cardinal O'Connor of New York, and she presumes that the pope in Rome has heard about it from him. (2) Linda claims that she was almost killed while visiting Tower #1 at the World Trade Center, the morning of the attack. She also says that five of her relatives have been missing since the attack, and presumed dead. We sincerely hope this is not true!...
- Your editor has finally read Karl Pflock's Roswell book cover to cover - not all the material inside the covers, but all the material on both the front and back inside covers. Imagine our surprise and delight upon seeing "Saucer Smear" mentioned therein! And we're in the index too (twice)! That just about cinches it for us. Run, don't walk, to your nearest bookstore and buy this book before it sells out. (It's in its second printing already!)
- As for our forthcoming UFO book, co-authored with Pflock, the text is now finished. "Shockingly Close to the Truth!" is definitely due out next March, and will be in the Spring 2002 catalogue of Prometheus Books. We can hardly wait!...
- Incidentally, we were amused by the decidedly lukewarm reaction to Pflock's Roswell book shown in a letter to Prometheus written by the librarian for the International UFO Museum at Roswell. The lady asks if Pflock has ever visited Roswell (he has!), then asks if he has ever consulted any of the researchers in Roswell (he has!), and then goes on to place the Project Mogul balloon project in 1957, rather than 1947. She reassures us that "librarians do not practice censorship" and that two copies of Pflock's book are "on the shelves with the rest of our collection"...
- We have had many requests (well, actually only a couple!) from "Smear" readers anxious to know more

about the psychic event at our Headquarters, which we referred to on the front page of [our last issue](#). What happened was simply this: A battery-operated radio, which we save for emergencies (such as hurricanes) but never use, suddenly went on, in an unoccupied room, for no apparent reason at all! If this were a "Sign", then perhaps it would be a Warning about forthcoming hurricanes. But this weird event happened back on August 14th, and so far this hurricane season has been much milder than expected. So - what is the meaning, if any? We really don't know!

PFlock PTalk: THEY WERE HERE (PART 2 OF ?)

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



"I hate to say this, but I agree with Karl here. I think they have gone home." - Kevin Randle, 14 June, 2001 (on the UFO Skeptics internet list)

I'm not sure what evidence - or lack thereof - causes Kevin to share my view, but I do appreciate his support. As for me, the dramatic drop off in the frequency of credible, substantive sightings since the early/mid-1970s is only one and not the most important reason for my thinking They have split. Much more important is the change in the nature of what's being reported.

In the 1940s and '50s, most reports were of elliptical, semi-elliptical (e.g., Arnold's skipping saucers), spherical, circular, and cigar-shaped somethings - all shapes consistent with things of essentially the same discoidal form presenting different aspects to the viewer. (Though there were accounts of cigar-shaped things - mother ships? - that unequivocally were just that.) As reported, these saucers were nuts-and-bolts gizmos, often seen flying in formation, usually in twos and threes, sometimes in large numbers. A high proportion of sightings, perhaps even a majority, were made in broad daylight - silvery disks/ellipsoids whizzing through, hovering, and rendezvousing in the blue. Even many, perhaps most night sightings were not just of lights in the sky, but rather of objects of definite shape and substance (e.g., the dramatically agile formation of red-glowing disks sighted by airline pilots Mash and Fortenberry on July 14, 1952).

The saucers seemed to be on a mission - surveying our planet. They were checking out our cities, military installations, nuclear weapons labs, dams, and power plants, testing the capabilities of our aircraft and radar, etc. They weren't just giving us a once over. They were studying us closely, but doing so cautiously, at arm's length. Just the sort of thing we'd do if we stumbled upon an extraterrestrial civilization.

Then they began to look even closer. Beginning in the early 1950s, reports of low-flying/hovering, even landed saucers began to crop up with some regularity. The "weird machines" (who am I quoting, saucer fiends?) buzzed cars on lonely roads, and sometimes it seemed they accidentally/deliberately discombobulated the vehicles' electrical systems, killing engines and headlights and silencing Elvis on the radio!

Then came the "little men" reports. Many apparently credible and honest people claimed to have seen parties of little humanoids busily gathering soil and plant samples, inspecting and even snatching farm animals and pets. Sometimes they also seemed to be carrying out repairs on their saucers. (Hey! Even Super Technology isn't perfect!)

Oops! Out of Space till next ish...

BRIEF BOOK BASHINGS

We have on hand a (free) copy of "The Encyclopedia of Extraterrestrial Encounters" by Ronald Story. This is a 680-page softcover tome, updated and expanded from a similar volume that Story edited way back in 1980.

Story is a very nice guy, and we know that he worked long and hard on this book - as he apparently missed

several deadlines from his publisher, New American Library. However, a superficial look shows that the essence of the book - the editing - has not been done nearly as well as it should have. This is very disappointing. Story would blame the problem on the fact that his publisher cut hundreds of pages from his manuscript, but that's not the whole story. (What is the Story, Ron?)

It would indeed be tedious to make a detailed comparison of this encyclopedia's entries vs. those in the earlier book, but we did a little of it. Gray Barker and Leonard Stringfield have been dropped, apparently because they are dead, but J. Allen Hynek is dead too, and he's still in there! Important (to us) figures such as August C. Roberts (now deceased), Tom Benson, and Wendelle Stevens didn't make it into either edition.

Your humble "Smear" editor has a lot more space in the new edition than the old one. Actually, our "position statement" is much longer than needed! And Story never checked with us about his biographical comments, which include the statement: "In 1984 he (Moseley) and his wife Anna opened their present (emphasis added) primitive art gallery in Key West, Florida."

This biographical statement is grossly inaccurate! We were never married to Anna (Montgomery), who moved back north alone in 1986. By 1990 the primitive art gallery gave way to Rose Lane Gardens (a guest house for tourists), and in 1996 the property was sold. Why didn't Story ever run this biographical statement past us, in all the times we talked on the phone? This, quite frankly, bodes ill for the accuracy of the rest of the material in the book!

Story gives five full pages to the Nazca Lines of Peru. We love the Nazca Lines. We are quite familiar with them, and we wrote one of the three commentaries on the Lines in these five pages. But it is just too much space for a topic that is only marginally connected with the UFO mystery!

This volume, unlike the 1980 one, has a table of contents. Both have a bibliography but no index.

The book can be ordered for \$9.99 postpaid directly from Story at: 3540 32nd Ave. N., #114; St. Petersburg, FL 33713, U.S.A., Earth!

Sorry, Ron, but you're no Jerry Clark!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- The semi-legendary JOHN KEEL, writing to us for the first time in many years, refers below to a fan letter we sent on to him recently. (Keel's stationery is imprinted with "In a hundred years this won't matter. It barely matters now".)

"Tell Lydia that I seem to be a giant because I am surrounded by mental midgets.

"Serious eye surgery has added to my legendary poverty. But I may have the popcorn concession when the alleged (Mothman) movie opens on Feb. 22, 2002.

"I hear you are going to TAHITI on your income tax refund.

"The Clarksburg photo really did you justiceø You looked like a drunken bum - as usual.

"I still have stiches in my eyeball. Great fun.

"Stay sick -

John A. Keel"

- Hard-core Roswell believer & prolific author DR. KEVIN D. RANDLE, Ph.D. writes as follows:

"I have a question that has never been satisfactorily answered by anyone: Just how in the hell

did Jesse Marcel Sr.'s full military record (less the medical record) get out into mainstream Ufology? I have had dealings with the Records Center in St. Louis for nearly ten years. I have tried to get my own records and have failed, other than the small segments that are considered 'public'. This was about 16 pages that included the schools I attended, both military and civilian; assignments; special qualifications; and awards and decorations; but not the whole file.

"Further, the Privacy Act of 1974 has made it even more difficult to obtain these records. When there is a response from St. Louis, it carries a cover sheet that refers to the Privacy Act, and tells us that only the person named has a right to the files, and if the former service member is deceased, then the next of kin must sign a statement allowing the record to be released. Since Jesse Marcel Sr. is deceased, and Jesse Marcel Jr. would have been the next of kin and he signed no such document, the question becomes - just how did Marcel Sr.'s service record arrive in the UFO community? And, no, a FOIA request will not trump the Privacy Act."

- Budding author GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"Great to talk with you a couple of nights ago!

"By the way, the index in my new book only covers the main body of the text. Your name appears on the following pages: II; 143; 447 notes 36, 37; 458 note 39; 460 note 1; 512.

"Also, on my Website, in order to establish my credentials as a bona fide ufologist, I say: 'For a decade the author has been a contributor and loyal non-subscriber to "Saucer Smear", the most glorious zine in ufodumb. Its editor, James Moseley, the clown prince of ufology, is an exemplary trickster figure - a believer, a grand hoaxer, and a debunker, all in one.'

"Looking forward to seeing you again in October..."

George's book, "The Trickster and the Paranormal", can be obtained with some difficulty by phoning either 888-795-4274 or 215-923-4686. Good luck! - Editor

- LINDA CORTILE writes (via Karl Pflock):

"...I hear that George Hansen is at it again because Budd (Hopkins) reopened my case. But ya know? As long as there are fools like him around, my case will live as long, or longer than Roswell, thanks to Hansen...Do you know what would make me the happiest girl in the world? Locking George Hansen in a porta-potty and pushing it down a loooongggg snowy hill."

- Philosopher/Scholar/Bon Vivant STEVE BARNETT writes as follows:

"...You asked what I felt about the Sept. 11th events. Actually, I felt about the same emotions that most Americans felt. However, I haven't been able to summon great patriotic zeal of a flag waving kind for unlimited military reprisals or even for flag waving. Although I don't believe our country deserved a disaster of that magnitude, our country has not lived up to either the founding fathers' ideal nor to our own P.R., nor to what is called the American Dream. I'll wave a flag when we don't have the highest percentage of our citizens behind bars; when civil rights are respected; and when even the poorest American has a roof over his head and food to eat. In our zeal to capture terrorists, I am sure that these goals are even further off than they were before Sept. 11th..."

We agree completely with the above! - Editor

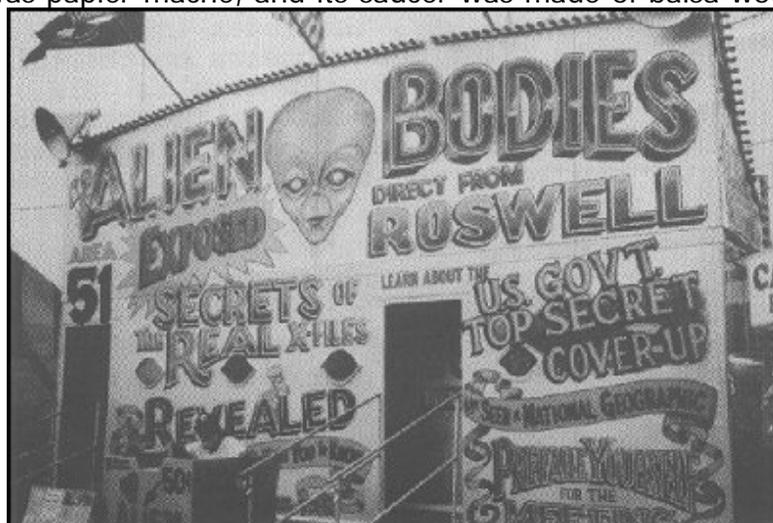
- CHRIS ROTH, who is another in our stable of Tuned-In Philosophers, writes as follows:

"...I recently read a great new book, 'Strange Creations: Aberrant Ideas of Human Origins, from Ancient Astronauts to Aquatic Apes', by Donna Kossy (Feral House, Portland, Oregon). I know the author. She's not an academic but an eccentric book collector and a specialist in arcane pseudo-science

The book is a survey of crackpot theories of human origins, from Erich von Daniken and Theosophy and the 'Urantia Book' to modern evangelical scientific creationism and Black Muslim Nationalism. She shows how much of this stuff derives ultimately from mainstream science of the 18th and 19th centuries. No one has really done this in a book before, and she has especially juicy sections on George Hunt Williamson, von Daniken, Zechariah Sitchin, and the Heaven's Gate cult...

"I look forward not only to your (and Karl's) forthcoming 'Shockingly Close to the Truth' but to the planned 'Confessions of a Grave-Robbing Ufologist', which you refer to in the last 'Smear' but one. Can Wendelle Stevens's 'Confessions of a Cradle-Robbing Ufologist' be far behind?"

- An entity we know only as "Ray X" sent us this photo, taken at last summer's New York State Fair in Syracuse. Space prevents us from properly quoting his hilarious letter, but he states: "Inside was a dimly-lit showcase with a Plexiglass window protecting the public from the remains of a dead Roswell Crash alien. This alien's body was papier-mache, and its saucer was made of balsa wood..."



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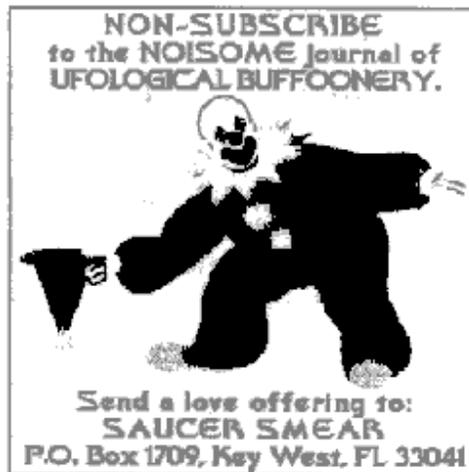
TOTAL ILLITERACY PREDICTED FOR THE YEAR 2050: One of our customers kindly sent us an article describing highlights of a recent conference of "futurists." What is the future for books? Extinction, it seems. The reason is rather surprising it's because nobody will be able to read or write by 2050. If you thought the internet represented yet another step backward for the human species, wait until the computer revolution reaches full maturity. According to the futurist whose view this is, some 80% of human society can't use the computers we have now, because they are illiterate. The computer makers see this as a bonanza, and will solve the problem by making tomorrow's computers 'completely voice-driven, thereby eliminating the need for reading and writing forever. Of course, if human beings are offered a lazier way of doing something, they'll immediately slouch their way in great herds right toward it. By the time we reach 2050 only "a few stuffy academics interested in sociology" will trouble themselves to achieve literacy.

QUACK SHOTS: A Chinese family who booked a holiday cottage through a firm in Earby, Lancashire, asked for one with a pond, then shot at the

NO FOOL: A man who had served time for murder was acquitted of robbing a Florida supermarket. He told the jury he would not have

ducks on it and cooked them.
Lancaster Evening Telegraph, 18 April
2001.

been so stupid as to leave witnesses
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TIDBITS OF TRASH (formerly HOT FLASHES)

- **Y**our editor has a busy schedule of travel during September and October. Thus you won't see another issue of "Smear" for several weeks, probably not till about November 1st.

First we are going (of course!) to the giant 38th annual National UFO Conference in Austin, Texas, on the weekend of Sept. 14th - 16th. Then it's back to Key West briefly, and then on to New Jersey, where we will be speaking at another of Pat Marcattilio's conventions in Bordontown (near Trenton), during the weekend of Oct. 6th and 7th. We hope to see at least a few of you hard-core UFO convention junkies at both of these events!

Speakers in Bordontown will include George Filer, Rick Hilberg, Diana Hoyt, Don Rose, Antonio Huneus, Sue Swiatek, Tom Hackney, Ron Story (see the ad on this page), and of course your humble "Smear" editor. The title of our lecture is: "Weird Personal Experiences of a Skeptical Believer", and this year's rant will

include a very strange possibly psychic event that occurred at our Key West Headquarters very recently!

We have also been asked to mention the 2001 Emergence Conference, to be held November 12th through 17th in Palenque, Mexico. Now, this one is really a bit out of the way, but maybe you'll decide after all to spend your last dime on this when you learn that John Keel himself (dragged out of semi-retirement) will be one of the speakers. Others include Antonio Huneus, Jaime Maussan, David Perkins, Leo Sprinkle, Nancy Talbert, and Tracy Torme (son of singer Mel Torme). The Web site is www.emergenceconference.com, and the toll-free phone number is 877-620-8715...

- Back in mid-July, there was a brief, all-too-rare UFO flap in the vicinity of Carteret, New Jersey. Dozens of people in various nearby locations were amazed by a slow-moving bright yellow V-formation of lights in the night sky. There was no easy explanation, but in our opinion they might well have been flares. Either that or something Very Secret all the way from Area 51, maybe??? Apparently we will never know for sure!

Incidentally, Carteret, on the New Jersey Turnpike not too far from New York City, is the location of the transmitter for WOR radio in New York. In the early days of his all-night radio show, Long John Nebel used to broadcast directly from this transmitter. That's how contactee Howard Menger gained his fame, back in the 1950s...

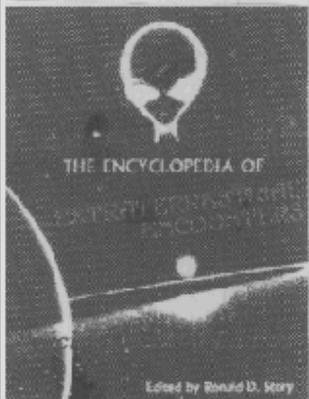
- Very early on the morning of August 6th, "Smear's" esteemed Contributing Editor Karl Pflock appeared on NBC's "Today Show". The segment was done from our own humble abode here in Key West. Pflock was pushing his new book, "[Roswell - Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe](#)". Dr. Kevin Randle, PhD was seen from elsewhere, debating Pflock and pushing one of his pro-Roswell books. Both gentlemen were shortchanged by the NBC network, in that they failed to keep their promise to clearly name the books at the beginning of the interview. However, details are available on the NBC Web site, or so we are told...
- "Smear" has been reliably informed that the release date for the movie "Mothman Prophecies" is February 22nd of next year. This gives us an excuse to reprint the Mothman-oriented advertisement at right, as well as the amazing photo below.

It seems that a friend of ours, who shall remain nameless herein, was allegedly called to Harrah's Casino in Las Vegas to perform a rather secret Mission. He, as a well-known graphic artist, was to create the setting for a Mystery Speaker of great renown.

Our mysterious friend writes: "Meeting the speaker that early morning hour was an experience I shall never forget. It was only then that everything began to make sense to me. He was in full dress costume: The glowing iridescent eyes, the dark brown body, wings and legs identified him to me as the notorious Point Pleasant Mothman of the '60s. At first I suspected this creature before me to be John Keel masquerading in a movie-set costume, but the creature's skinny arms and legs, not to mention his

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proboscis and antennas, kind of blew that theory all to hell".

Thus it is that "Smear" has obtained possibly the only existing photos of this unique event. Wheee!...



- Even further out in Left Field is a net posting by former Bigfoot hunter Erik Beckjord, who has this to say (We kid you not!):

"In 1966 I was living in Washington, D.C., and on weekends I would go cave exploring with other spelunkers in nearby West Virginia. I often had dreams about the caves there, and about West Virginia.

"One day in November, 1966, I was napping and I had an 'out-of-body experience'. In my OOBIE trip, I felt I was flying over some roads. I remember seeing and flying over some sights (sic) near Point Pleasant and Gallipolis, just across the river. At the time, I had some concerns in my mind about the safety of the bridge at that point, and I felt in my OOBIE experience that I needed to tell someone that the bridge might fall into the river! I approached this person and that, but my exterior appearance, like a guy with wings, was a turn-off, so I was not able to give my message in words to anyone I flew over. Alas, some time later, the bridge did fall in, and some drivers lost their lives - sad to say.

"If anyone knows how to reach John Keel, maybe in N.Y.C, please put him in touch. I once met him, but at that time I had not yet recalled the OOBIE. It is time to tell him now."

We do know how to reach John Keel in New York City, but even Keel doesn't deserve this!... (Our thanks to Patrick Huyghe for this one!)

- Astronomers have just discovered two planets in nearly circular orbits around a star - the first such finding in the known universe, other than our own solar system. The star in question, which is about 45 light years away, also seems to be similar to our own sun in chemical composition. This extremely important discovery obviously adds to the probability that planets like our own are common in the universe, and therefore intelligent life is also common.

However, none of this bears directly on the question of whether or not intelligent creatures in flying saucers are currently visiting the planet Earth. We still think that really big-brain creatures would be smart enough to stay away!

- (Former?) multi-millionaire Joe Firmage has reorganized himself under the umbrella of a new organization, called Motion Sciences Organization (MSO). Although in the past Joe has taken a lot of interest in the MJ-12 documents and other questionable aspects of ufology, there is no mention whatever of UFOs in the latest Web information from him. Under the heading "Philosophy", we read the following: "The people and partners of Motion Sciences believe that there are physical principles that can yield

technologies capable, if peacefully used, of eliminating essentially all of the resource bottlenecks of our planet while simultaneously reducing byproduct wastes by orders of magnitude. While such technology alone will not guarantee world peace, it can at least ensure that neighbors have no need to make war on one another, or upon their environment, in order to survive. ". Noble words indeed!

Among past beneficiaries of Joe Firmage's largesse is one member of the "Saucer Smear" staff (not the editor).



THE PASSING PARADE:

Your editor was saddened recently to learn, belatedly, of the death of Michael G. Mann. Only olde time saucerers would remember Mike at all, as his contributions to the UFO Field (if they could be called contributions!) were way back in the 1950s.

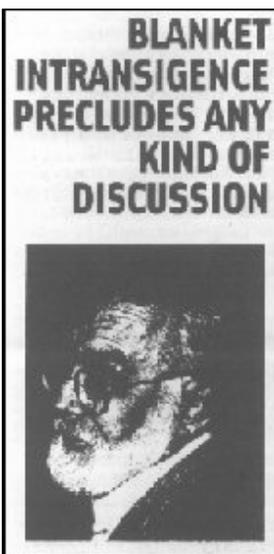
Mike had a UFO group briefly with his friend Jonas Kover. Both lived in New York City at the time. Over the years we lost track of both of them, though Mike continued to receive 'Smear'. Then, the other day Mike's widow Marcea informed us that her husband died back on March 12th of this year - from a series of heart attacks followed by Lou Gehrig's Disease. He must have been about the same age as your editor, i.e., circa 70 years old.

Mike Mann will be best remembered for his series of UFO photos over the United Nations Building in New York, over the Eiffel Tower in Paris, over the Washington Monument in D.C., etc. - always the identical saucer! He also wrote at least one article for the old "Saucer News", entitled "Who Is Fooling Major Donald Keyhoe?", or some such title. This was during our long-drawn-out feud with Keyhoe's NICAP organization in Washington, D.C.

Mike was never even as ufologically serious as Gray Barker and your humble "Smear" editor. He enjoyed ufology, and he enjoyed life. Pity that his life ended so tragically.

JAMES RANDI'S LONG-REMEMBERED "BLACKMAIL TAPE" RIDES AGAIN!

Even though your "Smear" editor is not on the (cursed) Internet himself, we have mysterious, shadowy friends who are - and a couple of them have conspired to send us current information from the permanent anti-Randi Web site - or at least from one of them. (Anyone as arrogant as Randi may well have more enemies than can fit onto one Site, or whatever.)



Anyhow, the "URL" (that's computer talk, man!) is given below. We can't vouch for the veracity of all the other information thereon, but the infamous "Blackmail Tape" of yesteryear is there in full: You can read it or even listen to it, if you are sufficiently technically inclined. We have checked out the transcript, and it is the real "Blackmail Tape"! This is an item so sensitive that no one, including your editor, has ever had the nerve to print it openly!

For those of you not familiar with the "Blackmail Tape", it consists of several short telephone conversations, recorded many years ago from his own phone by the Amusing One himself. Randi appears to be soliciting Sex from these several young men. The only dispute is in regard to the circumstances of the recording. We don't want to get back into all that, as Randi's lawyer is still permanently on our mailing list, ever since he tried to sue

us several years ago.

The Forbidden Web Site is:

<http://www.geocities.com/randiexpert2001/>

PFlock PTalk: DURANT's RANT

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



You were expecting maybe Part 2 of "They Were Here"? Tune in next ish for that. This time some comments about a remarkable attack on my new book and me. Written by long-time ufologist Robert Durant, this textbook example of the Will to Believe in action takes up 12 pages of the 32-page Spring issue of CUFOS' magazine "IUR" (also on their web- site: www.cufos.org).

It would require a book to respond adequately, which I've already written: "[Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe](#)". Those genuinely interested in assessing for themselves the soundness of my research, evidence, and conclusions will study "Roswell" with open minds and arrive at their own conclusions rather than relying solely on Durant's opinions. Still, I do want to get

a couple of things off my chest.

I am deeply disappointed and quite surprised Bob found it necessary to indulge in subtle and not so subtle ad hominem - even ad hominem by proxy in the form of an attack on my publisher, the dreaded Prometheus. (Just in case shooting the messenger doesn't do the trick, cap his horse, eh, Bob?) I am nearly as disappointed and surprised that CUFOS saw fit to publish such stuff. After all, "IUR" is not "Saucer Smear".

Durant's use of innuendo and the like is illuminating. It tells us he's not nearly as sure of his case as he would like us to believe. It's the True Believer's (or True Unbeliever's) version of the old lawyer's trick of pounding the table when the facts and the law are against him. Durant has very good reason to pound!

This legal analogy really is quite apt. Roswell is historical forensics rather than hard science, and there is no smoking gun. Everything on both sides of the issue is circumstantial. After eight years of painstaking investigation and open-minded consideration of all the evidence, I am reluctantly convinced the case against Roswell as a crashed/retrieved saucer incident easily exceeds the beyond-a-reasonable-doubt standard of criminal actions. The case for the Project Mogul explanation is not quite that strong. It is very strong nonetheless, more than satisfying the preponderance-of-evidence standard of civil actions.

Bob Durant has laid out his brief in "IUR". I have presented mine in my book. Now it is up to the "jury" to fairly-mindedly weigh both in the balance and arrive at a verdict. And, by Fort, it better be the right one: Do ya get me?

BRIEF BOOK BASHINGS

- Science writer Patrick Huyghe (pronounced WEEGE) has just come out with a new book called "Swamp Gas Times - My Two Decades on the UFO Beat". We hadn't realized that this mild-mannered normal-appearing reporter actually published a UFO zine of his own, many years ago. The "Swamp Gas" reference in the book title refers to the time, back when Huyghe was a teeny-bopper, that Dr. J. Allen Hynek came out with this ridiculous explanation for some of the events in a series of UFO sightings in Michigan. (It was the "Swamp Gas" flap that elevated your "Smear" editor onto the college lecture circuit by the way.)

The book consists mainly of reprints of short ufological articles of various sorts that Huyghe has written for respectable zines such as OMNI (now deceased) through the years. There are several references to your "Smear" editor, and a nice handwritten note in the front of our (free) copy, which reads in part: "I hold you primarily responsible for getting me into this swamp with your darn 'Saucer News'". "Saucer News" was one of the earlier titles for "Saucer Smear". One of the chapters we liked best is the one entitled "Blaming the Japanese for Roswell", in which the author bashes John Keel's absurd notion that the Roswell wreckage was from a Japanese World War II Fugo Balloon. Said balloon would have had to stay aloft somehow for over two years after the end of the War, before crashing down on the Brazel Ranch! As for his own opinion on UFOs, Huyghe says (and we concur): "...The extraterrestrial hypothesis is really too simple; it's an extrapolation based on human technology and human desires. If UFOs are indeed produced by something exotic - something alien - it's likely to be something we have neither the concepts nor the vocabulary to describe..."

A fine job by a talented reporter. 350 pages, paperback, published by ParaView Press, New York. A signed copy can be yours by sending a mere \$20.45 to the author at: PO Box 577, Jefferson Valley, New York 10535...

- Moving now from the sublime to the ridiculous, we have "Teleportation: A How-To Guide - from Star Trek to Tesla", This 140-page softcover tome is written by "Commander X", described as a "Military Intelligence Operative", with the assistance of someone named Tim Swartz.

Through many years and many crackpot books, there has been intense speculation as to who (or what) Conanader X really is. Of course our friend Timothy Green Beckleys is one of the leading suspects, and the autograph in our (free) copy ("Enjoy! Commmander X, 6/30/01") looks suspiciously like Beckley's handwriting. The publisher is GLocal Communications, which is controlled by Beckley himself. How decidedly odd!

According to the semi-mysterious author of this book, on a number of occasions he witnessed the testing of highly classified "super TopSecret black project" aircraft engaged in maneuvers over Area 51 in the Nevada desert. The technology being tested involved principles of teleportation gleaned from reverse engineering of alien spacecraft which have crashed to earth.

The book also includes do-it-yourself exercises by which you can teleport yourself to wherever you want to go. This sounds to us like the same sort of thing as astral projection.

This literary masterpiece sells for \$14.95 from Global Communications, Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J.

THE READERS STRIKE BACK:

- Writing in for the first time in quite awhile, ROBERT ANTON ("BOB") WILSON has this to say:

"Jim:

"Subject: Second Horwitz Brother on Mars!!!

"According to the 'Fortean Times' of September 2001, researchers have found a second face on Mars. Astronaut Brian O'Leary, Ph.D. and astronomer Tom Van Flandern, Ph.D. both say the face indicates 'intelligent life' on that planet...

"Flann Nolan de Selby of the Royal Sir Myles na gCopaleen AstroAnomalistic Institute, Dalkey, Ireland, says the face 'strikingly' resembles that of Jerome Horwitz, and thus supports the claims of the late Dr. Timothy F.X. Finnegan who identified the first face as Jerome's brother, Moishe Horwitz.

"DeSelby announced that he will now begin a 'painstaking' re-examination of all Mars photos in search of similar ikons depicting Laurence Feinstein, partner of the Horwitz brothers in teaching the Horwitz Pedagogic System.

"'I venture that the evidence now in hand indicates not only intelligent life on Mars,' deSelby said, 'but highly sophisticated intelligence, with a strong ludic element.'

"Keep the lasagna in orbit...

"Things which appear crude or offensive in the instant may become, with a change of perspective, somewhere between droll and riotously funny. - Hannibal Lecter, M.D..."

We look forward to meeting "Bob" Wilson for the first time, at the glorious forthcoming NUFOC convention in Austin, Texas - Editor.

- Researcher DONALD ROSE writes:

"...in the early 1980s, I corresponded for a time with Robert Anton Wilson. Later I was surprised to see he had used some of my ideas in his 'Schrodinger's Cat,' Part III. Particularly evident was my 'trapdoor effect' notion, which he converted into 'trapdoor circuit'. I never mentioned this to him... but in September 1985 I happened to be in Manhattan at the same time he was giving a series of lectures.

"I attended a lecture accompanied by two attractive redheads, one on each side of me, with whom I sat in the first row. Naturally, his eyes were seldom elsewhere. When the question and answer period came, I queried him on my 'lifted' ideas, but never mentioned who I was. Bob was totally 'jammed' and it was comical to see this brilliant guy at a loss to know what was really going on. The three of us got a good laugh out of it. I love Bob Wilson's work. He is, in my opinion, one of the most original thinkers on the planet..."

- KENN THOMAS of Steamshovel Press writes as follows:

"Did you cut up your copy of 'Steamshovel' to get that graphic of the screaming Acharya S. on the cover of the latest 'Saucer Smear'? Shame on you! Do I need to send you another copy?"

"I notice that physicist Jack Sarfatti (www.stardrive.org) and Remy Chevalier (www.endsecrecy.com) have been arguing on the internet over the same thing that caused Richard Hall to quit MUFON- Letting Stephen Greer and Daniel Sheehan speak. Sarfatti even calls them 'Ban Space Weapons Marching Morons, mere Cannon Fodder to their Puppet Masters (who) plan to disrupt U.S. Military (and might be under foreign influence). Where is General MacArthur when we need him?"

"Both Hall and Sarfatti seem to be woefully or willfully ignorant of the parapolitics surrounding the Star Wars initiative. (They killed a couple of dozen guys like Sarfatti - scientists, contracted to Marconi - who worked on the original SDI - because they knew too much. Sheehan, of course, brought a bold lawsuit against the Iran-Contra secret government baddies.)

"I can think of no better public forum to discuss the issue than at MUFON-type conferences."

- DR. PHILLIP S. DUKE, who believes that the AIDS epidemic has been deliberately brought to us by extraterrestrials, writes as follows:

"...The resignation of Richard Hall from MUFON is a very big step forward for ufology and MUFON. I know Mr. John Schuessler to be an ethical, intelligent, well educated professional man, and I very much support him and highly commend him for his action concerning Hall.

"In my experience Hall is both vicious and stupid. I have his letters to me to prove this. I have his statements about me published in the MUFON Journal to prove this. My understanding is that Hall has no scientific training whatsoever. UFO Magazine had the wisdom to get rid of him years ago. Now he has done MUFON a big favor by leaving. Good riddance!

"It may be that some people in MUFON do not fully realize just how good a leader Mr. John Schuessler really is. Schuessler is a professional engineer and a good, fine man. MUFON should rally behind him and give him its full support. He has my full support..."

- Now we have another letter from WILLIAM MOORE, explaining his position on Mormonism. We don't fully understand why he put his text in a box, as seen below, but here is his text verbatim:

First off, Joseph Smith was born in December of 1805 and allegedly obtained the "golden plates" for "translation" in September of 1827. That makes him almost 22 years old, not 14 as Eldon has it. Secondly, Rigdon met Smith in the sphng of 1826 via Church co-founder and "Second Elder," Oliver Cowdery, whose brother Erastus was Rigdon's neighbor in Ohio. The Smiths and the Cowderys were cousins. Details about the meeting came to the attention of New York newspaper reporter James Arlington Bennett while he was travelling through Western New York with (future president) Martin van Buren in 1831. These were duly noted in Bennett's diary and, a few weeks later, in his newspaper. Third, I would hardly expect Mr. Byrd to purchase a copy of "my" book since it might just shake him out of that self-imposed state of complacent ignorance he's been so cozy with for so many years. And finally, as to his effort to skew the meaning of my statement that "every one of the Mormons' arguments are false," surely he recognized that my words applied only to Mormon arguments against a Spalding authorship for the Book of Mormon and not to Mormon theology in general, some of which, contrary to Mr. Byrd's assertions, is based upon the Holy Bible or upon other of Smith's regurgitations which his Church prefers to call "revelations." Our book was not written to persuade existing Mormons to leave their Church, but rather to enlighten intelligent non-Mormons who have come into contact with Mormonism and find themselves curious about how the movement came into existence.

- And, our good friend DAVID CLEWELL writes:

"I saw the article in FATE on the Clarksburg, W.Vao confab. Pretty nice piece, I thought. And Pflock's Roswell book is indeed a sound and solid piece of research and writing. Hey, I was once upon a time a Roswell Believer, but I began having my own serious doubts some years ago. Pflock's book sets a lot of these doubts and many more - in a version of harder-to-bridge stone!

"...Happy Birthday to the still-Supreme Commander!..."

What's Up,

Doc?



ROSWELL
Karl T. Pflock
Prometheus; \$25, 345 pages

University of Washington researchers say that one-third of those exposed to a fake Disneyland ad talking about how they met Bugs Bunny and shook his hand later said the event had actually happened to them.

Officially, the debris found in early July 1947 near Roswell, N.M., was weather balloon wreckage. According to UFO believers, what really crashed was an alien spaceship which, with the corpses of its crew, was promptly hidden by our government. In "Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe," Karl Pflock disagrees with both explanations. Pflock, who believes some UFOs are alien spaceships, is a former CIA intelligence officer and onetime deputy assistant secretary of defense. He's also a doggedly persistent investigator who, over eight years, has re-examined every available scrap of evidence about the crash, reinterviewed witnesses, studied and cross-correlated the testimony of those now dead, and ferreted out documents not available to earlier writers. Pflock's conclusion? The weather balloon explanation was a government cover-up that cloaked a then highly secret program to detect Soviet nuclear tests. Given his background, his conclusion is bound to be controversial, but it will take more than howls of outrage to overturn it. Those who give Pflock's book a careful, thoughtful reading will find it hard to disagree with him.

*George W. Early
Special to the Oregonian*

Of course, Bugs Bunny has never appeared at Disneyland because he is a Warner Bros. character.

"The frightening thing about this study is that it suggests how easily a false memory can be created," said one of the researchers.



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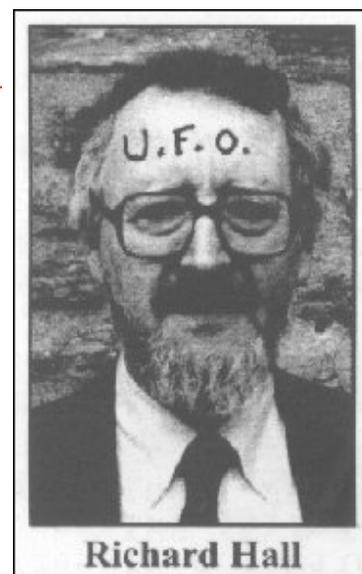
DICK HALL RESIGNS FROM MUFON!

Veteran ufologist Richard Hall, who has just published (another) [major UFO book](#), recently startled his many fans (?) by resigning from the MUFON organization. Till now, he had been writing a column called "Perspective" in each monthly issue of their magazine.

Says Hall, on the Net: "As of June 17th when John Schuessler censored my 'MUFON UFO Journal' column that was critical of the 2001 symposium speaker line-up, I have resigned and will no longer contribute a column to the Journal. I have posted a message about this, a copy of the offending column, and a commentary about the blatantly New Age content of the MUFON - Orange County web site (www.mufonoc.org), hosts of the symposium...

"I have tried to work 'within the system' to try to bring about reforms, but since no dissension is allowed and I can't even express my personal opinion, that breaks it for me.

"My hope is that other scientifically oriented MUFON members will join me in this protest, and demand that

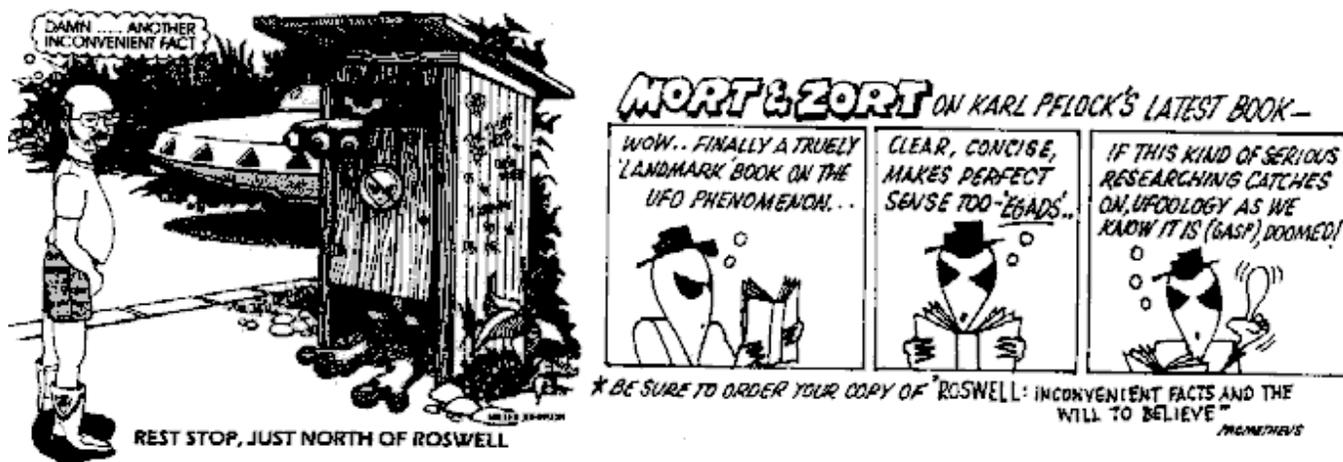


Richard Hall

their leaders actually practice a scientific approach to the subject or else drop all pretenses of same. Otherwise, New Age hogwash will completely take over."

A couple of years back, Hall used to write a similar column for California's "UFO Magazine", but some sort of complex dispute developed, and that column no longer exists, either!

Now that poor Dick appears to be a Man Without a Column, we of "Smear" hereby offer him the opportunity to write one for us. Hall would be completely free to publish any opinion he likes, with certain minor restrictions: Nothing negative about Moseley, Pflock, or Mogul Balloons; Nothing positive about philosophy, NICAP, or Major Donald Keyhoe. We do hope that Hall will seriously consider this offer!



HOT FLASHES:

- On May 24th, about two weeks after the revelation of the new "female" face on Mars (See [June 1st "Smear"](#)), NASA came out with better, higher-resolution pictures of the "traditional" Martian face that has been upsetting Richard Hoagland & many others for a number of years. The summer issue of Rick Hilberg's "Flying Saucer Digest" shows the old and new NASA photos of this traditional face, side by side. We would reproduce them here, but neither looks much like a real face to us!

We wonder why ufoologists have so much trouble realizing that resolution is the key to what you see in a picture. Like, whatever happened to the canals of Mars, which were accepted by orthodox astronomers for a very long time? How many faces can you see in the clouds? The normal human mind wants to find meaning in randomness. Add in the "Will to Believe", and you end up with a multitude of ridiculous visual errors. Ask Erik Beckjord, who has probably seen Bigfoot on Mars by now!...

- A geologist named Luigi Piccardi has just come out with a new theory which may (but probably won't) explain past sightings of the legendary Loch Ness Monster. He believes the Monster is an illusion caused by the effects of earthquakes, since the murky Scottish lake sits directly on top of an active fault line. Thus the bubbling, rolling waves associated with Monster sightings might be caused by underwater seismic activity. However, other scientists do not agree that Luigi's theory explains all the sightings over the years. We don't agree, either...
- And, on the Human Cloning front, the lead scientist of [the Raelian Movement](#) (a weird UFO-related cult) has threatened to go to court to protect their cloning project from U.S. government scrutiny. Their outfit still plans to produce a cloned child within the next year, in spite of a recent crackdown by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The Raelians, who apparently are athiests, view cloning as the means for humankind to achieve eternal life. Their efforts, if successful, will offer infertile or homosexual couples the chance to have children. (Our thanks to non-subscriber Steve Dunn for this one.)...
- The lead item in the July/August 2001 "Skeptical Inquirer" is an article by one David Thomas called "A Different Angle on the Socorro UFO of 1964". In it, the author states that the most likely explanation for

this baffling case is that it was a Lunar Surveyor landing craft in a test flight at nearby White Sands Missile Range. Candidly, Thomas admits that all the details don't fit this explanation, but he feels it is better than any of the others.

What overjoyed is about this article was the true statement therein: "This new angle on the old Socorro story was first mentioned publicly in a brief piece in the [July 15th, 2000 edition](#) of James Moseley's 'Saucer Smear'. Bravo for Mr. Thomas, and bravo for us!

The matter is also discussed on Page 331 of a brand new book by respected Fortean researcher Patrick Huyghe, entitled "Swamp Gas Times - My Two Decades on the UFO Beat". Again your "Smear" editor is mentioned. Both Huyghe and Karl Pflock, whom he consulted, seem to feel that the Socorro mystery remains unsolved.

We will be reviewing Huyghe's interesting new book shortly, in a future "Smear"...

- In spite of Karl Pflock's new book and other efforts at sanity, Roswell lives on - or at least the annual festival does. In early July, the little town of Roswell, N.M. celebrated the 54th anniversary of that famous nonevent of yesteryear. This year's theme was the movie "2001: A Space Odyssey" and actor Gary Lockwood, from that classic movie, was one of the honored guests. Next year, one of the honored guests will be your humble "Smear" editor, as previously stated in this ego-oriented zine of ours. (Our thanks to Roswell fan Steve Barnett for this item.)...
- Does anyone out there know what the real story is regarding "[The Allies of Humanity](#)"? In our last issue, we discussed two different books associated with this movement, and now we learn that a representative of this group picketed a Steven Greer meeting at the University of Colorado awhile back, claiming that the aliens are not as benevolent as Greer says they are. Will the real aliens in the audience please stand up and identify themselves? Egads!...

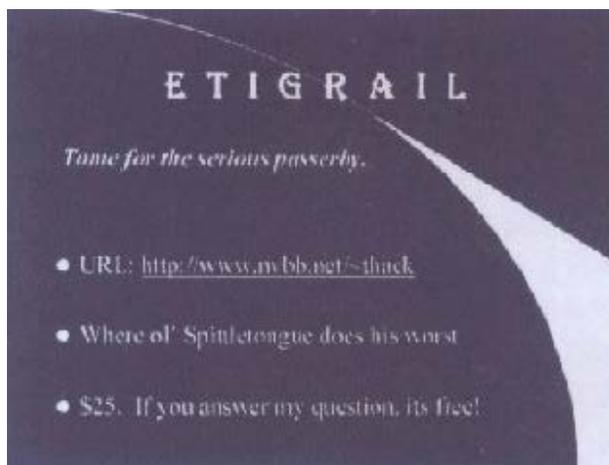
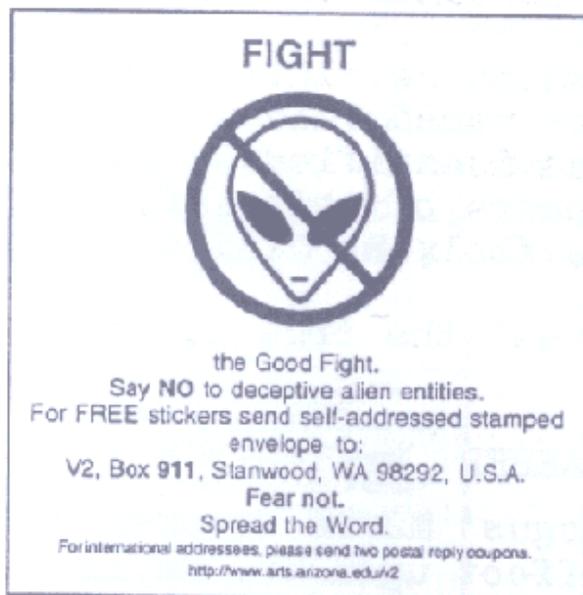
Our apologies for the [very dark picture](#) of Dr. Greer in our last issue. Even Greer doesn't deserve to look that bad. When we went to the printer to pick up the issue, the fellow there said, "Sorry, the picture of the black guy didn't turn out very well." I said, "[What](#) black guy?" It seems that technical difficulties of some sort came up to spoil the photo...

- Fate Magazine continues to entertain, under the deft editorship of Phyllis Galde. The July issue contains a great article by Antonio Huneeus about [the recent mini-Con](#) in Clarksburg, West Virginia (attended by your "Smear" editor), where the focus was the collected papers, etc. of the late Gray Barker, on display in a special room at the Clarksburg Library.

In the August Fate we find an article called "Mojave Time Warp" by Karl Pflock, about Giant Rock, California, and George Adamski's famed 1952 "Desert Contact". This article looks suspiciously like an expanded version of [Karl's column](#) in the Jan. 10th issue of "Smear"!

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PFlock PTalk: THEY WERE HERE (PART 1 of ?)

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



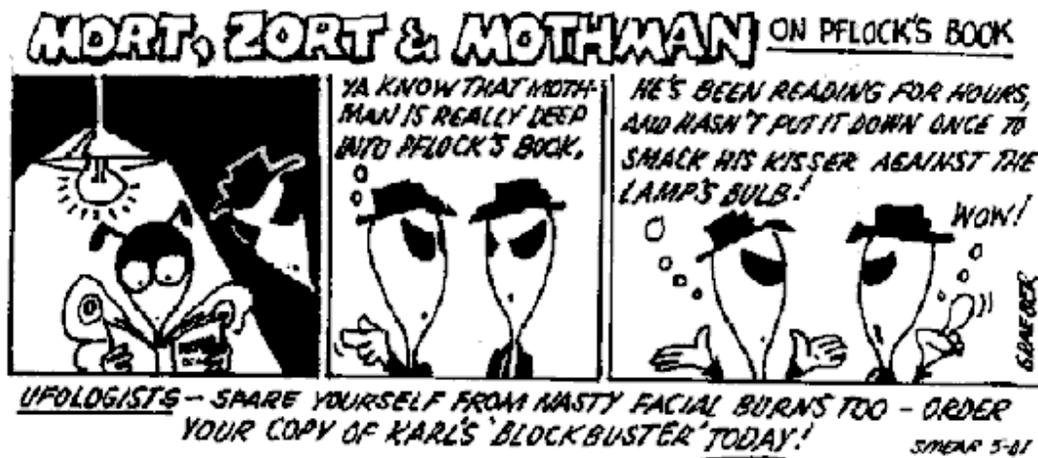
Waaaay back in the last century, I offered my take on what UFOs are and where they hail from ("Smear", [June 5th, 1999](#)). For those who may have missed this earthshaking pronouncement, here it is again:

UFOs are real - as yet unexplained - phenomena. Many solid unknowns involving reports of strange craft and sometimes living creatures and/or physical evidence and visual records (photos, motion picture film) leave us with but two choices - hoax or real essentially as reported. (A few admit of a psychological explanation as well.) If what occurred in these cases was objectively real and reasonably accurately reported, they must have been encounters with nonhuman intelligence and its works.

Based on the data, I'm subjectively certain we have been visited by nonhuman intelligent beings - to my '50s-conditioned mind, most likely from an extra-solar planet of our galaxy. However, we do not yet have proof of this - as opposed to very strong evidence pointing to it - though such proof very well may be in the data already in hand, as yet unrecognized as such.

If we've had such visitors, I suspect they were here and left some time ago - arriving in the early to mid-1940s, departing in the late 1960s or early 1970s. They came here because Sol and his planets seemed cozily familiar. They studied our entire system and us quite closely. Once in a while a couple of grad students got out of hand and buzzed, the natives. On occasion some ambitious scientists overstepped a bit and interfered with the locals - the famous and, in my considered opinion, real 1961 abduction of Barney and Betty Hill comes to mind. Then they left, leaving us wondering, dreaming, hoping.

In the last exciting issue, our Esteemed Editor recalled my they-were-here idea, noting it "would nicely explain the fact that sightings have dropped off so much in the past 25 years or so", and then suggesting that "another possibility is that we Earthlings have improved our ability to properly identify UFOs!" However, given that today's UFOs of choice are mostly huge, night-flying triangles that recent research strongly suggests are just large military transport planes, this doesn't seem likely. Earthlings are still having a heck of a time ID'ing our stuff, let alone Theirs. And the sort of flying saucers we used to see doing what we used to see them doing aren't being reported much anymore. Where are the daylight disks flying in formation? Where are - Oops! Out of Space 'til next ish.



MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Famed UFO researcher WILLIAM MOORE writes as follows:

I really do wish you (and now Matt Graeber, who now seems to feel constrained to chime-in with [his two unwelcome cents](#)) would lay-off the patter about my comments concerning poor, olde, ailing Philippe Krass. You just couldn't resist printing his words, could you? Anything to stir shit, it seems.

"Insensitive," huh? "Malicious??" "Cruel," even? I'm tempted to reply at length (again), but what's the use since your mind seems to be made up and you won't print what I write anyway? All I can say to the two of you is that after literally years of being both lied to and lied about, belittled, patronized, insulted, accused of both fraud and forgery, painted as unpatriotic, reported to the FBI as a potential threat to national security (knowing I would be investigated and hoping for my arrest as a result), misquoted, misrepresented, intimidated, bashed, trashed and hashed at the hands of this man, is it any wonder I am reluctant to sing his praises? Had such treatment resulted from something I had said or done to him personally, perhaps one could find some way to excuse the rashness of his behavior; but no, it wasn't like that at all! All I had done was dare to write something with which he, in his infinite wisdom, did not agree; and worse, I had endeavored to spread the word to others-- in effect, to "poison their minds" with "fairy tales" and "Santa Claus stories." It was this and this alone that set Krass on his more than decade-long vendetta. Those who have not walked in my shoes cannot begin to appreciate the things I have suffered at the hands of this monster. Yet now that he is old, and sick, and dying, suddenly I'm the bad guy because I chose to tell it like it is and refuse to mouth the platitudes usually reserved for people in such straits?! Unfortunately Mr. Graeber's rush to judgment is based only upon his exposure to those few, brief, out-of-context quotes which you, in your great wisdom, chose to publish. I should prefer to believe that perhaps, had he been able to appreciate my words in their entirety, he might not feel quite so self-righteous. (You, on the other hand, ought to know better. Maybe if it had been you he had trashed, you might feel differently.)

Meanwhile, Mr. Graeber's kind offer of prayers and forgiveness are certainly most appreciated, and I join him in offering them for whatever benefit they may bring. For my part, I forgave Krass before he did it, but that does not mean I have forgotten what he did, nor does it relieve me of my right to tell the world about it if I so choose.

- Famed UFO debunker PHIL KLASS, who is still out there "Kicking Ass", writes as follows:

"Many thanks for a copy of [Bill Moore's latest blast](#). I plead guilty to all of his accusations -

including publishing Monica Lewinsky's unlisted phone number in SUN. If you publish Moore's charges, I will not sue you and/or Moore for slander.

"(More seriously, I do not understand Moore's bitterness. His dropout from pro-UFO circles can be attributed to the contents of his famous speech at the 1989 MUFON conference in Las Vegas.)

"Ref. [Rick Doty's letter of April 30th](#), in which he claims that he was not Moore's 'Falcon', and that 'the person code named Falcon was an employee of the Defense Intelligence Agency and was identified by Philip Klass some years ago. However, because the disclosure of this information and identity would make Mr. Klass look like a fool, he failed to disclose Falcon's true identity.'

"I herewith invite/authorize Mr. Doty to reveal the true identity of Falcon and make me 'look like a fool.'"

- Ace cartoonist & social philosopher MATT GRAEBER writes:

"It appears that Phil's debunking of the 'bogus' MJ-12 documents, and his linking them to Moore, has had a marked effect upon Mr. Moore... I don't know if Mr. Moore did create the documents or not but he seems to be obsessed with the charges that he claims to be untrue!

"I received your note, along with the copy of Bill Moore's overreaction to my comments about his bad manners. It seems obvious that Moore feels that Klass, you, and now I, have selected him from the throng of ufologists to pick on... He seems to protest too loudly and too long over things that he claims to be totally untrue and unfounded. I think that it might be a good idea to let him 'off the hook', so to speak, since he's obviously not going to do so on his own!"

- Researcher DAVE THOMAS writes:

"Regarding [Richard Doty's letter](#) in the June 1st 2001 'Saucer Smear': Thanks to Karl Pflock, I learned that this letter was a response to an article I wrote with Bernard 'Duke' Gildenberg in the 'Skeptical Inquirer', Vol. 25, No. 2, March/April 2001. Regarding Doty's claim that he is not 'Falcon', we based our conclusions on Curtis Peebles' book 'Watch the Skies' (Berkley Books, N.Y., 1995), in which Peebles writes: 'Several people, including (Peter) Gersten, (Linda Moulton) Howe, and ex-AFOSI agents, identified 'Falcon' as Doty.' Peebles cites the article 'UFO Coverup Live!' in 'Just Cause', Dec. 1988, 5.

"If Doty doesn't appreciate being identified as the 'Falcon', perhaps he should take the matter up with Peebles, Gersten, and Howe."

- JIM GREENEN, a long-time vendor at UFO conventions all around the country, writes:

"Gosh! I am so sorry for selling ['FAKE' Area 51 signs](#), as mentioned in your last newsletter. I really don't remember saying that these signs were REAL, but if the Supreme Commander doesn't like fake signs then I guess I will have to go out there and steal one of their signs and sell it for \$6.95. As usual, the Supreme Commander didn't do his homework and didn't realize that the signs were changed a couple of years ago. If you weren't so engrossed in your book of adjectives that you are so fond of, you just might be able to have time to do a little research!

"I guess I won't be at your Convention in Austin this Fall, as I don't want to upset you by selling 'FAKE' T-shirts, hats, badges, etc."

This letter is amusing, because out of friendship our article deliberately did not identify Greenen as the guy who sells fake Area 51 signs at conventions. Now he has identified himself! - Editor.

- Our olde pal CHRIS ROTH writes as follows:

"...I'm glad to see the Face on Mars theory is still viable - not viable as a theory but viable as a social phenomenon. I forgot to clip for you a New York Times brief notice about the newly released NASA photo of the Face which, not surprisingly, looks much less like a face from the new angles. I was always suspicious that the classic photo of the Face looked a little too much like Richard Hoagland himself - or perhaps he groomed his mane to resemble the Face?"

"I am a little wary of the idea of a big Hollywood production of 'Mothman', but I am sure I will still go see it. I hope that despite everything, Keel can manage to get on lots of talk shows, etc., to try to get some of the publicity and income he deserves after all these years..."

- Uti Geller associate ELDON BYRD writes as follows, in response to Bill Moore's letter published in the June 25th "Smear":

"It is difficult to understand [Mr. Moore's logic](#) when in one breath he says, '...every one of the Mormons' arguments are false', and in the next breath says, '...nor do we challenge any of the teachings of their Church except those dealing directly with the historical origin of their allegedly holy book.'

"Because the Book of Mormon contains the teachings of the Church, if it is false, then so are the teachings. The entire argument (of the Spalding advocates) hinges on whether or not Rigdon and Smith were in collusion to produce the Book of Mormon. All else is trivial. If Smith and Rigdon did not meet a reasonable time before the Book went to press (it went to press complete - it was not published as a piecemeal), then the Spalding argument is specious. Moore's contention, 'Smith did meet Rigdon before the alleged finding of the golden plates' is almost ludicrous. Smith found the plates when he was 14 years old, and was instructed to translate them when he was 18. In order for Moore's statement to be correct, Rigdon and Smith would have had to have met when they were kids and cooked up a scheme to defraud the world and not ever let anyone know what they had done..."

"The Church records I could find do not indicate any contact between Smith and Rigdon before 1829. The Book of Mormon went to press in 1829. However, it is well established that 'Mormonism' was a threat to many people in those days (and apparently it still is to some), and mucho records were falsified concerning Smith and the Church..."

"If Bill Moore wants to send me a review copy of 'his' book, I'll be happy to take a look at it, but I will not spend a penny for it... I am left wondering - why did they spend so much time in this endeavor? There are 10 million members of the Church who will not be convinced by the arguments 'on the website, and few if any will buy this book!'"

- Researcher JEAN MISNER writes:

"Regarding 'Saucer Smear' June 25th, 2001 - the item about ['intelligence report by non-human interplanetary agents'](#) - please read or refer to the book 'Knowledge from the Stars', \$11.95, by Wesley H. Bateman - Federation Telepath, published by 'Light Technology Publishing', P.O. Box 1526, Sedona, Arizona 86339. Copyright 1993..."

"I'm still looking at the stars..."

- And, STEVE BARNETT writes as follows:

"...I am assuming that [Bill Moore is upset](#) about your comments about his comments about Klass. Frankly, although Klass has irritated me as well, I don't wish anyone a stay in hell - although I am almost to the point that I feel we are already inmates of the place and just delusional when we think this is a piece of heaven.

"Actually, I hope Moore doesn't discover that the gold plates of Joseph Smith were fake when he gets to the Other Side, and I hope Klass isn't greeted by saucers and aliens. Let us all rest comfortably within the confines of our cherished belief systems. Amen..."

"Thanks for the updates, and 'Smear', of course. There hasn't been much in the newspapers of a strange nature lately, I'm sorry to say..."

BEAR WITH SORE HEAD: Dutch police discovered what appeared to be a bear fast asleep beside a road at Engelden, near Den Bosch. It turned out to be a 22-year-old man wearing a bear costume who had collapsed after drinking 26 pints of beer at a fancy dress party, [R] 24 April 2001.

TAKING IT LITERALLY: In preparation for elections in November, the Union of Right-wing Parties put up a sign on a Toad in Suceava, eastern Romania, with the slogan "Keep to the right." A driver thought this was a traffic sign and was severely injured when he drove his car into a ditch. *Romanian public radio*

ANTON BRIESZOV WAS TRAPPED in the lions' enclosure of Moscow Zoo when the ladder he climbed down to retrieve a toy dropped by his child toppled over. He managed to outrun the lions and climb to safety. He then jumped into a moat surrounding the enclosure and, being a non-swimmer, drowned. *Guardian, 15 Feb 2001.*

CALGARY - A sexual predator is stalking northwest Calgary pastures, attacking horses in the the rectums or genital areas, say police who are investigating four confirmed cases. The cases involve mares who were kept in pastures near each other. There are known to be at least eight other possible cases in the past decade in which horses have either mysteriously died or suffered unexplainable internal injuries, though horse owners believe dozens more similar equine attacks have occurred in the area during the past 20 years.



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"You are...a boil on the ass of ufology!"
-John Keel, writing in the March 25th, 1977 issue of "Saucer Smear"



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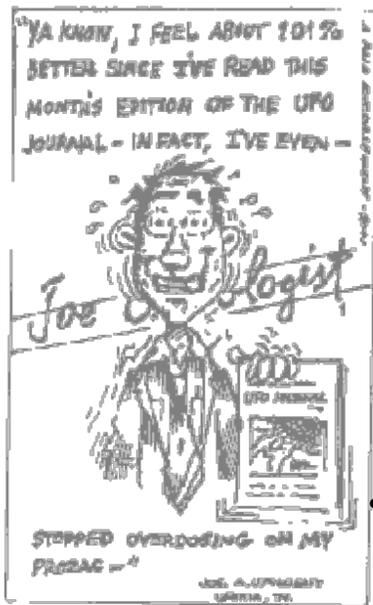
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TIDBITS OF TRASH (as usual!)

- **A**n in-depth article in the prestigious New York Times Magazine (Feb. 4th, 2001) tells of the weird Raelian cult, which has received a lot of publicity lately in regard to anning. Their ideas on cloning are reasonable and scientific, but the leader of the cult is a French former race-car driver who is a UFO contactee. He claims that in 1973 he had an encounter with a four-foot-tall alien whose flying saucer had landed atop a volcano in southern France. From this creature he learned that humans were originally created in a laboratory by highly advanced beings from another planet who had mastered genetics and cell biology.

Subsequent visits to the spacecraft, during which Rael enjoyed the sexual attentions of six "voluptuous and bewitching" female robots, convinced the fun-loving prophet that the aliens did indeed have a superior civilization: The Raelian headquarters is in rural Quebec, Canada, about an hour from Montreal. It includes a museum devoted to extraterrestrial phenomena and



to genetics - a curious mixture of science fiction and science. The main exhibit room contains a life-sized replica of the flying saucer Rael allegedly boarded in 1973 for his visit with the aliens.

The building also contains Rael's very private office, which is accessible only through a double set of electronic doors. There Rael gives interviews concerning his very unusual philosophy. He believes, in brief, that the secret to eternal life is - eventually - through human cloning. (Our thanks to Chris Roth for this item.)

- From Glenn Steckling, Director of the George Adamski Foundation (also called GAF International), we have received a package of about 70 pages of their postings on the Internet. The Foundation was begun in 1965, the year Adamski died, and although we met young Steckling a few years ago, we had forgotten that this Foundation is still in existence. It is indeed a tribute

to old George (whom we met a few times) that his friends & followers continue to lurch forward in his name so many years after his demise.

From the material Steckling sent us, we learn that "The Adamski Foundation...is dedicated to promoting scientific fact and philosophical thought pertinent to understanding that Human Life is the rule, not the exception, throughout the universe - and, as humans, we all have the potential to prosper peacefully among ourselves and with our planetary neighbors whose physical make-up follows the same biological laws of nature as do ours here on Earth."

One could dispute the scientific validity of the above statement, but nevertheless it is a harmless philosophy.

Among the 70 pages of material sent, there is an interesting 10 page treatise called "The Possibility of Life on Other Planets". This is attributed to Adamski as of 1946 - about six years before he started having alleged close encounters of his own with spacecraft.

Also of interest is the fact that the Foundation seems unsure of how to deal with stories of UFO abductions - since there were no such stories in Adamski's day.

See also Glenn Steckling's letter to the editor, [further along](#) in this issue. In real life, Glenn is (or claims to be) a pilot with an airline he won't identify. He can be reached at P.O. Box 1722, Vista, California 92085.

ON THE OTHER HAND, if you want the [inside story](#) about Adamski's interplanetary claims, send for our Special Adamski Expose Issue (1957) of "Saucer News". This is available for a mere ten dollars from Tom Benson, P.O. Box 11741 Trenton, N.J. 08606. This is a [real](#) collector's item!

MORE MADNESS FROM THE MUFON JOURNAL:

Under the present editor, Dwight Connelly, the MUFON UFO Network UFO Journal (needless redundancy here!) has become more unintentionally humorous than ever before, and thus excellent material to comment on in "Smear".

The April 2001 issue does not let us down in this regard. For starters, we have a dreadful "cop-out" regarding the John Carpenter Affair. Instead of telling us - the members - the results of MUFON's supposedly indepth investigation of John Carpenter's ethics re the selling of abduction reports, we are given the following short statement: Under "Vacant Board Positions", we read: "John Carpenter has vacated the post of MUFON Director of Abduction Research, citing personal reasons and the need to spend more time with his career activities".

Sure!...

Next regarding this year's MUFON Symposium in Orange County California, Harold Burt (author of "Flying Saucers 101") gushes as follows: "The work being done by the speakers in this year's symposium will eventually be recognized as more important to mankind than the work of Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Edison, and the Wright Brothers..."

We would be more likely to attend, ourselves, if Franklin or one of these other great men were to be there in person - preferably on the lecture program. Or perhaps they could be channelled!

Finally, our old friend (??) Richard Hall manages to have an indepth discussion of discredited contactee George Adamski without once mentioning that the definitive expose of that departed gentleman was made by yours truly, back in the 1950s - as explained elsewhere in this issue. Hall gives all the credit to the NICAP organization, with which he was then associated. Even though Hall despises us, he should give credit where credit is due. Egads!

See also the [letter from Paul Thompson](#) in this issue.

NEWS BRIEFIES:

- The following are among the speakers already scheduled for the giant 3-day NUFOC convention in Austin, Texas next September 14th-16th: Jenny Randles, Karl Pflock, Patrick Huyghe, Dennis Stacy, Tom Deuley, Constance Clear, Greg Bishop, Kenn Thomas, and of course your humble "Smear" editor.

For further info., contact Miles Lewis at P.O. Box 33509, Austin, Texas 78764, or www.nufoc.net...

- The motion picture based on John Keel's 1975 book "The Mothman Prophecies" has begun production in Pittsburgh, Pa., although it involves the area around Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Starring Richard Gere and Laura Linney, this semi-non-fiction movie involves strange sightings of a giant birdlike creature in 1966 and 1967, culminating in the collapse of the Silver Bridge over the Ohio River in late 1967. Forty-six people were killed in this tragedy, which likely had no connection at all to the Mothman sightings.

We were glad to learn that John Keel, as the author of the book on which the movie is based, has finally been paid a modest amount of money for his efforts. Anything less than that would be an outrage. Keel is of very modest means, and has not written any books in a long time. Thus he can surely use the \$s!

By coincidence, Ron Bonds of IllumiNet Press, who was the publisher of several of Keel's books, died suddenly, apparently of food poisoning, about April 6th. Bonds was a well-known conspiracy publisher and writer, and was the second such writer to die recently in a somewhat mysterious way. Some of our readers will remember that Jim Keith died in 1999 from a relatively minor injury suffered at the Burning Man Festival that year. Some people are now mumbling that there is a conspiracy to kill off conspiracy writers!...

- By another coincidence(?), by the time you read this, your editor and a handful of other researchers will have left on a trip to Point Pleasant, W.Va., to learn more about the Mothman phenomenon ourselves. This is a side-trip re our mini-convention in Clarksburg, W.Va. on the weekend of April 28th - as described in previous issues of this zine. A report on all this will appear in our next issue...
- Page 8 of Phil Klass' March 2001 issue of "Skeptics UFO Newsletter" (SUN) has an update on his deteriorating physical condition. He states that he will try to maintain a quarterly schedule from now on, rather than bi-monthly. We wish him well!...
- Due to the "dot-com" stock market slump, former(?) multi-millionaire Joe Firmage and Carl Sagan's widow, Ann Druyan, have had to put their online "One Cosmic Network" in mothballs, so to speak. Say they: "Whatever the reasons, our Internet enterprise is out of fuel, and as of Feb. 15th, 2001, we have put it into indefinite hibernation..."

- ...An amusing lead item from the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) current quarterly report: "The Fund's 'The Press Newsletter' has been issued on a regular monthly schedule. Thus far, only one response has been received. Despite the lack of immediate interest from the media, monthly editions will continue."
- Charles Johnson, president of the International Flat Earth Society, has died at the age of 76. In spite of earth satellites, Moon landings, etc., Johnson and his followers seriously believed, from Biblical lore, that the Earth is flat - though Johnson had a sense of humor about it. In the mid-1990s the Society had roughly 3,500 members at \$25 each (about like MUFON!), but a disastrous fire later destroyed all records, and the membership never recovered. Some ignorant people likened the Society to UFO groups! (Thanks again to Chris Roth.)

MJ-12 FOLLIES, PART TWO: MJ-MENZEL

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



When he joined in making the Eisenhower Briefing Document (mother of all MJ-12 papers) public, Roswell maven Stan Friedman professed amazement: The EBD revealed that Harvard astronomer and anti-saucer fiend Donald H. Menzel was a founding member of NJ-12! Who would have ever imagined the dreaded and despised bane of UFOs and urologists had been part of the Roswell coverup, a role completely contrary to his arch-debunker reputation?

Friedman reasoned that no one perpetrating a hoax would have included someone so utterly "wrong" as one of the coverup cabalists. All the other alleged MJ-12ers were regulars on the usual-suspects lists. Menzel stuck out like a sore thumb. Thus, said Friedman, Menzel's being named in the EBD was virtual proof the document was authentic and MJ-12 a reality!

Recently, however, the vast "PFlock PTalk" investigative staff has uncovered what we are told is the rest of the story. I offer it here without comment for loyal Smearophiles to assess for themselves.

In 1976, ufologist Brad Sparks discovered that Menzel had a UFO sighting near Alamogordo, New Mexico, when he was in the area in 1949 setting up Sacramento Peak Observatory for the Air Force. This suggested Menzel could have been there in July 1947, at the time and conveniently near where the Roswell saucer allegedly crashed. Newly found records reveal the observatory project didn't begin until September 1947, so he probably wasn't; but in 1976, it was a possibility. Then...

In 1977, Sparks circulated a paper on Menzel, his presence in New Mexico in the 1940s, and his sighting and his distortions of and outright attempts to suppress it. One of Sparks' very interested readers was Friedman. Then...

In 1982, Canadian engineer-ufologist Wilbert Smith's notes on his 1950 indirect interview of American scientist Robert Sarbacher surfaced. Smith alleged that Sarbacher, briefly an advisor to the U.S. Defense Research and Development Board, had confirmed crash saucers were being studied by a super-secret U.S. government group. Then...

According to my sources, Friedman instantly concluded the group had been established to study the Roswell saucer and bodies, and fingered Menzel as the most likely leader of the outfit because he was "right on the scene" when the crash occurred, working on an Air Force contract. I am told no amount of argument would dissuade Friedman, who contended Menzel's avid debunkery was part of a clever cover for his true views and secret activities. Then...

Friedman quickly worked up a list of probable members of the "Sarbacher-Smith group", which my sources say included not only Menzel but all on the EBD MJ-12 roster. Over the next couple of years, Friedman quietly but enthusiastically touted his theory about Menzel and the saucer-study panel to ufological colleagues. Then...

In 1984, the EBD, exposed on a roll of undeveloped 35mm film, allegedly arrived in Jaime Shandera's mailbox.

Shandera was an associate of Friedman and his Roswell collaborator Bill Moore. This trio proceeded to devote much time and energy to research suggested by the curious windfall. Then...

In 1987, they went public with the EBD and MJ-12 at the National UFO Conference in Burbank. Friedman made much of his "Who'da thunk it?" surprise on discovering Menzel's involvement, uttering nary a word about his earlier notions. Who'da thunk it?

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- PAUL THOMPSON, a professional writer on various topics, writes as follows regarding his recent dispute with MUFON, as mentioned in our last issue:

"I thought I would take the time to update you on the affair of my 'Magic vs. Majic' article [being reprinted by MUFON without permission](#). I'll start from the beginning, even though we covered some of this ground on the phone.

"On March 18th I was perusing the online version of 'Saucer Smear' when I came upon mention of an article I wrote in 1997 for the web magazine ParaScope Titled 'Magic vs. Majic', it compares the history of the pre-WWII solution of the Japanese Type 97 cipher machine to the alleged 'Majestic 12' group claimed to have been set up to study the equally alleged Roswell spaceship crash. (I am convinced the 'Majestic 12' papers are a hoax, and the entire Roswell incident an overblown case of folklore, inspired by the finding of debris from a secret Project Mogul balloon.)

"My article was reprinted in its entirety in the January 2001 issue of the MUFON Journal - without my permission. I contacted Mr. Moseley's web guy (Steve Mansee), who responded quickly and put me in touch with Mr. Moseley by phone later the same day. Mr. Moseley offered to send me a copy of the January 2001 Journal, and he did... I then discovered that my complete article had been reprinted, with byline and the appellation 'Nebula Editor' - a title only used by ParaScope...

"As of today (April 6th), I am satisfied the reprinting was an error. Mr. Schuessler has promised to meet all my conditions (copies of the journal with the article; payment for the article based on the going rate; an acknowledgment of the error to be published in the journal). When that happens, I shall consider the matter closed. I hope the incident improves communications among the folks at MUFON, so that similar accidents don't happen again!..."

- WILLIAM MOORE writes as follows:

"When I wrote that I welcomed any reaction or comments you might have (regarding [the Mormon material](#)), I hardly expected to see them in print without some prior warning. However I must say that, all things considered, I am personally pleased with the fairness and accuracy of the result, for which I thank you.

"Of course, had you troubled to inform me in advance that you intended to go public with the contents of my '[highly confidential](#)' communication, I might have avoided the [highly embarrassing](#) situation of having to first learn of what you had done by means of an urgent and very troubled phone call from my associate Mr. Vanick, who in turn had just finished fielding two phone calls from curious 'Smear' readers who, it seems, had experienced the good fortune of having received and read their copies before I had received and read mine. Needless to say, I was left (once again) feeling completely blind-sided and not a little bit betrayed by someone who is supposed to be a friend...

"Therefore, in order to defuse this situation and remain as far above the fray as possible, I have informed my associates, and now I am informing you as well, that I will regrettably be

unable to accept your generous invitation to speak at your convention in Austin this year..."

We have apologized to Bill Moore for unintentionally embarrassing him regarding his anti-Mormon activities, and we are sorry to hear that he will not speak at Austin. - Editor.

- ELDON BYRD, long-time friend of psychic Uri Geller & antagonist of James ("The Amusing") Randi, writes as follows:

"Even though the date on the latest 'Smear' is April Fool's Day, I am assuming that the articles and letters are no more a joke than in any other issue..."

"The main reason I have decided to lose my literary virginity in your rag is [the lead article about the Spaulding Manuscript](#). I have yet to visit the web site, and I will do that. However, I wanted to post something less verbose than it will be after I have looked at the 1,100 pages designed to destroy the Mormon Church..."

"The claim, as I understand it, is that the historical parts of the Book of Mormon were copied from a manuscript by Solomon Spaulding and that the doctrinal parts of the B of M were written by Sidney Rigdon. What can be verified is that Sidney Rigdon did not meet Joseph Smith, translator of the B of N from metal plates that several witnesses verify they saw and touched, until after the B of M was published. The Spaulding Manuscript was found in 1844 in papers belonging to a Mr. E. D. Howe, publisher of Hurlburt's 'Mormonism Unveiled'. The entire manuscript was published in the Deseret News in 1886 under the title, 'The Manuscript Found', and is available to anyone who cares to read it. A comparison of the manuscript with the Book of Mormon reveals that there is not one incident or proper name common to both!..."

- Researcher CHRISTOPHER ROTH, Ph.D., writes:

"I wasn't aware that the contention that [the Mormon religion is a fraud](#) is disputed by anyone other than Mormons and Erich von Daniken! The Book of Mormon is such an obvious mishmash of the strange racial and migration theories of crackpot anthropologists of the day, and the language it's written in is such a ham-handed 19th-century attempt to sound Biblical, with lots of gratuitous 'thereunto's and 'so it came to pass's, etc. If God's best shot at composing a Third Testament is the Book of Mormon, we're all in bigger trouble than we can imagine. Smith was himself a confidence man and medicine-show hustler before he got into the religion game. Was the choice of the name Moroni for the angel who supposedly delivered the text Joseph Smith's sly commentary on those who would follow him (there's one born every minute, etc.)? Then again, people who live in glass flying saucers shouldn't throw stones!..."

- KENN THOMAS of Steamshovel Press writes:

"I don't understand what you disagree with about [Stan Friedman's letter](#) in your latest issue. I thought it was interesting that he brought up the names of Philby, Burgess and McLean. Jim Martin gives the history of that Cold War spy cabal a new twist in his book 'Wilhelm Reich and the Cold War'. He has a small but dwindling number of copies still available through [www.flatlandbooks.com](#); but more importantly, he has corroborating proof of the existence of MJ-12.

"In short, Jim has found a document with dates that synchronize with the National Archives' Cutler/Twining memo, from the archives of Lew Douglas, who belonged to Eisenhower's 'kitchen cabinet'. I think it takes tremendous intellectual acrobatics to not understand that the 'Special Studies' sub-group of MJ-12 noted in the Cutler/Twining memo refers to Wilhelm Reich and his encounters with UFOs at the time..."

"How about directing your readers to Jim's very well-reasoned discussion of all this in his extraordinarily well-researched book? Thanks."

- Our olde pal HARRY LIME of Vienna, Austria, writes:

"Ex-nuclear physicist Friedman's [deft ducking of the issue](#) of whether he does nuclear - or any sort of - physics anymore gave me a good chuckle. He cites an example from years ago having no bearing on today and which, even then, was, shall we say, weasely. So at the time Klass alleged he was a fulltime UFO lecturer-peddler, he made the majority of his income 'from technical consulting work'. This in no way addresses my point that to legitimately call oneself a nuclear physicist, one must currently be doing physics; nor does it tell us he was doing physics even then! How about Stanton T. Friedman, Technical Consultant and Itinerant Ufolecturer? Yes, that sounds about right.

"By the way, one of my Very Reliable Sources tells me that an impish someone in the house that published Friedman's 'TOP SECRET/MAJIC' amusingly changed the author's title to 'Rocket Scientist' on the bound page proofs circulated to reviewers. How delightful and perceptive!..."

- Skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"I just finished reading your terrific April 1, 2001 issue of 'Saucer Smear'. 'Smear' remains the premier UFO magazine!

"Karl Pflock writes well, is articulate and reasonably balanced. I suggest he try to lighten up a little and his column will be even better.

"Speaking of people who need to loosen up, what's with [Stanton Friedman](#)? MJ-12 is not going anywhere; he needs to get a life! Pretty much everybody has made a value judgment on MJ-12 and Stan's not going to gain any significant number of converts. When I attended the MUFON convention in Seattle a few years back, I overheard several people saying that they couldn't believe Stanton was still pushing MJ-12 when most of the UFO community didn't give it any credence!..."

- GLENN STECKLING, Director of the George Adamski Foundation, writes:

"After so many years - at least 8 or 9, I think - it was interesting to hear from you once again. Naturally, I am quite familiar with your background and recall our little Private debate, the testing of wills so to speak, we engaged upon during our last meeting in Trenton, N.J. years past. Recalling one of your little revelations, hopefully any continued sightings of those pesky apparitions (as you preferred to call them), the ones so resembling those 'supposedly nonexistent' physical, three-dimensional metallic flying saucers, are not continuing to plague your field of vision or causing any sleepless nights!

"Per our conversation...I am providing you with more than ample material from our website to digest/dissect. And for the moment, I'm sure this will be more than adequate..."

"I look forward to hearing from you, and receiving a copy of your next publication pertaining to George (Adamski) and/or us. Hopefully something containing a bit more value than the same old, tired, rehashed second-rate opinions, false assumptions, and fables from the past."

- TOM CURTIN JR. (see photo at the right) writes as follows:

"This letter is from one of your biggest fans, MUFON Field Investigator Thomas Lee Curtin Jr. I would just like to say I enjoyed your talk at the Tampa Bay MUFON meeting. I thought having the Tampa Bay Skeptics group present was a gutsy move, but I think having just a group of believers in a room together can only lead to lengthy, one-sided conversations that become repetitious to

anyone who may be a fanatic of the unknown. Hopefully bringing together two extreme sides can result in a happy middle meeting ground...

"I'm proud to be a 'Smear' non-subscriber and a friend of a ufology legend, Mr. Moseley."



BOOKS TO KEEP YOUR BONFIRE BURNING BRIGHTLY:

- Still another soft-cover booklet (8 by 11, 24 pages) has oozed off the press of Cleveland's United Aerial Phenomena Agency (UAPA). This one is called "Mysterious Things in the Sky", written by Rick Hilberg and the late Allan J. Manak.

This booklet, first published almost 20 years ago, contains very short accounts of many sightings all the way from 222 B.C to 1929 A.D. More details on each sighting would add a lot to this tome, but at least the entries are nicely spaced apart (for once). Some photographs, especially of those B.C. sightings, would help a lot too, but there are a few interesting drawings by the late artist Benita ("Bunny") Owens, who at one time was romantically linked to Al Manak.

Another member of UAPA is Carol Hilberg, who is romantically linked to Rick Hilberg.

Send \$6.95 to UAPA at: 377 Race Street, Berea, Ohio 44017 ...

- A novel approach to ufology is taken by a new book called "The UFO Book of Lists", a 240-page softcover by Citadel Press. The author is one Stephen J. Spighesi.

Just as the title implies, this volume is an endless list of lists, such as "19 Amazing Quotations about UFOs" (the famous Harry S. Truman quote is used again & is inaccurate, as we've pointed out before); "99 Important People in Ufology" (your "Smear" editor is NOT listed, but we find many total unknowns!); "The 13 Principles of the Hollow Earth Theory"; and "93 UFO Organizations and Resources". Here we find many defunct or non-existent groups, but mercifully "Saucer Smear" is correctly described as a "satirical mag that does not take the UFO experience too seriously".

One should not take this book too seriously, either, as there is a lot of garbage therein. However, some sections are interesting and well done. The "Conclusion" (Pages 161-162) regarding the Roswell Incident is excellent, and agrees with the theory that the incident, in all reasonable probability, was caused by a Mogul Balloon, in spite of all of the legendary evidence to the contrary!

Incidentally, your "Smear" editor has just been invited to speak at the 2002 annual UFO festival, in Roswell, New Mexico. Wheeee!

CASH-LANDRUM UFO INCIDENT

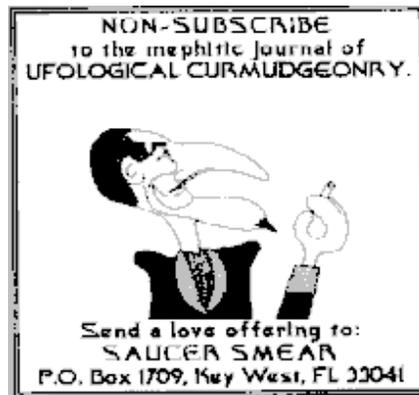
Three Texans are injured during an encounter with a UFO and military helicopters, written by John

SINNERS ECLIPSE MOON

Rampaging Muslims burnt down 40 hotels and bars in the Northern Nigerian city of Maiduguri in reaction to the

Schuessler. A 323-page soft-cover book now available from MUFON, P.O. Box 369, Morrison, CO, 80465-0369, for \$19.95, plus \$2 for postage and handling.

lunar eclipse on 9 January. "The immoral acts committed in these places are responsible for this eclipse," police quoted a youth leader as saying. (Reuters] **11 Jan 2001**



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WILLIAM MOORE DOES IT AGAIN!

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

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

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

not.

Meanwhile, we have asked a nationally recognized authority on Mormon history & documents to review the material Moore has sent us. This gentleman, named Steve Barnett, happens to be a personal friend of your "Smear" editor, and is a man whom we have known for over thirty years. Barnett's [letter of comment](#) on this matter can be found at the beginning of the Letters section, further along in this issue.

THE MANY MINOR MISDEEDS OF MUFON:

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

Will he sue? We warned him on the phone that MUFON has little if any money!

NEWS BRIEFIES:

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

- Technically, the oldest flying saucer group in existence may well be Borderland Sciences Research Foundation (BSRF), founded way back in 1945 by the late esoteric philosopher Meade Layne of San Diego, Ca. Over the years, BSRF has had a succession of directors, including one Riley Crabb, who for some reason was really paranoid of your "Smear" editor. (Crabb eventually moved to New Zealand to end his days, as he was convinced the U.S.A. was doomed!)

The current BSRF director is a pleasant fellow named James Borges, who edits their "Journal of Borderland Research". As he states in his letter [further along in this issue](#), BSRF got off UFOs back in the 1970s - so, is it really a UFO organization at all? We would like to think not, as this would spoil our

cherished belief that the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (S.A.U.C.E.R.S.), parent body of "Saucer Smear", is the oldest UFO research group in the country, if not the whole world! Of course, the number of active researchers in S.A.U.C.E.R.S. is actually only one person (guess who?), recently increased to two people with the addition of Karl Pflock as Contributing Editor to "Smear".

- If the above sounds confusing, the situation with APR0 (Aerial Phenomena Research organization) is even worse. Founded in 1952 by Jim and Coral Lorenzen, it pretty well died with the Lorenzens, years ago. Then, in 1998 your editor talked by phone to a minister(?) in Illinois named Dr. William Heft, who claimed to be running the legitimate successor to APR0, even though he admitted that he does not have their files. He also told us that he was fed up with ufology and was quitting, for reasons he did not make clear. But now Heft has surfaced again on the Net, again claiming to represent the real APR0. We have not been able to obtain further information from or about Heft as yet...
- And, we have had further contact with [Carol Honey](#), George Adamski's co-worker during the latter part of Adamski's career as a UFO contactee. Honey still believes that the picture of a "scout ship" on the front page of the Special Adamski Expose Issue of "Saucer News", is an authentic spacecraft rather than a model. Until we recently talked him out of it, Honey also still believed that R.E. Straith, who wrote a notorious letter in 1957 supporting Adamski's contact claims, really was an authentic employee of the U.S. State Department. (Actually, Straith was the late Gray Barker, aided by Guess Who.) On the other hand, Honey now realizes that most of Adamski's claims were bogus.

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

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

Our 20-page Special Adamski Expose Issue of "Saucer News" (1957) is still available, but only through Tom Benson, P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J.

TIDBITS OF TRASH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MJ-12 FOLLIES, PART ONE: MJ-CONDON

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



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

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

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

"1 January, 1967." This is the odd date format used in



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

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

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

In 1966, things were getting out of control. The Great Swamp Gas Flap had influential members of Congress demanding answers about UFOs, raising questions about what the military might know that it wasn't telling. MJ-12 had reason to fear exposure, but also saw an opportunity. Its agents quietly influenced the process leading to the contract with the University of Colorado and selection of Dr. E.U. Condon as project director. Condon had long hoped for an opportunity to restore himself with the Military-Scientific Establishment after his McCarthy era humiliation, and he wasn't one to suffer fools gladly, making him a natural antagonist of ufology. MJ-12 took full advantage of both factors.

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

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

Next time: MJ-Menzel.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Mormon historian & document expert STEVE BARNETT writes as follows:

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

"Of course, Moore's job wasn't research but organizational and editorial; and this sample would indicate that he did his job well. I sympathize with his fear that his work with saucers

might be used by the church to discredit the book. The church has used this tactic almost since the very beginnings of Mormonism, and even used it against Rigdon and Cowdery when they disagreed with 'the powers that be'.

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

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

- Nuclear Physicist, Lecturer, etc. STANTON FRIEDMAN writes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Experimentation grows the brain!

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

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

- Famed skeptic ROBERT SHEAFFER writes:

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

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

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

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes as follows:

"...Amongst the other insightful ufological gems offered in your February issue is John Schuessler's piece on 'Stress Management for Ufologists'. Perhaps 'support groups for ufologists' will someday replace 'support groups for abductees'. Mr. Schuessler's concerns for the well-being of saucer researchers seem to be genuine, and one wonders what (or who) prompted him to speak out on the problem. Perhaps Valium or Prozac capsules should be issued with the next edition of the MUFON Journal!..."

- Hard-core "Smear" fan DENIS COREY writes:

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

- Recently-retired UFO researcher ROBERT TODD writes:

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

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

BOOK REVIEW:

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

The book consists of about 350 well-written entries of a few hundred words each, covering major UFO

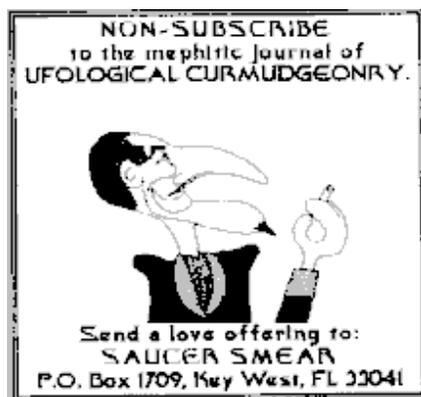
contactees & events; occult groups & entities bordering on ufology; abductions, etc. One of our favorites is the famous case of the Cottingley fairies - photographs taken in 1917 by two young English girls, who thereby created a storm of controversy that lasted many, many years. Sadly, the pictures are undoubtedly fake.

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

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

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

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



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"SMEAR" EDITOR SOARS TO AUTHORDOM, AT LAST!

Nigh on to fifty years after we first had the idea of writing a book about our experiences in and with the UFO field, your ever-so-humble "Smear" editor, together with Contributing Editor Karl Pflock, have obtained a book contract with Prometheus Books of Amherst, New York.

Yes, Prometheus is the publishing arm of the dreaded CSICOP organization which we have discussed frequently over the years. And yes, they do publish books by people like Phil Klass and James Randi. But they have over fifty categories of books, including juicy ones like "Human Sexuality" and "Gay and Lesbian". They are not the stuffy sort of organization that we imagined, and we look forward to working with them. Most of all, we look forward to publicity tours and appearances on the media. Unfortunately, it will be about a year before the book is completed and actually published.

The title, as we've told our readers many times, is "Shockingly Close to the Truth!" Suggested subtitle: "Confessions of a Grave Robbing Ufologist". Our second book (if we last that long in this incarnation), also with Karl Pflock, will be titled "Grave Robbing for Fun and Profit". This will focus on our strange activities in Peru in the late 1950s.

The above information obviously supersedes the "[Very Important Announcement](#)" on Page 8 of our March 15th, 2000 issue. Though Moseley and Pflock continue to work with Phyllis Galde, editor of Fate Magazine, the contract with her separate entity called Galde Press did not work out after all.

HAIL THE NEW MILLENIUM!

Strange things have been going on near Seattle, Washington, ever since New Year's Eve, when a large monolith, amazingly like the one in the classic science-fiction movie "2001", appeared mysteriously in a public park while the park was closed for the night. The dimensions of the monolith are 1 foot by 4 feet by 9 feet the squares of the first three prime numbers (for all you math fans out there!). It's not clear how the stone got there or who did it, but it seems very likely that one or more shadowy local artists' groups were involved. (Back in 1996, one such renegade artist left an 1800 pound metal heart marked "BOMB" in the back of a pickup truck parked downtown, but it turned out to be harmless!)

Three days after the "2001" monolith appeared, and after it had been seen and touched by a number of curious members of the public, it disappeared mysteriously, only to re-appear on a small remote island that is used as a bird sanctuary. Again, no one knows for sure just who did this and how they did it. Apparently there is a spiritual message involved, related to the above-mentioned classic movie.

Sir Arthur Clark, who together with the late Stanley Kubrick, was responsible for "2001" back in 1968, has been receiving a lot of attention this year, and from what we have read he is understandably enjoying it. We of "Smear" hope that the renewed interest in the movie will lead to a renewed interest in space travel, which of course can easily lead to a renewed interest in UFOs. Could 2001 be the Year of the UFO? As the late George Adamski might say, time will tell!

A BLAST FROM THE PAST!

George Adamski, who died way back in 1965, was by far the best known of all the UFO contactees of olde. His first and best-known UFO book, published in 1953 about events which occurred in 1952, was called "Flying Saucers Have Landed", and it actually was a best-seller in its day.

Present-day ufologists in general either know little about Adamski's claims or discount them on general principles. Few realize that (as admitted by historian Jerry Clark) the definitive expose on Adamski was written by your humble "Smear" editor. It is the most thorough bit of serious research that we have ever done, and it was published in October, 1957 in a Special Adamski Expose Issue of the old "Saucer News".

The reason we bring this up now is that Adamski had, in his later years, a much younger co-worker named C.A. (Carol) Honey. Honey based his belief in Adamski mainly on the famed "Desert Contact" of 1952, which is the very same event that we investigated very thoroughly and disproved.

We then paid much less attention to Adamski's subsequent books and activities, whereas it was during this later period that Honey collaborated with him, even ghost-writing some of his material. Honey eventually came to realize that some of Adamski's claims were fabricated (notably his alleged March 1962 trip to Saturn), but Honey still, to this day, has not lost faith in the authenticity of the "Desert Contact".

We assumed that C.A. Honey was deceased by now, as we had not heard from or about him in many years. But just a few weeks ago he surfaced, and is interested in rehashing the Adamski story at this late date - mainly because a still-existent George Adamski Foundation has recently accused him of stealing a lot of Adamski's material for his own.

Honey has published a series of 36 neatly printed pamphlets, some of which discuss in detail his complex relationship with George Adamski. These can be obtained at little or no charge by writing to the author at: 2456 South Woodlark Drive, Ontario, California 91761.

Unfortunately, the 20-page Special Adamski Expose Issue of Saucer News has long been out of print. However,

photostatic copies can be obtained for ten dollars each by writing to: Tom Benson, P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606. Benson also has all of our other back issues through 1995, at lesser prices.

SOME GEMS FROM THE JANUARY 2001 "MUFON JOURNAL"

Your "Smear" editor, who in his prime was a State Section Director (Monroe County, Florida) for MUFON, still remains a loyal Journal Subscriber (J.S.) and receives the monthly Mutual UFO Network UFO Journal - commonly still called the MUFON Journal.

The January 2001 issue contains a number of items worth commenting on, beginning with Page One, which consists of a blurred (Smeared?) version of the cover of Dick Hall's new book, "The UFO Evidence, Vol. II".

The lead article (Page 3), by one Paul Thompson, is an excellent comparison between the mythical MJ-12 group of ufological fame, and the real World War II project with a similar name, which was successfully devoted to breaking the Japanese code. Thompson does not believe in the authenticity of MJ-12. In his discussion he makes a point which your "Smear" editor has argued endlessly over the years, vs. Stanton Friedman, William Moore and others - namely that there is no reason to believe the late Professor Donald Menzel of Harvard University was or could have been a member of MJ-12, if indeed it ever existed! Read this article!

Next we would comment on "Stress Management for Ufologists", a rather silly article written by John Schuessler, the new International Director of MUFON. Among the most important causes of ufological stress, he lists: Too many UFO reports; Too few UFO reports; Debunkers; Critics; Experts and their egos; and Government cover-up. It's just too much about too little; and this 4-page article is due for a follow-up in the next issue!

On Page 13 comes a new feature called "Ufology Profile", consisting of two and a half pages of Ego for (former) nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman. (We wonder when our turn will come??) When asked which wellknown ufologists he is not impressed with, Friedman gave a short list that starts with Kevin Randle. Interesting, because Friedman and Dr. Randle agree generally about the authenticity of the Roswell Incident, and have worked together in the past. However, we are aware of the fact that there is currently "bad blood" between them.

Further along, there's a dreadfully egocentric column in which Dick Hall reviews his own book; and finally there is an excellent article about crop circles by England's Jenny Randles. There are also a few other items not worth mentioning. Conspicuously absent, once again, is any mention at all of the [festering controversy](#) regarding John Carpenter, MUFON's esteemed Director of Abduction Research.

See also [John Schuessler's letter to the editor](#), further along in this issue of "Smear"...

You too can receive the MUFON Journal or even become an active MUFONite by writing to P.O. Box 369, Morrison, Colorado 80465. Membership has been slipping badly in recent years, for various reasons, and the organization needs all the help it can get!

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- On the afternoon of Saturday March 17th, your "Smear" editor will lecture at the Clearwater East Library, somewhere in the vast Tampa (Fl.) area. This will be a unique combined meeting of Tampa Bay MUFON and the Tampa Bay Skeptics. The MUFON group is headed by Lorraine Gerber, and the skeptics by Dr. Gary Posner, a hard-core CSICOPer. Our talk is almost guaranteed to displease both groups at least mildly, because we will emphasize our oft-repeated theme that True Belief and Debunking are equally undesirable, regarding UFOs or anything else. The title of our lecture will be "Weird Personal Experiences of a Skeptical Believer". For more information, contact Lorraine Gerber at 727-345-4283...
- We have already mentioned in previous issues the forthcoming miniConvention in Clarksburg, W.Va., on the weekend of April 28th, and the annual NUFOC conclave in Austin Texas on the weekend of Sept. 14th-

16th.

- We have just finished skimming through the Final Issue of Paul Krassner's highly irreverent zine, "The Realist". Published since 1958, it is almost as old as "Smear". Apparently Krassner promised himself long ago that he would continue publishing "The Realist" into the 21st Century, and he did.

Krassner has been a supporter, in one way or another, of nearly every leading counter-culture figure of our times, and we admire him for it!

We met Krassner once long ago, on an all-night radio talk show in New York City. Our ex-wife, who apparently knew Krassner slightly, had asked him to write an expose of us. Krassner assured us that he wouldn't, saying, "Frankly, you're not famous enough to expose." He was right!

Some brief gems from the Final Issue: When asked about his own spiritual path, Krassner replies: "Developing an intimate relationship with the deity I don't believe in I believe that existence has no meaning, and I love every minute of it. The only thing to do is enjoy the mystery. I mean, if life is not a mystery, what the fuck is it?"...

- We hear that famed radio talk show host Art Bell will be back on the air starting February 5th, after having formally stated that he was retiring from public life forever! Apparently his replacement, Mike Siegel, has not been doing well in the ratings...
- The International UFO Museum in Roswell, N.M. is continuing its series of monthly lectures by well-known UFO personalities - even though the Museum is long past its 1997 heyday. Among the people scheduled for 2001 are pro-Roswell fanatic Tom Carey; Ryan Wood of NJ-12 fame; timetraveller Al Bielek; physicist Dr. Bruce Maccabee; disgraced Roswell researcher Don Schmitt; Stan Gordon (noted for his research on the Kecksberg, Pa. incident of 1965); and Roswell historian Dr. Linda Corley...
- We have here, but admittedly have not yet read, a hilarious work of fiction called "Little Green Men", written by Christopher Buckley - son of William Buckley, the well-known right-wing commentator. The theme here is that a prominent Washington, D.C. talk-show host is abducted by aliens, which quite naturally changes his life thereafter. We are told that prominent real-life ufologists such as Stanton Friedman are satirized herein
- Back issues of "Smear", from 1996 to the present, are continuing to rot on our shelves for lack of buyers. You may purchase these for a mere one dollar each by writing to us!

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



"Why shouldn't truth be stranger than fiction? Fiction, after all, has to make sense." - Mark Twain

I've just had the pleasure of reading a very interesting and entertaining new book by British Fortean Hilary Evans and his American colleague Patrick Huyghe, "The Field Guide to Ghosts and Other Apparitions", illustrated by Harry Trumbore (Quill/HaperCollins, trade paperback). The most recent in the Field Guides to the Unknown series conjured up by Huyghe, it's not a routine ghost book. Moreover, quoting Bob "Arcturus Books" Girard, it's a work "any ufologist worth the label will want to study to see if ghosts have any characteristics in common with ufonauts (**and purported UFOs, too - KTP**)."

In their fascinating, thoughtful, and delightfully written introduction and afterword, the authors offer new slants on and a new typology for ghostly phenomena. These they flesh out (heh, heh) with 50 illustrated cases, mostly drawing upon firsthand testimony spanning the globe and a couple of millennia.

As Evans and Huyghe see it, ghosts are by no means just shades of deceased humans. There are ghosts (?) of the living and not-yet (?) living, as well as of animals, things, and places, including ghost buildings and airfields. There are crisis and non-crisis spooks, and time-slips and harbingers, too. There are even experiencers who, from the perspective of the ghosts and ghostly elsewheres and elsewhens they report having seen or somehow traveled to, may themselves have seemed to be ghosts - or UFOs and ufonauts. (Here, a friendly tip of the hat to the esteemed Lex Mebane. See his letter in the Dec. 1st "Smear".)

How can all this be explained? Are ghosts merely figments of the mind's eye, or are they real in an objective, material sense? Are they perhaps visitors from some alternate reality or universe or the products of eddies in the stream of time, in both cases UFOs of a sort?

The authors consider these and other possibilities, but in true Fortean fashion offer no firm conclusions of their own about the "reality" of ghosts. Instead, they note that, whatever form of existence ghosts may have, the ghost experience - what people "say they saw, heard, maybe even smelt or felt" - is "real enough". They point out that this is what laymen usually mean when they talk of ghosts, whereas scientists rightly concern themselves with matters of existence, physical, measurable attributes. The trouble is, ghosts rarely offer up anything for scientists to get their calipers on and so are dismissed as images born of undigested bits of beef and the like.

Sound familiar, saucer fiends?

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- Famed UFO historian JEROME CLARK writes:

"I'm relieved that the CIA and/or the MIB and/or the Illuminati let the copy of my new book 'Extraordinary Encounters' reach your mailbox unmolested. Clearly, the system isn't operating as effectively as formerly.

"Be doubly grateful that you got a free copy. I see that the publisher is selling my deathless prose for \$75 (gulp!) Not being sophisticated about these things, I confess I have never understood the economics of reference publishing. I'd be happy if the book were a trade paperback for \$14.95, freely (or almost freely) available to the masses; but then, who asked me?

"A second point: The other day, skimming through the opus, I saw only one reference to you in the index and had the feeling that I'd mentioned you more than once. I did. You're also on page 270. I am not responsible for the index, which was done by (so I was told) 'professionals'. Next time, I'll do it myself..."

We intend to review Jerry's fine new book either somewhere in this issue or the next one, depending on Space - Editor.

- JOHN SCHUESSLER, the new International Director of MUFON, writes:

"Your Jan. 10th, 2000 issue of 'Saucer Smear' has an inaccuracy on Page 7. This is in regard to the [email response to the MUFON member](#) who asked for the names of our Board members. While I did note that we publish the list annually in the Proceedings, I did not say 'buy it'. As you can see from the enclosed copy of the list, I did give the names & titles. Contrary to some people's statements, we do care about our members at MUFON."

This is the first time we have ever seen the sacred list of the MUFON Board of Directors. It's almost as thrilling as the first time we saw the list of the twelve original members of MJ-12! We note there are 3 vacancies on the Board: Director of Investigations, Director of Fund Raising, and Director of Membership. Enough

said! - Editor.

- Noted British researcher CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes:

"I don't read much of what is posted on the internet, but I did notice one recent piece entitled 'Three chapters that twisted UFO history', written by Paul Davids. The three chapters he refers to are the ones added by Edward J. Ruppelt to his famous book 'The Report on UFOs', published in 1956. The extra chapters were added three years later and reversed Ruppelt's original open-minded views on UFOs.

"Paul Davids says that Ruppelt had 'an abrupt and unexpected death' and that he died at 'an extraordinarily young age'. Elsewhere Davids speculates that Ruppelt was dropping a hint to his readers that he was writing his revision under duress (i.e., being under pressure from the Air Force to debunk UFOs) when he gives an explanation for the Lubbock Lights case that, to Davids, is clearly nonsensical. Davids even resurrects the folklore that perhaps Northrop Aircraft, where Ruppelt worked after he quit the USAF, was secretly developing new super high tech aircraft from knowledge gained from back-engineering recovered alien technology!...

"All this sounds like the usual paranoia, and Davids implies that the deaths of James McDonald, Congressman Schiff and Col. Philip Corso also belong in the 'suspicious' basket. This despite all three deaths being attributed to known causes!

"It is wrong to claim Ruppelt died unnaturally or unexpectedly. He had had at least one heart attack before his fatal one, and had written to Major Donald Keyhoe about this. There was nothing unexpected about his death

"There is not the slightest evidence to suggest Ruppelt revised his book under duress from the USAF or anyone else. However, there is certainly evidence that Ruppelt, then residing in California, had encountered the 'lunatic fringe' of the contactee cults, then so prevalent in ufology, to such an extent that he was sickened of UFOs and decided to get out before being driven insane by it all! Hence the revised chapters..."

- The semi-mysterious JOHN B. ALEXANDER, Ph.D. of NIDS (National Institute of Discovery Science) writes as follows:

"Dear El Supremo:

"I was very surprised to read of my demise at NIDS in your recent publication, and appreciate [the correction](#) in the January 2001 issue. It was probably wishful thinking on someone's part. A simple phone call could have answered that question but I suppose conspiracies are more fun. It does help to fill space. Since Art Bell is coming back on the air in February, the conspiracy theory folks should have more to talk about. For accurate info about NIDS, watch for periodic updates on Coast-to-Coast..."

"For those who follow both UFOs and Remote Viewing (you have to be doubly crazy to do both!) there will be an annual conference 13-17 June 2001 at Texas Station here in Las Vegas..."



Above, L to R: John Alexander, his wife Victoria, and the super-mysterious Gordon Novel (Photo courtesy of Victoria Alexander)

- Famed British UFO writer TIMOTHY GOOD writes as follows:

"...Regarding the Valentich case, in my latest book, 'Unearthly Disclosure', I cite another similarly disturbing case, involving the 1980 disappearance of two young pilots and their light aircraft while flying from the Dominican Republic to Puerto Rico, shortly after reporting an

unknown object which caused them to lose course. Excerpts from the National Transportation Safety Board official transcript are reproduced for the first time. Also published for the first time is the astonishing aerial 'displacement' experienced by Graham Sheppard while flying a light aircraft in Puerto Rico in 1993.

"Readers interested in purchasing a signed copy of 'Unearthly Disclosure' can send a check for \$36 (to cover air mail postage) payable to me in U.S. dollars, please, and addressed to 247 High Street, Beckenham, Kent BR3 1AB, England, U.K.

"Incidentally, both Graham Sheppard and I will be speaking at the Ozark UFO Conference in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, April 6th - 8th, 2001. For conference details contact 501-354-2558; www.ozarkufo.iwarp.com ..."

- The notorious TODD ZECHEL, one of the original founders of O.A.U.S. (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) writes us strangely, as follows:

"I have turned your attempt to extort money from me under the threat of smearing me over to the appropriate federal authorities, for prosecution under the laws against extortion by mail. I will also turn over such evidence as will support their case against you. Our attorney will handle the proper legal and civil remedies once the government's action has taken place..."

This letter is absurd. Zechel has no money to extort, by mail or otherwise! - Editor.

- The ever-mirthful MILLER JOHNSON writes:

"Your last missive of the second millennium's last month arrived on the third day of the third millennium's first month. Sounds like a tongue twister, but deals strictly with facts.

"I think you should incorporate some real tongue-twisting factual trivia into your not-yet-written Roswell book, 'NAKED ALIEN SEX ORGIES IN ROSWELL'. When readers can read indisputable facts in your yet-unwritten book on Alien Sex in UFO Roswell, you'll sell tons of books. You'll be appearing on everything from Jay Leno to the Today Show, and that's just for starters. Paul Bennewitz may even invite you to Albuquerque to interview him and meet his wife, Cindy!..."

- An ANONYMOUS entity of some sort writes as follows:

"Dear James Moseley:

"Near the top of page 5 of the January 10, 2001 issue of 'Saucer Smear', Karl Pflock finally publicly admitted that he is married to [a Welsh terrier named Buttdo](#).

"Perhaps that explains why Pflock selected Prometheus to publish his new book on Roswell, because Prometheus also published 'The Horseman: Obsessions of a Zoophile' (a book promoting bestiality).

"Will Oiseau now allow 'Smear' to publish pictures of Pflock's connubial bliss, a la David Huggins?"

"Sincerely, Harry Slime"

And the horse you rode in on, sir/madam'. "Slime" is as slime does, as your letter - which speaks volumes about your proclivities - demonstrates. - Buddtu.

- PHILLIP S. DUKE Ph.D. writes:

"In regard to the [AIDS-ET Connection hypothesis](#)...I publicly state the following: The human race has made progress over time; at least I have not been legally tried and threatened with

burning at the stake if I did not recant (Giordano Bruno did not recant and was burned). I am an old man, my health is not good; I do not expect to live much longer; but in the time left to me I plan to continue trying to speak the truth as I see it -a truth which harms no one, which can only benefit humanity, and which is to the possible detriment of only those gray ETs who abduct people and mutilate cattle. And who may well be the creators of HIV. And the exterminators of humanity!..."

- Researcher BRIAN PARKS writes:

"Dear Smeghead: "I am still quietly interested in UFOs. It is a lonely place between the Pompous Armchair Captain Windbags of NICAP and the New Breed who think they have solved the UFO mystery in six to eighteen months of internet research. The former wish to kiss up to a scientific community who considers them to be cranks and hobbyists. And the latter are cranks and hobbyists. If there is a Cover-Up, God how these people have made it easy!"

"As for the comments by the elusive William L. Moore ([Nov. 10th 'Smear' Link Here](#)), I can confirm that Hynek did in fact work as a consultant for Wright-Patterson after the close of Blue Book in 1969. It is also interesting to note his interest in the Crash Saucer research of the late Len Stringfield at the same time he was moving away from the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis. Does anyone Care?"

Brian tells us that "Smeghead" is an insult used in the British Science Fiction Comedy series "RED DWARF". We are relieved to learn that it is not a real insult! - Editor.

- DICK FREEMAN, Editor of the shocking pro-porn zine "Batteries Not Included" (130 W. Limestone St., Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387) writes:

"...If these aliens are so good at orgasm producing, I don't know if women will ever want to have sex with mere mortals again. Frankly, I'm jealous!"

- LYDIA MANCINI writes this (seriously!) very kind & wonderful letter:

"Thanks for the sample copy of 'Smear'. It was the funniest, most entertaining read I've had in ages. (And informative too!)"

"Being a true saucerphile, I've come across references to 'Saucer Smear' in the literature, and it made me curious. It appeared to be a rather dubious source of information Who is this guy, anyhow? An anti-UFO fanatic? No, his sense of humor is too good for that. And then, as I read more via the internet, I found points of view so refreshing in their honesty and intelligence that I was amazed.

"Mr. Moseley, you need to write a book!.. Who could possibly write a better book about one of the greatest phenomena of modern times?..."

DO THAT AGAIN

On 9 Oct 1972, the mathematician Dr Jeffrey Hamilton, from Warwick University, wanting to show his students the effect of chance, tossed a 2p coin which spun round and came to rest on its edge. After a stunned silence, dozens of students broke into wild applause for the once-in-a-lifetime achievement. *Sunday Telegraph*, 7 May 2000

SLOW HAND:

A Florida phone sex operator, now aged 40, won a workers' compensation settlement because she developed carpal tunnel syndrome (RSI) in both hands from masturbating as much as seven times a day while speaking to callers. She was told to do whatever it takes to keep the person on the phone for as long as possible. [R] 20 Nov 1999

ON PAIN OF DEATH:

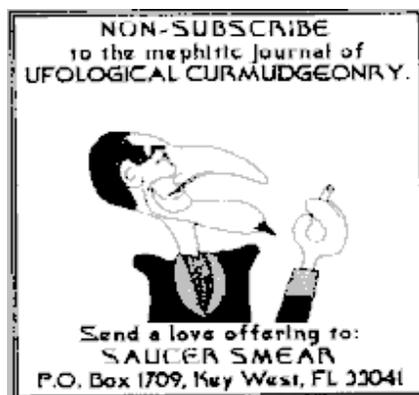
Gil Bernardi, mayor of the village of Le

THE LONG GOODBYE:

Kenneth Andrews was accidentally poisoned

Lavandou on the French Riviera, issued a decree ordering people not to die. "It is forbidden for any person not in possession of a family vault to die in the village's territory," it said. The cemetery is full, and a court in Nice has blocked plans for a new one. [AFP]21 Sept; Guardian, 23 Sept 2000

with the wrong medicine in 1930 following an appendix operation in Hong Kong and was told he had only a short time to live. In World War II he was shot twice, stabbed, bitten by a rabid dog and contracted malaria. He died last March in Bournemouth, aged 106. D. Telegraph, 16 Mar 2000



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ARE FLYING SAUCERS A DANGER TO CIVIL AVIATION?

With civilian air travel in the sorry state it's presently in, including endless flight delays, cancellations, etc., perhaps this is the time to call attention to a possible aerial danger that has been largely overlooked. Patrick Huyghe, co-editor of The Anomalist, has kindly sent us the outline of an article he's writing about a new organization called NARCAP (no relation to NICAP!), which stands for the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena.

NARCAP's purpose is to improve U.S. aviation safety related to various kinds of unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP). (Note that the dreaded term "UFO" is not used!) Based in Boulder Creek, California, this is a non-profit scientific organization which aims to provide pilots and air traffic controllers with a specific telephone number, a confidential web site for making reports, and other means of reporting their sightings of "UAPs".

The chief scientist for this new group is Richard Haines, whose name is already well known to flying saucer buffs. Haines is a psychologist, a senior aerospace scientist formerly with NASA, and a member of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators, which assists the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in its accident investigations.

There have been many near misses (about one hundred, perhaps) - most of them never officially reported over

the years - but as far as we know, there has never been a proven case in the United States of a "UAP" or UFO causing a plane crash. Haines, who himself is a saucer buff, readily admits that these incidents do not present an immediate physical threat to aviation safety due to collision; but he emphasizes that the reason for this is the high degree of maneuverability shown by the unknown objects themselves, in these close encounters!

There is, however, one famous case from Australia, which may indeed be an incident in which a civilian pilot's death was directly caused by an unidentified flying object. We refer to the Frederick Valentich case of October 21st, 1978, in which the unfortunate pilot, flying alone over water, disappeared completely and has never been seen or heard from again to this very day. This is one of the very few incidents in all the vast UFO lore that sends a shiver up your "Smear" editor's spine. We ran a [short article](#) about this case in of our Nov. 10th, 2000 issue, and below we give you an edited transcript of Valentich's last six minutes of conversation with a nearby control tower. Fascinating!

Richard Haines has in the past written about the Valentich case, among others. Says he: "I believe that we should not wait for a midair collision to occur before we take this (UAP) subject seriously and try to do something about it." (***Our thanks to Herb Taylor, Patrick Huyghe and others for this item.***)

The following is an edited transcript of the six-minute, 35 second radio transmission between Tullamarine airport radio controller Steve Robey and Valentich on October 21, 1978:

Valentich: Melbourne, this is Delta Sierra Juliet. Is there any known traffic below five thousand?

Robey: There is no known traffic.

Valentich: I am, seems to be a large aircraft below five thousand,

Robey: What type of aircraft is it?

Valentich: I cannot affirm, it is four bright, it seems to me like landing lights.

Valentich: Melbourne, the aircraft has just passed over me at least a thousand feet above.

Robey: Roger, and it is a large aircraft, confirmed?

Valentich: Er, unknown due to the speed it is travelling. Is there any air force aircraft in the vicinity?

Robey: No known aircraft in the vicinity,

Valentich: Melbourne, it's approaching now from due east towards me.

Valentich: It seems to me that he's playing some sort of game, he's flying over me two, three times at speeds I could not identify.

Robey: What is your actual level?

Valentich: My level is four and a half thousand: four, five. zero, zero.

Valentich: Melbourne, it's not an aircraft, it is ...

Robey: Can you describe the, er, aircraft?

Valentich: As it's flying past it's a long shape..., cannot identify more than, it has such speed..., it's right before me now Melbourne.

Robey: Roger, how large would the, er, object be?

Valentich: Melbourne, it seems like it is stationary. What I'm doing now is orbiting and the thing is just orbiting on top of me also. It's got a green light and sort of metallic like, it's all shiny on the outside.

Valentich: ...it's just vanished.

Valentich: Melbourne, would you know what kind of aircraft I've got? Is it a military aircraft?

Robey: Is the aircraft still with you?

Valentich: It is now approaching from the south-west.

Valentich: The engine is rough-idling. I've got it set at twenty-three, twenty-four and the thing is coughing.

Robey: Roger, what are your intentions?

Valentich: My intentions are, ah, to go to King Island, ah, Melbourne. That strange aircraft is hovering on top of me again. It is hovering and it's not an aircraft.

Valentich: Melbourne ... (microphone remains open for 17 seconds and a strange pulsed noise is heard but nothing more from Valentich).

DR. MACK IS BACK ON THE TRACK

We have received a classy 24-page magazine called "P.E.E.R. Perspectives - No. 3 - Expanding Awareness of Extraordinary Experiences". PEER stands for the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research, and is an organization in which Dr. John Mack of Harvard University is the leading light. It is stated that "PEER explores and integrates extraordinary experiences within a context of personal, societal, and global transformation. PEER contributes to the scientific and philosophical exploration of experiences that do not fit our usual understanding of reality..."

Obviously the theme here is UFO abductions and related phenomena. Somewhere in this zine it is stated or implied that after Dr. Mack's first book, "Abduction", in 1994, when the good doctor almost lost his tenure at Harvard, he was encouraged by his peers to bring other academics into his work. This he has most certainly done.

Mack has also just published a new book (which we haven't yet seen) called "Passport to the Cosmos: Human Transformation and Alien Encounters". And through PEER, he reaches out to many social scientists & others, throughout the world. PEER also seems to work closely with a well-known larger group called the Society for Scientific Exploration (SSE), which is composed of over 800 scientists and other professionals from more than forty-five countries.

One can get onto the PEER mailing list by sending MONEY to them, at P.O. Box 398080, Cambridge, Ma. 02139.

As for Mack's second book, it is said to be the culmination of five years of research - after his first book was published - involving more than 200 people ("experiencers") who have reported encounters with "beings often described as aliens". The book was published in November of last year.

Interestingly, Dr. Mack believes that the protection of the Earth's fragile environment may be at the heart of the abduction phenomenon, i.e., these entities don't want us to mess up our planet any worse than we have already done.

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- "Smear" is pleased to announce that Karl Pflock's long-awaited book, "Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe" will be published by Prometheus Press as their lead title for June. It will be hardcover, about 345 pages, plus photos & other illustrations & an index. More details will be announced soon.

We truly believe that this new tome by Pflock will be the Definitive Work in the almost endless series of Roswell books in recent years; but if there are ever to be more titles, here's a few that we would suggest: "The Town of Roswell New Mexico Does Not Exist", by Philip J. Klass; "What Roswell Has Done for my Bank Account", by Stanton Friedman; "I Am Rational Except About Roswell", by Dr. Kevin Randle, Ph.D; "My Posthumous Interview with 'Cactus Jack' about Roswell", by Tom Carey; "My Hot Tub Massage in Roswell", by Dr. Richard Boylan; and, a sure best-seller, "Naked Alien Sex Orgies in Roswell", by James W Moseley

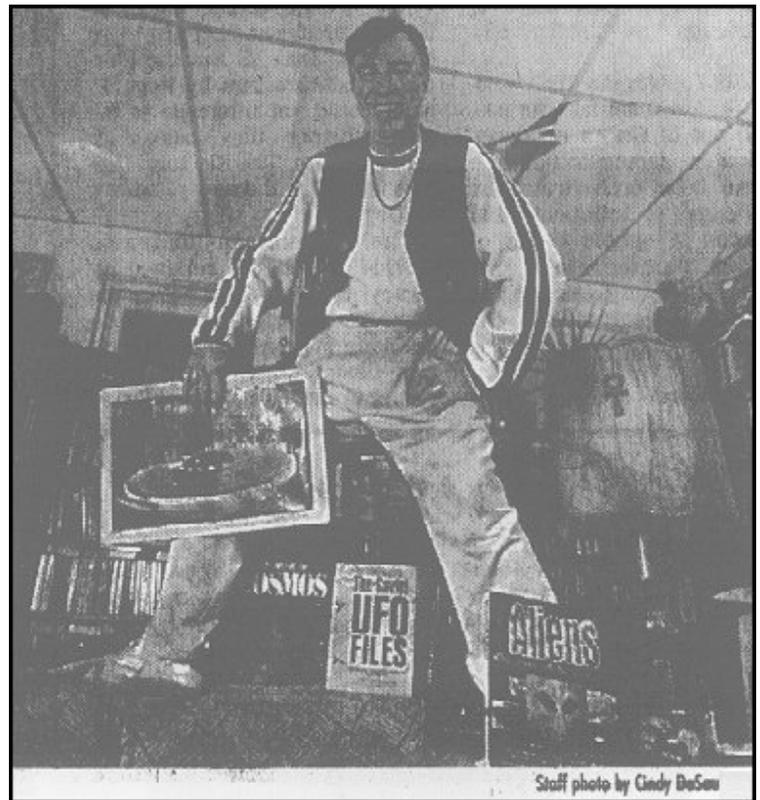
- Col. John Alexander of NIDS has telephoned "Smear" Headquarters to take issue with [our item](#) in the Nov. 10th, 2000 "Smear". John denies that former Sergeant Richard Doty works part-time for NIDS as an investigator, and he also denies that he (John Alexander) has had any sort of falling out with Robert Bigelow, who is his boss at NIDS. We wish to apologize if our information printed in "Smear" was inaccurate...
- Sadly we learn that, last November, Eldon Byrd's latest lawsuit against James ("The Amusing") Randi was dismissed by the court - not on the merits of the case but on technicalities! The suit may or may not be filed again, in the state of Florida this time, where Randi and the evil James Randi Foundation reside...
- On the weekend of April 28th your "Smear" editor plus Contributing Editor Karl Pflock, plus a handful of other researchers, will again trek to Clarksburg, West Virginia, for a mini-Con at the Clarksburg - Harrison County Library. This is where the books and papers of the late Gray Barker are kept, to be seen by the public by appointment only. The mini-Con itself will be freely open to the public, and there will be another showing of the classic documentary film about Gray Barker's life, called "Whispers from Space"...

Of course, all of this will be on a much smaller scale than our giant annual NUFOC Convention, due to take place in Austin, Texas on the weekend of September 14th-16th. Already some important ufological speakers are being lined up. Stay tuned for more info. in future "Smears"

- In the photo below, we see Pat Marcattilio, alias "Dr. UFO", standing rather wildly on the furniture of his overcrowded apartment, showing off his vast collection of UFO material. The picture was taken by the Trenton (N.J.) Times around the time of Pat's saucer convention in Bordentown, N.J. last October, where your "Smear" editor was one of the more enlightened speakers. Pat's next conclave will be on March 31st - April 1st of this year.

The reason we are using such a large version of the picture is that our printer tells us that we'll lose a lot of photographic detail if we make it any smaller. But what the hell - ol' Pat deserves a lot of Space!...

- "Smear" has learned that [John Ford](#), former Long Island, N.Y. UFO clubhead, has been transferred from the Mid Hudson Psychiatric Unit to the Suffolk County Court. It is not clear whether this means he has been discharged from the New York criminal justice system. Ford was imprisoned a few years ago because of his alleged participation in a bizarre plot to kill two local political leaders in his section of Long Island.



- Finally, we note with interest that ever since the Summer 1999 issue of the "International UFO Reporter" (IUR), historian Jerome Clark is no longer listed as the sole editor, but shares that honor with George Eberhart and Mark Rodeghier.

Also of interest is the fact that aviation expert Richard Haines, referred to in our lead article, is one of the contributing editors listed for "International UFO Reporter". This shows his close link with the UFO field.

PFLOCK PTALK - MOJAVE TIME WARP

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Truth in Advertising Notice:

What follows is a shameless teaser for my forthcoming article in Fate.

Recently my wife, intrepid Welsh Terrier Buddtu, and I slipped back in contactee time - but only about halfway, or perhaps all the way and then part way back. It's an uncertain thing. In the Mojave Desert, land of unearthly Joshua-tree armies, impossibly near-far surreal peaks, and determinedly unprepossessing towns and near-ghosts of towns, you never can be quite sure where-when you are.

In 1952, "Professor" George Adamski claimed to have been drawn here, to a place precisely 10.2 miles northeast of now almost nonexistent Desert Center, to meet Orthon of Venus, the archetypal Space Brother. Today the spot is all but the same

as it was, and standing at highway's edge in the palpable silence, one would not be surprised to see Orthon's Scout Ship soar over the looming mountains.

Instead, some miles to the northwest, in the town of Joshua Tree, there's the Carousel Cafe, down the road a piece from the Institute of Mentalphysics. The diner and its sign undeniably were fashioned in the image of Orthon's saucer. Once called, perhaps, Flying Saucer Eats, the place still suggests something wondrous-silly.

Somewhat farther northwest lies Giant Rock. For two decades beginning in 1954, the hulking eight-story boulder was the scene of George Van Tassel's annual Interplanetary Spacecraft Conventions, where thousands

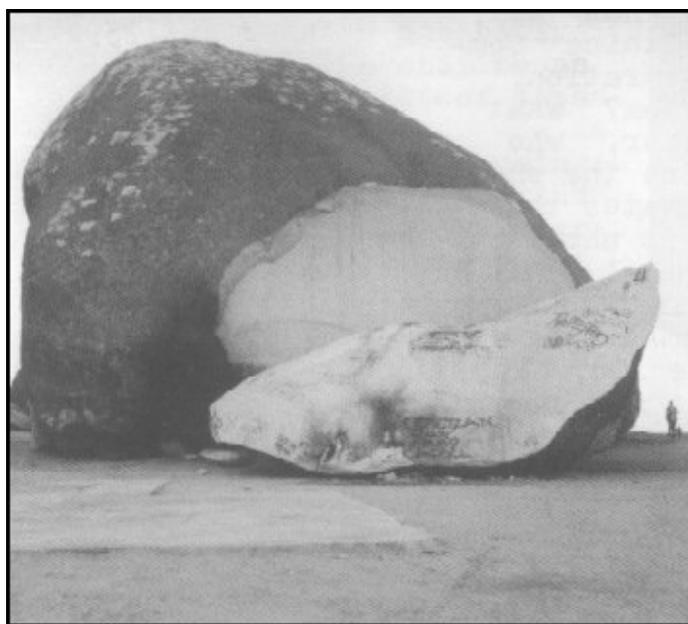
gathered to listen to tales of leading contactees, wildly contradicting each other and yet somehow mutually supportive. Today, recently cataclysmally shorn of one-eighth of its bulk, it is splattered with graffiti, some inspired, most sub-pedestrian. (See left, below.) Other than the defaced Rock, all that remains of "back when" is the foundation slab of the Giant Rock Airport Cafe. The airstrip is but a shadow on the desert floor.

Still, there is a "feel" about the place. Or is it just the impact of the eerie quiet, set shivering but not quite banished by guns booming on the nearby Twenty-Nine Palms Marine Base?

Nearby, the Integratron glistens white in the relentless sun, a mock Palomar. (See right, below.) It is double fenced in one corner of what used to be Van Tassel's ranch, the place a bit forlorn yet charged with some quirky energy. The Integratron, built, we are told, to specs channeled by Van Tassel from his Space Brothers and never quite finished, is now open for tours three Sundays each month, offers rejuvenating "sound baths", and is "available for private rental" Got a bar mitzvah or wedding coming up?

The Good Ol' Days live! Or at least some haunting, quantum-physically smeared, trapped-between-times semblance of them does. Maybe.

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BOOK REVIEWS:

"Smear" non-subscriber Wendy Ann Connors has kindly sent us a (free) copy of the latest book she has co-authored with Michael David Hall, who, thank god, is no relation at all to UFO researcher Richard Hall. The book is called "Captain Edward J. Ruppelt - Summer of the Saucers - 1952", and centers around Ruppelt, who was head of the Air Force's saucer investigation project from 1951 to 1953.

As most of our readers know, 1952 (and particularly July of that year) saw a peak of UFO activity far beyond anything that has ever occurred either before or since. Just why this frenzy of saucer sightings took place in 1952 is still not known, but it is chronicled in great detail in this 300-page softcover book. (Publisher = Rose Press International, Albuquerque, New Mexico.)

Ruppelt was a dedicated Air Force officer, and did his job as best he could. In 1956, after having left the Air Force, he wrote "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects", which was revised and updated in 1950. In 1960 Ruppelt died of a heart attack, at the age of only 37.

Many researchers have made a "Thing" about the fact that Ruppelt's revised edition included three very

skeptical new chapters, as if he were under pressure to be more negative about the UFO subject. In a letter to be published in the next issue of "Smear", British researcher Christopher Allan effectively refutes this point of view...

This same team of Hall and Connors has also written another book called "Alfred Loedding & the Great Flying Saucer Wave of 1947". Though not nearly as well known to present-day UFO buffs as Ruppelt, Loedding was a key military figure at the time of the 1947 flap, and the book is centered around his life story, just as the new one is centered around Ruppelt. The Loedding book was reviewed briefly in "Smear" [awhile back](#).

Hall has also written still another book without Connors, called "UFOs - A Century of Sightings", available from Galde Press, P.O. Box 460, Lakeville, Minnesota 55044.

All we can say is that all three of these tomes represent a vast amount of research and tedious labor. Ne salute the authors!

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Famed abductee BETTY HILL writes as follows, regarding the remarks in [Karl Pflock's column](#) in the Dec. 1st "Smear":

"...I agree that we were not hypnotized by the beeping sounds. I was fully conscious, but Barney was sort of dazed, I suspect as a result of his experience on the highway.

"When we heard the beeping sounds, the car vibrated (shaking). Later we found the highly polished spots on the trunk, which remained for months, and caused a compass to act erratically. I do not know the reason for the beeping, but I have thought it was done as a way of tracking us, without (the aliens) being seen on our way home..."

- J. D. SCARPELLINI of Missouri MUFON writes:

"...Referring to [John Carpenter](#), the letters (which he uses freely when he feels it's to his advantage) MSW mean Master of Social Work. LCSW means Licensed Clinical Social Worker. He's licensed by the State of Missouri. (Hopefully not much longer.)

"Re the Carpenter Affair, you mentioned John Schuessler's statements. I've enclosed a copy of an email from Schuessler to the MUFON Board members. Note that the cc list is very short. Didn't all the Board members get the message?? So far, the MUFON membership hasn't a clue as to what's going on. There has been no mention of anything related to this. Most of MUFON doesn't even know that any information about Carpenter was given to the governing board of MUFON. We have not been able to find out who comprises the 'Ethics Committee'!

"Gary Hart gathered and organized the information. He was told by Tom Deuley of the MUFON Board that he, Gary, was not permitted to contact any Board members. Period. Since Gary has all the information - what if any of the 'Ethics' Committee wants explanation, details, elaboration, etc., of any of the material sent to them? What they have was given to them by Schuessler, who obviously controlled what they got. See the enclosed email copy. In it Schuessler states that he removed part of the record because it should not have been included in the first place! That information was there for a reason, and was included with the knowledge and full permission of the person whose record was involved.

"What else did Schuessler remove? We don't know. I do know what he got in the package handed to him at the MUFON Symposium in St. Louis. I am the person who handed it to him, and I have a copy of it. Altogether about 300 pages of it.

"Your statement that Carpenter is 'still riding high in the MUFON hierarchy' seems to be quite

accurate. The MUFON Journal cover story about the 'abduction video' is indeed ludicrous. I saw that presentation in April 1999, in Bowling Green, Kentucky. My personal opinion is that it's garbage. But of course John has been whooping it up ever since. Perhaps repetition gives veracity!

"John Schuessler's interest and concern for the rank and file membership of MUFON is shown by the following comment: A MUFON member and field investigator from St. Louis wrote to Schuessler asking politely for the names of the MUFON Board of Directors. The response was exactly as follows: 'The list is in the Symposium Proceedings. Buy it.' That was the answer received, in toto!..."

- DR. KEVIN D. RANDLE, Ph.D. amuses us with the Gem:

"[George Hansen](#) has written:

"Question: How do you know if you are at a high-class UFO conference?

"Answer: There are no known pedophiles on the program..."

"Would that it were so. The correct answer, however, is: 'There are convicted pedophiles on the program, along with convicted car thieves, convicted con-men, admitted liars, and a few who just misrepresent their academic, educational, military, and occupational accomplishments.' And that doesn't even include ex-priests, psychologists who have been stripped of their licenses (in one case for implanting his own belief structures on his clients), ex-military enlisted men who claim that they were really officers, and one man who received his Ph.D. from the Los Angeles Press Club' And then we wonder why no one listens to us!"

- West Coast publiSist GENE BUCK writes:

"Re [George Hansen's comments](#) about 'pedophiles': Isn't a 'pedophile' one who likes to walk - or, is it one who likes to bicycle? Maybe that's 'pediphile'. Note: Latin: 'PEDO' - to break wind! Now I'm really confused!"

- Researcher JOHN SHIRLEY writes as follows:

"...That Alien Abductions Inc. web site that you mention as being maybe a joke - is a joke. I know it's hard to tell, because Ufology is so ludicrous..."

"The main purpose of this letter is to address Karl Pflock. I respect Karl for his willingness to - sometimes - think skeptically. But I was amused by [his column on Betty Hill and her car trunk](#). Was he joking? That's all he can find to be skeptical about in the Hill case? If Karl isn't joking I'd like to ask him to please name a few clear reasons to believe the Hills at all. Their examining psychiatrist, Dr. Simon, said it was all a fantasy. What's more likely - that this outrageous story is a hoax (though one that Betty eventually came to believe, herself) - or that aliens did all this to the Hills? Extraordinary claims, as ol' Carl Sagan said, require extraordinary proofs. Hypnotic regression being discredited, or at least inadequate as 'proof', what extraordinary proofs are there for the Hills?...And why should we take the supposed 'star map' seriously as evidence, given all the varying interpretations possible for the map??..."

- ANN DRUFFEL, author of "How to Defend Yourself Against Alien Abduction", writes:

"...You reviewed Constance Clear's book and it's plain you read it, but you never really reviewed mine, as we both know from prior correspondence & mention in "Smear".

"Do you have any clear statement (no pun intended) as to how the idea of getting aliens to shove off should be treated by the UFO field in general? There still is the strange oneness between abduction researchers whose theories contradict each other, and a strange silence from the field in general about resistance techniques. I keep trying to figure it out. Is it because researchers would have to admit there's a psychological aspect to abduction

scenarios? Or an aspect that demonstrates human capacity to get rid of this phenomenon if they try hard enough?..."

We deny having read (much of) Constance Clear's recent book, but now that Ann Druffel has very kindly sent us a second free copy of hers, we will definitely keep it nearby at all times & handy in case of sudden alien attack! - Editor.

- The definitely mysterious HARRY LIME writes:

"I note with interest that it has been more than a year since last I wrote you. Much has transpired in that time, and once again, I find myself in concealment beneath lovely Vienna, with time to peruse the copies of 'Saucer Smear' (!) that Carlos Mentira has been so kind to provide.

"Imagine my surprise at learning that I'm to be invited to speak at [NUFOC 2001](#). At first I could not imagine why. Then Carlos told me the con (love that word!) is to include a film festival, so I assume my participation means that the festival will include 'The Third Man'. What this may have to do with UFOs, I cannot imagine - other than that I'm most elusive - so elusive that I probably will not show up.

"Some observations on 'S.S.' vol. 47, nos. 9 & 10:

"I note with interest and sadness that you seem to be going soft in your, ahem, golden years. In both issues, you refer to former nuclear physicist S.T. Friedman as a nuclear physicist. To be a nuclear physicist, one must do nuclear physics. Former N.P. Friedman hasn't done so in years, preferring instead to tout bogus crockery crashes and thus gain the \$\$s of credulous UFO loons. A similar crustiness lapse was your failure to misspell Marcuntiklio, when you had several opportunities to do so. Have a care. Your Reigning Court Jester of Ufology cap is in danger of being snatched away!

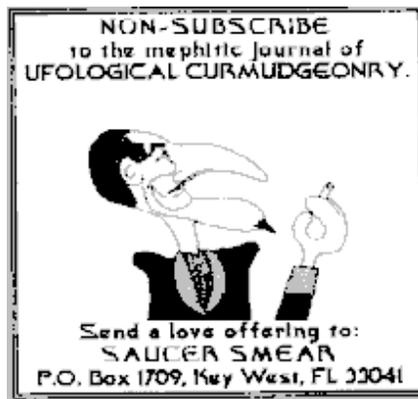
"[Mr. Joseph Stefula's letter](#) in no. 10 has the look of an attempt to smoke out William L. Moore and his perhaps erstwhile sidekick Shandera. Also, according to my trusty ex-KGB writing style analyst, the missive appears to have been written by someone other than Mr. Stefula. Who, I wonder, is pulling the strings?..."

- Researcher PAUL FISHER writes:

"When I first read 'Saucer Smear' some years ago I said it was like 'a breath of fresh air'. Now it seems more like a whiff of sulphur!

"In regard to [Mr. Pflock's comments](#) on the Betty and Barney Hill case, I find it hard to believe that a bouncing auto trunk lid could sound like beeping or buzzing to the passengers inside. Why don't you just rename 'Saucer Smear' and call it 'Debunkers' Review'?

"You are both wrong about Roswell!..."



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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NON-SUBSCRIPTION!

We are approaching a really special occasion - the end of not just the year 2000, but the end of the decade, century, and millennium. This time we are headed into the real Third Millennium, not the fake situation of a year ago, when many people not of a mathematical bent simply thought the millennium was ending. The Y2K scare didn't help any, either!

We of "Smear" want to again thank those (few) of you who have kept us in business by sending along material from the (dreaded) Internet. Our very special thanks to ace cartoonist Matt Graeber, ace Contributing Editor Karl Pflock, and all the rest of you who have sent in contributions of various sorts. Even when we don't use your stuff in "Smear", we file it carefully or send it along to a deserving somebody. In extreme cases we ball it up for our cats to play with; but believe us, nothing is wasted completely!

At this point we should (again) mention that the "Smear" website is www.martiansgohome.com/smeat. For the glorious 2001 National UFO Conference in Austin, Texas next September 14th-16th, the website is <http://www.nufoc.net>, and this will be continually updated by Miles Lewis, who is the local chairman for this

soon-to-be-historic event. Email concerning the Convention should be sent to nufoc@elfis.net. The National Chairman for the Convention is your humble "Smear" Editor, who has held this high post almost since the start of the NUFOC back in 1964.



A TALE OF TWO CONVENTIONS:

In the course of extended travels during the month of October, your editor attended two UFO conventions in widely separated parts of the eastern U.S. The first was Pat Marcatillio's twice-a-year (sometimes!) conclave in Bordontown, New Jersey, this time attended by approximately one hundred of the Faithful. The attendance would have been much higher had Pat taken proper advantage of the fact that he snagged nationally-known Hans Holzer as a Speaker. Holzer, who has written many books over the years on the subject of ghosts, has never before appeared at a UFO convention, as far as we know, and this could have been the subject of a special press release to all media, etc.

Holzer was interesting and apparently well informed in his lecture about ghosts & associated phenomena, but in a second lecture about UFOs for the benefit of the UFO-oriented audience - the man was obviously faking it! We were able to speak personally to Holzer for only a moment, and the only thing we learned from the brief conversation is that he despises James ("The Amusing") Randi. This is not really surprising, in view of Randi's lifetime stance against everything "supernatural".

Marcatillio's other "coup" regarding speakers, was booking Don Ecker and Vicki Ecker (aka Vicki Cooper) of "UFO Magazine", all the way from California; but alas, at the last minute the Eckers were not able to make it. That was good news to your "Smear" editor, as both Eckers have had a vile and unexplained hostile attitude toward us throughout the years. Substitute speakers were then found by Marcatillio.

Your editor gave his usual talk, entitled "Weird Personal Experiences of a Skeptical Ufologist", though this was late on Sunday afternoon after many people had already left. Other speakers included Antonio Huneeus, "the man of a thousand slides"; Tom Carey, king of The Roswell diehards; and Preston Nichols, a former co-worker of Long Island (N.Y.) researcher John Ford, who is now confined to a criminal psychiatric unit in New York State. After hearing Nichols' talk, we are wondering if the Authorities might have put away the wrong guy!

.... Two weekends later, your editor was in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, for a convention hosted by a group now called "Journeys Beyond". This is just a few miles from famed Gulf Breeze, but as usual in recent years, Gulf Breeze's most famous ufological resident, Ed Walters, was nowhere to be seen. In fact, the convention's emphasis was shifted to the paranormal in general, rather than UFOs specifically, as had been the case in previous years. Thus some



Jim Moseley poses with Judith Slaughter's alleged alien skeleton at the 2000 NUFOC Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas. (Photo by Miles Lewis)

new attendees were added, and some previous attendees were lost. The net result was a decrease in attendance, unfortunately.

A featured speaker was former astronaut Dr. Brian O'Leary, who was unable to make it; so in his place it was arranged to have a lecture by three rather strange men: Philip Corso Jr., son of the deceased author of "The Day After Roswell", shared the stage with his lawyer and another fellow who is an aircraft technician of some sort. The three of them spent an hour in unrehearsed banter among themselves, in the course of which we learned, among other things:

The "Truth" will be known precisely on April 14th, 2003; They (these three men) are trying to build a craft through "reverse engineering" of genuine alien spacecraft parts; There are at least eight security levels above "top secret"; In the notorious "Philadelphia Experiment" of 1943, "a lot of guys were melted into the deck of the ship", i.e., killed; and most astonishingly - part of the Roswell craft crashed in 1947, but the rest of it didn't crash until 1957, due to some sort of time warp. Do not ask us explain this! (Poor old Phil Corso Sr. would probably be rolling in his grave if he knew what madness he has started!)

The other star of the Fort Walton Beach conclave was Zecharia Sitchin, whose thesis is that Mankind is descended from space beings. Though this theory is intriguing, Sitchin presents it in rather tedious detail, and even though we had not heard him before, we were unable to sit through the whole presentation. Sitchin is, however, a legitimate scholar, and the author of several reputable books.

Other speakers included Nancy Talbott, who in our opinion was the most interesting of the entire weekend. Ms. Talbott is a real scientist, and she presented beautiful color slides - mostly of British crop circles - together with scientific commentary. To a lesser extent she dealt with UFO trace cases and animal mutilations, always with the same open-minded attitude as to the ultimate meaning of the data presented.

The honor of Most Absurd Topic must go to Kewaunee Lapsertis for his lecture entitled "The Psychic Sasquatch and its UFO Connection". This sounds like it was inspired by the inimitable Erik Beckjord, though we did not hear any of this particular talk, and therefore can't say for sure.

Among the other speakers was the inevitable Nuclear Physicist Stanton Friedman; Dr. William Roll on poltergeists, etc; William Buhlman on spiritual expansion; and William Henry, speaking on the Second Most Absurd Topic, "The H-Bomb and the Holy Grail". Indeed, what a Bomb!

However, the convention as a whole was a worthwhile effort. The next one will be in Tampa, Florida, May 11th-13th of next year. Marcatillio will try again at Bordontown, New Jersey on the weekend of March 31st - April 1st, 2001.



NEWS BRIEFIES (formerly TIDBITS OF TRASH):

- In our [last issue](#), we very briefly mentioned a website called "UFO Hall of Frauds, Dirtbags, Dupes and Morons exposing the parasites, delusional personalities, idiots and morons currently polluting ufology".

Listed thereafter are the following ufologists, described exactly as quoted below: (We have omitted

several names of people we have never heard of.)

"Richard C. Hoagland (aka Hoaxland); Peter 'Show me the money' Gersten (man of many silly robes); Jon Erik 'The jerk' Beckjord; Art Bell; Ed 'Lame Brain' Dames; Donald Schmitt; Billy Meier; Richard Boylan; Philip J. Klass; Joe Nickell; Jim Dilettoso (spelling?); Ray Santilli; Steven M. Greer."

"Smear" fans may remember that Ray Santilli was the British film producer behind the dreadful Roswell alien autopsy hoax film, a few years ago.

This hilarious website is run by someone who calls himself Royce Jo Myers III, which is probably a pseudonym. The website is: <http://home.earthlink.net/~ufowatchdog>.

Mr. Myers (or whoever) is not entirely negative in his approach to ufology. We have received a long rant in which he has a very sensible argument with a woman representing SETI. He correctly insists that SETI is deliberately blind to the legitimate urological evidence that exists.

Our thanks to the anonymous souls who have supplied us with the information above...

- It is now exactly sixteen years since the death of the late, great Gray Barker, and we still miss him as much as ever...
- Several of our Inner Circle have sent us a peculiar Net item about a commercial outfit that promises to hypnotize people to make them think they have been abducted by aliens! However, the firm, called Alien Abductions, Inc., has been accused of planting subliminal advertisements in their customers' minds at the same time; and these ads (by strange coincidence) include two for firms that sponsor the company's website! The company more or less denies the charge but admits it has implanted certain ads that "increase the effectiveness" of the alien abduction experience.

The pitch by Alien Abductions, Inc., is that through hypnosis you will have "personalized, realistic memories of the alien abduction you have been waiting for your entire life". They claim to have a team of "doctors, hypnotists and memory implant technicians", but the material we have read says nothing about how much this costs, how long it takes, what possible adverse side-effects there may be, or anything else along those lines. Come to think of it, maybe the whole thing is just a joke? Weird!

The subject of AIDS may seem far removed from the UFO topic, but there are tie-ins. We have learned that the South African Minister of Health has distributed to all his subordinates a chapter of Bill Cooper's UFO book "Behold a Pale Horse". The chapter in question contains a detailed presentation of Cooper's theory that AIDS was introduced to Africa by a world-wide conspiracy of the notorious Illuminati. The purpose was to greatly reduce the African population. It is said that the cure is known, but is being kept secret until enough people have died!

"Smear" readers will remember Bill Cooper as a frequent lecturer at UFO conventions, just a few years ago. He stopped speaking at Tim Beckley's conventions when Beckley put him in a position of possibly having to pay taxes on his lecture income. (Cooper is a hard core tax evader.)

Since then Cooper has disappeared from the UFO scene, though he probably remains active in right-wing militia circles.

An equally bizarre theory about AIDS is promoted by one Dr. Phillip S. Duke, who has written a book called "The AIDS-ET Connection". Yes, Dr. Duke believes that the aliens have deliberately introduced this deadly disease to the planet Earth in order to slowly wipe out enough of us so that human civilization goes into an inevitable collapse. (He fails to explain why the aliens don't use some faster, more direct method of killing us!)

A synopsis of Dr. Duke's book can be found in the Summer 2000 issue of Britain's Flying Saucer Review, edited by a very elderly man named Gordon Creighton. FSR was founded in 1955 under a different editor, and thus is probably the second oldest UFO periodical in the world, after "Saucer Smear", which was founded under a different title ("Saucer News") by Jim Moseley in 1954.

Incidentally, "Saucer Smear" was the only American UFO magazine with the balls to [review](#) Dr. Duke's book at all...

- With the retirement of MUFON czar Walt Andrus, the headquarters of that lofty organization has been moved to a suburb of Denver, Colorado, somewhat near the home of John Schuessler, the new International Director (or whatever). Whereas Andrus operated MUFON right out of his own house, Schuessler apparently prefers to distance his private life somewhat from the organization.

The new office is in a shopping mall, between a liquor store and a optometrist, and right across the parking lot from a bar & grill. All of the files and furniture have made the move; but strangely, the MUFON library consisting of thirty years of free (to MUFON) UFO books has remained in Seguin, Texas with Walt Andrus!

The MUFON membership, as gauged by the circulation of the MUFON UFO Journal, has decreased from a peak a few years ago of over five thousand, to somewhat under three thousand. This is quite a drop, and is partly accounted for by the rise of the (cursed) Internet. There must be other factors as Well, of which poor leadership could well be one!...

- In [our last issue](#) we reported that arch-skeptic Phil Klass is doing well, following a second spinal operation in October of this year. Unfortunately we now learn that he is not doing so well after all, and may end up confined to a wheel chair. A sad situation for a man who enjoyed skiing and other such activities up till fairly recently...
- From an Anonymous Secret Source (A.S.S.) we learn that, beginning next year, "UFO Magazine" will be cutting personnel costs by making editor-in-chief Vicki Ecker an "independent contractor". IC status means that publisher William Birnes won't have to pay for her social security, medical, pension, vacation and other overhead-type costs. One wonders what dire future is in the cards for Vicki's husband Don, who is currently comfortably installed in the hierarchy as "Director of Research"....
- Saucer Smear's own Karl Pflock breaks into print again in the December 2000 issue of England's prestigious "Fortean Times". He adds interesting new information to the classic Travis Walton abduction story of 1975, by Pointing out that one of Walton's adventures aboard the space ship has an uncanny resemblance to a well-known science fiction story. Pflock says he wrote to Walton about this "co-incidence" but received no reply to this particular question, though Walton did answer other questions quite candidly.

Your editor has met Walton only one time, at a ufological book signing session. The formerly young abductee seemed to have a hostile "vibe" (whatever that is) to the public in general, and admitted only reluctantly to having heard of us at all!...

- Finally - on August 23rd, in a mere 20-minute hearing in a Virginia Circuit Court, the judge dismissed the petition by UFO activist Larry Bryant et al against the Governor of Virginia, for having failed to protect the citizens of that fair state from alien abductions, etc.

We admire ol' Larry for his valiant College Try, even though it was pretty much doomed to failure.

PFLOCK PTALK - "BEEP-BEEP!" WENT THE SAUCER?

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist

I am convinced Barney and Betty Hill had a close encounter with and were taken aboard a flying saucer on the night of September 19-20, 1961. However, I also think some elements of the case as we have come to know it might not be quite as they seem. Here's a f'instance:

The strange beeping sounds the couple reported are thought to have had something to do with the trance-like state they experiencedø The first set of



beeps, right after the close encounter in which Barney saw aliens peering at him from the saucer, signaled induction of the state; the second set, its being lifted. The Hills described the sound as a "buzzing vibration", something "striking the rear of the car", etc., always emanating from the rear or trunk of their vehicle.

In his 1961 report to NICAP, investigator Walter Webb wrote, "The car had traveled only a short distance...when the Hills heard a series of beeping or buzzing sounds...About 35 miles further south, Mrs. Hill asked her husband for the first time, 'Do you believe in flying saucers?' and he replied, 'Don't be ridiculous. That wasn't a flying saucer'. Both claim that at once they heard five or six beeps on the rear trunk."

The Hills and many ufologists eventually connected the odd sounds with the couple's trance-like state and control of their actions by the aliens. However, there is another possibility.

Speaking to a UFO study group in November 1963, Betty mentioned that, when she and Barney got home, they discovered the car's trunk lid was closed but not latched. Shortly before their first all-too-close encounter with the UFO, Barney retrieved a handgun (Interrupted Journey's "tire wrench") from the trunk. In his fearful state of mind, he may well have failed to slam the lid hard enough to latch it. The bouncing of the lowered but not locked trunk lid as the car traversed rough spots in the road likely was the source of the sounds and vibrations, or beeps.

The Hills vividly remembered their first notice of the beeps because of its coincidental timing with their clearly terrifying close encounter, and their second, because it harked back to the first: It's those weird sounds again! In the circumstances, every out of the ordinary thing became important, more salient, more strange.

I'm convinced Barney and Betty Hill were captured by UFO-nauts, but the kidnapers' saucer didn't have a hypnotic horn.

BOOK REVIEWS:

"Reaching for Reality" by Constance Clear, M.A., M.S.W., is a good title for an abduction book, though "Groping for Reality" might be even better. Here seven of Ms. Clear's patients, all of whom believe they have experienced the abduction syndrome, tell their weird stories in their own words, with comments by the author. We have spent time talking with Ms. Clear at two Texas NUFOC conventions, and our copy of her book is autographed "to a fellow explorer".

Interestingly, four of the seven unnamed abduction victims are public school teachers. Five of the seven were hypnotized, two were not. All we can say, in general, is that the narratives offered in this book are purely subjective. The differences between dreams, imagination, and "reality" are not clear to the abductees, and thus not clear to the reader, either. No proof of anything is asked for, and none is given!

All we learn is that these seven anonymous people seem to be sincerely troubled. What the cause of their troubles is, we do not know. But in our opinion, interaction with physical beings from other planets is the least likely explanation. Someday we will learn more about the solution to such goings-on. In the meanwhile, Ms. Clear is doing her best to enlighten us.

The rear cover of the book contains glowing endorsements from Whitley Strieber, Dr. John Mack, and Dr. David Jacobs - three of the top abduction researchers on this planet. What more can we add to that?

This book can be obtained from: Consciousness Now, Inc; P.O. Box 15994, San Antonio, Texas 78212. The price of this 230-page paperback is not given...

Next, there is "The Real World of Fairies", a first-person account by a lady named Dora Van Gelder. Ms. Van Gelder, a past president of the Theosophical Society, died last year at the age of 95, and was a well-known psychic throughout her lifetime. It is clear from skimming merrily through this book that the author saw the fairies psychically, not psysically. Nevertheless she did see them, and who is to say that her visions did not have a reality of some sort.

This 180-page paperback was published in 1999 by Quest Books Theosophical Publishing House of Wheaton, Illinois and Madras, India. It was kindly given to us by Jean Misner, a long-time "Smear" non-subscriber who is interested in UFOs as well as other mysteries. We appreciate her kindness...

We have Space to mention just one more current book this time, and it is called "The Chinese Roswell - UFO Encounters in the Far East from Ancient Times to the Present". A Chinese Roswell, you ask? Well, it seems that any book with this magic word in the title has at least some small chance of success!

This is another paperback, originally published in German, and now available from New Paradigm Books of 22783 South State Road Seven, Boca Raton, Florida 33428. The author's name is Harlwic Hausdorf, and we are told that he has ventured over many sacred places in the Far East. In the course of doing so, he believes he has uncovered evidence of extraterrestrial visitations in the very distant past. The book is surprisingly well written and quite interesting! We must actually read it someday!...

Here are a few not-yet-written Roswell books we hope to be reviewing some time in the future: "The Town of Roswell New Mexico Does Not Exist", by Philip J. Klass; "What Roswell Has Done for my Bank Account", by Stanton Friedman; "I Am Rational Except About Roswell", by Dr. Kevin Randle; "My Posthumous Interview with 'Cactus Jack' About Roswell", by Tom Carey; "My Hot Tub Massage in Roswell", by Dr. Richard Boylan; and, a sure bestseller, "Naked Alien Sex Orgies in Roswell", by James W. Moseley.

Yes, keep an eye out for these reviews!



LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- Researcher JOSEPH J. STEFULA (Rets) writes:

"What's Old Is What's New Again:

"To the horror or maybe the amusement of many long-time observers of the UFO field, many of the early players in the 1980s-era government cover-up conspiracy rumor-generating mills have recently re-appeared on an obscure computer discussion group. In the past few weeks, the Jack Sarfatti new physics discussion group has served as a gathering forum for many of the key players in the early MJ-12 disclosures. There is Robert Collins, Rick Doty, Dr. Christopher Green, Dr. John Alexander, Smear's own Karl Pflock and others, who have been discussing various facets of the alleged UFO cover-up and arguing the finer points of UFO history. Even parapsychologist (and frequent "Smear" contributor) George Hansen's name is on the discussion list.

"The Sarfatti group generally discusses topics in breakthrough physics, but in the past few weeks it has centered on aspects of the alleged ongoing UFO cover-up. Political journalist Dick Farley recently stimulated a lively discussion of alleged presidential briefings about UFOs (based on his claim of having personally helped Dr. C. B. Scott Jones prepare one such briefing for then Presidential Science Advisor John Gibbons).

"Also participating in the sometimes heated discussions is Dan T. Smith, a physicist turned UFO activist who is well known to many "Saucer Smear" readers for his idiosyncratic, apocalyptic beliefs. It has been alleged that Smith recently received a briefing about crashed UFOs from a government official (shades of Bill Moore!)

"About the only characters who have not yet appeared on the discussion list are Moore and his friend Jamie Shandera. "Smear" readers can only hope that Moore and Shandera will soon appear on the Sarfatti list to help clear up some of the lingering mysteries surrounding their reported contacts with government agents who are responsible for much of modern-day UFO folklore.

"'Smear' readers sophisticated enough to have internet access can read some of the archived messages at Dr. Sarfatti's web site: <http://www.stardrive.org>."

- Hard-core "Smear" non-subscriber DENIS COREY writes:

"...I don't understand why Uri Geller and his people and James Randi and his people just don't get off each others' backs? This stuff has been going on for years, with no resolution in sight. I'm exhausted from reading about it!..."

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"Question: How do you know if you are at a high-class UFO conference?

"Answer: There are no known pedophiles on the program.

"Question: How do you know if you are at a high-class skeptics conference?

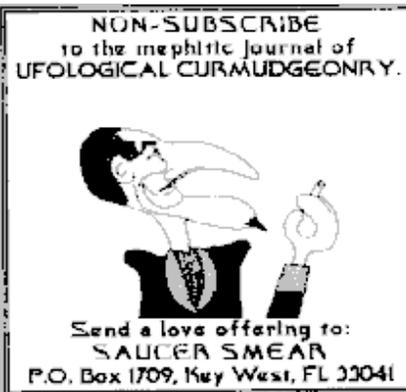
"Answer: There is a known (alleged) pedophile on the program."

- Researcher ALEXANDER MEBANE writes as follows:

"...Congratulations on your FATE article (3-D vs. 4-D), which differs from my own Perspective only by using different terminology. But I must sympathize with Pflock, who, in spite of having satisfied himself that all 'UFO crashes' are purely fictitious, still can't let go of the once-plausible old 'physically real' diagnosis. You will remember what a cri de coeur Jerry Clark uttered in '97, on finding himself pushed toward a despised 'occult' explanation: Pflock must by now be feeling the same way!..."

PROPHYLACTIC JOURNEY

Three Latvians landed in a small village neat the Estonian border late on 22 August after a 60-mile mile (96km) journey across the Baltic Sea on a raft made of 20,000 inflated condoms. Two others earlier disembarked on an island after being becalmed for three days. [AFP] 24 Aug.



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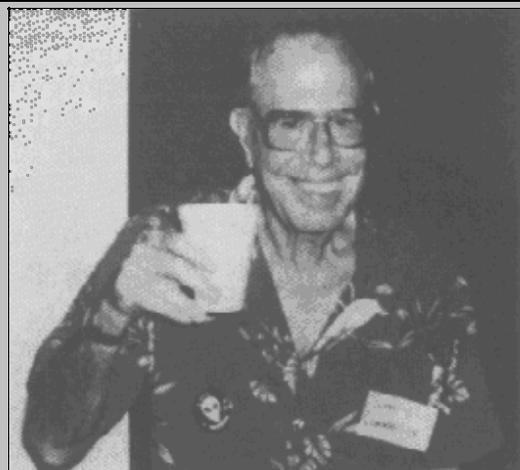
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RE-HASH OF THE 2000 NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

The 37th running of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC) was held on the weekend of September 23rd-24th in a pleasant Ramada Inn located in downtown Corpus Christie. Co-hosts for the event were a pair of MUFON alien abduction researchers named Doris Upchurch and Susanna Washburn, and they deserve great credit for the energy and perseverance they put into the planning of this convention!

Unfortunately, a number of things went wrong - mostly beyond the control of the convention sponsors. Walt Andrus, the recently retired czar of MUFON, was to be a speaker, and we were prepared to present him with our coveted NUFOC "Lifetime Achievement" Award. Sadly, Walt's wife Jeanne died just two days before the start of the convention, and obviously he was not able to attend. Similarly, Rick Hilberg of Cleveland, who is one of the co-founders of the NUFOC, was unable to be there because of the illness of his wife Carol. Substitute speakers were found for these two noshows.

The program began with your humble editor giving his standard lecture: "Weird Personal Experiences of a

"Skeptical Believer", and the "Lifetime Achievement" Award - a small plaque - was then given to Doris Upchurch to pass on to Andrus later.

Next on the program was a Mexican gentleman named Jeronimo Flores, who showed a whole lot of UFO videos from his native land. He was accompanied by a charming female interpreter named Diana Perla Chapa, whose enthusiasm easily made up for any possible lack of authenticity of the videos. The morning session closed with a long talk by nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman.

The Saturday afternoon program was some what spoiled by sporadic loud music from a Christian evangelical group that had rented the lecture hall right next to ours. Obviously the hotel banquet department erred badly in booking these people so close to us, and a lawsuit is pending!

The afternoon program included Ann Druffel of Pasadena, California, who is the author of "How to Defend Yourself Against Alien Abduction". Ann's instructions seem to work, at least in her own case, as the lady has never been abducted as far as we know!

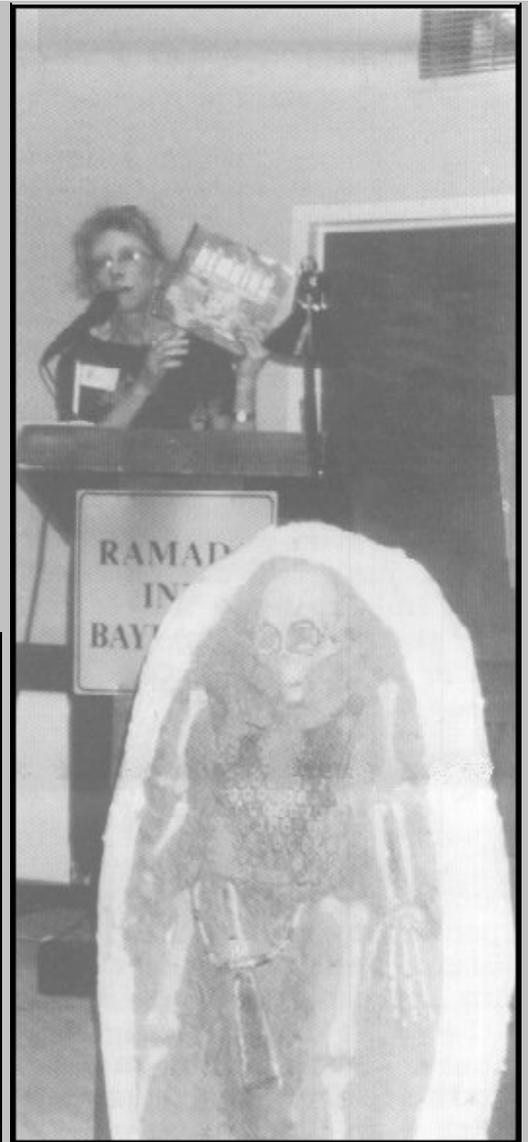
The Sunday morning program included Dennis Stacy, co-editor of the "Anomalist" magazine, and Constance Clear (pictured below), who seems to be on the program everywhere we go. She is another energetic lady, whose current book "Reaching for Reality" is one which we intend to read & review shortly.

Our special thanks go to Judith Slaughter, who brought her (alleged) alien skeleton all the way from Dallas, to illustrate her late husband's interest in anthropology and folklore. (See picture below)

Next year's NUFOC will take place in Austin, Texas, on the weekend of September 14th-16th, and the local sponsor will be a young MUPON firebrand named Miles Lewis. The most important thing we can tell you at this time is that the format will be quite different from any NUFOC convention of the past! Possible speakers (not yet firmly booked) include: Joe Firmage, Timothy Green Beckley, Karl Pflock, Ray Stanford, Jenny Randles, Hal Puthoff, Jacques Vallee, Linda Moulton Howe, Loren Coleman, Brent Raynes, John Shirley, Kenn Thomas, Greg Bishop, Tim Brigham, Kinky "Big Dick" Friedman, Allan Greenfield, Patrick Huyghe, Harry Lime, Dennis Stacy, Tom Deuley, Jim Marrs, Linda Cortile, and Constance Clear. Stay tuned for more details in future issues of "Smear", or hit the Con. web site: www.nufoc.net.

Our next issue will contain brief accounts of two other conventions your editor attended recently. The first was in Bordentown, N.J., hosted by veteran con-host Pat Marcatillio. The other was in Fort Walton Beach, Florida (near famed Gulf Breeze), run by a group called Journeys Beyond formerly known as Project Awareness. Stay tuned!...





SCIENCE AT WORK, AT THE NUFOC: Above: Psychologist & abduction researcher Constance Clear hawks her new book "Reaching for Reality". Below: Nuclear Physicist Stanton Friedman makes change for eager customers at his vending table. At the right: Judith Slaughter hawks her late husband's book "Fossil Remains of Mythical Creatures". One such Creature, thought by some to be a deceased space alien, is encased in plaster and leaning against the podium. **(Photos by OISEAU.)**

From a garbled newspaper account of the Corpus Christi convention:

James Moseley, the author of several books that document sightings as far back as the mid-1950s, said he remains somewhat skeptical about UFOs, "I accept the fact that I have seen them," Moseley said, "The trouble with the sciences like 'ufologism' is interpretation, You have a mystery that is beyond our current understanding, one that can't be measured more than once."

FOLLOW-UPS ON RECENT "SMEAR" STORIES:

- Our readers will recall that in our Sept. 5th issue, we told you of [the internal scandal in MUFON](#) regarding the fact that John Carpenter, their Director of Abduction Research, sold one hundred and forty (140) abduction case histories to wealthy John Bigelow of NIDS (National Institute of Discovery Science). John Schuessler, the new czar of MUFON, has promised an investigation by an Ethics Committee consisting of four unnamed members of their Board of Directors, and he has stated that the results of this internal

investigation will be published in the MUFON Journal.

However, we have recently received the October issue of the Journal, and there is not a word therein about the John Carpenter affair! On the contrary, the lead article is authored by Carpenter, who uses the letters "MSW" and "LCSW" after his name. We have no idea what these letters mean, but we do know that the article in question is an absurd defense of the ludicrous "abduction video" which was the topic of Carpenter's presentation at this year's MUFON symposium in St. Louis. It thus appears that Mr. Carpenter is still riding high in the MUFON hierarchy!...

- Now, on to [the latest lawsuit](#) against arch-debunker James ("The Amusing") Randi, which was also mentioned in the Sept. 5th "Smear". We had hoped to have a meaningful update on this matter, but all we have learned is that Randi has mounted a defense based on technicalities, rather than dealing directly with the alleged libel and slander that he has been accused of. Yes, we know that a preposition is an improper word to end a sentence up with, but we are so incensed by this matter that we tend to lose our grasp of English grammar - or whatever! Hopefully we will have more to report next time!

TIDBITS OF TRASH (formerly NEWS BRIEFIES) :

- Some of our "Smear" fans may have noticed that the recent September issue of FATE Magazine contained an article called "UFOs: 3-D or 4-D+?", co-authored by Jim Moseley and Karl Pflock.

The current November FATE has another article by the same dynamic duo, this one called "Saucer Logic". The material in there is rather humorous, if we do say so ourselves, and an expanded form of it (plus much, much more!) will be found in our soon (?) to be published UFO book, "Shockingly Close to the Truth".

The November issue of FATE is noteworthy for at least two other reasons: It features a very strange cover, consisting of a cartoon of a Bigfoot-like creature, fully clothed and walking down a city street. The creature (or human?) seems to be taking the same stance taken by the alleged Bigfoot in the famed Paterson Film, which many people believe to be fake. This unusual drawing is by R. Crumb who, we are told, is a well-known contemporary artist.

The other thing we liked about the November FATE is the article called "The Ghosts of the St. James Hotel", written by one Robert L. Allen. Your fearless "Smear" editor has visited the St. James Hotel in Cimarron, New Mexico twice in recent years, looking desperately for ghosts that we never found. But we do accept the idea that strange things have happened there, very occasionally...

- From Super Secret Sources we learn the hilarious news that former Sergeant Richard ("Rick") Doty now does research & investigation for the prestigious NIPS (National Institute for Discovery Science), though this must be on a part-time basis, as Doty is, as far as we know, still employed by the New Mexico State Police. The reason we find this news amusing is that Doty's competence and veracity have frequently been called into question, particularly in regard to his connection (if any) to the original group of MJ-12 documents that were discovered by William Moore and Jaime Shandera back in 1987. Doty claims that he successfully passed two lie detector tests in regard to the MJ-12 matter, but we still wonder what amount of stability he can bring to a scientific organization!

Further, we hear that our olde friend John Alexander, of non-lethal weapons fame, has been downgraded in the NIPS hierarchy, possibly because of a personal falling-out with Robert Bigelow. Bigelow is the cash machine that runs the NIDS organization...

- Arch-debunker Phil Klass underwent a serious spinal operation on Friday the 13th of October, to correct the results of a previous spinal operation that did not turn out right. He is now in rehabilitation (physical, not mental), and should be back on line within a few weeks. We wish the old fellow well!...
- An article in the Oct. 12th edition of the New York Post tells us of a bizarre cult that worships flying

saucers and which claims it is gearing up to produce the world's first human clone - duplicating a baby that died when she was ten months old. An anonymous American couple, the parents of the dead baby, have given the cult half a million dollars to perform the feat, which would be the first-ever cloning of a human being. Scientists interviewed for this article say that such cloning is theoretically possible, though highly immoral.

The cult is called Rael, and was founded by a 53-year-old former sports writer from France named Claude Vorilhon. They claim to have fifty thousand members spread out over 85 different countries. Raelians have already set up a company called Clonaid, whose purpose is to produce babies for homosexual couples. Obviously, this is a very unusual cult!...

- A science fiction movie called "Mothman Prophecies", starring Richard Gere, will begin production next January. The movie is based on the legendary John Keel's book describing his investigation of UFO and Nothman reports around Point Pleasant, West Virginia, in the late 1960s. It is unclear whether Keel, who has been racked by poverty for many years, will make any money at all out of this venture; but our Sources tell us that he probably will not! Pity! ...
- A one billion dollar giant radio telescope, capable of scanning more than one million stars for signs of intelligent life, will be operational by the year 2015 Stars as far away as one thousand light years will be surveyed, according to a report in the London Times. Impetus for the plan has grown in recent months, with astronomers announcing the discovery of more than forty planets in distant solar systems. These planets are mostly very large and too hot to support life as we know it, but their discovery suggests strongly that many smaller, Earth-like planets may also exist.

The telescope will also serve several other purposes...

- A Canadian web site called Montreal Line tells us about a prominent Canadian ufologist named Richard Glenn who has just been sentenced to a year in jail for having sex with underaged boys. He claims that he first had sex with aliens when they abducted him at the age of five. Three men testified against Glenn, describing events that happened in the early '80s, when they were between the ages of 10 and 13.

For about twenty years Glenn has had a popular cable TV show about extraterrestrials, and he also gives workshops on the occult, aliens, and parapsychology. We had never heard of him till this trial publicity came up, but Glenn has been a speaker at one of Pat Marcatillio's series of Bordontown, New Jersey UFO conferences in the recent past.

- We haven't heard much lately about the legendary chupacabras (literally goat sucker, in Spanish), but an interesting article in the Sept. 5th Miami Herald tells of a big flap on this subject in northern Nicaragua. For some reason, the chupacabras is always tied in with Hispanic culture. There have been several incidents in the United States in recent years, but only in Spanish-speaking neighborhoods.

In Nicaragua, a mysterious skeleton thought to be the dreaded chupacabras, turned out to definitely be an ordinary female dog. Thus it was not a cross between a wolf and a crocodile, as some local agricultural officials had described it.

The man who shot the beast disagrees strongly with the dog theory. Says he: "The animal discovered in that rural area was different from a mere dog. Its teeth were rose-colored. It reared on its hind legs and sucked the blood from at least 120 sheep." The killings had been going on over a period of about six weeks, according to the story...

- The September 2000 issue of Barry Greenwood's "U.F.O. Historical Revue" has a fine article about the classic Nicholas Mariana Great Falls, Montana UFO film, taken back in 1950. The question has always been whether or not this amateur film shows two airplanes or two truly mysterious objects. Greenwood concludes that the Air Force handled the investigation of the film very badly, and that it was clipped or shortened two different times while in military hands. The conclusion is that the film probably shows genuine unknowns. For details, write to Greenwood at: Box 176, Stoneham, Massachusetts 02180...
- We have just heard of a new web site with a title something like "UFO Hall of Frauds, Morons, Dirtbags

and Dupes". Mentioned very unfavorably thereon are Peter Gersten, Richard Boylan, Ray Santilli of alien autopsy fame, Billy Meier, Donald Schmitt, Steven Greer, & Richard Hoagland. Details in our next issue!

AN IMPORTANT UPDATE ON ONE OF THE BEST OF THE "CLASSIC" UFO CASES: DID UFO CAUSE PLANE TO CRASH?:

New evidence has been uncovered in the mysterious Frederick Valemich UFO encounter/plane disappearance case. Recently three people who were rabbit hunting near the area where the Valentich UFO encounter occurred reported that they saw a green light hovering over his plane moments before it disappeared. It is now believed the plane crashed into the ocean south-east of Cape Marengo, Australia, minutes after losing radio contact on October 21, 1978. The three witnesses reported that they saw an airplane descending downward at a steep angle of 30 to 40 degrees with a much larger object with green lights flying just above it. The Victorian UFO Research Society is now seeking sponsors to launch an underwater search for the wreckage of the aircraft. **(Credit. UFO Newsclipping Service, #2 Caney Valley Drive, Plumerville, Arkansas 72127 & the Standard, Warmambool, Victoria, Australia 6/1/00)**

PFLOCK PTALK - KEVIN RANDLE FLIP-FLOPS AGAIN?

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



On September 7th, the PAX-TV Network's new series "Encounters with the Unexplained" was devoted to Roswell. This "docudrama", produced by David Balsiger and Charles Sellier's Grizzly Adams Productions, was Roswell as never before imagined by anyone. It was the most entertaining Roswell I've ever seen - so bad it was good, so unintentionally funny it was impossible to switch off, like those old Japanese monster movies.

There was a re-enacted Mack Brazel running from soldiers across the "saucer"-debris field in a bid for freedom. There was the real J. Bond Johnson, who snapped the famous photos of the "Mogul" radar targets and such in General Roger Ramey's office, telling us that, while waiting for the general, he arranged the junk to make his shots more interesting. There were the soldiers chasing poor ol' Mack, hassling Glenn "Bodies" Dennis, and generally running amok, their demeanor and floppy black berets suggesting the producers had hired extras from the Iraqi army. There was Air Force (sic) officer Philip Corso, unquestioningly portrayed as the Johnny Appleseed of alien technology and all-around unappreciated hero.

"Skeptic" magazine editor-publisher Michael Shermer and I were the token - but fairly represented - skeptics, surrounded by the usual suspects, including Stan Friedman (looking a bit like an extra from the Middle East himself) and Kevin Randle. Randle has long since repudiated Glenn Dennis and his story, saying so in print at least three years ago and many times in many ways and places since. Imagine my surprise as he enthusiastically supported Dennis' story, on camera and in voice-over, as the Tale of the Missing Nurse and the Hassled Embalmer was "re-enacted". Ye ghods, I thought, has he flip-flopped again?!

I queried Kevin by e-mail, and soon learned that not only had he not seen the show, he had never even heard of it. Balsiger and company - the folks who brought us such gems as "The Search for Noah's Ark" and the out-and-out hoax production "The Lincoln Conspiracy" - had used file footage from a much earlier Randle interview, and had done so without checking to see if it still accurately represented his views. To make matters worse, the show is slated to air eleven more times on PAX-TV and who knows how many again in 25-30 foreign countries over the next two or three years.

Kevin, does the word "sue" come to mind? I sure hope so!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- This letter from famed conspiracy writer KENN THOMAS refers to [our story](#) in the Sept. 5th, 2000 "Smear":

"As I mentioned in the book 'Flying Saucers Over Los Angeles', I made a failed attempt to contact DeWayne Johnson before publishing his thesis. The settlement reached with Mr. Johnson includes the statement that I admit no wrong doing. Frankly, although I think it is great that Mr. Johnson is getting some compensation late in life for his UFO writing of 1950 (more money, in fact, than I have ever received from any of the four books I have published by Adventures Unlimited Press), it is a shame that it took all the legal wrangling. A simple phone call from him would have straightened everything out, but Mr. Johnson felt it necessary to involk lawyers.

"The lawsuit did not establish that I did anything illegal, although it might give me a civil lawsuit framework to pursue some retirement money on my own when, 50 years down the road, someone uses my work for their own purpose. That person, though, at least would have the gratitude I was trying to express to Mr. Johnson by keeping interest alive in obscure UFO/conspiracy research.

"Also, you refer to Adventures Unlimited Press (AUP) as 'my' publishing house. I do not own AUP. I have books out by four different publishers, including AUP, and I publish my own conspiracy magazine, Steamshovel Press. AUP and I were named separately in Mr. Johnson's suit..."

- Roswell diehard BOB GALGANSKI writes as follows:

"Attached is a check for \$15 for another year of 'Saucer Smear'.

"I strongly disagree with [your assessment](#) that Project Mogul debris is 'close enough' to the stuff found by Mac Brazel (Sept. 5th 'Smear'). Please share my reasoning with your readers in the next issues.

"The debris shown in the photos taken in General Ramey's office is undoubtedly from a rawin radar target. Assume that the other two targets carried by Project Mogul Flight 4 were broken into a small number of relatively large pieces, similar to the one pictured. Three targets contain 54 square feet of metalized paper. It's incomprehensible to me that such a paltry amount of material - some of which would have been hidden by the grass - could have been distributed to give anyone the impression of even a moderate amount of ground coverage. Even the Air Force's estimate - a 600-foot-diameter circle enclosing about 283,000 square feet of pasture is an order of magnitude too big!

"Another point: Jesse Marcel Jr. indicated that the thin-shell debris he saw and handled as a boy consisted of apparent all-metal fragments (no paper backing) ranging from about one inch by one inch, to six inches by six inches - a far cry from the stuff depicted in the photos.

"These observations reinforce my earlier mathematical modeling and experimental research. Bottom line: A downed Mogul balloon train can't explain the debris field."

- Famed Roswell/MJ-12 expert WILLIAM MOORE writes as follows:

"Regarding [Christopher Allan's 'challenge' to me](#) concerning Dr. Hynek, if he's truly interested in the subject he can prove it for himself. Hynek's 'consultant' contracts with USAF ought to be available via FOIA from the FTD (or whatever they're calling it these days) at Wright-Patterson. Let him obtain the documentation he seeks directly from them. That way he won't be able to accuse anyone of 'document forgery'.

"It was Bennewitz himself who first told me about Hynek's 'visit', and when I later (in '82) asked Hynek about it, he confirmed it without hesitation. In the late '80s, researcher Brian Parks succeeded in obtaining copies of several of Hynek's 'day-a-year' USAF consulting

contracts via a carefully crafted FOIA request, and I can still recall how surprised he was to learn that the USAF had maintained a contractual relationship with Hynek long after Project Blue Book had ended. As far as I know, this relationship continued until the year before Dr. Hynek died.

"Since Mr. Allan can certainly satisfy his own challenge if only he will do his homework, I respectfully suggest that he either take me at my word or use his own best efforts to obtain whatever 'proof' he requires for himself

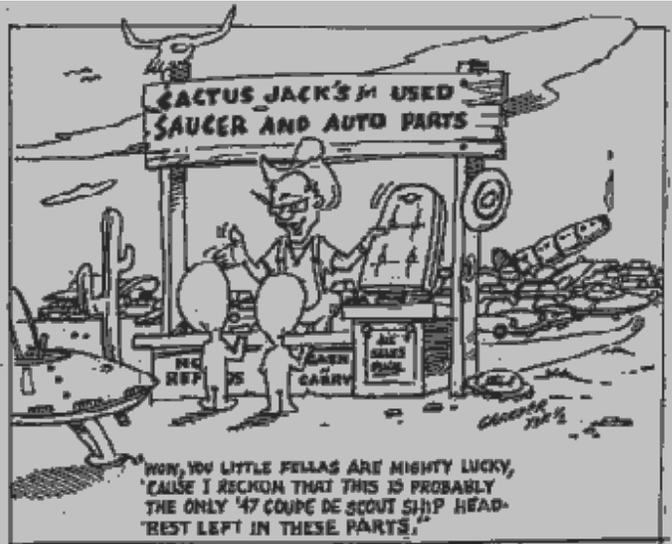
"You write that 'if Roswell isn't real, neither is MJ-12'. That, indeed, is one possible way of looking at it. However, you mistake yourself in believing it is the only way. Another possibility is that MJ-12 (or a group like it) did (or does) exist - perhaps not during the '40s and '50s, but during the '70s and '80s - and for some reason they wanted to foster belief in UFOs, not for any extraterrestrial reason, but for some other entirely different and self-serving purpose. Perhaps that purpose was well-served by my coincidental opening up of the Roswell question c. 1980, and they merely glommed onto my tailor-made synchronicity and hastened to use it for their own purposes. Further, perhaps their purpose was to con the Soviets into believing we had UFO technology, thus luring them into sending agents to try to learn more. Maybe I (and Roswell) was to be a focal point (i.e., 'bait') for such activities. Need I go on, and maybe I have said too much already. These are things I do not know, but merely suspect as possibilities."

Here Moore has made a good speculative point. It is possible, as I have said in print a time or two, that the government secretly wants us to believe in interplanetary saucers, rather than the other way around. The only sane reason for that would be to suggest to the Russians (or now maybe the Chinese!?) that we have captured technology far in advance of theirs. I hate to think that our intelligence agents waste their time on such nonsense, but it is not beyond reason to think that they might. - Ed.

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes as follows:

"Here is another Roswell-related cartoon to grace the pages of "Smear". As you can see, Tom Carey and his fellow Roswellians may not find it to be amusing. Hopefully, Carey won't actually return from Roswell with a UFO tailpipe or something equally spectacular, as I wouldn't want to be forced to write another [ufological apology](#)!...

"Interestingly, I happened to be thinking of 'presidential UFO sightings' the other day, (ero, Jimmy Carter's observation of a gigantic peanut-shaped object, etc.), and I thought it might be fun to share this historical/hysterical case (pictured at the right) with my fellow ufoologists and 'Smear' readers; Unlike the reports of Frank Kaufman, Glenn Dennis, Jim Ragsdale and many others, I believe that young Lincoln's account is probably 'a genuine hallucination', or if not, it is an observation of a pre-Civil War military test vehicle. But in either case, the cartoon is worthy of gracing the pages of some future issue of 'Smear'..."



- British UFO & crop circle researcher PAUL FULLER writes as follows:

I've read through and photocopied parts of the official record for Britain's D-Notices Committee. Defense Notices are the things we ask our press not to publish in case they contravene the Official Secrets Act or give our enemies information we would prefer that they not know. I looked through the minutes of the Committee's quarterly meetings from 1952 to 1969. There was not the slightest hint that UFOs were a matter of defense concern or that pressure had been brought to bear on publishers and/or broadcasters to not mention UFO incidents. There was not even a hint about unusual aircraft or phenomena. It was all stuff about our latest aircraft, ships in port, spy trials (Blake) and not photographing atomic weapons research establishments. All fascinating, but sadly not supportive of the Great Conspiracy that so many ufologists like to promote. Yes, you can quote me on this if you like!..."

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JANES RANDI TRIES ON A NEW SUIT:

For many weeks your "Smear" editor has remained silent about the latest lawsuit against arch-debunker James ("The Amusing") Randi, as we wanted to wait until the legal papers had actually been served upon him. This finally happened on August 4th, which by meaningless coincidence happens to have been our 69th birthday!

Eldon Byrd, a friend and sometimes coworker of psychic Uri Geller, has brought a second and new libel action against Randi, and this time the James Randi Educational Foundation (JREF) of Fort Lauderdale, Florida is also included. The case was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland (Case # PJM 00 CV 1038). This is a public document available to anyone, at the courthouse in Greenbelt, Maryland.

On May 22nd, 1999 Randi gave a public lecture at Cal Tech, in California. At that time Randi read from a formal statement which he had apparently already sent to some people, and for which he invited others to write to him. This Statement, with a cover letter from the JREF with Randi signed as "President", consisted of Randi's explanation for the infamous "Blackmail Tape", and repeated his version of



the events that led up to the production of the tape.

Randi claims that he made this tape under the direction of the police chief of Rumson, New Jersey, to entrap harassing obscene callers. (Many people with knowledge of the situation - including your "Smear" editor - believe Randi's explanation to be nonsense.)

But the Statement, part or all of which he read aloud at the Cal Tech meeting, includes a section that Byrd and his attorney argue is reasonably construed as asserting that Byrd was behind a "blackmail" attempt against Randi, and that such blackmail "is a crime". This view is fortified by the fact that Randi had earlier and elsewhere written that Byrd "launched a blackmail campaign" against him.

Therefore Byrd contends that Randi has falsely called him (Byrd) a criminal, and that this is prima facie libelous.

In addition to mailing the Statement to some people, Randi also seems to have allowed it to go out over the Internet to many people.

The case is now at the beginning of the Discovery Process stage, which means that interrogatories and documents will have to be produced by each side. Stay tuned!

OUTRAGE OVER JOHN CARPENTER'S ETHICS, OR LACK THEREOF:

Larry Bryant, who was [pictured on the front page](#) of our last issue, is Director of Governmental Affairs for MUFON. Larry is upset about the fact that John Carpenter, MUFON's Director of Abduction Research, has apparently sold 140 abduction case histories to wealthy Robert Bigelow of NIDS for the sum of fourteen thousand dollars.

In a formal statement, Larry Bryant says:

"Since a cloud of alleged impropriety now hangs over the Executive Committee (of MUFON) for its having taken so long to act upon its months-long knowledge of the 'Carpenter Affair', I hereby call upon all members of the Executive Committee to resign forthwith from their Committee positions, from their membership on the MUFON Board of Directors, and from their MUFON general membership - all in the interest of helping restore the public's confidence in the purpose, operation, management, and integrity of this organization...

"In addition, you Executive Committee members owe all of us in the entire field of UFO research not only a full, written explanation as to who on the MUFON Board originally knew of the 'Carpenter Affair' (and when they knew it) but also a published apology for their having embargoed or otherwise downplayed that knowledge at the expense of the rest of the Board. If we have a lesson to be learned from this debacle, how about this one: Enforced silence never can be the ally of truth!"

John Carpenter has given the Internet a long, rambling explanation of his behavior. Among other things, he

blames his ex-wife Elizabeth for his troubles; he states that he does UFO abduction research in his spare time as a hobby, though he is a professional psychologist; the cases that Bigelow paid him for were not official MUFON cases; Confidentiality of abductees' addresses, etc. was maintained; but he admits that his relationship with Bigelow goes all the way back to 1995.

In an even longer and more rambling statement, Carpenter's current wife Debra vigorously defends her husband, but without going into any of the specifics of the allegations against him. Debra threatens to sue Larry Bryant and everyone else who has passed on Larry's diatribe. There is a decidedly Christian overtone to her ravings, though Christian tolerance seems to be lacking. Fortunately, "Smear" has not participated in this Internet storm, so we are in the clear so far!

John Schuessler, the new MUFON czar, chimes into the above-mentioned discussion by saying that he has set up an Ethics Committee, consisting of four (unnamed) MUFON Board members, who will go carefully over the documentary evidence against Carpenter that was submitted by someone named Gary Hart earlier this year. A formal report on the matter will then be made public in the MUFON Journal. Schuessler seems to be taking a calm, diplomatic attitude toward the whole matter, which is to his credit.

Is this all a tempest in a teapot? Probably so, except to the abductees who understandably are defensive about the public knowing the details of their strange experiences. We shall await with interest the outcome of this complex affair.



UTTER GIBBERISH DEPARTMENT:

In regard to Dr. Linda Corley's fascinating-if-true lecture at the 2000 MUFON Convention, the August issue of the MUFON Journal has this to say: "Corley also discussed her research into the symbols drawn by Marcel, which he said were on a beam in the debris from the crash site. Comparing ancient writings, including demotic hieroglyphs (as on the Rosetta Stone in Egyptian and Greek) and Tironian Notes (Roman), and utilizing Latin translation, Corley translated the series of symbols on the beam roughly as follows:

"To go sail, fly, move - from a point in time to take or carry away from some place - toward first the point or goal at which anything arrives - to be, exist, live, take place, happen and occur - the mouth singing."

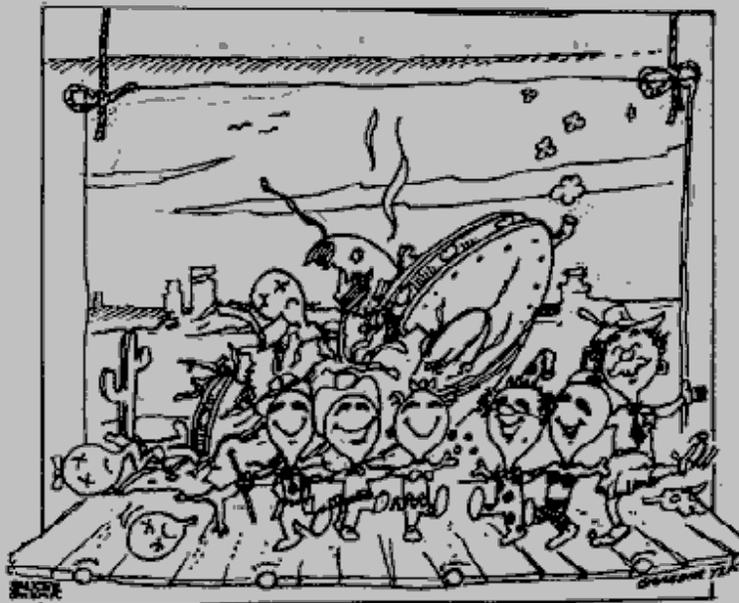
ROSWELL, THE MUSICAL

Every summer since 1998 has seen a professional theatrical production called "Roswell, the Musical", performed

in the fabled New Mexico desert town of the same name. Naturally the musical is based, very loosely, on the legendary interplanetary crash there, back in 1947.

According to a review we have read, the first act of the play is vaguely true to the crash legend, whereas the second act goes off into a largely unrelated love story. The music itself is said to be very good indeed. The play ends with the entire cast singing a rousing closing number, but strangely, the sheriff shows up for this number partially dressed in his girlfriend's clothes. The significance of this, if any, is not explained!

Below is ace cartoonist Matt Graeber's interpretation of this play, which we hope to actually see on our next visit to Roswell - if ever. The play is performed from mid June till late July every summer. Tickets may be obtained by calling 505-622-4950. Wheeee!



NEWS BRIEFIES (formerly TIDBITS OF TRASH)

- As always, our sincere thanks go out to all the people who send us stuff and thus keep us on the Cutting Edge of Ufoology. Special thanks to Karl Pflock, Bill LaParl, Barry Greenwood, Herb Taylor, Tom Benson, Matt Graeber, Larry Bryant, Miller Johnson, Steve Barnett, Rick Hilberg, Steve Mansee, Rob MacGregor, Carlos Mentira, Harry Lime, and many others.
- ...DeWayne Johnson, author of a 1950 Master's thesis called "Flying Saucers: Fact or Fiction", has won a lawsuit against conspiracy author Kenn Thomas and Thomas' Adventures Unlimited publishing house. Thomas illegally reprinted Johnson's thesis recently under the title "Flying Saucers Over Los Angeles", without informing Johnson or giving him any compensation at all. Under the terms of the settlement, Johnson has now received a sizeable financial compensation, plus all remaining copies of the book.

Kenn Thomas is a man whom we know slightly, and his Adventures Unlimited is one of several publishing houses which expressed negative interest in publishing our book (with Karl Pflock) "Shockingly Close to the Truth!" Maybe the curse worked! (Just kidding, Kenn!)

- In a special report published in a Russian scientific journal, two of that nation's leading UFO investigators have summarized the results of the Soviet Union's official 13-year study of flying saucers (1978-1990). The investigators are Dr. Yully Platov of the Academy of Sciences and Col. Boris Sokolov of the Ministry of Defense.

Their conclusions can be summarized by the following quote: "Many people see strange things, which cannot always be precisely identified as natural or man-made effects. However, this amount is very

insignificant, and from this it does not follow or even hint at interference by extraterrestrial forces into our lives"...

- The September 2000 issue of Fate Magazine contains an article called "UFOs: 3-D or 4-D+?", co-authored by (guess who?) Karl Pflock and James Moseley. In it, each expresses his contrasting view of the nature of the UFO mystery.

Hopefully the October Fate will publish another article submitted by these same two experts(?). This one is hilarious, and concerns a common form of illogic which we call "Saucer Logic". Be sure to read it!...

- A New Mexico curio shop owner claims that he has acquired pieces of the True Saucer that allegedly crashed at Roswell in 1947. The trouble is, the pieces come from a farm in Missouri! Apparently the farmers in Missouri assume that the same saucer, somewhat damaged, flew on to Roswell from there. The chemical composition of the fragments is said to be very mysterious. The curio shop guy, named David Shoemaker, is believed to be the leading contender for the prize of up to one million dollars being offered by the International UFO Museum at Roswell, for any genuine artifact from the famous crash.

Our question: Where will the Museum get the million dollars to make the payoff??? A tongue-in-cheek suggestion: They should submit the evidence to the James Randi Educational Foundation, which is sitting with over a million dollars for proof of any form of the "supernatural". Then again, if the Eldon Byrd lawsuit is successful, the JREF may soon end up broke. Stay tuned!...

- Finally - Barry Greenwood and a little-known organization called the Sign Historical Group (SHG) have come up with a collection of over seven thousand printed articles on the subject of unidentified objects - going back from the present time all the way to the 1600s. In addition to UFOs, writings about SETI, life on other worlds, ball lightning, and other unusual phenomena are included. Although helped by several others, it is Greenwood who is primarily to be congratulated for this accomplishment.

PFLOCK PTALK - HEY, UFROGS! LIGHTEN UP

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Ufologists are always complaining that they "don't get no respect". They whine that the field which they say means so much to them is not taken seriously. Seems to me one of the top reasons for this is that ufologists take themselves too damn seriously!

Zealotry and self-importance plague The Field. This Leading Ufologist and that Leading Ufologist is so sure his is a Historic Mission, so certain he has The Answer to the Mystery of the Millennium that he becomes the subject matter - UFOs - personified.

Of course, every one of these Big Frogs has appropriated his own small - no, tiny - pond with a well-centered lily pad throne on which to squat. Each plops on his own royal seat, loudly and oh-so-seriously croaking and fending off any other frogs who presume to suggest they might know something about the depth of the big fella's mud puddle. Roswell puddle. Abductions puddle. Mutilations puddle. Saucer history puddle. UFO skeptic puddle. Ufological political correctness puddle. Croak! Croak! Croak!

Have you ever seen a frog that wasn't absolutely certain of his own centrality in the universe? Ever seen a frog that wasn't funny, very funny indeed, because of his own self-importance, utterly unaware of how silly he looks sprawling on and quite a bit off a semi-submerged leaf in a fetid pool with a gaggle of burbling tadpoles wiggling around him?

Look around you. Do you see all the self-important Ufrogs? Listen. Do you hear all their I-am-the-greatest croaking? The cacophony is enough to make you - and Real Science - deaf, isn't it? Listen again. Do you hear any of them laughing at themselves? This time, it's the silence that's deafening!

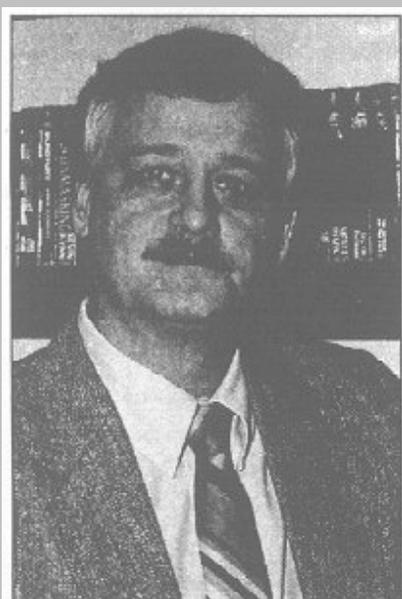
I've got a theory, well, a notion: If ufology never rises above the status of a tabloid semi-*proto-science*, one not unimportant reason will be because its practitioners - I know this is stretching the use of a perfectly good word to the breaking point - um, leading lights don't - can't - laugh at themselves.

Hey, you dim-bulbs: Lighten up. Look in the mirror. Read "Smear". See yourselves as you really are. Scary, huh? Yeah, but funny, very funny. Have a good laugh. Knock yourselves out!

There is no better antidote for what ails ufology today, both as to its internal difficulties and where it stands with the outside "straight" world than a good belly laugh at itself. Read "Smear", ufology, and be saved!

BOOK REVIEW:

We have been blessed with an "uncorrected proof, not for sale" copy of the forthcoming book by Dr. Kevin Randle, PhD., called "The Roswell Encyclopedia". This is because the entries are arranged alphabetically.



Kevin D. Randle. (Photo courtesy of Kevin Randle)

Randle is surely the most prolific of the many people who have written on this subject. He is extremely well informed on all the details, he is intellectually honest, and he is justifiably proud of his recently-obtained Ph.D., in spite of the fact that it was achieved through "distance-learning". His present book is an important contribution to the never-ending subject of Roswell.

In a recent phone conversation with your editor, Randle claimed that "The Roswell Encyclopedia" attempts to be objective. If objectivity is possible in this controversial-subject, Randle has nevertheless failed to achieve it. Much material had to be left out, due to the publisher's space limitations, but the material presented is biased to conform to Randle's personal belief, as stated on Page 310, that "based on the evidence and testimony, what fell at Roswell was a craft built on another world...The evidence for that is overwhelming."

An example of bias is Randle's snide remark in the section on Professor Charles Moore, that "Moore has billed himself as the man who launched the Roswell Incident". This is of course a reference to Project Mogul. We know Charles Moore, and he does not bill himself as anything. He does seem to believe in unidentified flying objects (including at least one that he saw himself), but not in spaceships. Moore's interest in the classic Socorro, New Mexico landing was noted in the lead story in our July 15th issue.

In regard to "Smear's" own Karl Pflock, Randle discusses a totally irrelevant incident years ago in which Pflock used a fake name in an effort to learn more about cattle mutilations. Although Pflock's book "Roswell in Perspective" is discussed, there is no mention of a key article that Pflock published in the September 1998 issue of "Fortean Times". If this article is correct in its viewpoint, there is no need to go on arguing about the exact composition of the Roswell debris, because whatever it was, it could not have been interplanetary.

Pflock's "Fortean Times" article - published in England and too little known in this country - states clearly that "the relevant, extensive, authentic formerly classified official United States government record establishes beyond any reasonable doubt that no physical evidence of the nature and origin of UFOs was in the possession of or known to American authorities at any time before mid-1955." In a footnote Pflock says that this still remains the case, in his opinion.

To his credit, Randle trashes most (but definitely not all) of the pro-interplanetary Roswell evidence. He rejects the MJ-12 documents, the alien autopsy video, the reliability of the late Lt. Col. Philip J. Corso, and the testimony of alleged Roswell witnesses such as Gerald Anderson, Barney Barnett, and Glenn Dennis. Regarding John Keel's absurd theory that the Roswell crash involved a World War II Japanese Fugo Balloon, Randle states: "Keel ignored what he couldn't explain, belittled what he couldn't ignore, and offered nothing to prove what he said." Randle also puts down the efforts of Tom Carey and many others to read the writing on the piece of paper in General Ramey's hand, in the famous 1947 photo well known to Roswell researchers.

Elsewhere Randle admits that "although the Project Mogul material resembles, in a gross sense, that found by Mac Brazel (on the Foster Ranch) it is not an exact match..." But isn't it close enough?? Randle's persistence in believing that the event was interplanetary is apparently because of shaky testimony involving a second crash site. About four different locations have been given for this second site!

To Randle's everlasting credit, the longest entry in his Encyclopedia is an abbreviated version of the statement by Kent Jeffrey, a pilot who was behind the original "Roswell Declaration" but later disappointed many, many followers by stating that he had changed his mind about the interplanetary nature of the Roswell Incident. Jeffrey's abbreviated statement runs from Page 166 to 194. Elsewhere in the book Randle attacks Jeffrey's reasoning, but here he mercifully leaves it alone. [Buy](#) "The Roswell Encyclopedia" and read Pages 166-194 if nothing else!

Says Kent Jeffrey (Page 179):

"While we have no idea what the debris from a crashed spaceship would look like, it is reasonable to assume that it would reflect a level of complexity and technical advancement beyond imagination. Postulating that a few pieces of foil, plastic-like material, and short beams constitute the remains of a machine of such capability and complexity is more than just a quantum leap, it is completely baseless and totally illogical..."

This latest UFO book by Kevin Randle, published by HarperCollins, will be in bookstores any day now, hopefully with an index, which our copy does not have - and if there's still no index, at least we'd like to see a table of contents, which our copy does not have, either!

In closing we'd like to remind you that Karl Pflock's definitive expose of Roswell as an interplanetary event will be published by Prometheus Press early next year. It is called "Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe". Will Pflock's book [finally](#) end the Roswell controversy? No book written by a mere mortal could ever do that, but at least it will be a giant step in the right direction.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Long-time researcher CHRISTOPHER ALLAN of England writes:

"I received the latest 'Smear' today. [Bill Moore](#) makes the claim that Dr. Hynek was still under contract as a USAF consultant at the time of the Bennewitz affair (1980-81), and that Hynek provided Bennewitz with a means of 'decoding' the supposed alien transmissions. Since Project Blue Book closed down in late 1969, and Dr. Hynek formed CUFOS in 1973 as a private research group and also authored two books in the 1970s long after he ceased to be involved with the USAF, Moore should be challenged to prove his assertions.

"I therefore challenge Bill Moore to prove that J. Allen Hynek was still under contract to the USAF as a UFO consultant 12 years after Blue Book closed down. Can Bill please provide documentary evidence or proof of this claim? If he cannot, I suggest that he is guilty of passing disinformation, just as he was in the 1980s."

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"Please extend my most sincere ufological apologies to Dr. Ron Westrum for having misidentified him as a 'MJ-12 document endorser', and for having failed to accurately portray Dr. Roger Wescott's researches in this area regarding the so-called 1952 Presidential Briefing Memo which Admiral R. Hillenkoetter is supposed to have written. I also wish to thank [Mr. Robert Durant](#) for pointing out my errors, and I wish him and Mr. Carey 'good luck' with their continued Roswell-related researches."

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes

"[Dr. Colm Kelleher](#) is a top research scientist with Robert Bigelow's NIDS (National Institute for Discovery Science) organization. He also teaches Turaya meditation, an invention of his guru Dawn Taylor.

"A year ago Kelleher published an article in the Journal of Scientific Exploration (JSE) and dedicated it to 'Dawn'. He purported to show that genetics can explain how people can float up into the sky and disappear. He cited a story by Carlos Castaneda to assure us that such things do indeed happen. Unfortunately, long ago Castaneda's work was proven to be fictional. But being a good little ufoologist, Kelleher presented it as fact.

"Kelleher is a worthy colleague for Dr. John B. Alexander, also with NIDS. Alexander did his 'doctoral' work under the direction of Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, the psychiatrist who claimed that a spirit could clone a medium's body to have sex.

"The JSE is published by the Society for Scientific Exploration, which is essentially a snooty Fortean group. Its president for life, Peter Sturrock, also happens to be on the board of advisors of NIDS. Kelleher's paper appeared over a year ago, but Sturrock has said nothing about it. Is he afraid that being too skeptical might jeopardize his lucrative position with Big Bucks Bigelow? Or maybe Sturrock actually believes Castaneda's books to be factual. We hope that he will enlighten us!"

- In reference to the classic Kenneth Arnold sighting, researcher DENNIS STACY writes as follows from Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming:

"I saw [seven Great American Pelicans](#) here yesterday! I could tell they weren't UFOs because they had long necks, strange beaks, and were sitting on the water. But they are real big and real white!

"Half the West is on fire, but otherwise things are normal here..."

- VINCENT DITCHKUS JR. writes as follows:

"Dear Editor/Supreme Commander: "As is the case with perhaps too many of your loyal readers, I was, up to this point, waiting for updates on the 'Saucer Smear' web page to read your newsletter.

"That will no longer be the case. I am driven by an overriding sense of guilt for receiving such an excellent publication for free. I am also weary of mounting impatience as I wait for the latest issue to be posted on the 'net.

"When the latest 'Smear' is available on the Internet, I find it generally impossible to appreciate the fine details of Matt Graeber's cartoons. That situation, in and of itself, is ample reason to justify the following drastic action on my part: Please find enclosed a check for \$25.00 for a year's subscription to 'Smear'.

"Cheers, and please keep up the excellent work!"

- Researcher SAM ENSLOW writes:

"I just read the new 'Smear'. What is happening? No charges and counter charges of child molestation, no comments about people writing bad checks, no mention of non-existent academic credentials! Are those involved in the UFO field getting too old (Walt Andrus, Stanton Friedman, Erik Beckjord, the Amazing Randi, etc) or - even worse - is the UFO field becoming respectable??"

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MUFON DOES IT AGAIN!

On the weekend of July 14th-16th, your humble "Smear" editor went to the 31st annual MUFON convention, held this year in a hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. About 400 people attended, which isn't bad, but the vendors reported that they did poorly, and this seems to be an unfortunate trend in recent years.

One aspect of this year's MUFON bash was the retirement of long-time czar Walt Andrus, to be replaced by Deputy Director John Schuessler. We do not know Schuessler well, and can't predict if things will be better or worse under his regime. Walt is now about 80 years old, and his wife is in poor health. (We will see him again in September, as he is one of the speakers at our NUFOC convention in Corpus Christi, Texas.) There was a bit of an inner-circle party for Walt's retirement, but we were unable to learn the location in time to crash! There were, as usual, many interesting speakers at the Convention, and we haven't Space to comment on all of them. John Carpenter, a professional psychologist who does abduction research on his own and for MUFON, talked a lot about an absurd video from a TV show that purports to show an actual case of "missing time". This would be quite a "breakthrough", were it not for the fact that the name of the abductee in the video and the location of the factory where the incident allegedly occurred, have never been released to the public. What nonsense!

Mr. Carpenter is currently MUFON's Director of Abduction Research. He is under a dark cloud at the moment because of detailed information on the Internet that purports to show that he sold 140 abduction cases from his files for \$14,000 paid to him by Robert Bigelow's wealthy NIDS (National Institute for Discovery Science). This would appear to be a serious violation of professional ethics, whether or not the names, etc. of the abductees were blacked out. There are those who say the names were not blacked out, and a formal ethical

complaint about the entire matter has recently been made to MUFON's new Director!

On the lecture program just before Carpenter was Colm Kelleher, Ph.D., of NIDS. Organized by Robert Bigelow in 1995, NIDS boasts several real scientists on its staff, not to mention the semi-mysterious John Alexander of non-lethal weapons fame. NIDS received its first nation-wide publicity re UFOs back in January of this year, when its representatives were the first to investigate the Illinois case involving a low-flying brightly-lit object which Phil Klass still insists was Venus. NIDS has also done a lot of extremely interesting work on cattle mutilations. We were sincerely impressed by Kelleher's high-class & objective presentation, until Klass reminded us later that these scientists, being paid by Bigelow, won't want to disappoint their boss by finding mundane explanations for everything they investigate. For once old Phil has a good point!

And speaking of Klass - he was at this Convention but (naturally) not on the lecture program. He is 80 years old now, and his health has further deteriorated due to a progressive spinal condition. However, he was as feisty as ever, in conversation. He told us that this will be his last convention. Some might say, "good riddance", but we insist that the religion we call ufology needs a "devil", and on that basis Phil Klass will be, or at least should be, sorely missed.

Other speakers included Dr. Robert Wood, enthusiastically pushing the probable authenticity of all the new MJ-12 documents, and Stan Friedman, who, at the end of his lecture, cautiously showed two examples of MJ-12 documents that are "emulations" as he calls them, i.e., fakes. In all, there are now about 3,700 pages of this stuff! Much of this mountain of paper seems to be genuine government documents that have been altered in a few key respects so as to fit the MJ-12 belief system. William Moore, who was involved with the earliest MJ-12 documents back in the late 1980s, continues to proclaim his innocence of any wrongdoing, as shown by his long letter to the editor further along in this issue.

The lecture Program also included Dr. Linda Corley, who was "discovered" by our co-worker Karl Pflock, and who now seems to be making a career out of her interesting but long-winded taped interview with the late Jesse Marcel Sr., re the Roswell Incident. Long-time ufological stars Bruce Maccabee (also with a doctorate) and Kevin Randle (with a mail order doctorate) were not up to their usual par, from what we heard of their presentations. Stan Gordon of Pennsylvania gave an excellent account of the 1965 landing of some sort of unexplained satellite, as well as other UFO and paranormal investigations in his home state. Lt. Col. Gerald Rolwes, in spite of his crisp military demeanor, impressed us with his rendition of the 1977 near-landing of a UFO just outside our military base in Aviano, Italy. (Hilariously, Klass calls this a simple "light in the sky"!) The most ridiculous lecture was the one given by Gregory Avery, who has become upset by various contrails he has seen in the sky. He called his talk "Chemtrails and UFOs Over My Backyard".

Also on the program were Ted Phillips of Landing Trace fame and John Greenwald Jr., speaking on Freedom of Information Internet Documents. But, shamefully, we did not hear either of these two speakers.

All in all it was a successful Convention, and much credit should be given to Bruce Widaman of Missouri MUFON, a genial gentleman, who bribed us with a MUFON hat when we ran into him in the hotel hall. He seemed to be worried that we would "smear" the Convention in print, but as you can see above, we have said nothing but positive things. Well, almost nothing.



Larry Bryant, a spokesman for CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy), has finally made the Big Time. He is quoted in the July 10th issue of Time Magazine as saying, in regard to his latest information-seeking lawsuit: "Whatever the court decides in this case may affect how all Earth governments and society treat the UFO problem". Larry is currently suing the governor of Virginia for failure to investigate UFO abductions. Larry is shown above in a relaxed moment at the recent MUFON convention.

KURIOUS KOMMENTS BY KAL K. KORFF

Ufologist Kal K. Korff (K.K.K.), who has recently moved to Eastern Europe, surfaced on the Internet recently, and among other things he gives some titillating insights into an autobiography he claims to be working on - at the tender age of about 42.

Korff is basically a skeptic, and has written books for Prometheus Press knocking the shit out of Billy Meier of Switzerland and Roswell of New Mexico. His autobiography will hint at the possible involvement of Stanton Friedman in the faking of the original MJ-12 documents; he will discuss a little known (if true) incident in which he almost took over the APRO organization, many years ago; and he apparently has a detailed explanation of how and why most of the crash/retrieval stories collected by the late Len Stringfield are simply untrue. He will also reveal new, negative information about the Betty & Barney Hill Case and the classic Rex Heflin photos.

Among the researchers who will be mentioned in the book, favorably or otherwise, are (in this order): Jerry Clark, Jim Moseley, Karl Pflock, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Bill Moore, Phil Klass, Bob Sheaffer, James Oberg, Stanton Friedman, Len Stringfield, (eek!) Wendelle Stevens, the Lorenzens, and Brad Sparks. We feel honored to be placed ahead of Dr. Hynek, but somewhat miffed at being placed after Jerry Clark! Anyhow, we'll look forward to this book. K.K.K. says he is working on six other books at the same time, so don't hold your breath for this one! (Our thanks to researcher Herb Taylor for this item.)

TIDBITS OF TRASH (formerly NEWS BRIEFIES)

- **TIME IS RUNNING OUT** to make your plans to attend the 37th annual National UFO Conference, to be held Sept. 23rd-24th in Corpus Christi, Texas, under the local sponsorship of Doris Upchurch. For complete details, run (don't walk) to the nearest phone and call Ms. Upchurch at 361-937-2381.
- Several other UFO conventions are planned for this Fall, but the most colorful might well be the one taking place on October 14th in the town of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada. Featured speaker is none other than the ubiquitous Stanton Friedman. We can just picture ole Stan mushing in with a dogsled overflowing with a multitude of overpriced books & pamphlets. MUSH!...

- Our readers all know that "Smear" has long trashed the Roswell Incident as an interplanetary event. Now the August issue of England's "Fortean Times" does the same to another classic 1947 sighting - the one by private pilot Kenneth Arnold. What did Arnold really see, rather than 9 spaceships in formation? According to a detailed analysis titled "Flight of Fantasy", Arnold most probably saw a formation of American White Pelicans. Is this a malicious cover-up or merely sacrilege? We haven't Space for the details, but you can judge for yourself by reading the article.

Unfortunately, "Fortean Times" - a 70-page professionally-done magazine - sells for \$90 for twelve monthly issues in the U.S.A. The American address is: Eastern News Distributors Inc., 2020 Superior St., Sandusky, Ohio 44870. The magazine is also available at large newsstands...

- The only people we interviewed at length at the recent MUFON convention were fellow cigarette smokers who were sitting outside the hotel for long periods of time. One of these was Elaine Douglas, who, together with the notorious Ed Komarek, was one of the founders of Operation Right to Know (ORTK). A few years ago this group organized several pro-UFO public demonstrations, including one in front of the White House, which we attended. Now the organization has disbanded, apparently due to lack of interest. The money in the group's treasury has been distributed to various researchers, including possibly Peter Gersten of CAUS.

Elaine has moved from Washington, D.C. to Moab, Utah, with a fellow named Ron Regehr, who is one of the people trying to make sense (or nonsense) out of the supposedly significant document in General Ramey's hand, re the Roswell Incident...

- Aging Bigfoot investigator Erik Beckjord, whom we've known all too well for a long time, has made it onto a wire service story for the first time in several years. Now he's claiming that the creature in the famed Patterson Bigfoot film is seen in one frame of the movie as wearing a cylinder of some sort, about the size of a beer can. Others think this is not a cylinder but a zipper, and in fact one man is claiming that he's the guy in the monkey suit! Egads!...
- Dorris Van Tassel, widow of the famous contactee & Giant Rock convention host, is now offering George Van Tassel's exotic paintings for sale on the Internet, for an asking price of \$50,000 each! We corresponded with Dorris for a few years after George's death, but never heard of anything like this. We didn't even know that George was an artist!...
- Panic has set in among downtown merchants in Roswell, N.M., as the famed International UFO Museum & Research Center is seriously considering moving to a 25-acre tract of land about ten miles west of the city. Amazingly, the Museum brings in 250,000 to 300,000 visitors per year, and the numbers are continuing to increase! But Max Littel, treasurer and co-founder of the Museum, says that they definitely need more Space. They also need ten million dollars with which to buy the tract of land!...
- In our last issue we ran a short item stating that, due to the illness of Bob Brown (the coordinator), the summer convention of the International UFO Conference has been canceled. Now we are told that Bob Brown is not the coordinator and the person who is ill is his wife Teri. The bottom line remains the same: The next International UFO Conference will not take place until March 4th, 2001. It will again be held in Laughlin, Nevada, where it has been held several times in the past...
- Millionaire Joe Firmage, together with the widow of Carl Sagan, have announced that they are organizing a 21st Century media network under the title of Project Voyager. They have already raised an amazing \$23 million in "seed money". Although flying saucers are not mentioned at all in the publicity, the duo feel that "there is a world-wide appetite for compelling entertainment that reflects our deepening understanding of cosmic evolution and our place in its great story."
- On a lesser scale, Dr. Steven Greer, the mad medical UFO scientist, announces the formation of Disclosure News Programing (DNP). This group is specifically geared (or Greeted) to promote and encourage key UFO-related disclosures from high-ranking people in a position to Know. (We have heard all this before!)
- On a still lower note, former psychologist Dr. Richard Boylan has started a space-age summer school for children who have been genetically modified by aliens! Boylan claims these so-called "star kids" are not

only brighter than others, but they can have strange superpowers such as levitation, invisibility, and teleportation. Whee!...

- Finally, scientists at Princeton University (our old alma mater) have conducted sophisticated experiments the results of which seem to prove that under certain circumstances, light can exceed its own speed limit. Einstein's work showed that the maximum speed of anything in the universe can't exceed the speed of light in a vacuum, which is 186,000 miles per second. But the Princeton experiments sent a pulse of laser light through cesium vapor so quickly that the pulse left the chamber before it had even finished entering it! The pulse traveled 300 times the distance it would have covered if the chamber had contained a vacuum. Weird!

PFLOCK PTALK - I WANT TO BELIEVE (NOT)

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Over 2,400 years ago, the Greek dramatist Euripides summed up what should be ufology's watchword: "Man's most valuable trait is a judicious sense of what not to believe." Unfortunately, the opposite is all too often true. Time and again, we see The Will To Believe - and DISbelieve - overwhelm objective fact, solid countervailing information, and what should be warning flags about witness credibility, alleged evidence, etc. I've succumbed all too often myself. About the most egregious example of which (shameless plug follows) see my forthcoming tome now and firmly entitled "Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe", coming to you from Prometheus, spring '01. Watch this space for exact publication date, price, and other exciting stuff. Now, then, where was I?...

Ah, yes. Belief is no substitute for critical thinking. Sure, every advancement of knowledge begins with a hunch, a dream that something might be so, a working hypothesis. It is another matter altogether to allow such hunches and dreams and hypotheses to becloud thinking, permit accomodation of contradiction and falsehood, set aside "inconvenient" facts, and undermine that rare commodity common sense - to let the dream become more "real" than reality.

When we're chasing flying saucers, the courage of our convictions can be a strong shield against the slings and arrows of our detractors and give us the strength to carry on. However, it is all too easy to let our convictions harden into intellectual arrogance or froth into feel-good faith that blinds us to the facts we'd rather not see and logic that demonstrates how wrong we are - all too easy to morph from ufologists into ufooligists.

This pitfall is a threat to ufologists of all stripes - "pro"-UFO and skeptic alike. Unrecognized certitudes close the door to real knowledge and understanding. If we're serious about ufology (as opposed to ourselves), we must continually check our premises, our frames of mental reference to be sure we're not proceeding from either "They must be, therefore they are:" or "They can't be, therefore they aren't!" The will to believe cuts both ways.

Those who are - usually unconsciously - looking for reasons to believe (or not) have no difficulty finding "evidence" that convinces them. The real trick, as ol' Rip (he lets me call him Rip) saw so well, is knowing what not to believe, knowing how judiciously to sort through things with nary a kneejerk and distinguish the gold from the ufool's gold.

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- Distinguished British ufologist HILARY EVANS writes:

"Dear Jim,

"I particularly enjoyed your June 15th issue, where you revisit [the Bennewitz Affair](#). I think you should discard your customary modesty and recognize that - thanks to your experience, your contacts and your innate good sense - you are in a unique position to put such matters into a meaningful perspective, and cut a swathe through the confusion generated by the misinformation and disinformation of other parties. You probably have more knowledge of the nooks and crannies of the American UFO scene than anyone now alive, and you would be doing us all - and ufology in general - a big service if you would share more of it with us.

"With admiration and respect, Hilary"

Our sincere thanks for these kind remarks! - Editor.

- Former ufologist WILLIAM ("Bill") MOORE writes:

"Several quick comments, which you may publish if you wish:

1. "[Rick Doty](#) is either mistaken or misinformed when he says I 'was paid' for such services as may have been rendered to AFOSI et al., in the early 1980s. While it is true that money was offered on several occasions, I never once accepted a penny of it. Therefore I can say with a clear conscience that everything and anything I might have done in this regard was entirely out of my own pocket.
2. "Regarding [the Bennewitz Affair](#) in general - two things which have never come to light and which might prove most interesting to ufology are the roles played by doctors J. Allen Hynek and Jacques Vallee. It is not generally known that Dr. James Harder was involved (at least early on, although perhaps not later). I personally know that Hynek was still under contract as a USAF consultant at the time, and Vallee had very close ties with the CIA and others (although what his obligations to them may have been, I do not know). For those still hoping to uncover some hidden treasure in this whole mess, here is a good place to begin. Many of Bennewitz's bizarre views on abductions seem to have come to him as a result of Harder's involvement. Hynek's hitherto unknown forte had to do with providing Bennewitz a carefully crafted means of 'decoding' the supposed 'alien' transmissions he was intercepting. As for Vallee, numerous clues pertaining to his particular specialty can be gleaned by a careful rereading of his book 'Messengers of Deception'.
3. "While it may be true that [Doty](#) spent the final months of his Air career overseeing a non-com club at Kirtland, my understanding of the events surrounding this (based upon my own careful investigation into the circumstances) is considerably different than the version offered by Olde Mr. Krass. However, since none of this had anything to do with the Bennewitz Affair, and since I do not feel it proper to discuss events which were essentially none of my business, I shall have nothing further to say on that subject.
4. "[Janet Smith's](#) strange assertion that Bennewitz was 'squirreled away in Canada for his own protection' is a new one on me. I certainly have never heard, nor have I ever said any such thing
5. "Finally, I find it extremely interesting that [George Hansen](#) sees fit to question Doty's credibility on the basis of Phil Krass' ad hominem exposes. Why, I wonder, doesn't Mr. Hansen see fit to question Mr. Krass' credibility? Certainly Krass' record of distorting facts and misreporting events goes back far further than anything Doty may have said or done, and his many transgressions in this area are widely recognized and easily documented.
6. "If [Charlie Moore](#) (no relation) is right about Socorro, it would indeed be a major breakthrough. But can he prove it?"

- ***Editor's Note: In a letter too long to fit in this issue, researcher George Earley***

makes a persuasive case that neither the Lunar Module nor a Surveyor lunar probe was involved in the Socorro incident. Contact him at drrearleys@aol.com and he will be glad to email you the same material he sent to us.

- And, PHIL KLASS himself writes us as follows:

"So [Bill Noore](#) is increasingly suspicious that I created the 'original' MJ-12 papers which he, Stan Friedman and Jaime Shandera made public in late May of 1987. Shortly thereafter when I obtained a copy of their MJ-12 papers, I made copies which I sent to FBI headquarters. My accompanying letter said that if the MJ-12 papers were authentic, their release was a very serious security violation. And if they were bogus, as I suspected, they were a violation of Federal Statutes against creating bogus U.S. Government documents.

"Now, if I had created the MJ-12 documents myself, as Bill Moore suspects, why would I call them to the attention of the FBI - inviting their investigation and a possible long prison term for myself? One possible explanation: I had just retired and was having trouble getting by on my very modest pension and Social Security benefit. IF I were convicted of creating bogus government documents, these economic worries were over. A Federal prison would assure me of food and shelter for the rest of my life!"

- CHRISTA TILTON, abductee & author of "The Bennewitz Papers", writes:

"Best regards to you and 'Smear'. Thank you for taking me off your 'X' list long enough to read the [Bennewitz material](#). Very interesting and diverse.

"Whatever [Cindy Bennewitz](#) told you on Paul's behalf is most likely wrong. You see, Paul and I became quite close during the time Moore and Doty were harrassing him. He would call me all the time, and he even offered to fly me out to Albuquerque to meet with him personally. Cindy knew nothing of this.

"I wrote 'The Bennewitz Papers' because I had permission. I was never called by Paul after the fact about anything I had done. It was always on a personal note. He once told me I was probably one of a very few people he could trust. I have the material Paul wrote early on. I could have published it, but chose not to because I was fearful for my own life. This UFO field is a truly psychotic one indeed. So I've been protecting him also.

"I've gone on with my life and finally got my Doctorate... Thank you again for your long-lasting friendship."

- Researcher BOB DURANT writes:

"Sneering at Tom Carey and his colleagues who are diligently attempting to read the Ramey memo, [Matt Graeber](#) writes: '...someone like Dr. Ron Westrun (of MJ-12 document endorsement fame!)'.

"Graeber can't tell an N from an M. The professor's name is WestruM, not WestruN, Matt!

"WestruM has never published a word about MJ-12. That was another professor, the linguist Roger Wescott. If Graeber can't distinguish an M from an N, no wonder Ron and Roger seem alike to him.

"And Wescott never endorsed the MJ-12 documents. He compared the writing to that of Roscoe Hillenkoetter, and found no obvious difference."

- JON BIERMAN of Missouri MUFON writes:

"I read your comments of the last few months regarding the Missouri UFO Ballot Initiative and although MUFON Missouri was unable to obtain the requisite number of signatures to bring the

Year 2000 UFO Ballot Initiative before the people of Missouri, the most difficult portion of the work (which sets the stage for bringing the initiative at the next referendum) has now been accomplished.

"As you can imagine, getting the Missouri Secretary of State to approve the language and form of a petition calling on the U.S. Congress to hold hearings on UFO Secrecy is not the easiest task. It took a great deal of perseverance (and pro bono legal work on my part) and now that the job is complete, the approved paperwork will be resubmitted the next time around with plenty of time to obtain the needed signatures.

"This work is extremely important to me because I want to know if MacDonald's is really using hamburger supplied by cattle rustling aliens and I expect the government to tell me. Also, Alien women are hot!"

- Researcher JOHN ANDERSON writes:

"Re your latest newsletter, I heard [Dr. Frank Stranges](#) talk one time at Pat Marcattilio's convention at Days Inn, Bordentown, N.J. He has had years to refine his Pentagon - Val Thor experiences to a fine cutting edge. He knows his subject well, he knows all the speaking cues, he knows his audience, he maintains eye contact, voice control, word emphasis, and holds his audience in rapt attention.

"Over the years I have reached a conclusion about him: He could sell an Eskimo a refrigerator, or perpetual fire to an Amazon rain forest native... Dr. Stranges is a real smooth audience-appealing operator, fortified by his Val Thor contact experiences."

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"I was shocked and appalled that you spelled Pat Marketillio's name correctly in the last 'Smear'. What happened???"

The answer is that we are buttering him up, now that he has offered us a (reluctant) invitation to speak at his next glorious conclave in Bordentown, on the weekend of October 7th-8th. - Editor.

- Famed UFO researcher GEORGE D. FAWCETT writes as follows:

"...Two certified library archive librarians are working full time to absorb the 50,000 UFO items (worth \$250,000) that we gave to the International UFO Museum at Roswell in 1998. The librarians feel it will take them ten more years to complete the job. I still have 7,000 items in North Carolina that I am using on my second book, currently at a standstill due to a number of family members who have died of heart attacks and/or strokes over the past four months. Whether I finish my book or die (whichever comes first), all these materials are already willed to the Museum. I hope you have a pleasant visit to the MUFON Symposium in St.Louis."

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AN EXCLUSIVE UPDATE ON THE FAMED SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO UFO LANDING:

It is always with a heavy heart (and a lawyer handy!) that we seek any disagreement with our friend Phil Klass, but alas, we have always been astounded at his opinions regarding the classic Socorro, N.M. flying saucer landing of April 24th, 1964.

The Socorro case was recently re-hashed brilliantly in Issue Number Eight of "The Anomalist", published somewhat semi-annually by Dennis Stacy and Patrick Huyghe. Surely most "Smear" readers know the basic outline of the case - that a respected policeman claimed to have seen a very noisy landed mystery craft in broad daylight, in a sparsely inhabited area just outside this little desert town. There was also confirmation from at least one other witness.

After arch-debunker Phil Klass went to Socorro several years later, he at first claimed the incident was caused by a "dust devil" (= a small whirlwind). Unfortunately, this is highly unlikely, to say the least! In recent years, Klass has insisted that the sighting was a hoax, motivated by a desire by the Town Fathers to put Socorro on the map as a tourist center. This idea worked very well indeed at Roswell, but your editor visited Socorro just five years ago, and it is still anything but a tourist town!

We have talked again recently by phone with Professor Charles Moore, the gentleman who was Project Engineer for the Project Mogul balloon flights in June, 1947, one of which almost surely gave rise to the notorious Roswell Incident. For our money it was Prof. Moore who has been the key figure in the recent long-overdue solution to the Roswell case (although there are still many in the UFO community who stubbornly refuse to accept this explanation.)

Prof. Moore, who still has not retired, has lived and worked for the past several years in Socorro, and he has some very interesting tentative conclusions about the town's famous UFO event. Moore does not believe in the "dust devil" solution, nor the hoax solution. For one thing, he accepts the veracity of the gasoline station owner who claims a tourist told him that he, too, saw the Socorro saucer after it noisily took off.

For another thing, Moore has ascertained that a Surveyor lunar module was launched from White Sands (very nearby) on the same day as the Lonnie Zamora sighting. However, has not been able to establish the time of the rocket launch.

Says Moore: "Something went wrong and they don't want to admit it. I have good reason to believe that." He did not elaborate.

Although it does not precisely fit all the controversial details of the Zamora story, Prof. Moore believes that the Surveyor launch is the key to solving this case. As far as we know, this angle has never been fully pursued by any UFO researcher, and now that we have broken the story, we hope that someone (maybe Robert Todd??) will duly pursue it!

When we say that some of the details don't fit - we mean major things like the alleged weird symbol on the craft; the two little creatures (or coveralls?), and so on. But it's better to fit a round peg into a square hole than to attempt no reasonable solution at all! We have urged Prof. Moore to look further into the Surveyor theory if there is any way of doing so at this late date....

For an unrelated humorous spin-off on the 1947 Roswell landing case, see [Matt Graeber's letter to the editor and cartoon](#) later in this issue.

NEWS BRIEFIES (formerly TIDBITS OF TRASH)

- We are pleased to announce that Karl Pflock's anti-Roswell-as-aninterplanetary-event book has been accepted by Prometheus Press, which is the publishing arm of the dreaded CSICOP organization. The title is: "Inconvenient Facts: The Real Roswell Story", and the book is due to be released in the Spring of 2001...
- The time you read this, your editor will be off to the MUFON convention in St. Louis, Missouri. Then in September there's the annual NUFOC, this time taking place in scenic Corpus Christi, Texas. And in early October, we will be speaking at another Pat Marcattilio conclave at the exotic Days Inn in Bordentown, New Jersey. More details later.
- Another upcoming convention that we will be attending is the Fort Walton Beach (Florida) Paranormal Conference, which will take place on the weekend of October 20th-22nd. This is just a few miles from famed Gulf Breeze, and is run by some of the same people who used to run Project Awareness. Over a period of several years, Project Awareness held conventions in various southern cities, mostly in Florida. The speakers at the upcoming conclave are mostly people we've never heard of, but ace nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman will be there, as well as off-beat historian Zecharia Sitchin. For further information, phone Buddy Crumbley (real name!) at 334-621-5750
- We have just received notice that the summer convention of the International UFO Congress, usually held in Laughlin, Nevada, has been canceled, due to the illness of Bob Brown, the coordinator. We hadn't intended to attend that one anyhow, though we've been to several of these in the past
- UFO investigator Larry Bryant continues his fierce campaign to embarrass the governor of Virginia, which is Larry's home state. Among the people seeking relief from alien abduction is one Robert A. Luca, who

resides in Virginia, but admits "(I) realize that although my abductions occurred in states other than Virginia, I have no guarantee that they won't resume here at my Virginia residence or elsewhere during my travels,..". In other words, the governor is apparently being blamed for events not under his jurisdiction. Whee!...

A 90-page document called the COMETA Report is now available in English, having been published in French by a semi-official group of French military men & scientists. It concludes that there is a high probability that some UFOs are extraterrestrial. Amusingly, ace nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman of Canada has been selling copies of the English edition for ten dollars each, and when COMETA found this out, they threatened to sue him for violation of copyright. Presumably Stan has now stopped selling this document. (Our thanks to Wm. LaParl Jr. and "Bob" Wilson for this one.)

- We mailed a copy of the last "Smear" to Dr. Paul Bennewitz of Albuquerque, New Mexico, as he was the subject of our feature article therein. We later were told that Bennewitz wanted to communicate with your editor about the article; but when we called his house recently, his wife Cindy shouted "NO WAY!" and hung up the phone. It thus appears that we will never learn for sure just what Bennewitz's current views are in regard to the flying saucer mystery...
- The fifth annual UFO-oriented festival in the fair city of Roswell, N.M., will take place during the week of June 30th - July 7th. These festivals began in 1996, and of course the big one, which we attended, was in 1997 - celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Mogul balloon landing, or whatever. This year the emphasis will be on fun rather than research. There's the Intergalactic Fashion and Food Extravaganza, roller-skating aliens in "professional costumes" (whatever that means), and "The world's biggest UFO-themed parade". By the time you read this, it will all be over!...
- Steve Mansee, the gentleman who kindly puts "Saucer Smear" on the Internet for us, has responded to our request for statistics regarding how many people freeload our zine in this way. It turns out that "Smear" gets an average of about 275 "hits" per day. More people read it on weekdays than on weekends, and most interestingly, a small percentage of our readers come from exotic countries all over the world - such as Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Singapore, Iceland, Luxembourg, Romania, Indonesia, and Thailand. There is no mention of readers on other planets, who can be forgiven for freeloading.

Our Web site is: www.martiansgohome.com/smeat. We do not send or receive e-mail, but we can easily be reached by "snail mail" or the old-fashioned telephone.

DR. FRANK STRANGES CARRIES ON - AND ON, AND ON!

According to a group called "Flying Saucers Gourmet Coffee and Tea" (whatever that may be!), the Reverend Frank Stranges is now on the Internet, pushing the claims he first expressed many years ago in his classic UFO book "Stranger at the Pentagon - a True Life Story". In that book Stranges raves about a human-looking alien named Val Thor, who was allegedly a guest of the U.S. Government for three years. He also tells about his own encounters with this mysterious space visitor who had no fingerprints, could read minds, and had other amazing powers,

Dr. Stranges has been in the UFO field for at least forty years. He has frequently been a speaker at flying saucer conventions, and at other times he has served as Master of Ceremonies at these events. We first met him at Giant Rock back in the 1960s.

In addition to UFOs, Stranges pushes a mixed bag of religious concepts, including his own interpretation of the Dead Sea Scrolls. "Stranger at the Pentagon" is still in print, and can be obtained together with many other semi-inspiring books & tapes by writing to the good Doctor at: P.O. Box 73,



REV. FRANK STRANGES is a saucer-savvy evangelist minister in Southern California.

Van Nuys, California 91408. (Our thanks to Bill LaParl Jr. for this item.)...

And while we're pushing products, let us humbly remind you that back issues of "Saucer Smear", from 1996 to the present, are available at our Headquarters for a mere one dollar each. Earlier issues, on back to 1954, can be obtained from Tom Benson, P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606.

BOOKS TO KEEP YOUR BONFIRE BURNING BRIGHTLY:

- We don't have the book itself, but we do have the Blurb. We refer to Dr. John Mack's second UFO book, called "Passport to the Cosmos". The Blurb tells us that for Mack, the alien abduction phenomenon is nothing short of a cosmic wake-up call to humans. He believes we live in a world filled with spirits and beings who can cross the barrier we have thrown up between the material and immaterial worlds. We must broaden our definition of what is real, says he.

Before going off the deep end into ufology, Dr. Mack wrote "A Prince of Our Disorder", a biography of T. E. Lawrence, for which he won a Pulitzer Prize. "Passport to the Cosmos" is Mack's second UFO book. It is published by Crown Publishers of New York, and costs \$24.00...

- Next we have "I Was There", which is another in the endless series of pro-Roswell books, this one written by a former Air Force Captain named Robert Shirkey. Frank Kaufmann, a well-known alleged Roswell witness, is a major contributor to this book, though his name is not on the cover. Amusingly, Shirkey decided not to use any material from famed Roswell witness Glenn Dennis. Dennis gave Shirkey the brush-off when asked to contribute, so Shirkey thereafter concluded that Dennis' story of Nurse Naomi Marie Selff (?) was not provable, and therefore not worth using in the book anyway.

Shirkey's claim to fame is that, at the time of the Roswell Incident, he was Assistant Group Operations Officer for the 509th Bomb Group at Roswell Army Air Field. He allegedly watched the crash site debris being carried through the Operations Building & loaded onto a waiting B-29.

PFLOCK PTALK - THE BEAT GOES ON!

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



George Filer, retired Air Force officer, compiler of "Flier's Files", and MUFON regional mogul, is a very nice guy. But nice guys usually have lousy bullshit detectors. Here's a case in point.

"Another New Roswell Witness" (my emphasis), an item in "Filer's Files" #14 (April 10th), is a communication from an unnamed correspondent who claims to have been a crewman on a B-29 bomber that on July 9, 1947, flew a crate escorted by armed guards from Roswell to "Carswell (sic - it was still Fort Worth) Army Air Field", Texas. This fellow explains he was a gunner on the plane, tail number 44-7301, a unit of the 393rd Bomb Squadron of the 509th Bomb Group, etc. The crate and guards were transported in the B-29's front bomb bay. The aircraft crew were "told it was classified cargo and to stay back".

Sound familiar? If you've read the Randle and Schmitt books and my own about Roswell, and the late Len Stringfield's crash/retrieval story collections, you'll recognize this as the "crate flight" tale, and the teller as "Tim".

Yet Filer touts the guy as one more "new" Roswell witness. (How many are there now? It seems like there's at least one a month!) Is this because Tim now "recalls" never before revealed memories of how, "three to six months later, the wives (of the men involved) began talking among themselves about the cleanup detail", and how, when he asked one of the cleanup crew "what he had seen out there", the guy "was upset and told

(Tim), 'You don't want to know!' (Shudder!) Oh yes, and let's not forget the never before mentioned "two weird experiences" Tim later had at March Air Force Base, California, "with something that officially was not there".

The beat goes on! The crushing weight of evidence to the contrary is no match for the will to believe Roswell involved recovery of a crashed flying saucer (or a couple of them) and the bodies of some unfortunate aliens (their last words the Reticulian equivalent of "Oh, shit"?). Sigh...

Oh, say, George, you're a former Air Force bomber pilot. Don't you think it a little odd that a B-29 was used to tote the crate instead of one of the Roswell-based 1st Air Transport Unit's C-54 cargo planes, designed for the job and, allegedly, employed to haul little gray bodies and saucer scraps to Wright Field?... You don't?

The beat goes on!

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Famed former flying saucer researcher WILLIAM MOORE writes:

"Thank you for accurately reporting [the results of your discussions with Rick Doty](#). (With respect to the accuracy of the results, I shall prudently withhold comment, except as noted below.)

"As to your thoughts and conclusions regarding same, I still think that you and others need to do a lot more hard and serious looking at dear OLDE Phil Klass in connection with MJ-12. I, for one, continue to entertain the notion that one possible explanation for the whole thing is that one of Phil's notoriously unfunny (read 'vicious') little jokes (with which he intended to embarrass me and others) got so far out of hand that he couldn't and wouldn't own up to it. Moreover, his persistent failure to deny this must be viewed as at least suspicious. Admittedly, I would not have thought of it until you yourself brought up the idea more than a year ago. Now I concede the possibility, and urge serious researchers to at least consider it - especially in light of the fact that additional allegedly phony documents have since surfaced which he may also have had some role in.

"I can confirm [Rick Doty's comments](#) about Bennewitz and those strange 'energy balls'. I actually saw one of those things for a brief moment while in Bennewitz' home..."

- RICHARD ("RICK") DOTY writes as follows:

"I read [your article on Paul Bennewitz](#) in the June 15th edition of 'Saucer Smear'. I find most of it well written, containing facts. However, I'll point out some errors. First, while serving with the Office of Special Investigations (OSI), my rank was Special Agent, not sergeant. As an OSI agent, you did not have a rank. Secondly, I am now a sergeant with the New Mexico State Police, not a trooper.

"The next thing I'd like to discuss is my past association with William Moore. Moore was a coded source for OSI. That means he provided intelligence information that was documented. He was paid for his information. Moore was used to provide disinformation to Ufologists. (**Emphasis ours. - Editor.**) He also provided information regarding Soviet scientists regarding their information. I was not involved in any conspiracy with Moore to create any documents. If Moore was the original author of the MJ-12 documents, he did it without my assistance or my knowledge.

"Obviously you are not aware that I went through two Government investigations regarding the MJ-12 documents. I was accused of creating them. Both investigations cleared me of any involvement with these documents. Phil Klass knows this.

"I never believed that Paul Bennewitz was in contact with ETs. Paul had a problem believing in these things.

"I don't have the beliefs that some might think. The truth is this: Two alien spacecrafts crashed in the desert of New Mexico in the summer of 1947. Our Government recovered five bodies and one live alien. That alien lived until 1952. The recovered spacecrafts were transported to Wright-Patterson for examination and then on to several secret locations. That is it. To the best of my knowledge we have not been visited since. We don't have any UFOs at Area 51. We might still have some remnants of the crashed craft from 1947. The bodies were preserved but I have no knowledge as to their location.

"During my OSI days, I did perform disinformation operations against many different targets, but everything I did was sanctioned by our Government. I never did anything as a maverick.

"You can choose to believe the truth or believe the fiction that others are spreading. I don't have anything to prove to you or anyone else."

Doty claims that he passed two lie detector tests regarding complicity in the MJ-12 document hoax. - Editor.

- And, PHIL KLASS writes as follows:

"Ref. new issue of 'Smear' - interesting as always - especially your piece about your telcon [interview with Rick Doty](#).

"So Doty claims 'that his interest in Bill Moore as a source was simply because Moore was in correspondence with certain Soviet scientists, in regard to UFOs and possibly other matters'. Doty (seemingly) forgets that he (allegedly) was selected by a top intelligence official (code name 'Falcon') to convey 'Top Secret' UFO info to Moore.

"According to Doty, during the height of the Cold War, the National Security Agency (NSA) had nothing more pressing to do than to 'steer the poor man (Bennewitz) deeper into his interplanetary belief system'. In truth, NSA had a jillion more important things on its agenda. According to Doty, NSA 'also tapped his (Bennewitz') phone.' NSA is not allowed to tap the phone line of U.S. resident-citizens.

"When Dory was caught spinning tall tales to his military bosses during his mid-1980s assignment in West Germany, he was booted out of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) and spent the last two years of his military career managing the Non-Commissioned Officers Club at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico."

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"In your June 15th, 2000 issue, you reported that 'It was [Doty's](#) job to misdirect Bennewitz into continuing to believe the messages were actually from the aliens!'

"Are you simply taking Doty's word for this? After Phil Klass's exposes, Doty certainly has less credibility than even Ed Walters. Do you have any corroboration for Doty's claims???"

"Doty certainly warrants attention, and he has not yet received sufficient credit for his major, albeit inconspicuous, role in propagating the Roswell myth."

- Researcher JANET SMITH writes:

"I read with great interest your [interview with Richard Doty](#). First of all, I would like to congratulate you. That interview was a great piece of work. It is wonderful to have some kind of closure on that piece of Bennewitz business. Bill Moore told me about it when he was working on my story in the early '80s. He said that he squirreled Bennewitz away in Canada for his own protection. It made me nervous for him to tell me that on the phone, because

back in those days I was pretty sure that some government agency was tapping my phone on a regular basis. Bill didn't mention (or at least I don't recall that he mentioned) that 'they' in the Bennewitz case were the NSA!

"A few years later Bill was trying to be patient with me when I nagged him to keep plugging on my story. I felt we were so close to a breakthrough. But Bill's marriage had fallen apart, and some people were trying to accuse him of forging some documents which he said he didn't forge. That's all he would say about the matter, but the pain and frustration were accumulating..."

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"I received a phone call from one of the guys that attends Tom Carey's meetings and helps out with his Roswell researches. He told me that Tom and several others believe that they have almost completely deciphered the General Ramey TELEX which appears in the General's hand. in the Roswell news briefing photo of 1947.

"Apparently this group of pro-Roswell researchers believe that the TELEX's text is a 'smoking gun' which proves the existence of the saucer crash; the recovery of alien bodies; (possibly) the formation of the MJ-12 group; and that saucers had already crashed prior to the Roswell Incident!

"I suggested that the group submit their findings to a local university for replication, and that a 'blind study' be performed to insure accuracy and objectivity. It will be interesting to see if they actually seek out an unbiased panel, or solicit the pro-UFO skills of someone like Dr. Ron Westrun (of MJ-12 document endorsement fame!)

"Interestingly, if the TELEX does mention MJ-12, it means that the group existed prior to the Roswell crash. (Yikes, there goes another well-researched time-line to pieces!) Hey, this is getting better than an ol' Cactus Jack story!

"Moreover, these guys never thought of asking themselves why Ramey would call a press briefing (which was really a coverup) and walk into the room with a note in his hand proclaiming it all to be a ruse! Obviously, unlike so many other Roswell witnesses, the General had no fear of court martial, demotion, dismissal, or loss of pension. It will be interesting to see what Tom Carey & Company come up with to explain the General's behavior (Perhaps it was a case of temporary insanity?)

"So stay tuned! I believe that this story could turn out to be a major ufoological scoop for 'Smear', although I doubt that it will surpass Czar Andrus' endorsement of '[the Marvinicus Skeleton](#)' or [David Huggin's sensational two-act play](#). Yahoo!

"You might want to let Karl Pflock do a bit of 'UFO-sleuthing' on this one, as I know he is a Roswellian antagonist of the first magnitude.

"Methinks that old blurry photo of the TELEX, like the face on Mars (and its canals!), is in the eye/mind of the beholder. Herman Rorschach would have loved it!"

- In a letter to Matt Graeber, PHIL KLASS writes:

"Ref. the Rsmey Office Memo (ROM): Because you probably were never cleared for 'Top



Secret', you are not familiar with the special handling provisions: "Quoting directly from TS-H: #3.14159: 'Whenever you are going to be photographed by a newspaper reporter, always obtain a Top Secret document to take into the room with the photographer. Always fold and hold the document so that at least part of its Top Secret message can be photographed. If the photographer does not have a telephoto lens on his camera, provide him with one. If that does not work, 'accidentally' drop the Top Secret document and ask the reporter to pick it up for you, to give him a chance to scan the message.'"

Pi in your Eye, Phil Klass - Editor

- CHRISTOPHER ALLAN of England writes as follows:

"I received your latest 'Smear', with the Paul Bennewitz tale therein.

"One matter of interest is this: How and when did the expression 'Extraterrestrial Biological Entities' (or EBE for short) arise? According to the MJ-12 papers, the term was first used by Dr. Detlev Bronk when MJ-12 was set up in 1947. Only MJ-12 diehards (the few that still exist) believe this now.

"I read somewhere that the term EBE was first suggested by Paul Bennewitz around 1980, but probably this was only in conversation and not in writing. It would be a 100% knockout punch on MJ-12 if we could lay our hands on a Bennewitz paper known to have been written before 1984, the date the MJ-12 stuff allegedly reached Moore and Shandera.

"So my question is: Is there any paper or article or are there any notes of Bennewitz written earlier than 1984, containing the term 'EBE'?"

"Discovery of such would finally sink MJ-12 and all its follow-up documents, forever. Was Bennewitz in fact the inventor of the concept of an EBE???"

"Re Edward Condon's article written in 1969, has anyone ever been publicly horsewhipped in the U.S.? Do such public punishments or humiliations still occur? (Not to be confused with lynchings, of course!)"

- Finally, EDWARD F. MITCHEL, JR. of Nashville, Tennessee, writes:

"I can't stand it anymore. Your newsletter is just too good for me to wait the extra month it takes to get it from the Internet. I am enclosing my Love Offering of \$25 in hopes that it will be sufficient to get me a year's worth of your newsletter.

"P.S: I have been accumulating and reading everything I can get my hands on by and about Gray Barker. He was a hell of a guy!"

Thanks, Ed, for your delightful letter. We wish there were more people like you out there. As for Gray Barker, he was indeed a hell of a guy, and we still miss him very much. - Editor.

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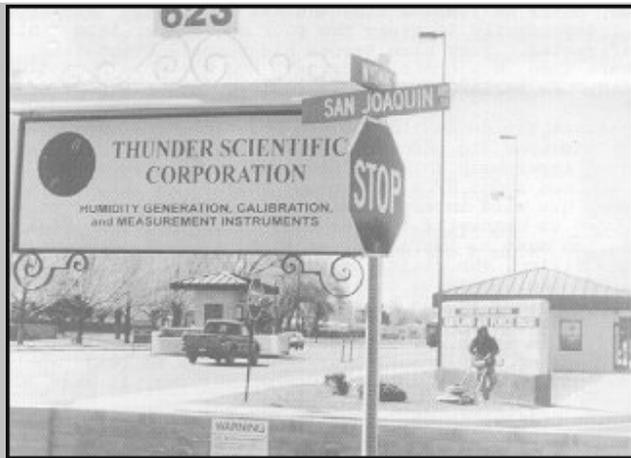
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THE PAUL BENNEWITZ CASE REVISITED:

While on our recent trip to New Mexico, your editor decided to do a little UFO-related research. In the neat photo below, we see the entrance to Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, N.M; and right in front of this entrance is a company called Thunder Scientific Corporation. This company supplies Kirtland with various technical instruments, and is owned by the family of government contractor Dr. Paul Bennewitz, who, in the early 1980s, became an important but still little-known figure in the continuing enigma of flying saucers.

It seems that Dr. Bennewitz somehow got in way over his head in regard to UFO research. He acquired film of mysterious lights in the sky, he heard a strange alien code over his radio, and he saw UFOs in daylight as well as entrances to secret tunnels in the hills near his Albuquerque home - and these were hills in the vicinity of places where nuclear weapons were actually being stored!

Bennewitz convinced himself that the aliens had one or more underground bases near Albuquerque, and others near Dulce, New Mexico. Eventually as a good citizen he went to the Air Force security officers at Kirtland with his suspicions, and that is where Sergeant Richard Doty of the OSI (Office of Special



and listened to his beliefs.

Investigations) comes into the picture. Doty met with Bennewitz several times over a period of months, looked at his evidence,

The trouble was that, as Dory knew, Bennewitz had accidentally tapped into a supposedly secure communications system at Kirtland. The coded messages he was receiving were genuine, but he was grossly misinterpreting them. It was Doty's job to misdirect Bennewitz into continuing to believe the messages were actually from the aliens! In a series of phone interviews with your "Smear" editor, Doty has admitted this.

The interesting thing here is that former ufologist William Moore, who still writes frequently to "Smear", was a friend and co-worker of Sgt. Doty's in that era. Doty says that they did not work together on the Bennewitz case; but if memory serves us correctly, Moore admitted just that, in his famous "mea culpa" lecture at a MUFON convention in Las Vegas, back in 1989. Moore also admitted to other ufological sins, and by doing so he effectively ended his career in ufology. Rather than admire Moore for having made an honest confession, the UFO Field chose to never trust him again!

One thing that neither Moore nor Doty has ever admitted, nor is ever likely to admit, is that they worked together to manufacture the original group of MJ-12 documents which Moore claimed to have received mysteriously in 1987. Yet there are many people in the Field, notably Phil Klass, who strongly believe that they are the guilty parties. With Moore's knowledge of ufology and Doty's knowledge of military terminology, procedure, etc., they were allegedly able to do a passably good job of creating fake government documents that other saucer enthusiasts would readily believe to be authentic.

Doty claims that his interest in Bill Moore as a "source" was simply because Moore was in correspondence with certain Soviet scientists, in regard to UFOs and possibly other matters. Doty apparently instructed Moore as to what subjects to bring up in his letters to these scientists.

Getting back to Bennewitz - one of the things that was driving him over the Edge was the fact that he would see "energy balls" within his home - supposedly sent by the aliens. Doty thought this was all in Bennewitz's imagination, until he learned that the NSA (National Security Agency) was working independently to steer the poor man deeper into his interplanetary belief system. They also tapped his phone! Eventually Bennewitz spent a short time in a mental hospital, and his more recent activities are not clear. We believe that he is retired, and his son now runs the family business.

We recently obtained the Bennewitz address and telephone number, but Dr. Paul's wife Cindy answered the phone and refused to allow any interview with her husband. Apparently this has been the case in regard to all attempts to talk to the man about UFOs in recent years. We suspect that Bennewitz still harbors his wild interplanetary beliefs. Doty told us that years later, he admitted to Bennewitz that he had, in effect, been hoaxing him - but this confession made no impression at all!

Abductee Christa Tilton, who claims to have an alien hybrid daughter, has written a book about the Bennewitz case, called "The Bennewitz Papers". Although there is no chronology in the book and thus much confusion, this is nevertheless a very interesting book, and it contains many pages from an unpublished manuscript in which Dr. Paul goes into great detail about his far-out UFO belief system. This softcover tome, which we read only recently, can still be obtained from: Global Communications, 11 East 30th St., #4-R, New York, N.Y. 10016.

Sgt. Doty does not believe in UFO abductions nor (obviously) in Paul Bennewitz's flying saucer theories; but he does believe strongly that the U.S. government has captured hardware from outer space. He tells us that he has visited the mysterious top-secret "Area 51" in Nevada, where he did not actually see alien technology, but he was told it was there. His clearance was not high enough to be shown the actual hardware, he says. Or - was this disinformation specialist a victim, himself, of disinformation? We'll never know for sure, nor will he!

Our talks with Sgt. Doty also touched on his relationship with famed ufologist & cattle mutilation expert Linda Moulton Howe - but we'll save that story for another time. In the meanwhile, keep down to the speed limit if you are driving in the vicinity of Grants, New Mexico. Since his retirement from the Air Force, Doty is now a state police trooper in that area.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST:

Thanks to Karl Pflock, we have recently come upon a gem of an article written in 1969 for "The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists" by Dr. E.U. Condon, who at that time had just recently published his official report on the activities of the notorious Condon Committee. The title of the report was "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects", and as all ufological historians know, it was an extremely negative evaluation of the UFO evidence available at that time. In the last two paragraphs of his article, Dr. Condon shockingly makes the following statements:

"Perhaps we need a National Magic Agency to make a large and expensive study of all these matters, including the future scientific study of UFOs, if any.

"Where corruption of children's minds is at stake, I do not believe in freedom of the press or freedom of speech. In my view, publishers who publish or teachers who teach any of the pseudo-sciences as established truth should, on being found guilty, be publicly horsewhipped and forever banned from further activity in these usually honorable professions. Truth and children's minds are too precious for us to allow them to be abused by charlatans."

The title of this highly opinionated article is "UFOs I Have Loved and Lost".

TIDBITS OF TRASH (formerly NEWS BRIEFIES)

- The May 9th issue of the tabloid newspaper "Weekly World News" has three items that should be of interest to saucer fans. The first tells how the space alien who backed Bill Clinton in 1992 is now backing George W. Bush for president this year. Sure enough, we see a picture on the front page of the alien (see photo at the right) shaking hands with George W. However, in 1992 this same alien was photographed with Clinton, Bush Sr., and Ross Perot; so there is some unnecessary confusion here!

The second astounding item is headlined "NASA Finds Alien 'Port-a-Potty' on the Noon:" Supposedly the unmanned Lunar Prospector photographed this marvel last year, before crashing into a crater near the Moon's south pole. This portable interplanetary outhouse had in it a container filled to the brim with "organic waste", which tested to be 7 to 10 years old. It is not clearly explained just how they were able to determine the age of this alien shit.

Finally, a press conference was recently held at an unnamed hotel in Lyons, France, in which a group of strange-looking beings claimed to be authentic space creatures. Some of the 80 or so reporters on the scene thought the whole thing was an elaborate hoax, whereas others did not. A photo with this story shows two bug-eyed aliens surrounded by flashbulbs and cameras. Egads!...



- A new book by a French science journalist claims that NASA astronauts have practiced sex in outer space, to find out which love-making positions are possible in zero gravity! He claims that of the ten positions tested, six required "mechanical help" from an elastic belt and an inflatable tunnel, to keep the partners pressed together while in the Act. The other four positions were possible through the use of "muscle power" only. The experiment was recorded on video tape with the couple's consent.

However, a British expert calls this whole report "absolute rubbish and unlikely in the extreme". He asked why NASA would give over precious payload and mission time to an experiment which is not of immediate scientific importance

- FINALLY, let us not forget that the 37th annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will be taking place on the weekend of September 23rd-24th in sunny Corpus Christi, Texas. The local sponsor is Doris Upchurch of Texas MUFON, and speakers will include retiring MUFON czar Walt Andrus; ace nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman; psychologist Constance Clear; and UFO researchers Rick Hilberg, Ann Druffel, and Dennis Stacy - among others. For further information, phone Doris Upchurch at 361-937-2381, or write to her at: 3138 Millbrook Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78418.

BRIEF BIASED BOOK REVIEWS:

We are still far behind in reviewing all of the (free) UFO & related books that ooze into our Headquarters. Here are a couple of the latest:

- Rick Hilberg of Cleveland's United Aerial Phenomena Agency (UAPA), who only last year gave us "Rick Hilberg's Book of Weirdology", has succeeded in grinding out another 32-page soft-cover tome called "The Forgotten Flap - 1964". 1964 is not considered to be a flap year, and Rick himself was surprised to find out how many original clippings were in his files from that long-ago era.

Our favorite is a case from New York state, which occurred on April 24th of that year - the same day as the famed Lonnie Zamora case in Socorro, New Mexico. A farmer named Gary Wilcox met English-speaking Martians who, among other things, asked for a bag of the manure he was spreading. Wilcox obliged.

The quality of the other 1964 events is somewhat better. If only Hilberg would skip a space or two between items, the book would be much more readable; but in this world you can't have everything: Available from UAPA, 377 Race Street, Berea, Ohio 4#017...

- Next we have a small 180-page paperback called "The Field Guide to UFOs - A Classification of Various Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Based on Eyewitness Accounts". This is written by the trusted team of Dennis Stacy and Patrick Huyghe, and is published by Quill, which is an imprint of HarperCollins.

An interesting introduction explains why the authors decided on recognizing seven and only seven basic UFO shapes - spherical, discoid, elliptical, cylindrical, rectangular, triangle, and shape-shifters. The later are those UFOs that "convincingly alter form over time in ways that can't be easily attributed to perceptual angle...and thus cast doubt on the literal, physical nature of the phenomenon, leaving the window open for alternative theories of origin". (Like 3 1/2-D, maybe!)

Every entry includes: type (= shape), variant, date, location, and names (if any) of witnesses, followed by a one or two page description of the incident, plus an illustration. Also included is a line for "skeptic's solution", and this is often followed by the word none.

The book is a fine piece of research, though not as much fun as the previous book in this series, called "The Field Guide to Extraterrestrials" in which the little guys (and sometimes big guys) themselves are drawn and described...

- Finally, there is "UFO FBI Connection - The Secret History of the Government's Cover-Up". This is written by Dr. Bruce Maccabee, a legitimate physicist who works for the Government and whom we know personally. The publisher is Llewellyn - not a highly prestigious outfit, but like Dr. Maccabee, it is legitimate.

We can't help but mention that we are highly turned off by two previous books that the good Doctor was connected with. Both of these concern the notorious ufological escapades of Ed Walters of Gulf Breeze, Florida. "Mr. Ed", like Dr. Maccabee, is a nice guy; but investigations by your "Smear" editor and several others come very close to proving that Ed Walters' sightings, photos, etc. are nothing more than sophisticated hoaxes. Thus Bruce Maccabee is either very gullible indeed, or else he is deliberately spreading disinformation, to further confuse the already hopelessly confused UFO scene.

As for "UFO FBI Connection", we haven't read it. The theme is all too familiar. Yes, the Government has often taken UFOs a lot more seriously than they care to admit. But the bottom line is - there is no proof anywhere as to what UFOs really are. Until there is, we will not be impressed!

P.S: Bruce Maccabee is indeed a very accomplished musician, and we enjoy his music very much.

PFLOCK PTALK - AN ANTI-BOOK REVIEW

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Toby Smith's "Little Gray Men: Roswell and the Rise of a Popular Culture" (University of New Mexico Press) may be the worst - though not the most dishonest - Roswell-connected book yet, and that's really saying something! It reads less like a book than it does a collection of notes for a book with a couple of probably never-sold newspaper features thrown in for padding.

At first I wondered how Smith, "an award winning journalist" it says right here on the book's jacket, managed to persuade a moderately prestigious university press to publish his comedy of error and breathtaking inaccuracy. Then I read his acknowledgments. Seems Smith and the U.N.M.Press associate director have been friends "for nearly two decades".

There are so many things wrong with this instant remainder I'm hard pressed to know where to begin. I suppose the best place is Smith's amazing excuse for a unifying premise: "Roswell had served as the launching pad, and continued to be the guiding light...for almost every societal diversion having to do with UFOs. While no one was looking, Roswell also became the embarkation point for every UFO-connected trip by the mass media. Roswell became the fiber out of which all flying saucer stories would henceforth be woven (emphasis added)."

Some of you are thinking, "Well, that's an exaggeration, but not all that far off these days." Not so fast. Smith means since 1947 - that's Forty-seven! He asserts that the whole saucer phenomenon and half-century of popular culture arising from it were spawned by Roswell - every saucer report and such things as a 1957 Nestle's chocolate ad featuring earthling-napping L.G.M.s; the "Captain Video" TV show; and "one of the entertainment industry's first mentions of Roswell (emphasis added)", Jack Nicholson's wacky UFO soliloquy in 1969's "Easy Rider" - in which the actor didn't utter the word "Roswell" nor even hint at it!

Well, not quite everything. Among the few exceptions, Smith asserts the name of the racing plane, "Gee Bee", in the 1991 Disney film "The Rocketeer" was inspired by the last name of Aztec-saucer-crash hoaxer Leo GeBauer. Wonder what the late Jimmy Doolittle, who flew his Gee Bee (Granville Brothers) racer to victory in the 1932 Thompson Trophy Race, would have thought of that?

You get the idea, "Smear" folk. Smith needed fiber from which to weave the appearance of a book. Roswell plus a large helping of chutzpah did the trick!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

The venerable PHIL KLASS writes:

"Dear Capt. Jim Moseley:

"Ref. [Joe Stefula's view](#) that 'something really unusual...did occur in the U.S. southwest in the late 1940s - something which the government is indeed still covering up...' Joe is correct, and it is time that the coverup ended. In the late 1940s, during a visit to Los Alamos National Laboratory, President Truman developed a sore penis. Truman's 'problem' defied solution until he received an 'oral treatment' from the grandmother of Monica Lewinsky.

"Reference the Socorro New Mexico UFO incident for which '[UFO groups never found a mundane solution](#).' My mundane explanation - after spending three days in Socorro in late 1966 and talking to some of its local citizens including policeman Lonnie Zamora - was that the incident was a hoax, inspired by the mayor to create a tourist attraction."

And Las Vegas has suffered from the bright lights of Socorro ever since! - Editor:

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes as follows:

"On Wednesday, May 10th, the NBC evening news program 'Extra' featured a segment on the Ladonia, Texas alien skeleton which paleontologist Robert 'Bob' Slaughter (now deceased) allegedly unearthed from a river bed several years ago. As 'Smear' readers may recall, the [remains of the creature](#) were thought to be those of an alien airship-type UFO pilot who crashed his craft way back in 1897.

"Appearing with the skeleton, which is partially imbedded in a convex plaster cast, was Dr. Slaughter's widow, Judith, and MUFON Director Walt Andrus, who felt that the skeleton favorably resembled real visiting aliens in both size and overall appearance. Mrs. Slaughter said that she was thinking of allowing experts to perform DNA tests on the creature's skull.

"Although this matter has long been considered to be a clumsy hoax (or a practical joke of some sort), the latest 'spin' on the story is that Dr. Slaughter may have adorned the skeleton with a breast plate and bogus ceremonial sword to make it appear to be a work of art. Perhaps this was an attempt to disguise the creature's true identity from sinister ufological forces, like the MIB or whoever."

- MILLER JOHNSON, also known as Commander Macstra Akjac of the Fourth Galactic Quadrant, writes:

"...What physical proof has [Barry Greenwood](#) discovered to establish Mail Jocks as the real meaning behind the term 'MJ'? I know you give Barry considerable praise for his tenacity in getting to the bottom of things, but his verbal attack on a former (?) CIA operative might someday find him looking up to see the bottom. Something to consider!

"Back to the 'Mail Jocks' theory - pure poppycock! I have not only credible documents but physical evidence to prove his claims are very questionable indeed, in the MJ-12 case. The military records, birth certificate and New Mexico driver's license I possess...very clearly define M.J. as me, Miller Johnson...The number 12, however, is personal information:

- TOM BENSON, former New Jersey Director for MUFON, writes:

"Well, the Japanese FUGO balloons during World War II and the later Roswell UFO crashes couldn't do it, but the Forestry Service finally did it - burn down the historic Los Alamos A-Bomb building facilities!

"My latest theory on the Roswell UFO is that a couple of escaped monkeys from a Los Alamos lab hijacked a Northrop Wing experimental aircraft at White Sands and crashed it near Roswell!..."

- RONALD D. STORY of the Extraterrestrial Encyclopedia Project, writes as follows:

"Enclosed are formatted copies of your entries in the Encyclopedia, for your review and approval. Please mark anything that you would like to correct or change.

"Also, I would not mind if you gave me a plug in 'Saucer Smear' regarding the final call for papers (deadline: June 15th, 2000). Anyone who would like to contribute entries and be included in the new Encyclopedia should contact me pronto!..."

- CHRIS ROTH, who is still on the verge of obtaining a real Ph.D., writes as follows:

"You're right about the trend in UFO sightings. The nuts-and-bolts cases just aren't there any more. Nothing like the Cash/Landrum case, in which you could investigate burn marks, medical effects, etc. That's why a publication like 'International U.F.O. Reporter', which aspires to be scientific, is reduced to dredging up and debating old cases. By contrast there's just nothing to be said about twenty thousand housewives (or househusbands!) who say aliens visit them in their dreams!

John Keel would say that the whole phenomenon has puckishly withdrawn to the ethereal realm just to outwit and confuse us, perhaps just as scientific measuring has become more sophisticated. Another explanation is that so much of it was Cold War prototype testing - as I'm sure Cash/Landrum was - and that now the end of the Cold War and greater cloaking technology has taken those test craft out of public view or curtailed the phenomenon entirely..."

- ROBERT ANTON ("Bob") WILSON writes as follows - not to us, but as part of an excellent published essay called "In Doubt We Trust" Cults, Religions and B.S. in General":

"...There are two clear-cut and empirical lines between a 'cult' and a 'religion': (a) membership (voters) and (b) bank account, (b) being a function of (a). If a group has enough members to influence elections, it will also have a large bank account, and these two factors will guarantee that the politicians, the cops and the corporate media will treat it with respect, as a 'religion'. With few members and little money, the same group could be called a 'cult' and treated accordingly, even to the extent of toasting, roasting and charbroiling, as in Waco.

"This line remains obvious and visible to all observers; the only problem arises when people try to draw a less 'materialistic', more metaphysical distinction between one gang of True Believers and another. Materialistic questions can be answered - e.g., 'Does that match-box have any matches left in it?' Metaphysical questions about 'mind control' or any other immeasurable 'entity' or 'essense' cannot be answered, and the best that can be said of them is that arguing about them has provided a certain amount of intellectual entertainment, or combat, for a few thousand years, for those who enjoy that kind of passtime. Sort of like chess, you know.

"I have no commitment to materialism as a philosophy which pretends to explain everything (which no correlation of words can ever do, and a philosophy is never more than a correlation of words). But, restricting myself to the 'materialistic'/scientific method of asking questions that have definite experiential answers, I observe no difference in operation between 'cults' or 'religions'. Catholic nuns and priests vowing celibacy seem no weirder or less weird than Heaven's Gate members who also make that choice. Mormon extraterrestrial cosmology seems as goofy as Scientology, etc. Religions and cults all use the same techniques of brain damage or 'mind control', i.e., they all instill B.S. - Belief Systems..."

- And, HARRY LIME of Lime Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. of Vienna (Vien) Austria, writes as follows:

"For some time now, our mutual friend Carlos Mentira has been kind enough to forward copies of your amusing little journal to me at my secret headquarters in the former Soviet zone of Vienna. I have taken great pleasure in them, especially during the times I must spend hiding from the authorities in the sewers of this lovely city. Appropriate, don't you agree?"

"...I note with surprise that you only reluctantly accept the mantle of Reigning Court Jester of ufology. You should not. After all, the ancient tradition of the wise fool, he who could with impunity tell a crowned head The Truth - including especially pointing out his majesty's own stupidities - is an honorable and most valuable one. The jester combines wisdom with humor to convey unpalatable realities. Isn't that what you do, O Wise Ufool?"

"By the way, I must concur in Carlos' admonition to lay off the Not-So-Amusing Randi. He can't help it if he's a compulsive-obsessive jerk. Besides, devoting so much space to a washed-up conjurer only diminishes you, Your Jestfulness!"

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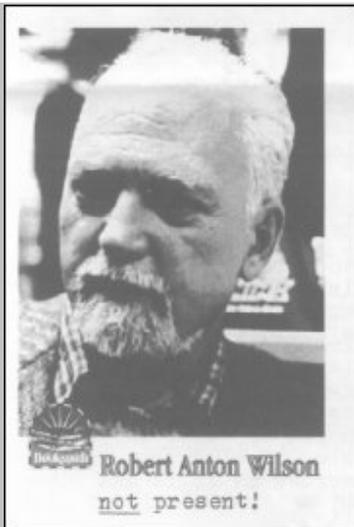
DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND!

On a recent short trip to New Mexico, your "Smear" editor attempted to attend something called The Prophets Conference, held in Santa Fe on the weekend of April 14th-16th. This was not strictly a UFO event, but we thought it would be of interest.

Speakers included Cody Johnson, founder of the Prophets Conference; wealthy ufologist Joe Firmage; former astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell, and a handful of New Age Indians. Sadly, the speaker we really wanted to hear & meet, Robert Anton Wilson, was ill and unable to attend. (We have corresponded with Wilson for years but have never met him.)

From the Convention literature we had every reason to believe that the event would be held in one of two recommended hotels, but this turned out not to be the case. Neither had a hall big enough, so the lectures were given at a theatre on the extensive campus of the New Mexico School for the Deaf. This was at least a couple of miles from either hotel, so transportation became a problem. There were no signs for the Conference anywhere on the campus, and no knowledge of anything at the hotels!

Furthermore, the organizers seem to have lost our check for \$325, to pay for attending the entire conference. (We learned too late that one could pay for



individual lectures.) The only speaker we actually heard was Dr. Mitchell, who attempted to apply the mathematics of sub-atomic physics to the Universe at large, as well as to human relationships. It was pleasant New Age goo, proving nothing whatever.

The hall held at least 400 people and was nearly full. If each person paid \$300 or more, that's a cool \$120,000 or so - but we were told that most people paid only to

hear specific speakers.

As far as we were concerned, the Prophets (Profit\$?) Conference was a big disappointment; but while in New Mexico we hobnobbed with our contributing editor Karl Pflock, lunched with graphic artist & ufologist Miller Johnson, and interviewed former Air Force sergeant Richard Doty about the fascinating Paul Bennewitz UFO syndrome of the early 1980s, and other ufological matters. Details concerning this interview will appear in the next glorious issue of "Smear".

FOR WHOM THE BELLS TOIL:

Here's some really bizarre bad news for all you Art Bell fans out there. (You know who you are!) On April 1st (which is April Fool's Day, incidentally), Bell announced on the air that his last radio showever will be on April 26th. This situation seems to have come about for two interrelated reasons:

First, Bell's son was kidnapped and raped by a substitute teacher at his own high school, back in 1997. Art Bell IV was only sixteen years old at the time, and the assailant was HIV positive! The teacher in question was tried and convicted of this crime, but apparently permanent psychological damage was done to the boy by this tragic event.

As if this were not bad enough, later that same year, a right-wing radio station in Nashville, Tennessee accused Bell himself of being a child molester. It is not clear whether or not they were saying that Bell had molested his own son. In any case, much trauma, many lawsuits and negative vibes have come from all this, to the point that Bell now feels he can no longer function on the air - even part-time. He therefore intends to retire permanently from all public activities and henceforth live "an anonymous lifestyle".

Strangely, your "Smear" editor has never heard Art Bell on the radio, though we saw him interviewed once on Larry King's CNN television program. Then again, it is doubtful that Bell has ever seen or heard your "Smear" editor on the media either, so it all evens out. We do feel sorry for Bell, however, and for the sake of all his many listeners, we hope he comes up with a good substitute host. (Our thanks to K. Pflock for this & other items in this issue.)

NEWS BRIEFIES (formerly TIDBITS OF TRASH)

- Time flies when you're having fun, and the 37th annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC) is not really that far away. On September 23rd and 24th, Doris Upchurch & co-workers in Corpus Christi, Texas, will host this yearly event. Among the scheduled speakers are ace atomic physicist Stanton Friedman, author Ann Druffel, UFO researchers Dennis Stacy & Rick Hilberg, retiring MUFON czar Walt Andrus, and of

course your humble "Smear" editor. To obtain more information, place a call to 361/937-2381...

- The April 2000 issue of Fate Magazine contains an interesting article by one Scott S. Smith, called "Schism in the Church of the Left Brain: An evil force seems to have possessed those skeptical of the paranormal." The article compares the dreaded CSICOP organization with its rival, The Skeptics Society, based in southern California.

In spite of this strange title, Smith's article presents a thoughtful, well-balanced critique of skeptics in general, and we were quite impressed until we saw Smith's credits at the end of the article. He has written a book called "The Soul of Your Pet: Evidence for the Survival of Animals in the Afterlife". What we want to know is - does this refer only to nice animals like dogs and cats, or are cockroaches and rats included too?? Where do we draw the line? Inquiring minds would like to know!

- Two articles co-authored by Pflock and Moseley have been commissioned by Fate Magazine and will appear in forthcoming issues. One explores the differences between belief in 3-D "nuts & bolts" interplanetary saucers, versus belief in entities from another dimension or whatever. The other article, entitled "Saucer Logic", is a classic, if we do say so ourselves. It shows in a humorous way the obvious errors in logic and common sense to which ufologists seem to be prone!...
- Our February 10th issue had [a long item](#) about a brightly-lit UFO seen at low altitude in Illinois, one night in early January. Predictably, Phil Klass of SUN has solved this case as being just another sighting of the planet Venus. Now a spokesman for NIDS (National Institute for Discovery Science), which investigated the incident first-hand, points out that Venus was either below the horizon or barely visible through the trees, at the time of this series of sightings. On balance, we give this one to NIDS!...
- Well, ufological lawyer Peter Gersten has lost another case, but this time we admire him for having at least gotten to first base. The judge in the case went so far as to demand that the Department of Defense provide CAUS with the details regarding its search for information about the famed 1997 UFOs over the night skies of Phoenix, Arizona. Although the government's search turned up nothing, and was inadequately conducted, the judge nevertheless proceeded to dismiss Gersten's case at that point. Our congratulations to Peter Gersten for having done the best he could under the circumstances. At least he gave it the old College Try!...
- We are far less impressed with MUFON's "ballot initiative" in Missouri. The state did accept the wording of MUFON's ballot petition, but now they need at least 75,000 signatures to actually get the petition onto the ballot! That's a lot of signatures, and it would take a vast amount of time and money to obtain them. Unfortunately, the deadline is May 7th!...
- The International UFO Museum & Research Center at Roswell, New Mexico, has announced the appointment of four prominent researchers to be Advisors to their esteemed Board of Directors. They are Stanton Friedman, Linda Moulton Howe, George Fawcett and (eek!) Donald Schmitt. With "objective" advisors like these on the loose, how can they possibly go wrong?
- The May 2000 issue of "UFO Magazine" includes an interesting account of the 9th Annual International UFO Congress, held in Laughlin, Nevada. The keynote speaker was a controversial alleged psychologist named Jonathan Reed, who claims to have encountered a landed UFO and an ET in the woods near his home in Washington state. When the creature attacked and killed his dog, Reed killed the ET and stuffed the dead body in his freezer. But the creature apparently resurrected itself shortly thereafter and escaped. Even "UFO Magazine" calls this tale "patently ridiculous". Amen!...
- For those few who may be wondering whatever happened to Kal K. Korff - author of major debunking books about Billy Meier and the Roswell Incident - we have this update: Kal is now living in the Czech Republic, having recently married a woman from there. He claims to be Chief Information Officer for a newspaper in Prague called the Prague Post, and writes a column therein called "Kal's Korner". We kid you not!...
- On the evening of March 22nd, your editor had an interesting and unusual meeting with ufologist Joseph Stefula, who was visiting Key West from his home in New Jersey. Stefula, like several others we have talked to recently, feels that although there is nothing exciting about what really happened at Roswell in

June-July of 1947, there is a distinct possibility that something really unusual (not necessarily interplanetary) did occur in the U.S. southwest in the late 1940s - something which the government is indeed still covering up, for whatever reason. Former researcher Todd Zechel, for instance, has his own distinctive spin on this theory

- A man in Bellevue, Washington, claims to have created a special hat that prevents abduction by aliens. The hat consists of a leather motorcycle cap modified with several layers of an anti-static material normally used to protect printed circuit boards. According to the inventor, these hats are "100 percent effective in preventing alien abductions", but for full protection, they must be worn at all times - even during sleep!...
- An obscure former university professor named Dr. Heather Anne Harder is running for president this year on a pro-UFO platform. Says she: "UFOs exist and have always existed. You must only view the Nazca Lines in Peru as proof. No amount of Government denial will change my beliefs."

Unfortunately, we have seen, written about, and dug on the Nazca Lines of Peru, and they are not proof of anything extraterrestrial. Dr. Harder is apparently a well-meaning New Age thinker who is more interested in sentiment than facts. But we wish her well...

- New Mexico residents who believe our government is deliberately spraying harmful chemicals from aircraft were pissed off by an April Fool's hoax perpetrated by a local skeptics group. The word "chemtrails" is used to describe frequently seen white streaks in the sky, which most people identify as jet contrails. But the skeptical group claimed that the "chemtrails" contain a deadly chemical known as dihydrogen monoxide, which can corrode equipment, cause severe burns in its gaseous state, and even cause death in humans. These statements are true; but unfortunately, dihydrogen monoxide is the formal name for the chemical compound commonly known as water!...
- ROSWELL - THE MUSICAL! - It had to happen eventually: A musical drama (why not a comedy??) is being produced in Roswell, N.M., by the Roswell Outdoor Theatrical Association. The production runs from June 15th through July 29th and is described in the literature as "an enchanting live theatrical production under the stars". Wheeee!...
- Finally - five authentic detailed photographs of "Area 51" have been posted on the Net from a spy satellite, and they show hundreds of buildings plus tennis courts and even a swimming pool! Unpaved roads disappear into cliff sides, suggesting a possible underground network. Until very recently, the government has vigorously denied that Area 51 even exists. Regarding possible alien technology at the site, a Pentagon spokesman gave a carefully-worded though supposedly humorous answer: "I think I can say beyond a shadow of a doubt that we have no classified program that relies on aliens from outer space".

BOOK REVIEW

We turn now to Issue Number Eight of "The Anomalist", a somewhat twice-per-year softcover booklet edited by Patrick Huyghe and Dennis Stacy, both of whom are objective researchers known personally to your "Smear" editor.

This particular booklet is a "Special UFO Issue", and contains articles by Jerome Clark, Patrick Huyghe, Karl Pflock, Martin Kottmeyer and others. We were pleased to also find a short commentary by Alexander Mebane, a little-known intellectual in the UFO field, whom we first knew as a leading member of Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York, back in the mid-1950s.

Naturally we have not taken the time to read all of Number Eight, but we were extremely impressed by Patrick Huyghe's contribution, "The Best UFO Case Ever? A Review and Update of the Socorro (N.M.) Incident". This, together with the Cash/Landrum Case of 1980, is the UFO event that has always intrigued us more than any other.

The Socorro landing, from 1964, involved a highly-respected police officer named Lonnie Zamora, who came upon a very loud landed object with two small beings near it. This was in broad daylight, with physical traces left behind. A thorough investigation by governmental agencies as well as UFO groups never found a mundane solution. A newly-invented hot air balloon is mentioned as an intriguing possibility, but this answer does not really fit very well. So what was it? Maybe even a spaceship!

The other article that grabbed our attention was the one by our esteemed contributing editor, Karl Pflock. Here he gives an expanded version of the lecture he presented at last year's NUFOC convention, about the alleged UFO landing near Aztec, New Mexico, in 1948. This story involves information presented in the best-selling book "Behind the Flying Saucers", written by Hollywood humorist Frank Scully in 1950, based on material supplied to him by a confidence man named Silas Newton. The story of this hoax is long and complex, and not all of it has been told yet. Just like the Roswell Incident (which Pflock helped to solve), it seems to take many, many years for all aspects of the truth to emerge.

Based on certain details uncovered in his Aztec research, Pflock speculates that "this has again opened the door for me on the possibility that there may have been a crash-retrieval back in the forties. Not, I hasten to add, near Roswell..." We agree that such a possibility exists, however remotely.

Incidentally, in late 1953, your "Smear" editor had long interviews with both Frank Scully and Silas Newton, and this fact is acknowledged in the fine print at the end of Pflock's article. There is even a plug for "Smear" in the rear of this great tome!

Also worth mentioning in Number Eight is a long account by Colin Bennett, supposedly focused on George Adamski's 1959 world tour, with asides about many other aspects of Adamski's life. It is clear that the author admires this classic contactee, and perhaps even believes him. Alas, Bennett seems blissfully unaware of your "Smear" editor's definitive expose of Adamski, published in 1957.

Huyghe and Stacy are doing a very worthwhile thing here, by bringing together a half dozen or so top Fortean writers in each of their somewhat twice-yearly booklets. To obtain Number Eight, send a check or money order for \$12.45 to Dennis Stacy, Box 12434, San Antonio, Texas 78212. Or, if you are addicted to the Internet, you may pay by credit card at: www.anomalist.com.

PFLOCK PTALK - GOING POSTAL (PART TWO)

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Last "Pflock PTalk" I began [my expose](#) of the U.S. Postal Service as the agency in which MJ-12 hides and carries out The Great UFO Cover-Up. Since 1947, the principal business of the USPS hasn't been delivering the mail, a fact which has become more and more obvious in recent years as mail service has gotten worse and worse. Here's further proof that The Truth isn't Out There, but rather is as near as your mailbox.

How did the film exposing the first MJ-12 papers get delivered to Jaime Shandera, and how did the one containing images of the SOM1-01 manual find its way to Don Berliner? Via the U.S. Mail, that's how! And how were Bill Moore and Shandera led to their discovery of the Cutler-Twining memo? They were sent mysterious postcards, which were delivered by the USPS. And consider the flood

of new MJ-12 material still being received by Tim Cooper. Someone leaves the stuff in his mailbox. Yes, his [mailbox!](#)

And why do you suppose the Postal Service keeps asking for rate increases? You think it's to cover the cost of delivering mail? C'mon! It's for MJ-12 research and cover-up work. Back engineering alien spacecraft and keeping the MIB in top quality black suits, hats, sunglasses and mint-condition classic cars isn't cheap, you know!

Have you noticed how it takes longer and longer for your mail to be delivered, especially your ufological mail?

And who knows how much of it never gets to you. How long will it take for this issue of "Smear" to arrive - in your mailbox - if it ever does?

Surely you don't believe all those cases of postal workers "going postal" are merely the result of stressing out over fears of dog bites and the Christmas rush. No. They're all carefully staged events in which MJ-12 disposes of those who can no longer be trusted, while providing a perfect cover - not to mention saving on pension costs!

Oh yeah, and we all know the UFO cover-up was privatized some time ago. So was the Postal Service, which used to be the U.S. Post Office Department, remember? Huh? Huh?

Still not buying it? Okay. I've saved the best for last. Who was the founding father of the Postal Service? Benjamin Franklin, that's who. You don't really think a guy that smart was a mere earthling, do you? Well, do you?!

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Abductee DAVID HUGGINS writes:

"Thanks for reading my play. I loved [your 'review'](#) in 'Smear'. When I saw the cartoon by Matt Graeber I couldn't stop laughing. Huggins & Co. on Broadway - yea, right; that I'd like to see! Actually, I would like it, but I agree with you, Jim - it's not likely to happen, though I have had two or three very vivid dreams of the play being performed on stage. Wishful thinking subconsciously, I think.

"I spent about seven or eight months writing the play, putting in the experiences I've never told anyone. It was such a catharsis for me. When I finished it, I felt so good. It was like a weight had fallen off. I even heard it thump to the floor!

"Oh, I went looking for Broadway here in Hoboken (N.J.), but I could not find it. You don't think it was abducted, do you? Besides, what would these beings want with Hoboken's 'great white way'?"

Editor's Note: We erred in stating that there is a Broadway in Hoboken. There is a Broadway in several nearby towns, one of which we used to live in.

- Researcher ALEXANDER MEBANE writes:

"Wouldn't it be amusing if Huggins' saga were essentially true, and testifying to a new phase of the UFO phenomenon - seductions, rather than abductions? But that hardly seems likely. It wouldn't be gruesome enough to suit these beings' 'inhuman' sense of humor. Remember that the current perpetrators are very likely the same ones who find it amusing to mutilate cattle; and not too long ago they thought it great fun to induce us to burn women at the stake!"

- MATT GRAEBER writes as follows:

"...I really enjoyed [your review](#) of David Huggins' two-act play 'UFO', and have hung the picture of that well-endowed alien female known as 'Aloo' on my bathroom wall. (I got kind of tired of holding it with one hand!)

"Moreover, I must say that I envy Mr. Huggins' rich and diverse sex life, not to mention his ability to 'perform' so well while being closely watched by big bugs or an enthralled Broadway audience! (Gee, I have problems when our puppy is in the room!)

"Anyway, Mr. Huggins' fantastic story may be believed by some and rejected by others in ufological circles, but I feel certain that Aloo's 'Eddie Munster-like hairdo' is going to be all-the-

rage in the more avant garde segment of our society..."

- The semi-mysterious TODD ZECHEL writes:

"My problem is that I do not suffer fools graciously and detest mendacity and misrepresentation. Other than that, I find you charming, and, on occasion, mildly entertaining." ***Same to you, buddy! - Editor:***

- And, the almost mysterious WILLIAM MOORE writes:

"Regarding the one whose name shall remain unspoken (or unwritten) but begins with the last letter of the alphabet (a ranking somehow appropriate to his station in life) - I offer the following comment:

...I read a copy of the unmentionable one's diatribe years ago. What a pity its author has been stuck on stupid all this time! But then, I suppose that's what regurgitating too much cow flop does to a person. Take Bob Todd for example..."

- BARRY GREENWOOD of "U.F.O. Historical Revue" writes to Karl Pflock as follows, regarding his "[Going Postal](#)" columns. Barry is an employee of said semi-governmental postal department:

"Dear Snoop

"You think you are so smart but you have only sealed your doom! Nobody is supposed to know the Postal Brotherhood, or the real meaning of MJ (Mail Jocks). Fortunately you haven't yet found the other members. They will take their revenge on you. You will be stamped, cancelled, and dispatched into the mail flow, never to be seen again. They will find parts of you in the dead letter units in Timbuktu, in Singapore, in Ulan Bator, but never can the whole body be reassembled. The postal eagle is a bird of prey. We are very efficient! If Moseley publishes this exposure, he will soon be plucked from the face of the earth and follow you into oblivion. You will all be buried deeper than the most secret UFO document!

"Have a nice day."

- And MILLER JOHNSON of the Pleiades Alien Foundation, New Mexico Division, writes as follows:

"The March 15th 'Smear' was indeed the sexiest yet. Throughout my adult life I've heard that sex sells. I hope you have a very large P.O. box to accomodate all inquiries on 'Smear'.

"Besides all the [sexy stuff](#), I really got some good laughs reading Karl Pflock's [part one](#) of 'Going Postal'. I don't know how part two can get any better.

- RICHARD ("[DICK](#)") FREEMAN of "Batteries Not Included" writes:

"It probably wouldn't be wise to let anyone but Karl Pflock (who has a need to know) know that I once worked as a mailman at Redbook Magazine, and also worked for UPS.

"I wonder if aliens are behind this current anti-abortion business that is bothering this country. Personally, I am pro-abortion and Anti-Choice, as we have more than enough aliens in this country as is. Perhaps we could set up some sort of alien adoption business in third world countries, so they'd stop coming over here and implanting our women. There are enough women already with implants!"

- KENN THOMAS of "Steamshovel Press" writes, seriously:

"I'd like to point out that I think Jim Martin has smoking gun proof of the existence of MJ-12. It's in his new book, 'Wilhelm Reich and the Cold War', which he makes available through his 'Flatland' book service... Jim found a document in the archives of British diplomat Lew Douglas.

The dates match up such with the Cutler-Twining memo (which is still in the National Archives; I've held it!) that it is difficult to look at it as just a coincidence. The Cutler-Twining, of course, mentions an MJ-12 "Special Studies" group. It seems clear to me that the special study was of Reich and all the UFO info he was supplying to the Air Force. I'm not able to do justice to the whole story, but it's in that new book by Martin and I recommend it to your readers."

- Our old friend BOB ZANOTTI, of long ago radio days, writes:

"...On the Erich Von Daeniken front, he's moving swiftly toward the realization of his goal to open the 'Mysteries of the World' theme park near Interlaken. Technically, it's not so much a theme park as it is a somewhat UFO-shaped building in which some of the world's classic mysteries and Fortean enigmas are depicted, along with some of the classic explanations and speculation. It's important to point out that this is a first-class undertaking that is receiving a lot of financial and other support. Some even see it becoming one of the leading modern attractions of Europe. The scheduled opening date is 2002, if I'm not mistaken. Incidentally, Von Daeniken is at great pains to emphasize that this is not a UFO park. In fact, he says there will be no UFO presence there at all (no pun intended). Be that as it may, he is associated with saucers, and this perhaps may be reflected in the final project somehow..."

- And, GEORGE EARLEY writes as follows:

"I read 'The Abduction Enigma' and did a review for Fate, which ran earlier this year. As far as I am concerned, it pretty well puts the stake through the vampire's heart, i.e., it confirms my long-held feeling that abductionism is pretty much nonsense.

"Like Karl Pflock, I do hold out some hope that a few may be For Real, though reading 'Rare Earth' substantially dashes long-held hopes of intelligent life Out There. It is, of course, possible that the 'Rare Earth' authors are as overly pessimistic as the SETI set is overly optimistic. Meanwhile, of course, the ufoologists go their own way, undisturbed by real science."

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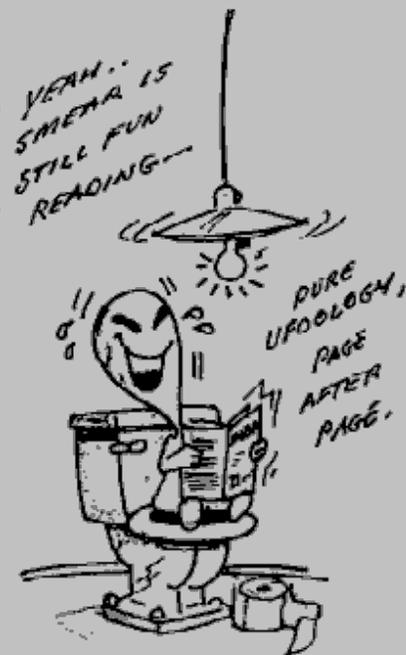
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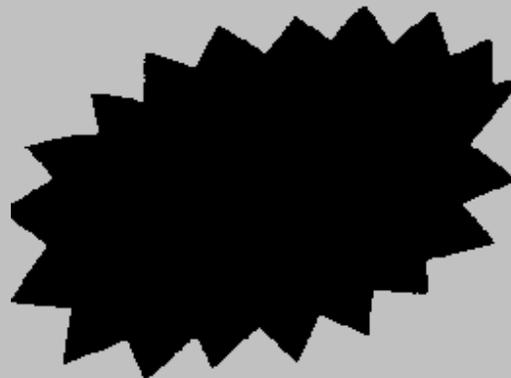


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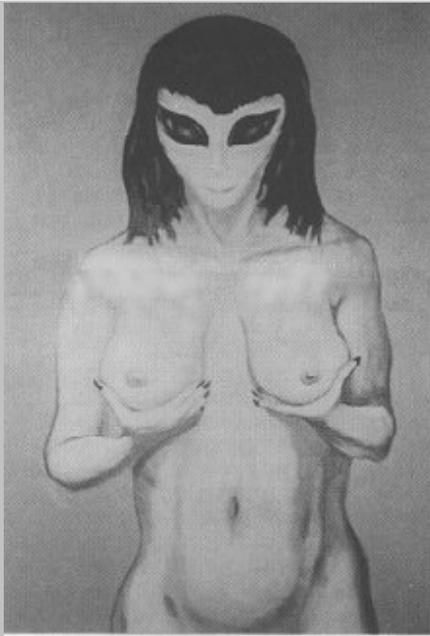
After much delay and many disappointments, "Smear" proudly announces that "Shockingly Close to the Truth!", a blockbuster book co-authored by Jim Moseley and Karl Pflock, has finally been accepted for publication. The publishing house is Galde Press of Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, run by a lady named Phyllis Galde, who is also currently editor of Fate Magazine.

There will be cartoons by ace "Smear" cartoonist Matt Graeber, and a foreword by famed futurist/philosopher Robert Anton ("Bob") Wilson. Because of scheduling requirements, the book probably won't actually be opt until the later part of next year. More details later!



ARTIST/CONTACTEE DAVID HUGGINS BURSTS ONTO THE LITERARY SCENE:

Long-time "Smear" readers will remember David Huggins, the Hoboken, N.J. graphic artist who claims to have had a lifetime of contacts with alien beings from another realm. (Being a 4-D thinker, like your editor, he does not say



they are from another planet.) David's belief system and paintings have appeared in "Smear" several times. He has also had his paintings displayed at several real art galleries, he has appeared on TV, and has lectured at a number of UFO conventions & elsewhere.

Now David has written a two-act play called simply "UFO", though there is no UFO in the production, and only two simple sets. One set is his modest apartment in a rooming house, and the other is the scene in a realm from which alien creatures frequently visit him, mostly at night. In other words, the wall of his room opens up, and these aliens simply walk in, presumably from another dimension.

These beings don't seem to have names, so David has named them. One is a creature resembling a praying mantis, which he calls "Hmmm", simply because that is the sound it makes. There are various women, including one he calls "Crescent". Huggins has sex with "Crescent" on Page 35 of the first act, while "Hmmm" watches. The aliens then perform a very brief marriage ceremony and David goes on a one-day honeymoon with "Crescent", and gets badly sunburned at some unexplained beach.

In the second act, the various aliens, including "Crescent", urge David to copulate with another woman, whom he calls "Aloo", and this happens to be the same woman depicted in the painting at left. David, being inhibited by antiquated Earth morals, is somewhat shocked that his interdimensional wife would not object to this. However, the aliens' overall purpose is mainly to produce as many hybrid babies as possible; and indeed, we learn that David has already helped create a large but undetermined number of such babies over a period of time.

There is a bit more to the plot than this, but not much more. In spite of brief interdimensional sex acts in both acts of the play, there is not much going on that would hold the attention of an audience. The dialogue is in very short phrases, as the aliens talk as little as possible for some reason. Eventually Huggins starts talking like they do. The play then ends inconclusively.

David Huggins claims that the play is "at least 90 percent accurate" in chronicling his own adventures. We at "Smear" honestly don't know what to make of all this. David seems to be an intelligent, normal sort of guy who earns a living and fits into human society without any major problem. He also seems to be sincere in recounting these incredible events. He neither seeks publicity nor avoids it. All we can say for sure is that he appears to really believe what he is saying.

Yet, unfortunately, in spite of the cartoon below, this play will never make it on Broadway, in spite of the novel theme. There is also a Broadway in Hoboken, where there actually are (or at least used to be) a couple of bars where "Happenings" and poetry readings are held. Maybe that is the ultimate destination of this very unusual play. In any case, we sincerely thank David Huggins for sending his play manuscript to "Smear".



MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- Continuing in this unusually artsy vein, we have learned that a film based extremely loosely on the life of Gray Barker & associates is in the works. The title is "Crowded Asylums", a somewhat negative concept, and yet what little we have been told about the screenplay suggests something in the tradition of Fellini, the late, great Italian movie director.

What we like best is that there will be a character in this fictional film (if it is ever really produced) who is a sort of hybrid of your humble "Smear" editor, together with the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek. Will Hynek sue? Probably not.

The man behind this visionary effort is named Mike Gensler, a friend and co-worker of Ralph Coon, who a few years ago produced the documentary ["Whispers From Space"](#) about the legendary Gray Barker. Your editor had a prominent role in said documentary, we might add.

It's a long way from a working script, to financing, to a completed film; but if anything ever comes of "Crowded Asylums" we will certainly let you know!...

- On February 6th, your "Smear" editor did a two-hour interview on "Erskine Overnight", which is a radio show heard in about 30 cities around the USA.

While on this show we learned from Erskine that Peter Gersten of CAUS has finally gotten one of his UFO-related lawsuits into court. This particular lawsuit (one of several in Gersten's bulging briefcase) is specifically about the March 1997 mystery lights over Phoenix, Arizona, where Erskine lives. In due time, a federal judge in Arizona will rule on whether or not to allow "Discovery", i.e., whether or not Gersten can pursue his allegations of official misconduct in regard to UFO secrecy on this matter.

See also Erskine's [letter to the Editor](#), further along in this issue.

- Every now and then we comment on a four-page rag from England called "Magonia Monthly Supplement", edited by one John Harney. In his December 1999 issue, John begins by saying:

"This publication was described by a writer in 'Fortean Times' some time ago as being polemical. However, I disagree. In this respect it can hardly compete with 'Saucer Smear'...By comparison, you will see how genteel and refined the 'Monthly Supplement' really is."

We disagree. John's comments, though not without a hard core of Truth, are rather unduly harsh, even by our standards. Here's an example:

"It is clear that ufology is set to continue for an indefinite period, not because of any scientific

interest but because it has become firmly established as a form of popular entertainment. All but a few of the many books published on the subject are sensationalist or pseudoscientific. Although there have been books by skeptics, even these are usually marred by oversimplification of complex cases and the suppression of details which the authors cannot easily explain. One reason for this is possibly that a fiercely partisan approach, whether pro or anti, makes a livelier and more readable book than one which is scrupulously impartial.

"Ufology now has an assured place on the bookshelves with other saleable subjects such as the 'paranormal', the lost continent of Atlantis, and the 'space aliens built the Pyramids' school of Egyptology. The very few serious UFO books which appear rapidly go out of print. Also ufology has become a staple of the TV pseudo-documentary and the chat show. UFO conferences attract large crowds, so long as the organizers take care not to invite skeptical or unbiased speakers (if any can be found).

"Of course, there are some ufologists who carry out serious research and investigations, but even some of those seem to be a bit flaky at the edges. For most, though, ufology is simply for entertainment, socializing, or a form of role-playing fantasy gaming.

"The interdisciplinary nature of UFO studies means that it is unlikely that any coherent and scientific approach to the subject can be successful. Ufology will long remain merely a playground for eccentrics and paranoids."

Speak for yourself, John!

TIDBITS OF TRASH

- Pat Marcatillio will hold his 11th UFO/ET Congress on May 27th and 28th at the Days Inn in Bordentown, New Jersey. Then on October 7th and 8th, he will have the 12th UFO/ET Congress at the same location. Since this is an annual event, one might wonder why there are two Congresses this year?...
- For the first time in many, many years, "Smear" has taken out a paid advertisement, in order to boost our rather stagnant circulation. The ad will run in the next six quarterly issues of the prestigious "International UFO Reporter", though this implies no endorsement from its editor, Jerry Clark...
- [Timothy Green Beckley](#) (formerly "Mr. UFO") has a long, in-depth interview in the February 2000 issue of a nasty magazine called "Draculina", which is devoted to horror movies and such. The article is called "The Curse of Mr. Creepo - Bringing Exploitation Back Into the Movies Where It Belongs!" Wheeee!...
- In Missouri, Jon Bierman and other MUFONites are still working to get a pro-UFO question onto the state ballot this year. If it does get onto the ballot, it would constitute a non-binding referendum as to whether to call the year 2000 "the year of UFO Awareness", and it would call on Congress to investigate whether the government is hiding UFO-related evidence...
- "Smear" Contributing Editor Karl Pflock would like our readers to know that, contrary to Todd Zechel's statement in the last issue, his move to New Mexico in 1993 had nothing to do with the Roswell Incident, but was due to the fact that his wife's job with the late Congressman Steven Schiff was there...
- Amazingly, the NASA facility in Houston has agreed to accept for exhibition a group of saucer-related items from the town of Roswell - no doubt led by the well-known International UFO Museum there. Among the items that will be sent to NASA are a model UFO, an automobile that looks like a spaceship, and UFO-related works of art. Egads!...
- A giant piece has broken off from famed Giant Rock in the California desert, scene of contactee George Van Tassel's huge outdoor saucer conventions in the 1950s and 1960s. The cause was apparently a mild earthquake nearby...

An aviation mystery from August 2nd, 1947 (very shortly after the Roswell Incident!) has finally been cleared up. On that long-ago day, a small plane carrying six passengers and five crew members crashed in the Argentine Andes, killing all aboard. The last message received before the crash was the word STENDEC, which apparently has no meaning. Now the wreckage and bodies have been found, at an elevation of more than 16,000 feet. (Our thanks to K. Pflock for this item and several others.)

BOOK REVIEW

"THE ABDUCTION ENIGMA"

Here we have a book that is an extremely important addition to the vast flying saucer literature, and at least in regard to abductions, it is a definitive work.

It is written by three men: Kevin Randle, who has recently acquired a mail order Ph.D., and who is well known for various books contributing to UFO lore, notably in regard to the Roswell Incident. Russ Estes is a producer of documentaries whom we have met several times. Dr. William Cone is a psychologist who has had many weird experiences of his own, none of which are specifically explained in the book. Supposedly all three of these gentlemen believe that 3-D interplanetary saucers exist but that abductions do not. Alas, Randle, who is otherwise a very bright, rational individual, still swears that an alien craft crashed at Roswell. (Shame!)

Amazingly, CSICOP reviewed "The Abduction Enigma" favorably, and was so taken by the anti-abduction theme that they were apparently willing to overlook the fact that these guys are Believers!

"Enigma" makes so many important points that we can only summarize a few of them here:

1. About half of all abduction experiences are merely sleep paralysis. (Your editor had a mild experience with this as a teenager.)
2. A disproportional number of abductees are homosexual, hypersexual, sexually dysfunctional, or have other serious problems causing emotional instability.
3. "The abduction phenomenon is an outgrowth of what the researcher expects, rather than what the abductee experienced." (Page 171) Abductees don't lie; they are honestly mistaken, and the researchers often just make their delusions worse.
4. Hypnosis, improperly used, reveals false memories rather than real ones. This has occurred not only in abduction research but more tragically in regard to tales of sexual and Satanic abuse.
5. "It has become painfully clear that sexuality is a major part of abduction." (Page 91) But because of our prudish society, most abduction researchers have deliberately played down the sex angle. However, after reading this book, we realize that the interdimensional adventures of David Huggins are not at all unusual. On Page 97 the authors tell of a female abductee called Leeza who was lying on a metal table surrounded by aliens, one of whom mounted her and was heard to say, "What you need is a good fuck."
6. Chapters are devoted to each of the leading abduction researchers, the worst of whom, in regard to leading his patients and sexual overtones, must be Dr. Richard Boylan. His "hot tub" episode with a female abductee was one of the reasons his license in California was recently revoked. It is not well known that Boylan himself is an abductee and also a former Catholic priest. (No, we won't say anything bad about Budd Hopkins this time - nor will we say anything good.)
7. Scars, implants, and missing fetuses are irrelevant or unproven. Indeed, there is no scientific proof that any abduction has ever taken place. The only exception would be if these events are "4-D" in nature, i.e., extrasensory. We agree.

This is an exceptional book. We have actually read (almost) all of it. Whatever your ufological views may be, there is a lot to learn here. The publisher is Tom Doherty Associates, and the price to those who have to pay for it is \$25.95.



PFLOCK PTALK - GOING POSTAL (PART ONE)

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



UF0dumb's conspiratorialists have for years searched high and low for the seat of power from which The Great UFO Cover-up is directed, and for the agency that provides cover for this nefarious activity. How they could have missed The Truth, as plain as the noses (or lack thereof) on their faces, is beyond me. Well, that's not really fair. Until my youngest son phoned recently to tell me about his new job, I hadn't realized the obvious either: the U.S. Postal Service.

Think about it.

The proportion of those in ufology who have a Postal Service connection, especially of those with influence or whose activities have had a significant impact on the field, is far higher than that in the general population. Most infamously,

there's Don Schmitt, who kept his USPS job quiet until its exposure would do the most damage to the case for Roswell and the credibility of his erstwhile partner Kevin Randle (who sometimes looks and acts like a mailman on the Edge himself).

Then there's Barry Greenwood, once a leader in the effort to expose the cover-up, but now most often heard from denouncing claims of those who attempt to expose MJ-12 and its toadies. And consider Herb Taylor, one of ufology's old-timers, and a virtual founding father of CSI of New York. Once Herb was a True Saucerer. These days, about all we hear from him are diatribes against Roswell and its boosters. The list goes on and on.

And now they've recruited my son, a UFO buff who will soon be carrying mail in a state I dare not name. And what about me? When I was a Air Force reservist, I was assigned for a time to a postal service squadron. Today, despite the best of intentions, I spread ufological confusion, arguing that the Roswell saucer really was a Mogul flight train and suggesting the Florida scoutmaster incident may not have been a hoax.

How many of us in ufology use post office boxes? Why do you suppose that is? It's not an accident or coincidence, I assure you. And do you really believe it's just chance that the meeting-place landmark for Area 51 watchers is a mailbox?

And remember, Barney Hill was a career employee of what is now the Postal Service...

(to be continued - if the mailman doesn't get me first!)

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- ERSKINE PAYTON writes:

"Thank you for being on 'Erskine Overnight' on Sunday Feb. 6th. Jim, we really got out some valuable information, as you will hear on the tape. You are passionate, articulate, and most important - entertaining. I can't believe you told the 'hoax' story. I loved it! One of my closest friends is a professional hoaxer in Ireland. He calls himself a 'surreal alchemist'.

"It was refreshing to take a realistic approach to the entire UFO movement. They need to loosen up!

"I went to the hearing in federal district court where Peter Gersten's case was presented. Honestly, Peter laid out an excellent case for governmental disclosure. In court his case was lucid, sensible, and to me made more sense than the government saying they did all that could be expected by a 'reasonable person'.

"I really can't understand the unwillingness of our government to say what flew over Phoenix was or wasn't ours. This case is steeped in fraud from the Deletoso analysis and witnesses to the confusion between the two events (8:30 p.m. = UFO, followed by 10:00 p.m. = flairs.) The fact is that something flew over Phoenix at 8:30 p.m. on March 13th, 1997, and we are unsure what it was!..."

Editor's Note: The "hoax" story referred to above is in regard to the so-called Straith Letter sent to contactee George Adamski in 1957 - later found to be the nefarious work of Jim Moseley & the late, great Gray Barker.

- Researcher JOHN ANDERSON writes:

"I have read the November and December 1999 issues of your 'Saucer Smear' newsletter with interest.

"Larry Bryant is a personal friend of mine. He tells me about the various projects he is pushing. Right or wrong, you have to give him credit for keeping the POT boiling, to get people's attention to the issues old and new.

"In regard to the [current MUFON flap](#) about Larry Bryant's program, it makes me think about the 52+ years of effort by many UFO researchers who have had or are having their 15 minutes on the stage, working and contributing their research to solve the UFO puzzle.

"I am not interested in the TURF WARS. My passionate interest is the UFO technology that demonstrates the existence of an energy source that can replace the use of petroleum, which is a finite resource..."

- Our olde friend JOHN TIMMERMAN of CUFOS (Center for UFO Studies) writes as follows:

"Thank you very much for your order for six appearances of your tricky ad in the International UFO Reporter. We are pleased to have you aboard, even though I sometimes think that 'Saucer Smear', when I used to read it, was often unnecessarily vulgar, or was it just your subscribers?

"In either event, I want to congratulate you for filling an entertaining nitch in this very odd field of endeavor which is sometimes - no, most of the time - fruitless. All I know is there are UFOs, whatever they are."

- Graphic artist MILLER JOHNSON writes:

"...Re Roswell - when Glenn Dennis was still communicating with me, he said Kaufmann had been an alcoholic for as far back as he could remember. Glenn even mentioned taking Kaufmann on more than one occasion somewhere to dry him out. I don't know how accurate that story is, but I've heard from other sources that seem to confirm Kaufmann's alcohol problem. At his age he must have ceramic-lined kidneys to have survived Y2K!..."

"A major flaw in the Franklin Mint Kaufmann story: He states that he was sent 35 miles north of Roswell to investigate the crash, yet the model base has a metal plate that locates the crash site between Oscura Peak and the city of Socorro, a 40 mile distance as the turkey vulture flies. This puts the Mint's crash site about 120 miles west of Kaufmann's crash site!...

"So much for another version of the Roswell Incident! How strange that with crash sites all over New Mexico, not one of them has produced any physical evidence that reflects extraterrestrial visitation!

"Regarding Clifford Stone: I attended a Searchers Group meeting a couple of years ago, where Sgt. Stone was the self-appointed Roswell expert. Your analysis of him as a pathological fibber looking for attention agrees with mine..."

- PHIL KLASS, the "World's Leading UFO Skeptic", writes:

"Fascinating piece about [Todd Zechel](#) in the new issue of 'Saucer Smear'. While I could never be a 'good character' witness for Zechel, I must challenge your statement '...that Todd Zechel himself is a prime suspect in this hoax (having created the original MJ-12 documents) due to his self-confessed Intelligence background.'

"Although I was one of the first to denounce the original MJ-12 papers as a hoax, I have never suspected that Zechel was in any way involved. (Nor do I know of any other MJ-12 skeptics who suspect Zechel's involvement.) The unusual hybrid civil-military date format used by the person who typed the 'Eisenhower Briefing Document' is identical to the one used by William L. Moore in his numerous pre-MJ-12 letters to me. It was never used by Zechel in any of his letters.

"Second, Zechel's 'Intelligence background' consisted solely of his several years at an Army 'listening post' in Asia, some of whose radio intercepts were supplied to the National Security Agency."

- Roswell die-hard BOB GALGANSKI writes as follows:

"In the February 10th, 2000, 'Saucer Smear', [Karl Pflock](#) made some disparaging comments about my Fall 1999 IUR article, 'Probing the Roswell Thin-Strut Debris'. Please give me the opportunity to respond, as follows:

"In the last 'Smear' Karl Pflock cites the statements made by Major Jesse Marcel during interviews with Linda Corley, Bob Pratt, and others, as proof that the I-beam fragment handled by Jesse Marcel Jr. was actually just a piece of balsa wood. Pflock made similar comments in a recent letter to the editor of the International UFO Reporter (IUR) as part of his knock against my Fall 1999 IUR article. Since 'Smear' doesn't have the space I would need to fully rebut his charges, I'll refer him to the letters section of the forthcoming Winter 1999/2000 IUR for my response.

"Just out of curiosity, I wonder what Pflock has to say about the February 2000 'MUFON UFO Journal' article by Neil Morris and Ron Regehr titled, 'Not enough 'foil' to go around'."

- RICHARD FREEMAN of Yellow Springs, Ohio writes:

"It's okay to make fun of the Franklin Mint, I suppose, but let's not forget that I live within a few miles of Ground Zero, where those Roswell cosmonauts' bodies are still kept, and it would be no work whatever to take a shovel over to Wright Patterson Air Force Base & gather some soil samples to sell along with our lovely plasticene model of a gray. As Ben Franklin once said, a penny saved is a penny earned."

1998. "His only real sorcery," writes Kathryn Lindskoog in her book *Fakes, Frauds, and Other Malarky*, "was turning the University of California into an ass. The next time you come close to a crow, try calling out "Hello Carlos!" If you are high enough on peyote, you might hear the bird answer.

For 10 years, Prof. Hitoshi Kodama has worked on his 1,200-page Japanese-Friesian dictionary. Only two Japanese, including himself, speak Friesian, a dialect in northern Holland. No Friesian-speaking Dutch are known to speak Japanese. "It's a labour of love," he said.

Express, Sept 1999.

Ice balls falling from the sky over southern Europe claimed their first victim when a man in the Italian city of Ancona suffered head injuries after being bombarded by a chunk of ice weighing more than one pound. Spain had also reported similar incidents during the previous week, including one nine-pound block falling on a car in Seville. Cold weather experts in Italy were no more able to explain the phenomenon than their counterparts in Spain. However, some of the ice was known to have been created as a hoax.

Most elves were gay, expert claims

LONDON -- Although the word "fairies" is sometimes used today as a slur word for gays, the mythological creatures were never thought to be homosexual, an expert in folklore says.

Ironically, it is elves, slightly built creatures fond of wearing green tights and dancing in the woods, who were often described as gay.

Even a casual reading of folk tales of the British Isles leaves no doubt that most, if not all, elves prefer members of their own sex," says English folklorist George White-Tunnickliff.

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ANOTHER "SMEAR" EXCLUSIVE: TODD ZECHEL LURCHES BACK INTO THE ARENA!

As mentioned in our Nov. 5th, 1999 issue, the notorious Todd Zechel, formerly of CAUS and GSW (Ground Saucer Watch), now apparently lives in retirement in Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, with his elderly father. We learned this by telephoning him there a few months ago.

Now, out of the blue, we have received from Zechel a 34-page document supposedly written and copyrighted by him in 1989, entitled "The MJ-12/Aquarius Hoax". It is a treatise that we have never seen or heard of before, and Zechel admits it was not widely distributed at the time. It details the involvement of William Moore, Sgt. Richard Doty and others, in the release of the original group of MJ-12 documents in the late 1980s. Also mentioned are Lee Graham, Paul Bennewitz (sp?), Bob Pratt, Linda Moulton Howe, Trace Torme (son of Mel, who is now deceased), Peter Gersten, Brad Sparks, and several others. All these names are well known to hard-core UFO fiends, and the story of the release of the original MJ-t2 documents has already been told too many times before, so it won't be repeated at this time.

The most interesting point here is this: Zechel blames these hoaxed documents mainly on Moore and Doty, just as others have done. But it is well-known in the UFO field that Todd Zechel himself is a prime suspect in this

hoax, due to his self-confessed Intelligence background. We wonder why Zechel is coming forth with his version of events at this very late date.

Secondly: Zechel professes to believe that the Roswell Incident was caused by a balloon, just as the Air Force claims (and we believe strongly that Zechel is right about that); but apparently Zechel still has faith in another lesser-known crash story which is also mentioned, together with much other info., in the MJ-12 "Presidential Briefing Document". We refer to the alleged 1950 incident usually called the "El Indio - Guerrero Case" which was debunked in a presentation at last year's NUFOC convention in San Antonio. The researcher who presented this debunking material was Tom Deuley of MUFON.

We have also received from Zechel a 17-page treatise on the letterhead of "Associated Investigators Group (AIG)", dated Feb. 7th, 1994. If we recall correctly, this was a totally bogus group that Zechel himself invented as a cover for his ufological activities of that era.

In any case, this 17-pager purports to be a petition of some sort, under the Freedom of Information Act, to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Actually, it is not really a petition but a subjective reconstruction by Zechel of the CIA's involvement in ufology since that Agency's inception, circa 1947. Although hundreds of pages of CIA documents have been released in the past, partly because of Zechel's efforts, there is no "smoking gun" here or in anything else Zechel writes.

Of interest is the involvement of "Smear" Contributing Editor Karl Pflock, about whom Zechel says:

"NICAP, at its peak, consisted of a nationwide series of interlocking local groups scattered across the country called 'subcommittees'. One of the founders and subsequent 'chairman' of the local Washington, D.C. area NICAP subcommittee was Karl Pflock, secretly a CIA briefing officer who utilized a 'back-stopped' Department of Army cover. Pflock later became an agent with the Washington, D.C. field office of the CIA's Domestic Contact Service, all the while continuing as the head of NICAP's local subcommittee.

"More recently Pflock, who had been Deputy Director of Operational Test and Evaluation for the Department of Defense and now purports to earn a living as a freelance writer, has been associated with the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR), a civilian UFO research group based in suburban D.C.

"...Pflock himself received a research grant of several thousand dollars from the Fund, and has recently moved to New Mexico, apparently to further his efforts to focus attention on the 1947 Roswell case, which appears to have been the recovery of a collapsed TOP SECRET balloon cluster launched from White Sands as part of a program to develop high-altitude photographic reconnaissance balloons to be flown over the Soviet Union..."

After consulting with our esteemed Contributing Editor, we believe Zechel's remarks on this particular subject are generally accurate, except for the statement that Pflock was a member of the D.C. field office of the CIA's Domestic Contact Service.

Pflock, together with a handful of other researchers, deserves credit for having proven beyond any reasonable doubt that the Roswell Incident was indeed caused by a Mogul Balloon, as somewhat inaccurately described above. There is quite obviously no CIA plot here, to cover up the Truth about UFOs. So what is Zechel's point!?



SENSATIONAL LOW-LEVEL UFO REPORTS IN ILLINOIS:

As long-time "Smear" readers know, we rarely print sightings, leaving that to our many rival saucer zines. However, a series of police reports in Illinois last January 5th has received a great deal of attention, and seems to be deserving of it.

It was about 4:30 a.m. on Jan. 5th when the series of sightings began. The object is said to have been a craft shaped like an arrowhead, about 100 feet long and two stories high, with bright lights on its tail and underside. It was flying very slowly at about 500 to 1,000 feet above the ground. It made only a very low-decibel buzzing sound. One of the police officers said that the craft had bright red lights that "radiated so much light into the sky that it was similar to the Japanese rising sun symbol".

The sightings took place not far from Scott Air Force Base, which denied any involvement. However, it is said that the Stealth bomber, for instance, was test-flown in the Midwest for eight years before the Pentagon unveiled it officially. During that time, local UFO societies received dozens of reports of delta-shaped craft zooming overhead.

Thus this strange object is most likely something of our own, though there is no confirmation or proof of this. Interestingly, one of the first groups to look into these particular sightings was Robert Bigelow's NIDS (National Institute for Discovery Science), based in Las Vegas, which employs professional investigators rather than MUFON-type amateurs. Hopefully they will eventually release a detailed paper about their investigation.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- More on Uri Geller, the (alleged) psychic spoon bender who is engaged in a lifetime feud with psychic debunker James "The Amusing" Randi.

It seems that in Japan, Nintendo has a Pokemon card which has amazing similarities to Geller, including the name. The card apparently comes in two versions, Good "Un-geller" and Evil "Un-geller". In other countries this particular monster has other names. Thus Geller is suing Nintendo for something like a hundred million dollars for using his name, etc. without permission. Whereas some of Geller's lawsuits against Randi years ago were based on more ambiguous evidence, this case seems very clear, and we are surprised that a giant corporation would make such an obvious mistake!...

Geller, whose popularity has declined since his peak in the 1970s, was on the Tonight TV Show with Jay Leno on the

JAMES RANDI VS. URI GELLER



from England's "Fortean Times"

evening of January 5th of this year. This was sort of a "comeback" for Geller. The last time he was on that show (1973), Johnny Carson was still running it, and Geller made a fool of himself (we saw the show!) in that he got almost everything wrong. We don't understand the details, but somehow Randi deliberately caused this to happen, either by personally messing up Geller's props backstage, or by warning Carson ahead of time as to just how Geller was going to perform his psychic (?) feats.

This time things went much better, and Geller succeeded in duplicating a fairly complex design almost perfectly, supposedly by psychic means. The purpose of the TV interview was to plug Geller's current book "Mind Medicine". Geller appeared very nervous, as he always does. He also made some peculiar remarks, including the statement that he is lucky to be here at all, as his mother had eight abortions in a row before she gave birth to him: A strange guy indeed, this Uri Geller!...

- Just as Amazing as Randi, and equally Amusing, is Larry Bryant of CAUS, whom we have no doubt mentioned before in this zine. Larry's latest wild stab in the dark is a FOIA request addressed to the Commander of Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Larry begins by stating: "Word has come to me that your facility administers medical care...to service-members and their family members exhibiting symptoms of having undergone abduction by 'extraterrestrial biological entities', a.k.a. UFO-borne aliens. Accordingly, under the terms of the U.S. Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request that you send me a copy of the following records..."

Bryant then goes on to list nine specific categories of information he desires, starting with "the standard treatment plan pursued by your personnel in caring for these above-defined victims".

Predictably, Dan Wright of the MUFON Executive Committee finds it necessary to again tell one & all that Bryant does not speak for MUFON when he makes such requests...

- The new CAUS newsletter, [mentioned](#) in our last issue, has apparently folded already: We sent a \$20 check to "Caus & Effect", and it was returned to us with a note saying "Sorry, but we are no longer accepting subscriptions". Or maybe they're just not accepting our subscription!...
- Shamefully, the prestigious Franklin Mint is coming out with a replica of the Roswell saucer, based on input from four alleged experts - Roswell witness Frank Kaufmann, another supposed witness identified only as "Kewper", Sgt. Clifford Stone, and (eek!) Linda Moulton Howe.

We know little about the first two, but we have interviewed Sgt. Stone, and we can truthfully say that his memories become more fanciful as the years go by. As for Linda Howe - a nice lady, but she is as credulous as any one person can get. Her knowledge of Roswell is third-hand at best!

The price is not given in the literature we have, but this saucer replica is made of nickel, and is mounted

on a replica of the Roswell riverbed where the craft is said to have crashed. The base includes "cryptic writings", based on eyewitness accounts. Also included is a soil sample, guaranteed to be a genuine sample of the soil found near the crash site. What nonsense! (Our thanks to graphic artist Miller Johnson for this one.)...

- In another incident, combining millennium madness with mindless worship of Roswell, a bright green laser beam blasted out of an abandoned nuclear missile site near Roswell exactly at the stroke of midnight last December 31st. The laser beam carried encoded messages into the heavens as part of a hopefully intergalactic end-of-the-millennium event. Matthew Cook, in charge of the project, admits it's a bit "gimmicky", but he sees it as a "good way to draw tourists and increase Roswell's mystique". The article in which we read about this is entitled "Ray of Hope". Shit!....

TIDBITS OF TRASH

- The picture below shows three ladies associated with the forthcoming Corpus Christi (Texas) NUFOC convention. They are, left to right: Doris Upchurch, the local chairperson for the event; Constance Clear, who will be one of the speakers there; and Susanna Washburn, who assists Ms. Upchurch.

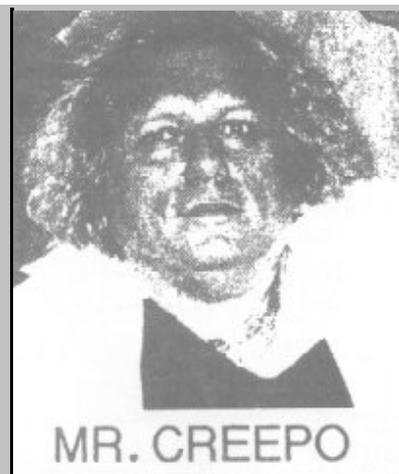
Seeing so many women involved with our convention, we are reminded of Ellen Crystall, a Pine Bush expert and perennial sourpuss who has accused "Smear" and almost everyone else of bias against women. The point she misses is that the bias she experiences everywhere is against her individually!...



- We recently received the 15th and final issue of a quaint ufological journal from New York City called "The Flying Saucer Gazette". Dated December, 1999, it consists mainly of tongue-in-cheek millennium hysteria, plus ravings about Pine Bush, N.Y. - a tiny town where strange poltergeist-type phenomena have frequently been reported in recent years.

Scott Carr, the editor, is so impressed with Pine Bush that he and his girlfriend have decided to move out of the City, buy a house in that little town, and live there. Scott will soon start publishing again under the title "Millennium Times", but this zine will be available mainly on the (cursed) Net...

- In our last issue [we attempted](#) to run a photo of Tim Beckley, formerly known as "Mr. UFO", now billing himself as "Mr. Creepo". Unfortunately, our original picture was in color, which is tricky to reproduce properly in black & white. Granted that Beckley does look better in the dark, we nevertheless want to give his picture a second chance - as reproduced here. (Sadly, Beckley will not be at our convention.)...
- Big Loser of the Month appears to be a UFO lecturer named Lloyd Pye. As mentioned in previous "Smears", Pye obtained an ancient skull from Mexico which he believed might be alien or an alien hybrid. Unfortunately, DNA results so far indicate that the skull in question is male and human. Even more unfortunately, Pye has gone \$50,000 into debt, in paying for all this



testing. Well, better luck next time! (This item lifted from the Jan. 2000 MUFON Journal.)...

- Near Seville, Spain in early January, a motorist came close to serious injury when a ball of ice eight inches in diameter crashed into the hood of his car and crushed it. The iceball, which weighed about nine pounds, is believed to be frozen human shit from a passing aircraft. There wasn't a cloud in the sky at the time. We wonder what Charles Fort would have to say about this! (Our thanks to Tom Benson for this shitty story!)
- Finally, our favorite Y2K horror story: The [item in our last issue](#) about Phil Klass of CSICOP and James Randi, formerly of CSICOP, was taken from the Jan.-Feb. 2000 issue of "Skeptical Inquirer". Karl Pflock received his copy in late December, and when ours failed to arrive in the mail, he kindly loaned us his copy. As of this writing (Jan. 27th), ours still hasn't arrived. Reason? Terrible computer problems at CSICOP Headquarters. These began shortly before the millennium and now are supposedly cured, according to a spokesperson in their office. But isn't it a gas that this strictly scientific organization was one of the very few to suffer such persecution by the random forces of (shudder!) Nature!

BRIEF BOOK BASHINGS:

In this issue we will review a pair of rather dreadfully mediocre books that have recently seeped into our Headquarters, kindly sent (free) by their publishers.

- The first and probably worst of the two is "The Dulce Wars: Underground Alien Bases & the Battle for Planet Earth". This is written by an entity identified only as "Branton", with a "Forward" (sic!) by "Commander X", who may or may not be publisher Tim Beckley ("Mr. Creepo") of Global Communications.

Instead of an autograph, Beckley writes on the title page "Review Copy - not to be given to Tom Benson. (Price) \$14.95 plus \$4 postage." Here Beckley refers subtly to the fact that we pass along most of our review copies of UFO books to our friend Tom Benson of Trenton, N.J., who is a collector of almost everything ufological.

We will skip the text of this book entirely, and go straight to a warning in red on the back cover: "In the corner of a small town in America's southwest something very strange is going on. IS AN ALIEN 'FIFTH COLUMN' ALREADY ACTIVE ON EARTH PREPARING TOTAL CONQUEST VIA IMPLANTATIONS AND MIND CONTROL?"

The answer to this is - probably not

- Next there is "CE-VI - Close Encounters of the Possession Kind - A Different Kind of Interference by Otherworldly Beings". This is published by Headline Books, Inc., of Terra Alta, W.Va., and retails for \$10.95. The author is William Baldwin, Ph.D., who is said to have received in 1994 the coveted Franklin Loehr Memorial Award given by the International Association of New Science in Fort Collins, Colorado. This sounds to be even more prestigious than NUFOC's annual Ufologist of the Year Award!

Also according to the back cover, "'CE-VI' catapults the reader into the many-layered realms of human

consciousness and experience, revealing unwanted intrusions by alien 'others'. This kind of ET/UFO encounter appears to be nonphysical, yet every bit as intrusive as the well-known abduction scenario".

A hasty reading of the Introduction, etc., does not reveal what the term "CE-VI" actually means, but presumably it means Close Encounters of the Sixth (Sense) Kind. We do note that Dr. Baldwin admits "the material in this book is not offered as absolute truth". Amen!

PFLOCK PTALK - AH, UFODUMB

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Two items in recent issues of the "MUFON UFO Journal" and the "International UFO Reporter", the magazines of America's, nay, the world's leading ufological organizations, inspire this ish's column.

The December 1999 "Journal" carries a letter from C. Joseph Barron, a MUFON field investigator in (chuckle) Gulf Breeze, Florida. Barron asserts "the term UFO is not regarded by the scientific community and the general public with much credibility (sic)." He suggests "we bring all of the powers that we have at our disposal to bring dignity and respect to the ET question. We could start by changing the title UFO (MUFON) to a more dignified title."

Barron suggests: "1. Extra Terrestrial (sic) Research Organization (ETRO). 2. International Inter-planetary (sic) Society (IIS). 3. Interplanetary (sic) Galactic Society (IPGS). 4. Outer Space Research Organization (OSRO). 5. Bureau of Outer Space Contact Organization (BOSC)." Why not "BOSCO", C. Joseph? When I was a kid, a product by that name was pretty good in milk.

The Fall 1999 "IUR", the journal of the Center for UFO Studies, brings us yet another one of Robert "GIGO" Galganski's desperate attempts to reinflate the Roswell crashed-saucer balloon. Galganski relies heavily upon Jesse Marcel Jr.'s claim to have seen among the debris his father brought home from the "crash" site a metal "I-beam", conveniently ignoring this telling statement made by the senior Marcel during a tape-recorded interview with Linda Corley on May 5th, 1981: "Jesse (Jr.) said they looked like "I" beams but it wasn't (sic). Jesse didn't have that right to begin with."

Then there is the sketch Marcel Sr. did for Corley, showing the rectangular cross-section of the beams. Oh, Robert, and what about the elder Marcel's many statements to many interviewers that the beams looked like wood and were, as he told reporter Bob Pratt on December 8th, 1979, "rectangular members" that were "perhaps three-eighths of an inch by one-quarter of an inch" and "weightless. You couldn't even tell you had it in your hands - just like you handle (sic) balsa wood"?

Sigh... As C. Joseph Barron concluded his letter, "In my opinion, we will never gain respectability and support from our friends, neighbors, and professionals in our current status. I depend upon history to prove my point."

Come to think of it, C. Joseph, we don't need history. Your letter does the trick.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- STEVE MANSEE of Chicago, the kindly gentleman (whom we have never met) who puts "Smear" on the Internet without cost or obligation to us, writes as follows:

...I wanted to pass along a quick explanation of the web site name, www.martiansgohome.com. It's an homage to one of my favorite novels, "Martians Go Home", written in 1955 by one Predric Brown, a pulp fiction writer who seems to have had some ability, if not great repute.

"Mr. Brown posits an invasion of Earth by Mars, which is nothing unusual, but the nature and behavior of the Martians is quite wonderful. They do not have weapons or do any other direct violence, but rather just sit around and insult and ridicule people. They do not have solid bodies, so Earthlings who try to punch them wind up going straight through and punching the wall and breaking their hands. They also have the ability to pass through walls, so they show up and disrupt meetings at the Pentagon and Kremlin and so forth.

"Needless to say, chaos ensues. I'd send along a copy of the book if I could, but it's out-of-print. If you should see it anywhere, I'd recommend it highly..."

- Kindly old PHIL KLASS writes as follows:

"...Enclosed is a sketch that will appear in 'Skeptic' Magazine...to accompany a lengthy interview conducted by Gary Posner. It (below) shows me piloting a UFO with an ET (actually, our darling Lhasa Apso Shishi). If you use it, credit 'Skeptic' Magazine, published by Michael Shermer's 'Skeptics Society' (which competes with CSICOP).

"In reference to our phone conversation, I am... truly flattered by your comments. In my later years, I have enjoyed a close friendship with a growing number of 'pro-Ufologists' who have soured on Roswell, MJ-12 and 'UFO abductions'. (One of my overseas subscribers to SUN, who is the MUFON director for his European country, always offers flattering comments on SUN when he sends in his renewal.)

"Age is mellowing, I guess..."

Anything with a name like Lhasa Apso Shishi has to be a real ET! - Editor.



- Soon-to-be-retired pilot JOHN LEAR writes:

"Got your card. Enclosed is a few bucks to get back on your List.

"As you probably already know, I did indeed drop out of Ufology approximately ten years ago, due to the fact that you refused to publish the New Yorker Magazine cartoon of me in 'Saucer Smear'. It was a large emotional blow to me, not to mention a personal and professional embarrassment, to be terminally snubbed by someone who I thought was a good personal friend.

"I am still flying, having just turned 57. I only have three more years to go, due to mandatory retirement for commercial pilots at age 60. (Just another government conspiracy.)

"In preparation for retirement I purchased the Treasure Hawk gold mine in Gold Butte, Nevada (220 acres). The Treasure Hawk was a good producer in its day (1972-1986). However, the previous owner neglected to share his wealth with the IRS and ran into a few problems. He died in 1994 and I purchased it from his wife in 1996. I have spent the last three years cleaning up his mess and getting the millsite ready for production. As you can imagine, with 28 separate agencies to report to and get permission from, there is a lot of paperwork to do.

"I have also set my wife up in the movie studio business... It keeps her busy and out of the gold mine..."

- Our old pal CHRISTOPHER ROTH sends these hilarious lines:

"Thanks for the letter and the new 'Saucer Smear'. What caught my eye most, I must say, is [Tim Beckley's emergence](#) in his persona as 'Mr. Creepo'. I like Beckley. I like his cynical attitude toward the UFO business, and I enjoyed my long interview with him years ago. He has also put some valuable texts of ufology into print.

"With that in mind, however, I will venture to say that this new, or renewed, career-path as a pornographer does not necessarily entail a radical shift in his personal and professional style. I am also delighted that he is merging genres by incorporating paranormal themes into his work. What's next? 'Above Topless Secret'? 'The XXX Files'? 'Plan 69 From Outer Space'? A show-all adaptation of the Billy Meier or David Huggins encounters? Can we expect to see Whitley Strieber following the pattern of 'Communion' and 'Confirmation' with Catholic-school-girl flicks like 'Confession' and 'Indulgences'? And more importantly, will fellow ufologist Wendell Stevens be recruited as a star?

"My real question, though, is about the title 'Barely Legal Lesbian Vampires'. What is the legal age of consent for vampires anyway? 16,000 years old?

"Then, again, we all have to make money!..."

- Arch-skeptic ROBERT SHEAFFER writes:

"...Re the Trent photos, [Bruce Maccabee says](#) that he photographed the cloud that supposedly cast such sharp, distinct, sun-like shadows on the eaves of his house at sunset, and that 'it was not particularly remarkable'. I urge him to contribute this discovery to journals of meteorology, as this contradicts what the textbooks say....

"Folks, do try this at home. Try to find a single cloud at sunset that casts sharp-edged shadows of the eaves of buildings. It would be almost as remarkable as seeing a UFO. And in any case, the paper on my web page www.debunker.com proves that the supposed 'shining Trent cloud' could not possibly have appeared much larger than the sun, and tiny clouds cast very little light.

"Perhaps it was the Star of Bethlehem? I mean, if you're going to invoke one miraculous event to explain this photo (an E.T. craft), why stop at one?..."

Iraqi Drivers see 'dancing ghosts' on road

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Ghost stories are pretty common around the old Iraqi city of Haditha. Still, when the ghosts start dancing naked in front of oncoming motorists, it creates quite a stir.

The state-run Alwan weekly said Saturday that drivers passing through Horan Valley outside the town of Haditha, 135 miles northeast of Baghdad, were reporting that "ghosts appeared next to the bridge, naked and doing some acrobatic moves."

"The ghosts were causing the drivers to panic," the paper said.

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WORLD FAILS TO END!

The date "1900" above is merely a bit of humor. Actually, we really have made it into the year 2000, somehow!

As of this writing, late on January 1st, the planet Earth has not (yet) suffered the various computer breakdowns and other man-made disasters predicted for midnight last night. Seriously, we know that private businesses downtown here in Key West had emergency power generators ready to go into action, and the biggest bar in town (Sloppy Joe's) even had an emergency evacuation plan - not for customers, but for employees only!

Even though the crisis appears to be over, certain disturbing questions remain: What will become of Twentieth Century Fox? Will they quickly rename themselves Twenty-first Century Fox? And what of the Century 21 real estate outfit? Will they reinvent themselves as Century 22, or will they fall behind the times? Inquiring minds want to know!

As for the (alleged) Space People, they are probably wise enough to now this wasn't the real millennium

anyhow, and they will simply carry on as usual.

THIS IS AMAZING, RANDI - AND ALSO AMUSING!

The Jan.-Feb. 2000 issue of CSICOP's "Skeptical Inquirer" (sometimes called the "Skeptical Enquirer") contains an article which we find astonishing, to put it mildly. The Fellows and Scientific Consultants of the dreaded CSICOP organization were asked the question - Who are the outstanding skeptics of the twentieth century? No list of names was provided, and no suggested criteria. These learned gentlemen were thus free to choose anyone they liked, the only restriction being that the person's major contributions are from the twentieth century - not earlier.

The winner, as you may have guessed by now, was James Randi! The irony is that, just a few years ago, Randi resigned from CSICOP under a cloud. He had caused that august organization to lose its libel insurance because of various off-the-cuff remarks he made about Uri Geller and others, for which he was sued. The details of these several lawsuits are long and complex, but the upshot was that Randi left CSICOP and is now closely allied with Michael Shermer's rival skeptical magazine out of California, called simply "Skeptic".

The first six runners-up after Randi are CSICOP members in good standing. Thus numbers 2 through 7 of the "10 Outstanding Skeptics of the Century" are Martin Gardner, Carl Sagan (recently deceased), Paul Kurtz, Ray Hyman, Issac Asimov (deceased) and Philip Klass. If we were asked to vote on this matter, we would definitely put Klass in first place out of the seven - as he is, we feel, in a class by himself, though like all of us, he is not without his faults.

But the worst is yet to come: No. 8 on the list is Bertrand Russell; No. 9 is Harry Houdini, and Lord help us, poor old Albert Einstein is at the bottom of the list, at No. 10! In our opinion anyone who makes a favorable comparison between James Randi and any of these three is plainly deranged! What more can we say?



OUR PLANS FOR THE 2000 NUFOC CONVENTION:

As stated in the last issue, this year's National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will be held on Sept. 23rd and 24th at a Ramada Inn in Corpus Christi, Texas, with Doris Upchurch of Texas MUFON as the local host(ess). Confirmed speakers so far include our old pal Stanton Friedman, plus Constance Clear, Dennis Stacy, Walt Andrus of MUFON, Ann Druffel, Rick Hilberg of Cleveland, and of course your humble "Smear" editor. More details will be announced as the date gets closer...

Incidentally, last year's NUFOC in San Antonio was our best ever in many ways, and was even covered by FOX. On the evening of Dec. 28th, there was an hour-long Special on the FOX News Network, called "We Are the Aliens". This included quite a bit of video film (or whatever) from interviews with several of the speakers there,

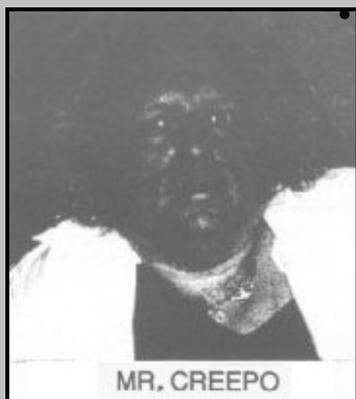
including your "Smear" editor. Our co-worker Karl Pflock had the unique opportunity therein to give the definitive "last word" on the Roswell Incident. Whitley Strieber, Patrick Huyghe and Dr. Kevin Randle also received a lot of air time. The show included a brief history of ufology, and over-all, it was one of FOX's better efforts on the subject - or at least it was a lot better than the alien autopsy video of a few years back!

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- According to a Nov. 25th, 1999 6-page document from his International Space Sciences Organization, computer whiz Joe Firmage now seems to believe that the MJ-12 documents may be sophisticated government-inspired forgeries related to the Cold War. He even speculates that fake alien landings may have been staged by the government for obscure purposes. We have had the opportunity to talk to Firmage in person, and we note that whereas his belief in interplanetary UFOs is firm, he is clever enough not to tie his belief system to any single item of "proof", such as the Roswell Incident, MJ-12, etc....
- Although Larry Bryant of CAUS has won [his battle to stay on MUFON's Board of Directors](#), as mentioned in our last issue, he nevertheless continues to upset various people, especially Dan Wright of the 5-member MUFON Executive Committee. Several of the people who have supported Bryant in the past are now having second thoughts!

On the other hand, MUFON itself is currently in worse shape than usual, with the impending resignation of czar Walt Andrus, the continuing decline in membership, and the continuing clash between various factions within the organization. These are indeed dark days for Ufodumb! ...

- If you want to keep up with the latest antics of Peter Gersten and Larry Bryant, the two prime movers of CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) you can now subscribe to a magazine called "CAUS & Effect", available for \$20 per year at: 8624 East San Bruno Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258. We have not yet seen a copy of this monthly magazine, but we await with interest ...
- We were sad to learn that "Project Awareness", hosted by Vicki Lyons of Gulf Breeze and two others, is now going out of business. For six years these people put together a total of fifteen conventions, one of which was an annual event in or near Gulf Breeze itself - home town of the Ed Walters controversy plus many apparently legitimate UFO sightings. Thus it turns out that [the recent Clearwater Beach \(Fl.\) convention](#), reviewed in our Dec. 5th, 1999 issue, was the last of the series...



Timothy Green Beckley, alias "Mr. UFO", has been in the flying saucer field almost as long as your "Smear" editor, and we consider him to be a good friend. Now Beckley has re-invented himself as "Mr. Creepo" (his term, not ours), and is producing such films as: "Barely Legal Lesbian Vampires", "The Curse of Ed Wood", "Blood Spurting Vampire Freaks", and "Sandy Hook Lingerie Party Massacre".

Quite a few years ago, Beckley produced a hardcore porn movie called "Driller", intended as a sick takeoff on Michael Jackson's "Thriller" album. All the above info is taken from Beckley's own recent literature. All we can say is, "Tim, do whatever turns you on!"

Incidentally, Beckley still maintains his interest in UFOS, as he recently posted a rather sensible anti-MJ-12 opinion article on the Internet. However, let no one mistake "Mr. Creepo" for a skeptic, as most of his ufological writings strongly encourage Belief...

- A recent issue of "USA Today" has a cover story about Uri Geller - the Israeli psychic or magician (take your pick!) who is famous for bending spoons. Although his international fame has diminished since he peaked out in the 1970s, Geller is still busy with many publicity-seeking projects. For the past several years, Geller and his family have lived in an 8 million dollar mansion in England, which he now intends to

sell.

As most "Smear" readers know, Geller's arch-enemy is/was James Randi, and they engaged in several complex lawsuits a few years ago, which were duly reported in "Smear" at the time.

Back in 1992 your "Smear" editor met Uri Geller and his family in person at a posh hotel in Miami, and he gave us a private demonstration of one version of his spoon-bending "trick". We still have the autographed spoon.

- ... The above-mentioned spoon bending incident is discussed briefly in a wonderful article in the January 2000 issue of Fate Magazine. The article is written by our friend Karl Pflock, and is entitled "NUFOC Report: World's Oldest Continuing UFO Conference". The subject is the National UFO Conference's memorable gathering in San Antonio last September, hosted by Dennis Stacy, former editor of the MUFON Journal. The photo of Jim Moseley (right), also by Karl Pflock, was taken at that event.
- We were happy to learn that Phyllis Galde is now back as editor of Fate, so there probably will be no more articles therein about giant penises in Thailand for quite awhile.'



BOOKS TO KEEP YOUR BONFIRE BURNING BRIGHTLY:

For some reason, we have lately been receiving many more (free) review copies of UFO & other offbeat books than we ever did before, and there just isn't Space in our 8-page format to review them properly. Yet we feel morally obliged to say something, following our motto "if you can't say something bad, don't say anything at all". Thus we will follow the lead of Bob Girard of Arcturus Books, who writes in his monthly catalogue just one short scathing paragraph about each of the books he is trying to sell.

- First there is "Gardner's Whys & Wherefores", written for Prometheus Books by Martin Gardner, who is a brilliant scholar and a pillar of the dreaded CSICOP organization (Committee for the Scientific Investigation of the Paranormal). This is a collection of essays on various topics of interest to the author, including a 6-page treatise on the mathematical constant "Pi". Flying saucers are not even mentioned, which is a merciful thing, as Gardner's views are rigidly negative on that particular subject.
- Then there is "The Mystic Healers - A History of Magical Medicine", by our olde acquaintance Paris Flammonde, who is said to be a widely recognized expert in the fields of modern mythology (such as UFOs!), the occult, and paranormal experiences. This book purports to be an expose of fake cures of many kinds, including those by the notorious Church of Scientology. Published by Scarborough House, this is a thoroughly revised and updated edition of an earlier work.
- Next we have "Alien Base: The Evidence for Extraterrestrial Colonization of Earth". This is one of a series of high-profile books by our friend Timothy Good of England, whose earlier work "Alien Contact" was a best seller. Now Good purports to believe that Earth is actually the base of operations for several different alien species. The photographs are very interesting, but unfortunately they include several by George Adamski, Howard Menger, and Paul Villa. Egads!
- Next - "UFO Odyssey", by prolific offbeat writer Brad Steiger and his wife Sherry. This book is said to provide profound insights into tantalizing questions such as: what are UFOs and how will their existence affect our own, in the new millennium? We can't really knock this book, because page 275 (which the authors kindly marked for us) contains your "Smear" editor's quoted opinions about the philosophical aspects of the UFO mystery.
- Finally, we have "Alien Identities" by Richard Thompson, with a foreword by famed author Whitley

Striever. Says psychiatrist & psychic researcher Berthold Schwarz, on the back cover: "Stimulating, well organized, and an encyclopedic smorgasbord of UFO data and ancient Indian counterparts," - whatever that means. Schwarz goes on to say that "Alien Identities" stands to become a classic, Enough said!?

PFLOCK PTALK - KLASSIC UFOLOGY

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Last "Smear", my (gasp!) friend Phil Klass [waxed wroth](#) over my having taken him and other "skeptics" to task for their zealous unwillingness to consider contrary facts concerning UFO reports they've "explained" ("Smear", Nov. 5th). He also didn't like my example: his tenacity in defending his ludicrous notion that all seven men directly involved in the Travis Walton UFO-zapping incident conspired in a hoax.

As Phil noted, I'd told him I thought Walton and his best friend Mike Rogers could have rigged up something convincing enough to make the other five think they'd seen a hovering, hostile UFO. * Properly primed with flying saucer talk by Walton and Rogers, with clever theatrics by the duo during the sighting/zapping, with Rogers whisking the crew away after but a few seconds exposure, it wouldn't have taken a "Day the Earth Stood Still" saucer to fool them. After the fact, in the forest gloom, with Walton and the UFO mysteriously gone, their impressions easily could have been further molded by Rogers continuing his act and repeating his version of the saucer and what it had done to Walton.

Experienced investigators know eyewitness testimony frequently is unreliable, a point often made by Klass in criticizing the work of ufologists. They also know people are highly suggestible during and in the wake of dramatic unexpected events. Yet, in pooh-poohing my suggestion, Phil implicitly accepts the accuracy of the Walton witnesses' publicized descriptions of the UFO.

Phil also ignores some very important testimony he obtained from witness Steve Pierce during a June 20th, 1978, tape-recorded telephone interview (a dub of which he kindly supplied me in early 1998), testimony which to my knowledge he's never revealed in any of his writings about the case:

Klass: What did you see?

Pierce: Uh, well, I thought it was something a deer hunter, you know, rigged up. You know, 'cause it was deer season, you know, so he could see. You know? And, uh, and, but I couldn't see the bottom or a top or sides, all's I could see was the front of it, you know. You couldn't tell if it had a bottom to it or, you know, or a back to it or anything...

Hmmmm... A "Plan Nine from Outer Space" saucer, perhaps?

* I hasten to add that, while I think a hoax is possible, I have not made up my mind about the case.

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- DR. GARY POSNER of the Tampa Bay (Florida) Skeptics writes:

"I thank Karl Pflock for introducing me to a new word, 'amanuensis', in the [Nov. 5th 'Smear'](#). But perhaps you'd be so kind as to inform your readers that Pflock is full of pflit as far as this derogatory characterization is concerned. Further, I challenge him to offer even a single piece of evidence in support of his borderline-libelous charge that I 'fight down and dirty' to support pet UFO explanations and to 'suppress any evidence or theory to the contrary'. Jim, are you aware of anyone in the field (or cesspool) whose writings are more honest, fair and reasoned

than mine (other than yours, of course)?"

- DR. KEVIN D. RANDLE, Ph.D. writes as follows:

"... I don't think it fair to call [my Ph.D.](#) a half-assed degree. It's at least three-quarters assed and might even be fully assed. When I first mentioned that I was working toward it (you remember, you were in the audience where I made the first public statement about it) I said it was from a 'non-traditional' source that involved 'distance learning', which is the politically correct way, of saying correspondence. What I see today is that more people are turning to this alternative of education because it doesn't disrupt life the way attending a more traditional university does."

- CHRIS ROTH, who is close to obtaining his own Ph.D., writes:

"... I was amused by [Kevin Randle's arguing](#) in the latest 'Smear' that his Ph.D. is legitimate by pointing out first that it is not from a mail-order university but from a 'distance learning' one. Distance learning is in fact a euphemism for mail-order, and just because it's over the World Wide Web doesn't make it better than education through the mail. Then he claims that Web-based learning is the wave of the future - which is exactly what was said about mail-order degrees a hundred years ago!

"It's one thing to say that California Coast University is accredited: fair enough, and Randle may well have gotten the most out of his education 'there' and deserve his Ph.D. But that would be up to his initiative, whereas a bricks-and-stone university's degree guarantees that some real learning took place (more or less!) He should have just pointed out that C.C.U. is accredited and left it at that. I'll call him Dr. Randle on those grounds, not on any other....

"Poor Bill Clinton has now weighed in saying that we might as well call Dec. 31st, 1999, the eve of the millennium. It's my new acid-test for presidential candidates. Anyone who celebrates the millennium's dawn this New Year's Eve won't get my vote. How can you hope to balance the budget if you can't even count to ten? ...

"Happy holidays. I hope you enjoy the remaining twelve-plus months of this millennium. Today I turn thirty-three, the same age at which Jesus, Evita, and John Belushi died. Now if that doesn't portend a new dispensation, I don't know what does!"

- ALEXANDER MEBANE writes as follows:

"... So Pflock is one of those who still can't let go of Charles Fort's old 'extraterrestrial-constructions' conjecture about UFOs, and consequently must reject all UFO-associated preternatural phenomena as 'merely imaginary, and having no real connection with true UFOs'. I wonder how he would account for Kary Mullis's experience. Of course your (and my) judgment - that this is just the latest 'show' put on to tease us by unseen 'supernatural' (?) entities who have always been playing with us - is the only one that can account for the facts as they have developed since 1954....,,

- And, DENIS COREY writes:

"[Pflock's column](#) was interesting in this issue of 'Smear', though I disagree with his general nuts and bolts point of view. I strongly disagree with his statement that spacefaring beings would seek worlds similar to theirs, and consequently would also resemble us. I don't quite understand why aliens would find earth so interesting. If they're advanced enough to travel throughout the galaxy, there must be more fabulous places to visit than a small, socially backward planet in the backwaters of the Milky Way....,,

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"Yikes: What's this, a revolt in Smeardom? I guess it's O.K. for Karl (Pflock) to question your leanings toward the 3 1/2-4-4 1/2D theories on the UFO

phenomenon, but his endorsement of [Betty Hill's notion](#) that if aliens looked like elephants they'd be interested in terrestrial elephants (sexually and for abduction/experimentation), is pure ufoology! After all, everyone knows that elephants are primarily interested in peanuts, and only occasionally aroused sexually when the cows of their species are agreeably in heat. Since the grays appear to be lacking reproductive organs, it could be that they're poking around the abductees' body cavities 'in search of peanuts'."



ALTHOUGH NO ONE SAW ZORT'S LIPS MOVE DURING HIS ACT, THOSE TELL-TALE TELEPATHIC BUBBLES WERE DISTRACTING.

- Aged researcher GEORGE EARLEY writes:

"I am still baffled as to why Walt Andrus dug out [the old Valentich case](#) to talk about at the convention. I think that one is a no-brainer with no connection to alleged UFO sightings in the area during the days before and after. I think... that the most likely explanation is prosaic: A leak of carbon monoxide fumes into the cabin through the firewall which separates cabin from engine compartment. Slow unrecognized poisoning (carbon monox is colorless, odorless and tasteless) could well have been accompanied by hallucinations which, given the kid's interest in UFOS, could have been ufological in nature. And the ocean currents could likely have swept the sinking plane a long ways before anyone began looking for him. Of course, Jerry Clark says ever. those who officially investigated the crash don't buy my idea, but I don't notice anyone putting forth a better one ...

"Random query department: Do you (does anyone) know what happened to Dennis Crenshaw who used to publish a mag called 'The Hollow Earth Insider' and who had a website, now apparently abandoned, on the topic? ..."

- RICK HILBERG of Cleveland writes as follows:

"... You had a nice mention of [Al Manak's passing](#), in 'Smear'. I have been receiving all kinds of notes from 'oldtimers' offering sympathy, as someone put the word out on the Internet. As I mentioned to you on the phone, Al (and myself too, to some extent) chose not to 'go national' and whore himself like so many 'names' in the UFO and Fortean fields have done. He was happy with that decision, and that's all that counts.

"Not too many people knew the great amount of research and documentation he engaged in over the years..."

- UFO researcher & lecturer ANN DRUFFEL writes:

"... There was [an unexplained rumor](#) a few months ago in 'Saucer Smear' that Kal Korff was going to analyze the now re-surfaced original Heflin photos to 'prove they were hoaxed'. However, no one yet, besides our 3-person team, has had the ability to analyse these re-surfaced Polaroids. They're safe in my care and they're staying there until our team (two scientists & myself) have had our analysis published. It's in that stage now, pre-publication.

"But Rex Heflin got a weird call last Friday, Nov. 19th, from an unidentified man telling him that the 'original photos were being chemically treated so that no one would ever be able to extract meaningful data from them again.' Rex became used to anonymous threats, etc. long ago, but it's interesting to try to speculate what kind of twisted mind would make a call like that to Rex, a witness not in the best of health, whose scientific attitude toward UFO research in general & his four UFO photos in particular is unquestioned. There is no clue as to who did this. Any ideas?..."

- LINDA CORTILE of abduction fame writes as follows:

"I've been enjoying 'Smear' more than I thought I could. Your newsletter is informative, and at the same time, it's funny.

"You know, after having been involved within the UFO community for about ten years, I've finally come to a reasonable conclusion, of course in an affectionate way: If morons could fly, this community would make some hell of an airport!..."

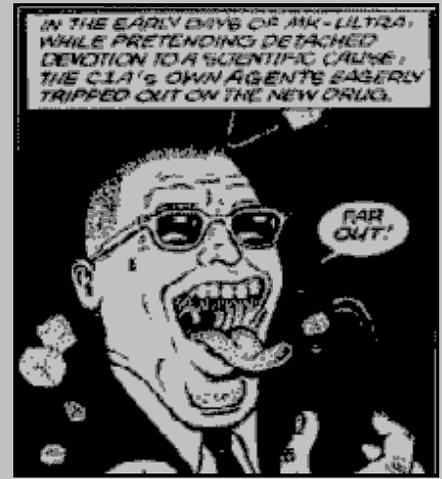
- Famed Remote Viewer INGO SWANN writes:

"I continue to enjoy and admire your production, I always stop what I'm doing when it arrives. I then draw a hot bath and read it with pleasure and smiles..."

"Cheers for the New Year and all best wishes forever! ..."

- Researcher WARREN GAMMEL writes:

"I love your publication. I always read 'Smear' cover to cover and pass it along to friends ... As far as keeping abreast of the latest ufology news, 'Smear' is still indispensable and the best. None of the UFO websites can hold a candle to your highly informative and amusing publication, I'm looking forward to reading 'Smear' in the coming millennium. Keep up the fantastic work!"



- And, BRIAN BOLDMAN, an expert on "angel hair" (remember that stuff?), writes as follows:

"I wonder why I'm doing this. Here I am, a furloughed airplane mechanic, and I'm sending you cash for something I could read FREE on the Internet. It has to be some kind of subliminal thing you encode in 'Smear'. Maybe someday after you croak the hard copies will be worth something to somebody, but mine won't get a very good price, as I read them on the throne (somehow it seems appropriate) and they have been soiled! ..."

- Long-time researcher GEORGE STRICH writes:

"Please find enclosed a Love Offering, as I have received the Dreaded X. I enjoy each issue of 'Saucer Smear' and hope you'll continue with it forever. Best wishes for the New Year..."

- Finally, STEVEN PROPP writes:

"I noticed that I have the Dreaded X on my mailing label! But I have a valid reason! I was abducted by aliens, and I've got the Star Map to prove it!"

No, wait, you wouldn't believe that one ... How about I just submit my 'tardy' offering!? Keep up the good work. I enjoy 'Smear' a great deal - It's by far the most unique periodical of its sort!"



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BEWARE OF THE DREADED "Y2K", BUT MERRY CHRISTMAS ANYHOW!

As the fateful year 1999 draws to an end, everyone has his or her own way of dealing with the impending pseudo-millennium (the real one either has passed already, or comes a full year from now). Here at "Smear" Headquarters, we are stocking up on food, booze, and money. Of course the money may soon become either worthless or useless, but we are willing to take that chance! ...

Incidentally, we again want to thank those few of you (you know who you are) who have continued to send material for "Smear". We can't print everything we receive, but we sincerely appreciate all of it! And as always, our special thanks go out to cartoonist Matt Graeber, whose work is spread throughout this issue and many others. Also, special thanks to graphic artist Miller Johnson for unique pictures of our recent San Antonio convention. We wish we had Space to print some of them here.

GRAY BARKER UFO COLLECTION IN JEOPARDY???

It is now fifteen years since the late, great Gray Barker passed on to whatever he passed on to. He is pictured at right during a television appearance many years ago.

The Clarksburg - Harrison County Library in Clarksburg, West Virginia has a room in its annex devoted to the display of Barker's UFO-related books, magazines, and correspondence. Serious researchers are allowed to look through this collection by appointment. Your editor has contributed back issues of "Smear" (which Barker briefly edited in the late 1960s) and we intend to make other contributions in the future. There have been rumors, however, that the Barker Collection may be downgraded or even disposed of. If you oppose this idea, write a gentle note to the gentleman in charge of the Barker project. His name is David Horechin, and the Library's address is 404 West Pike Street, Clarksburg, W.Va. 26301.



NEWS REGARDING THE NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE (NUFOC) & ITS GOVERNING BOARD:

We are pleased to announce that the location of next year's National UFO Conference has already been decided, thus giving us plenty of time to prepare. This annual event will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas some time in September, 2000, on a date that will soon be announced. The local host(ess?) will be a lady named Doris Upchurch, who will receive help if needed from various members of NUFOC's Governing Board, which is technically called the Permanent Organizing Committee (POC).

One long-time member of the POC died on November 9th of this year. His name was Al Manak, and he had been involved in UFO research ever since the year 1947, when he was still a child. He was active throughout the years with the United Aerial Phenomena Agency (UAPA) of Cleveland, Ohio, and was one of the founders of the NUFOC, back in 1964. Although not a nationally-known ufologist, he will be missed.

Other members of the POC are: Jim Moseley, Permanent Chairman; Rick Hilberg; Tom Benson; Tim Beckley; Antonio Huneus; William Moore; Allen Greenfield; Karl Pflock; Matt Graeber; and Curt Sutherly.

Now we are adding two new people to the POC: Dennis Stacy of San Antonio, who hosted this year's NUFOC, and is a former editor of the MUFON journal. Also Tim Brigham of Pensacola, Florida (right next to Gulf Breeze), who is the former editor of "Devil's Advocate", a printed zine which sadly has been lost to the Internet craze.

Thus there are now twelve members of the POC. Perhaps we should change the name to MG-12 (Moseley's Group of Twelve), or some such title. We will give this some thought.

"PROJECT AWARENESS" CONCLAVE IN CLEARWATER BEACH, FLORIDA:

On the weekend of November 12th-14th, the "Project Awareness" group held a convention in a new location, namely the luxurious Clearwater Beach Hilton Resort. For whatever reason, the number of devotees in attendance was considerably smaller than at the group's annual convention near Gulf Breeze.

Famed offbeat writer Brad Steiger and his wife Sherry were among the intended speakers, but at the last minute they were unable to attend. Substituting for the Steigers were Whitley Strieber and abduction researcher Constance Clear.

Ms. Clear is shown in the photo at the right doing her stand-up comedy routine, which was separate and different from her pro-abduction lecture. The picture below shows a semi-mysterious cigar-shaped object that your fearless "Smear" editor photographed outside the Hilton Hotel. No one else was present at the time. There was writing - possibly alien in nature - on the craft, but it was too far away to read.



Other speakers included Lloyd Pye, still pushing the possibly alien skull(s) that he has described in previous talks. He expects to get a DNA report back shortly, which, if it shows anything weird, will cause quite a sensation when released.

Then there was journalist Jim Marrs, whose lecture had the ominous title "Rule by Secrecy: Unmasking The Hidden Masters of History and Religion". Our favorite speaker was a woman named k.t. (small letters!) Frankovich. She met Jesus Christ and the prophet Abraham during some sort of out-of-body experience. They met in the 3 1/2th Dimension, since they were 4-D and she was merely 3-D. Frankovich probably doesn't know (or care) that the 3 1/2th Dimension was "invented" quite a few years ago by your "Smear" editor, as a reasonable compromise between competing theories.

Other speakers included Michael Lindemann of "CNI News", Franceen King, William Buhlman, Dolores Cannon, and Joe McMoneagle, who is an expert on "remote viewing".

The next "Project Awareness" event will be held early next year, in or near famed Gulf Breeze.

LARRY BRYANT IN BIG TROUBLE WITH MUFON!

As most of you know, Larry Bryant is a recently-retired civilian employee of the U.S. Government, living near Washington, D.C. He considers himself to be the head of the Washington office of CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy). He thus works under the authority of lawyer Peter Gersten, now living in Arizona, who is the director of CAUS. Both are avidly trying to force our Government to admit there is reality to UFOS.

Bryant and another man are behind the current "ballot initiative", which is a petition drive in the 16 states that allow this direct initiative. If enough signatures are obtained, a pro-UFO proclamation would be put on the state ballot in the next election, and voters would be asked to decide whether or not the year 2000 should be

declared "The Year of UFO Awareness".

Bryant is also on the Board of Directors of MUFON, with the title Director of Governmental Affairs. (Interestingly, the late Major Donald Keyhoe held this same title in MUFON, many years ago, after the breakup of NICAP.) Apparently it was only with some reluctance, and largely due to Bryant's extreme enthusiasm, that MUFON finally decided to back the "ballot initiative" a few months ago.

Now comes Bryant's next move: He decided it would be productive to sue the state of Virginia, where he lives, over the alleged fact that it is not fulfilling its constitutional duty to protect its citizens from harm - in this case, abduction by aliens. A similar move in Arizona by Gersten is explained in some detail in our Oct. 10th issue. Gersten is not on the MUFON Board of Directors, so the wrath of that organization has come down on Bryant, as some of its members feel that the man has finally gone too far. On Oct. 19th, MUFON czar Walt Andrus sent a letter to Bryant on behalf of the five-man Executive Committee of the Board, asking Larry to either resign or risk being expelled.

Andrus' wrath was partly due to provocative headings CAUS had put onto some of its Internet postings, such as "MUFON Board of Directors Needs Some Backbone" and "National MUFON - Forty Years of Impotence". The latter statement is false, if only because MUFON has not been in existence for more than about 30 years. Bryant blames the provocative headings on Gersten.

In one heated exchange of views, Executive Committee member Dan Wright had (in part) this to say about Larry Bryant's actions: "Threatening the Governor of Virginia with a lawsuit is WRONG! This man probably never heard of MUFON. He may not have given a cumulative 30 seconds of his life to considering a threat to our planet from non-human species. The Virginia constitution - indeed, the U.S. constitution - does NOT contemplate intrusions from beyond Earth. How DARE you attack the man, invoking the name of Patrick Henry and implying that he is less than a patriot unless he calls out the National Guard to protect the citizenry against alien invasion. That is ignorant at best... To whatever extent MUFON is tied to this, we'll be slaughtered!..."

Bryant has defended himself vigorously against all charges, but the matter has been put to a formal vote by the MUFON Board, which consists of about 22 members. As of this writing no decision about Larry's fate has been made, as all the votes are not in. But there is some question as to whether a Board member can be removed this way, without a hearing. Such a hearing would split the MUFON membership even more seriously than has already occurred.

Our view is this: MUFON is far, far from being a scientific organization. It is simply an advocacy group, and in an advocacy group it is not unreasonable for the Director of Governmental Affairs to behave as Bryant has. Removing him from the Board serves no useful purpose whatsoever. Granted, Bryant's legal moves are, in our opinion, largely futile - as the UFO phenomenon, whatever it may actually be, will reveal itself if and when it cares to do so. The Government has no control over that!

PFLOCK PTALK - UFOLOGICAL DIMENSIONS

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



This column marks my first anniversary as "Smear", Contributing Editor and Fifth Columnist, the perfect occasion to pick a fight with our Esteemed Editor.

Awhile back ("[Smear](#)", [July 1st, '99](#)), Jim Moseley offered his personal position statement on the nature of UFOs and what's behind them. This is the latest iteration of his 3 1/2D/4-D/4 1/2D non-theory, one of several bazillion different positions on UFOs and their origins he's held since 1954, ranging from Mars to Earth to Magonia (though curiously, apparently not Zeta 2 Reticuli):

"(Editorial Royal) We feel that, whatever this phenomenon is, it has been a permanent part of earth's environment at least since the dawn of recorded history... There is a vast spectrum of weirdness that includes saucers as well as the paranormal. One cannot be separated from the other... The reality behind the saucers is the

ultimate reality behind science and religion..."

Jim rejects nuts & bolts saucers and beings from another planet because our visitors are too much like us, their technology appears to be only a skip ahead of ours, and they "seem to be obsessed with sex - just as we are!"

Sigh...

The overriding problem with Moseleyism is that it accepts ufology's willy-nilly definition of its subject matter. Anything labeled "UFO" or "ufological" is part of the UFO phenomenon. If science worked that way, wombats and supernovas could as easily be lumped together. Just because someone thinks something is a UFO or UFO related (e.g., sexually-obsessed ETs), doesn't make it so.

The seeming connections between sundry paranormal phenomena and UFOs - not to mention the particulars of what people report - likely are for the most part artifacts of sloppy/wishful human thinking and perfectly natural unconscious attempts to interpret extraordinary events in terms of ordinary experience. To the degree that anything seemingly paranormal is associated with nuts & bolts saucers and critters, it's likely to be a consequence of our present state of knowledge. As Arthur Clarke observed, any sufficiently advanced science would appear to us as magic ... uh..maGic. Which doesn't make it magic.

As for the general similarities between us and Them, it stands to reason that spacefaring beings would seek out worlds like their own, and as a consequence of evolutionary selection, they likely would bear a passing resemblance to the natives. The Moseleyist notion to the contrary puts me in mind of the late Carl Sagan telling Betty Hill he'd find visiting aliens that looked like elephants more believable than humanoids. To which Betty retorted, "If they looked like elephants, then they'd be bothering the elephants, not us."

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- FLASH! The result of the vote of the MUFON Board of Directors is just in, at presstime. 13 members of the Board supported Larry Bryant, nine opposed him, one abstained, and one did not vote at all. Thus Bryant wins, i.e., he remains on the Board.Wheee! ...
- Pat Marcattilio's convention near Trenton, N.J. on Hallowe'en weekend had an all-star line-up, including Wendelle Stevens all the way from Arizona, Antonio Huneeus, Peter Robbins, Patrick Huyghe, and George Filer. However, pitifully few people showed up. A photograph in the Trenton Times shows many, many rows of empty seats in the rear of the auditorium!

Official sources tell us that there were 30 paid attendees, but we observed the lecture hall through the miracle of Remote Viewing, and the actual number was exactly 22. O Shame!...

- Michael Shermer of "Skeptic" Magazine is having trouble finding qualified skeptics (read: debunkers) for his Fox Network series "Exploring the Unknown". It seems there are plenty of Believers who are hot to trot, but not enough experts with real degrees who will enlighten the audience as to how to avoid the evils of Belief. At the end of the article, Shermer says cryptically: "For further information... contact P.O. Box 338, Altadena, California... or send your message telepathically and we will respond in kind." (Our thanks to Rob MacGregor for this one.) ...
- Nick Pope, a wild-eyed ufologist who works for England's Ministry of Defence (MoD), has been shot down in a recent article written by one James Easton. Pope's claims to have investigated alien abductions, animal mutilations by aliens and crop circles in behalf of the Ministry are simply untrue, according to Easton. Pope was only on the "saucer desk" for about three years (1991-1994), and during that period, answering UFO-related inquiries was only a small part of his work. Yet Pope has written two strongly pro-UFO books in his spare time. His latest book, called "Operation Thunder Child", is admittedly a work of fiction. (Our thanks to Bill LaParl.)

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- The ever-popular ROBERT TODD writes as follows:

"With regard to the Woods and the 'New!Improved!' MJ-12 documents, it seems to me that we've gone this route before, with the 'research team' of Moore, Shandera, and Friedman (MSF), who led us around by the nose for years, promising much but delivering nothing but B.S. by the truckload.

"The Woods have refined the MSF method of 'research', turning it into a fine art. They exercise absolute control over the 'documents', and demand that everybody sign a non-disclosure agreement before allowing them access. The Woods seem dead set against any independent examination and investigation of the documents. They have indicated quite clearly that they do not want the documents appearing in public without their spin on them. But so far all they've done is issue Orwellian press releases explaining why Cooper's lies mean he's telling the truth, and the documents are genuine because they're fakes. Hey, makes sense to me. No matter what happens, they can't lose ...

"The Woods have a website, and say they plan to release some of the documents on that website starting Nov. 15th. They also plan to release additional documents in books, and they have a video 'documentary' in the works. It will be a multimedia extravaganza! Ryan Wood's marketing background really is getting a workout!"

- Kindly olde PHIL KLASS writes:

"In 'Pflock Ptalk' ([Nov. 5th 'Saucer Smear'](#)) Karl accuses me and several other UFO skeptics of being unwilling to consider alternative hypotheses. He charges that we 'will fight down and dirty...to suppress any evidence or theory to the contrary (of our own).' (Emphasis added.)

"As evidence, Pflock cites the 1975 Travis Walton 'UFO abduction' which he agrees with me is probably a hoax. Whereas I believe Mike Rogers and his crew concocted the story of seeing Travis being zapped by a UFO, Pflock believes that Rogers and Walton constructed a portable 'mock UFO' which they hung from a tree and which later 'zapped' Travis and sent him flying through the air. I had serious doubts about Karl's hypothesis, but suggested he build such a 'mock UFO' and see whether it was realistic enough to fool observers into believing it was a genuine UFO. I even suggested that TV producer Robert Kiviat might be willing to fund and film the experiment - an idea which Karl subsequently explored.

"I'm still waiting for Karl to construct a portable, inexpensive 'mock UFO', demonstrate its ability to zap a subject, send him flying through the air without significant injury, and convince a group of observers that the object is a 'real UFO'. Then I will give more credence to Karl's theory."

- DR. BRUCE MACCABEE writes as follows:

"A brief response to [Mr. Sheaffer's comment](#) in Vol. 46, #11: "Regarding my analysis of the Trent photo case and the shadows on the east wall of their garage, Mr. Sheaffer suggests that the cloud which created shadows on the east wall of my house and therefore proves it is possible for a cloud to create reasonably sharp shadows, was 'remarkable'.

Fortunately I did photograph the cloud. It was not particularly remarkable. Of more importance is the densitometer 'scan' (relative brightness measurement) of the horizontal 'edge' of the shadow under the eave of the garage as it appears in the Trent photos. The shadow gradient region (the vertically-measured 'width' of the 'edge' of the shadow) is much greater than it would be if the sun had been the light source.

"Incidentally, Mrs. Trent died in 1997 and Mr. Trent in 1998. In their last interviews regarding

the sighting, done in 1996, they maintained repeatedly their original story and denied taking part in any hoax."

- KEVIN RANDLE, Ph.D., writes as follows:

... Okay, let's talk [degrees](#). No, California Coast University is not a 'mail order' outfit, but a 'distance learning' facility. It is the wave of the future. Many people will be getting degrees in this fashion (and thousands already have), and while it doesn't have the prestige of a degree from Harvard, little does. I spent nearly four years taking classes, reading textbooks and writing papers ...

"The school is recognized by the state of California and the only qualification that I haven't met to be licensed in California is a 1500 hour internship. The degree is recognized by the U.S. Air Force, various government agencies and private industry, as well as other universities. If it's good enough for them, it should be good enough for everyone else. ... I had no doubt that the degree would be attacked in the UFO community, mostly by those who have claimed degrees but have none...

"As for [Strieber](#), it is clear to me that he has read (my book) 'The Abduction Enigma' and that it hit too close to home. I did think of the perfect response to him, but unfortunately it was about two hours after the event. I should have said, 'Then I pick government agent.'

"I also have noticed that Strieber wrote, in 1991: 'The "abduction reports" that they (UFO researchers) generate are not real. They are artifacts of hypnosis and cultural conditioning... It is something that human beings have been experiencing for a long time. It is the cause of religion, mythology, and folklore. Presently (sic) it is the cause of the 'alien abduction' belief ... What is 'really' behind our experiences? We are.'

"Isn't that what we said in 'The Abduction Enigma'? Of course we had additional points that needed to be made, but here, we agreed with Strieber. And then he gets [so angry!](#)"

Your "Smear" editor agrees with Strieber's former view, as expressed here. - Editor.

- The ever-mysterious WILLIAM MOORE writes:

"... I note in the latest 'Smear' that [you credit Dennis Stacy](#) with referring to you on the Internet as ufology's 'reigning court jester', yet the caption to Matt Graeber's cartoon has you referring to yourself in such terms. Since the two versions clearly contradict each other, perhaps we have the beginnings of ufology's next big scandal here? Maybe you can enlist that screwball down in Georgia (whose name I have forgotten - Ed something) to lobby for Congressional hearings to sort out the truth?

"It's good to hear that [Tom Deuley](#) has finally solved the El Indio - Guerrero crash and cover-up of 1944. Now the question becomes: Who, in the mid-1980s, would have known enough about this obscure and obviously well-covered matter to have craftily included it in a disinformation ploy - assuming, of course, that the MJ-12 documents were a disinformation ploy. Good work, Tom! Based upon your findings, I am inclined to move even farther away from my previously-announced 'centrist' position on this still very perplexing affair...

The solution to the puzzle is that we decided to accept Stacy's "court jester" designation in good humor, even though it doesn't really fit. The "screwball down in Georgia" is Ed Komarek. - Editor.

- MICHAEL DENNETT writes;

"Dear Supreme Commander:

"Wow! Supreme Commander, MUFON 'J.S.', and now 'Court Jester'! With all of the jokers in ufology, you really have to go a long way to be nominated as 'Reigning Court Jester'.

"I enjoyed the Nov. 5th issue. Keep 'Smear' coming! ...

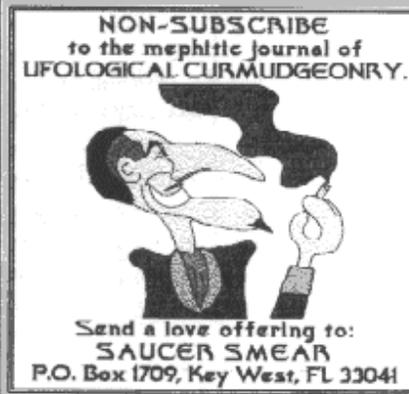
- Cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"...I disagree with the letter writer who thought it unusual that 'Smear' publishes letters from people in mental hospitals. Actually, 'Smear' publishes letters from a lot of folks who probably should be in such a facility. Thus illustrating the fact that 'Smear' is an equal opportunity newsletter!...

"Oh for the good ol' days of finding the remains of Marvin the Martian or a feisty elk abduction! Vallee may long for the halls of Congress and silver-haired Congressional types - but for me, a beamed-up porker would surely make my day!"

- And, CHRISTOPHER BURNS writes:

"...I've been reading Karl Pflock's column in recent 'Smears' with great interest, particularly the one several months back where he put forth his criticisms of the UFO community. I agree with him fully, but I think he was too soft on the whole UFO scene. For myself, I've found the current state of 'Ufology' too embarrassingly stupid to pay attention to, by and large!..."



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RE-HASH OF OUR GLORIOUS SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION:

The 36th annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC) was held in a quaint but adequate hotel in San Antonio, Texas, on the weekend of September 25th-26th. Due to great effort by local host Dennis Stacy (former editor of the MUFON Journal) and by Permanent Chairman Jim Moseley this was definitely one of our most successful events. Actually, a modest profit was made, which is quite unusual! Additional help & guidance was given by Karl Pflock, Amy Hebert, Carlos Mentira, and many others, who aided us with publicity in various ways. And it didn't hurt that Whitley Strieber, our guest of honor, is now a "regular" on the Art Bell radio show!

In an Internet posting previous to the Convention, Stacy referred to your "Smear" editor as ufology's "reigning court jester". We hadn't really thought of ourselves that way, though we do use humor to get some hopefully serious points across. Anyhow, ace cartoonist Matt Graeber has come up with a wonderful rendition of this concept, as seen on the left. (See also [Matt's letter to the editor](#), further along in this issue.)

The lead-off speaker at the Con. on Saturday morning was



With a career in UFOlogy stretching back nearly half a century, Jim Moseley refers to himself as the discipline's "reigning court jester."

supposed to be retiring MUFON czar Walt Andrus, but Walt became lost in his efforts to drive to the hotel. That made Literary Agent Cherry Weiner the lead-off speaker, she being the lady handling our book "Shockingly Close to the Truth". Though not a ufologist, she is looking for interesting new clients.

Then came Walt, speaking on the subject of the truly mysterious disappearance of Australian pilot Frederick Valentich, some twenty years ago. Finally, the morning's program was rounded off by your "Smear" editor recounting (once again!) his "Weird Personal Experiences of a Skeptical Believer."

Saturday afternoon's program began with Patrick Huyghe speaking about various unearthly-looking creatures, drawings & descriptions of which also appear in his latest book. Then came Constance Clear, speaking about the abduction research she has done as a trained psychologist. We understand that Ms. Clear also does a stand-up comedy routine, but this was not it. Finally came Karl Pflock, with a detailed description of the story behind the rumored Aztec, New Mexico saucer crash, circa 1948. This is the yarn from Frank Scully's classic 1950 book, "Behind the Flying Saucers".

After the close of the Saturday afternoon session, Dennis Stacy invited all the speakers to dinner at a classy local fish house, where there was much merriment except for a brief but ugly scene between Whitley Strieber and Kevin Randle. As he walked into the room, Strieber immediately said to Randle, who was seated with his back to him: "You are either a military disinformation agent or a professional liar". (This may not be the precise quote, but it is extremely close.) Randle just sat there in shocked silence. The reference here was to Randle's latest book, co-authored with two others, in which a somewhat skeptical attitude toward abductions is expressed.

Whitley Strieber and Joe Firmage composed the Saturday evening program. Strieber accepted NUFOC's "Ufologist of the Year" Award, and then proceeded to show several startling videos, including two from NASA's 1986 space shuttle mission. Firmage gave his usual gung-ho, inspiring video presentation of his concepts regarding UFOs and the bright future awaiting Mankind if only we can get our Act together.

The final session of the Convention was Sunday morning. Again your "Smear" editor acted as Master of Ceremonies. First off, Tom Deuley gave the real story of the alleged 1950 saucer crash known as the El Indio - Guerrero case. Actually, as strange as this may seem, the real event behind the legend was an incident in 1944 in which a Civil Air Patrol plane was accidentally shot down by our own military personnel at an aerial gunnery range. The pilot and an observer with him were both killed, and there was indeed a cover-up of this embarrassing event, leading to the crashed saucer rumor.

Next on Sunday morning, Kevin Randle gave his usual entertaining but skeptical lecture regarding UFO abductions. Randle has recently obtained a Ph.D. from an institution called California Coast University (CCU). Cynics on the Net have characterized this as a "diploma mill" and questioned whether it is duly accredited. We do not have enough information to comment on this, but we do congratulate Randle on his achievement, whatever the gory details may be.

Our last speaker was a lady named Linda Corley, who many years ago made the last in-depth interview with Jesse Marcel Sr, of Roswell fame, and obtained certain details about the Roswell crash that no one else ever knew about until now.

Amazingly, the Fox Network covered our Convention, and it is said there will be a TV "Special" on this, shortly. In all respects we had a great deal of free publicity before the event, in the San Antonio newspapers and on

the Art Bell Show, as already mentioned. Here's hoping we can do as well next year, wherever the 2000 NUFOC may be held. As of this writing, we are still looking for a site, and we would be very interested in any leads that "Smear" readers might care to send us.

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- A new 2-page ad for Winston cigarettes shows a picture of a classical flying saucer, followed by the caption, "If aliens are smart enough to travel through space, why do they keep abducting the dumbest people on earth?" Peter Gersten of CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) sees no humor in this, and, ever the ufologist/lawyer, he is drafting a letter of protest to Reynolds, the company that manufactures Winstons. He finds the ad to be "not only defamatory but also actionable". Says he: "This is an opportunity for all abductees to come out of the cosmic closet ... and prove, once and for all, that they are intelligent, articulate, credible people".

Incidentally, this is the same Peter Gersten who, years ago, believed in the so-called "Federal Hypothesis", i.e., the theory that all UFOs are made on Earth. Quite a change from that conservative view to the wild ufological guru Gersten is today! ...

- Noted conspiracy writer Jim Keith, co-author of "The Octopus", about a writer who died mysteriously while investigating an international conspiracy, has himself died mysteriously. "The Octopus" was about a man named Danny Casolaro who either committed suicide in 1991 or was cleverly murdered. Keith's friend and co-author, Kenn Thomas, admits that it could be either way. In any case, Keith, who was only about 50 years old, died of a blood clot in a lung during what should have been routine surgery. He was the author of several conspiracy books, not the least of which was "Casebook on the Men in Black"...
- Larry Bryant of CAUS will leave no stone unturned in his efforts to bring official attention to the UFO mystery. On the supposition that a flying saucer crashed in 1950 in northern Mexico, Bryant recently wrote as follows to the Mexican Ambassador to the U.S.:

" ... It occurs to me that the Mexican government may wish to embark upon an effort to reclaim this part of international history stolen from Mexico by the opportunistic and deceptive U.S. soldiers who chose to confiscate the apparently extraterrestrial spacecraft without proper authority from your central government. Accordingly, I suggest that you immediately contact the U.S. State Department with the request that it proceed with the prompt return of the craft to Mexican custody, accompanied by an official U.S. apology for the improper confiscation..."

Actually, as we learned at the San Antonio Convention, the incident in question apparently occurred in 1944 (not 1950) and involved the accidental shooting down of an American plane, by our own military. So the Mexican Government can maintain its dignity without our having to send back anything! ...

- The war of words continues on the (cursed) Net regarding the authenticity or lack thereof of the reams of MJ-12 document pages currently being studied by Robert and Ryan Wood. In general, England's Timothy Good and Canada's Stanton Friedman are highly suspicious of the recently-released documents, though they apparently still believe in some of the earlier ones released years ago by William Moore, etc. Robert Todd, of course, doesn't believe any of it, and has made that very clear indeed.

Incredibly, the Woods have come upon newly-discovered security classifications such as SUPER SECRET and DOUBLE TOP SECRET, and they accept these classifications as authentic. Egads! ...

- We rarely comment on British ufology, as there's enough weird stuff going on over here; but the case of Max Burns deserves a few lines: Burns, who claimed to be an abductee, became an investigator on the so-called "Sheffield (England) UFO Crash" of March 24th, 1997. To make a long story short, there was some sort of aerial military exercise that night, but no crash, no bodies of aliens, etc., was ever found. Burns' version was that a UFO shot down a Royal Air Force plane over the moors near Sheffield. The ufological aspect of the incident became more serious because of threats that Burns made against some of his enemies in the field. Later it developed that Burns was a drug dealer. He was caught at this, convicted, and sentenced to prison. Those that had opposed him then felt vindicated. Enough said. (Our

thanks to Christopher Allan for this one.) ...

- An October 18th one-hour presentation on the A&E TV Network featured ufological guru Joe Firmage for over half the available time, and presented him in quite a favorable light. The topic was celebrities who have stuck their necks out on the UFO subject. Firmage's intense interest in the subject basically began in 1997 when he woke up to see a "presence" at the foot of his bed. A globe of light radiated from the visitor's body and entered his. Thereafter he was eased out of the Internet-related company he had co-founded, and started spending a large part of his considerable fortune on projects which he felt would be beneficial to mankind.

Firmage has also spoken at many UFO conferences, including our recent one in San Antonio.

Also on the show was actor Dennis Weaver, Michael Shermer of "Skeptic" Magazine, and prolific writer Brad Steiger, who made the startling claim that shots were fired at the UFOs over Washington, D.C. in the famous July 1952 incident. This is the first time in all these years that we have heard this claim made!

...

- "Where Are They Now?" Department: Remember the notorious Todd Zechel, one of the early prime movers in CAUS? Back in the late 1970s and early 1980s Zechel was a ufological superstar. He even forced Phil Klass to admit that he (Klass) had a friendly relationship with a Soviet agent! Lately little has been heard from Todd, who has had a mild stroke and is living with his elderly father in Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin. We reached him by phone the other day, and promised to keep in touch...
- Hot Flash at Press Time: Larry Bryant of CAUS is probably about to be kicked off MUFON's Board of Directors! Details in next issue.

BOOK REVIEWS:

- We have received a (free) review copy of a biography of famed scientist Carl Sagan, authored by a science writer with the San Francisco Examiner named Key Davidson. The title is "Carl Sagan: A Life", and the publisher is John Wiley & Sons of New York.

Davidson is currently a "Smear" non-subscriber, and has kindly autographed our copy as follows: "To Jim, with best wishes & thanks for keeping us (even us skeptics) all so wonderfully entertained all these years."

This plus praise on the back cover from the likes of Sir Arthur C. Clark and Johnny Carson makes it unlikely we will pan this book or its subject. We heard Sagan speak once, at CalTech, and he is a fascinating speaker. We even met him briefly after the lecture.

To put it in a nutshell, Sagan was not popular with ufologists, because he did not endorse their unproven claims. On the other hand, though a founding member of CSICOP, he felt that "some of its members were too lacking in compassion for those deluded by foolish ideas". (Ex-CSICoper James Randi immediately comes to mind here!) Sagan was a moderate, a sincere searcher for scientific Truth. Dr. Donald Menzel of Harvard University criticized him as being a "closet believer", and indeed, in his early years Sagan had been a believer in interplanetary saucers. Maturity and especially a book by Martin Gardner (another "Smear" non-subscriber) cured him of this!

Key Davidson informs us that Sagan testified as an expert witness against UFO contactee Reinhold Schmidt in 1962. Schmidt had sold to many women a half-interest in a southern California mine, which had been shown to him by inhabitants of Saturn. The mine supposedly contained a special kind of quartz that cured cancer. Schmidt was given one to ten years in prison, and lost his case on appeal.

As an outspoken, articulate but moderate thinker on the subject of UFOS, Sagan was unpopular with extremists on both sides of the UFO debate - much as (on a far more humble scale) your "Smear" editor finds himself to be!

This book runs over five hundred pages, and quite frankly, we have only read the relatively small segments concerning UFOs and (strangely!) marijuana. It turns out that Sagan smoked marijuana frequently from the early 1960s on, and felt that it aided him with genuine insights that he would otherwise never have achieved.

"Smear" gives very few favorable reviews, but in our opinion Davidson has written the definitive biography of a great man. What more can we say? ...

- The latest book by Dr. Leo Sprinkle is reviewed briefly in [Matt Graeber's letter to the editor](#) further along in this issue. That leaves us with only one more review for now - not of a book at all, but of a crop circle calender, recently released by Llewellyn Publications of St. Paul, Mn. This calender is softcover, naturally, about 10 by 13 inches in size, and consists mainly of twelve absolutely beautiful color photographs of formations found in England in the past few years. There are also rants by various people who presumably are crop circle experts. But whoever made these formations - whether human, subhuman or superhuman, the sheer beauty of their work is undeniable! Price: \$12.95.

RANDI UPDATE:

As mentioned in our [Sept. 1st issue](#), magician/debunker James Randi makes the following assertion in his April 1999 Position Statement:

"When...Eldon Byrd sued me in Baltimore a few years ago, his lawyer brought up the famous tape recording as evidence against my character. My own lawyer, at my insistence, asked that the entire tape be played for the courtroom and jury, so that the true nature of the record would be understood, instead of being misrepresented as it usually was."

We now have a portion of the transcript of the Eldon Byrd vs. James Randi et al trial, dated May 26th, 1993. From a reading of this transcript it is abundantly clear that Randi's lawyer, named Diane Margaret Link, made every effort to persuade Judge Marvin J. Garbis not to let the jury hear the tape, which of course is the same so-called Blackmail Tape that we have referred to in "Smear" many times in the past.

Here, verbatim, is part of that excerpt from the official record of that trial:

MS. LANK: May I respectfully ask how the tape is relevant, your Honor? What defamatory statements alleged by Mr. Byrd are related to that tape?

THE COURT: Fortunately I don't have to persuade you that I'm right. I have to ultimately persuade the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit that I am properly exercising my discretion in this case, which I am doing.

I have listened to the tape. I have carefully and agonizingly reflected on this. It is possible, it is possible that your client told this Court, this jury, and the New York Skeptics a bald face lie. It is possible. The jury is going to have to evaluate that. I don't know how they can evaluate that if they don't hear this and determine which version is true.

If he has said a falsity about this tape and this is the tape he accused Mr. Byrd of manipulating, then I think it is relevant to this case, to his credibility and to the issues in this case with regard to whether or not he knew that other statements were false.

He had this tape. He knew what this tape was. He said things about Mr. Byrd relevant to this tape that the jury may find false, they may find are true.

What you have said and your position has been is that this tape is material. Mr. Randi is leading on some obscene callers. If your version is true, it is benign. I trust the jury. But if your version is not true, then the jury is entitled to know that. This issue is closed.

The Blackmail Tape was then played for the jury, obviously over the objections of Ms. Lank, who presumably

was acting in behalf of her client, James Randi.

Randi apparently does not want the American public to hear this Tape, either. Why not???

PFLOCK PTALK - UFOLOGICAL BELIEF SYSTEMS

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



In his October issue, "Magonia Monthly Supplement" editor John Harney writes,

"One of the problems caused by the preconceptions entertained by ufologists is that interesting cases are rarely investigated objectively. If the investigator favours the ETH as a possibility he will give up at a certain point and classify the case as possible evidence of it. He will also be tempted to suppress negative evidence, or alternative theories.

If the investigator is a sceptic, he will lose interest as soon as he has satisfied himself that some explanation other than alien spacecraft will fit."

Harney has it right, but goes too easy on the so-called skeptics. The truth is that gung-ho anti-ufologists like Klass, Shaeffer, and Posner, Klass' amanuensis, don't just lose interest, they sink their fangs into whatever explanation they've decided fits, and will fight down and dirty in its defense, tempted - and more - to suppress any evidence or theory to the contrary.

Ufology is beset by True Believers ("They must be, therefore they are!") and True Unbelievers ("They can't be, therefore they aren't!") Rare are those who pursue evidence wherever it may lead, no matter how the results may square with their cherished hopes and dreams. Ironically, both the TBists and the TUists see themselves as champions of objective analysis and critical thinking, when in fact they are defenders of their respective faiths and, not incidentally, their egos.

Harney cites this example of TUism in action: The dogged insistence that the Travis Walton abduction case is a hoax in which all the witnesses are co-conspirators despite the enormous practical problems with the "They are all in on it" theory. I can attest from personal experience that this is a particularly good example of the problem.

When I told Phil Klass, TUism's Walton-case inquisitor, I found it unlikely in the extreme that all the witnesses could have been in on a hoax, he would have none of it. Instead of giving my ideas reasoned consideration, Phil launched into a major - and unsuccessful - effort to demonstrate what he considered the error of my ways. (I am most grateful, though, for the extremely valuable material he provided along the way.)

I've focused on TUism here, but similar TBist examples abound - e.g. Roswell. The issue isn't which a priori beliefs blinker one's consideration of UFO data, but rather that any such beliefs are in play. When theories harden into articles of faith and egotism, critical thinking and truth are smothered in their cradles!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- This letter, from UFO fan JOAN THOMPSON, is one of the nicest we have ever received from anyone on any subject:

"Re Fabulous Conference (in San Antonio): The caliber of this conference is wonderful, and I so enjoyed your presentation & perspective. C. Clear, W. Strieber & J. Firmage were riviting & beautifully done. Each was refreshingly energetic, bright, and gave lots of food for thought, & new & interesting material & insights.

"And it's not over yet! I'm so fortunate to have been able to attend at the last minute. Really

first class weekend.Thanks! ...

- And LINDA CORTILE (alias NAPOLITANO) writes:

"Dear Jim:

"I've been wanting to drop you this note for some time, but it's been very busy here at home, and I couldn't get around to it. Karl Pflock sent me the July 25th issue of 'Saucer Smear'. I want to thank you for [the kind words you wrote about me](#). (Blush!) Beautiful, huh? I guess that's alright if you like gerbils. (Smile!)

"I'm glad that we let go of the hurt feelings and put the past behind us where it belongs ..."

- WILLIAM MOORE of MJ-12 fame writes as follows:

"... As for Kal Korff and the Hefflin case, I can remember the time when he was one of that case's strongest supporters. He even claimed to have found photographic evidence of invisible force fields under the UFO. How sad it is that, as this fellow has aged, his ego has, increasingly, taken control of his mind, rather than vice versa. At least there was some 'class' about 'Klass'. 'Korff' is the sort of sound one makes when trying not to choke in public. Or perhaps better put - a 'cough' is defined as a violent spasm which results in the expulsion of considerable amounts of hot air and phlegm. A 'Korff' is much the same, only of less significance. (I do hope someone sees the humor in this, as it was so intended.) ...

- Famed scientist/ufologist JACQUES VALLEE writes:

"I rejoice in the information published in your latest 'Smear' regarding efforts by valiant urologists to convene Congressional Hearings, thereby forcing the Government to reveal the Truth at last. Such happy news brings us back to the days of our youth, when NICAP made such Hearings their top priority and their favorite argument in raising money from subscribers.

"You will recall that the Michigan cases of the mid-sixties finally prompted Congress to hold such Hearings, where much wonderful posturing was displayed by Pentagon brass and various luminaries of science. In the end, the proceedings were a travesty of research and little more than an escape valve for the steam of public opinion - or, in this particular case, its swamp gas.

"It would be wonderful to relive the excitement of those days. Such public exercises are a great alternative to the painful search for clues in the muddy fields of farmers and the messy homes of ordinary witnesses who only contribute to our puzzlement in the end. It is much better to parade among pundits in the marble halls of Washington, rubbing elbows with silver-haired Senators and buxom interns!

"There was a similar situation in the last century when passions about contact with the Spirits of the Dead reached a feverish pitch. Researchers, including some notable American scientists, demanded Congressional Hearings about communication with the Beyond. You will find the details in a fascinating magazine called 'La Table Parlante', published in Paris on rue Garanciere in the Fifties. The Eighteen Fifties, of course!

"With warm regards, and my admiration for your stamina in the midst of such chaos..."

- Cartoonist/author/researcher MATT GRAEBER writes:

"Thanks for the recent note and enclosures about the Conference. Who the hell came up with the idea that you're ufology's reigning court jester? Somehow, I always thought of you as the observer of many jesters in disguise as experts. Anyway, I am still chuckling over the last issue of 'Smear'. Indeed, an issue which proves your powers of observation in the land of myopia. Perhaps when your book is published, others will come to realize that Moseley knows more about UFOS, the people who see them and the self-proclaimed experts than anyone else on

the planet (except for me, of course).

"On another note, I have just finished reading 'Soul Samples' by R. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D., who is a counseling psychologist, pioneer abduction researcher, and ufologist of the first magnitude. 'Soul Samples' is must reading for anyone who doubts (or too simplistically accepts) the 'reality' of the UFO experience. With his remarkable researches, wit, intelligence, and spiritual insights, Dr. Sprinkle invites his readers to explore 'the Karmic - Cosmic Connection' of Mankind's continuing contacts with extraterrestrials. 272 pages, from Granite Publishing, Columbus, N.C. - \$21.95..."

- Skeptic/debunker ROBERT SHEAFFER honors us with:

"In [Part 3](#) of Karl Pflock's Fifth Column (in 'Smear') on 'The Future of Ufology', he repeats the Trent promoters' favorite claim that 'Bruce Maccabee demonstrated that the shadows were not inconsistent with conditions on the evening of May 11th'. Nothing could be farther from the truth (unless it turns out that the sun was setting in the east that evening). Maccabee's 'demonstration' consists primarily of a photo showing shadows under the eaves of his own house, that he says resulted from the illumination of an evening cloud.

"What we skeptics want to see is not these shadows; we want instead to see the remarkable cloud causing them, that violated all normal laws of atmospheric optics. Unlike normal clouds and sunset conditions, whose contrast with the background sky diminishes to its lowest value of the day ... this one Super-cloud in the east (it must have been a single object of extremely compact angular size, and extraordinary brightness) got brighter and more contrasty as the sun went down in the west - a type of cloud never reported before or since. For those interested in the full details of the debunking of the Trent photos, my original 1969 paper has recently been updated and placed on the UFO page of my Debunker's Domain website: see www.debunker.com.

- Finally, CHRISTOPHER ROTH writes:

"Many thanks for the latest 'Saucer Smear' and for the quotation of me therein. I also especially liked the letter from John Ford. It's only appropriate for such an august publication to have at least the occasional letter to the editor from a mental hospital.

"I have it confirmed for you, that the recently deceased Jim Keith was one of the writers, if not the only one, of Tim Beckley's 'Commander X' books!

"Keep your eye on the ground (for entrances to Dero and Tero caves!"





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MORE ON THE NEW MJ-12 DOCUMENTS:

In our July 25th issue, we gave [the story](#) of how Tim Cooper, principal source of the new MJ-12 documents, failed a lie detector test. Now from the same source we have a rather amusing press release put out by Bob and Ryan Wood, whose reputations in the UFO field are tied to the authenticity of these documents.

Using what we call "Saucer Logic", the Woods find good things about Cooper having failed the test. Under the heading "Failed Polygraph Yields Unexpected Benefit", the Woods make some strange statements. While admitting that Tim Cooper lied when answering questions about his sources, the Woods nevertheless state: "This deception is to be expected, based on Cooper's determination to conceal the identity of the other sources... In post-test discussion with Mr. Cooper, we asked him why he showed deception, and he told us that he always intended to protect the identity of his other two sources besides the mailbox Cantwheel source, and would continue to do so. This is consistent with the deceptive results recorded, and polygraph examiner Lane agrees...."

So why did Cooper agree to answer these particular questions, if he knew ahead of time that he would have to lie??

Interestingly, Stanton Friedman, who accepts the original MJ-12 documents as genuine, admits to being

"deeply concerned" about many of the new documents. Friedman has discovered a number of authentic declassified documents, having nothing to do with MJ-12 or UFOS, that contain large amounts of text identical to text in the new MJ-12 documents. From this and other evidence, Friedman has come to believe that at least some of the new MJ-12 documents are "parodies". which is a kind word for fake. (more "Saucer Logic" here??)

The Woods' most laughable statement is: "Resolution of the currently released set of documents is a huge task ... Both truths and deception may be seen as authentic, because historical documents represent ideas and not facts. Troubling issues of a document's authenticity sometimes may never be resolved... "

Finally on Page 9 (the last page) they admit: "We now believe, based on the research to date, that some aspects of specific documents that Tim Cooper received are not genuine ..."

Yes, folks! On Page 9 the Woods finally spit out what they should have said on Page One! (Our thanks to Karl Pflock for this material.)

CAUS IN ACTION!

CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) and its two prime movers - lawyer Peter Gersten in Arizona and UFO enthusiast Larry Bryant in Virginia - have come up with a new & devilishly clever way to try to force the government to pay more attention to flying saucers, especially the abduction cases. According to CAUS, the government is in violation of Article IV, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution, in that the citizens of our country are not being duly protected against alien "invasion".

Of course, it is doubtful if the framers of the Constitution thought much, if at all, about alien invasion. More likely they had more mundane forms of invasion in mind!

Gersten's complaint to the U.S. District Court in Arizona reads in part as follows:

" ... Unfortunately, the federal government's inadequate policies and practices toward a present and ongoing clandestine invasion, is a violation of its responsibility under the U.S. Constitution. Owing to the federal government's inadequate law enforcement and military defense policies, its failure to observe its obligations under statutory and constitutional law, and its reliance on attitudes that actually impede investigation of this invasion, many residents of the State of Arizona continue to be subjected to unlawful and nonconsensual intrusions of their homes amounting to unlawful violations of their civil, legal and constitutional rights.

Further, the skies of the State of Arizona continue to be subjected to incursions of unidentified and unusual aerial craft which continue to pose a threat with their technologically advanced performance capabilities and their association with the above-described intrusions.

"This proceeding is brought to require the Government of the United States as well as the State of Arizona to comply with its constitutional and statutory obligations to protect the aggrieved residents of the State of Arizona against invasion from these intruders and their aerial craft..."

At the same time, CAUS, with the cooperation of MUFON, is pushing its so-called "ballot initiative". This is an effort to put a properly worded statement on the ballots in each state of the union, so that this Fall's election would be in effect a referendum on the question of whether or not public Congressional hearings on UFOs should be held. We are told that some progress in that direction has been made in Missouri, where the MUFON State Director is a man named Bruce Widaman. Whether this complex process will work at all in other states remains to be seen...

Meanwhile, Barry Greenwood, former director of CAUS, has withdrawn from that organization permanently ever since Peter Gersten sprang into action several months ago. Greenwood publishes a conservative but fascinating zine called "U.F.O. Historical Revue", which can be obtained from him at:

P.O. Box 176, Stoneham, Ma. 02180.

NEWS BRIEFIES:

- In [our last issue we commented](#) on the fact that the two new male co-editors of FATE Magazine seem to be following a policy of printing a wider and wilder variety of articles - including a recent cover story about Witchcraft. This new policy might well offend at least part of FATE's core readership, we felt.

Now we learn that at least one of the co-editors is out of FATE altogether, and former editor Phyllis Galde is back in charge. Ms. Galde will continue to work part time as head of Galde Press, which publishes off-beat books of various kinds. We know Ms. Galde slightly, and she seems to be a pleasant young lady with a friendly attitude toward "Smear" and its humble editor. We therefore look forward to working with FATE in the future, as does our Contributing Editor, Karl Pflock ...

- Recently we were amused to find Nuclear Physicist & saucer expert Stanton Friedman being interviewed on TV during the "breaks" in the comedy science fiction movie "Mars Attacks!" This movie was made in 1996, and stars Jack Nicholson, among others. Presumably the Friedman interview was made separately and broken up into short segments. Stan was articulate and witty, as usual, but it is depressing to see him sinking deeper and deeper into science fiction. (But the money is there!) ...
- Artist/abductee David Huggins of Hoboken, N.J. is working on a play about his lifetime of experiences with alien creatures - including alien women who look very good indeed by earth standards, except for their peculiar grey-like eyes. If this play ever hits Broadway, remember that you read about it here first! ...
- A recent opinion poll conducted by Robert Bigelow's National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) gives some interesting results: In answer to the question, "What Are UFOs?", 32% admit they don't know. 25% say alien spaceships; 19% favor "normal events that are misinterpreted"; 12% believe in secret government projects; 9% say hallucinations; and a mere 7% favor time travellers from a different dimension. (We more or less agree with these people.)

Unfortunately, this adds up to 104%. Maybe some people voted twice!

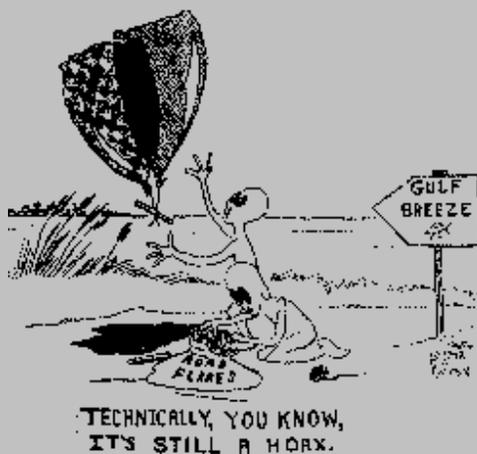
- The results of another interesting opinion poll appear in an article in the September 1999 MUFON Journal. The Journal article is co-authored by Bob Wood, who is (eek!) MUFON's Director of Research, and Dwight Connelly, the current Journal editor. Bob Wood is, of course, the same gentleman who is attempting to authenticate the current batch of MJ-12 documents, as discussed earlier in this issue.

Anyhow, the opinions expressed by the 577 people responding to MUFON's questionnaire are, as one would expect, all over the map - from wild to conservative. Most people seem to feel that there should be "less bickering and backbiting". (We agree! Leave the bickering and backbiting to "Smear"!)

Of interest is the order in which leading UFO authors and researchers were rated. From most popular to least popular they are: (gasp!) Budd Hopkins; Stanton Friedman; Linda Moulton Cow; John Mack; Jacques Vallee; David Jacobs; Timothy Good; Whitley Strieber; Ray Fowler; Jenny Randles; Kevin Randle; Richard Hoagland, Bruce Maccabee, Jerry Clark, and Michael (?) Lindeman.

Richard ("Dick") Hall is not even mentioned, though he has a regular column in the MUFON Journal, called "Perspective"...

- A detailed account of the glorious San Antonio NUFON convention will appear in our next issue, due out some time in November. Till then, continue to keep your Eye on the Sky!



BOOK REVIEWS:

- This year we have been receiving more (free) UFO & related books than ever before - either because more are being published, or because "Smear's" reputation is growing. (But our own UFO book, co-authored by Karl Pflock, is still in limbo as of this writing!)

To get rid of the backlog, we are going to start reviewing more books more briefly - starting with "Best UFO Cases - Europe". This 170-page softcover tome, published in 1998, was sent to us just recently by Bigelow's National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS), located at 151 East Tropicana Ave., Suite 400, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119. The price is \$19.95.

The author is a legitimate German scientist named Illobrand von Ludwiger, who is associated with MUFON as well as NIDS. There are forewords by John Schuessler, Bruce Maccabee and Richard Haines, as well as a brief article about the author. Many, many European UFO cases are discussed, most of them unknown to the average American ufologist. The work, though uneven, is very thoroughly done, and the author is to be congratulated. We most enjoyed the last section, in which there is an intelligent, relatively unbiased discussion of the various competing theories that have been put forward to explain the UFO phenomenon.

There are also many illustrations as well as charts & graphs - still of uneven quality and interest, but nevertheless representing a very legitimate piece of work. This book is worth obtaining....

- Next we turn to "Encounter", a first-person contact/abduction narrative written by an attractive young Australian woman named Kelly Cahill. We had the pleasure of hearing her spiel at a special "brunch" at this year's MUFON Symposium near Washington, D.C.

The story is in a 240-page paperback first published in Australia in 1996 and now available in the U.S.A. from HarperCollins of 10 East 5th St., N.Y.C. 10032. The central event occurred on the night of August 7th, 1993 when Kelly and her husband (now ex-husband) saw a large landed craft while driving through the countryside. The events that followed were weird and frightening - especially to Kelly because of her strict religious beliefs, which have since changed. Some of the "missing time" that night has been recovered, but the whole sequence of events is still not clear to Kelly, and hypnosis has not helped.

Worse, Kelly has had unpleasant experiences both before and after the encounter, including various physical illnesses, plus strange scars on her body, poltergeist phenomena in her house, visitations in her bedroom by soul-snatching entities, and at least one unmarked black helicopter hovering over her home for no apparent reason; etc.

One might write it all off as the symptoms of a fantasy-prone personality, but her husband was with her on the night of the contact/abduction, and there were also three people there in another car,

who experienced some but not all of the same weird events.

These people were total strangers to the Cahills, and were located later by UFO researchers only with difficulty. There may also have been a third car present.

The book is well written, and presumably sincere. This kind of story can't simply be laughed off. As Kelly Cahill says in the closing paragraph of the book. - "You can never know anything until you have experienced it."

- o In 1947, before there was the Kenneth Arnold sighting or the (alleged) Roswell Incident, there was the Maury Island UFO sighting - complete with falling slag and many truly mysterious aftermaths. It's a complex & classic story, retold now in great detail in Kenn Thomas' paperback from Illuminet Press, called "Maury Island UFO - The Crisman Conspiracy".

The main characters, at the beginning, were Harold Dahl and Fred Crisman, but the story touches upon legendary characters such as Ray Palmer, Richard Shaver, Jim Garrison of the Kennedy assassination investigation, and other shadowy figures of that era. Almost half of this 290-page book consists of appendices, if you get the idea! Greg Bishop of "The Excluded Middle" calls the book "Information rich to the point of saturation", and we believe him.

Kenn Thomas is a well known and respected conspiracy writer; but, quite frankly, your "Smear" editor has never had much patience with conspiracy. It's too confusing, and too hard to know whom to believe! But for those with the stamina to wade through it, this is a worthwhile book. IllumiNet Press, the publisher of many interesting UFO-oriented books, can be reached at: P.O. Box 2808, Lilburn, Georgia)0048. Kenn Thomas is the editor of a conspiratorial zine called Steamshovel Press, which is available from: P.O. Box 93715, St. Louis, Missouri 63121.



PFLOCK PTALK - THE FUTURE OF UFOLOGY - IS THERE ONE? (PART 3)

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



McMinnville, Oregon, May 11th, 1950, about 7:30 p.m.: Paul Trent and his wife spot a UFO of the classic flying saucer kind. Trent snaps two photos that have become icons of ufology and stumped Condon Committee investigator William Hartmann, who was forced to conclude, "This is one of the few UFO reports in which all factors investigated, geometric, psychological, and physical, appear to be consistent with the assertion that an extraordinary flying object, silvery, metallic, disk-shaped, tens of meters in diameter, and evidently artificial, flew within sight of two witnesses."

In 1969, arch-"skeptics" Robert Sheaffer and Phil Klass thought they had exposed the case as a hoax, asserting that shadows on the eaves of a garage appearing in the photos demonstrated that the pictures had been taken in the morning rather than the evening. Told this, Hartmann recanted and refused to be confused by the facts when optical physicist Bruce Maccabee demonstrated that the shadows were not inconsistent with conditions on the evening of May 11th. (Hartmann seems to have been more concerned to avoid having his ufological past interfere with his career as a planetary astronomer than about the truth of the matter.)

Maccabee's lengthy reinvestigation, begun in 1975 and in part conducted in cooperation with Brad Sparks and (!) Robert Sheaffer, all but eliminated a hoax, but not quite. Since then, Sparks has continued working quietly and has come up with some remarkable new findings which, if confirmed and bolstered by further work, bid fair to remove any basis for reasonable doubt about the authenticity of the photos. In which

case, the issue will become: Where did that dang saucer come from? Who built it? Who was flying it?

Not all results of such careful, thoughtful, and genuinely scientific work lead to happy endings for those of us here in Camp UFOs Are Real. For example, a relatively recent discovery and follow-up investigation may topple Kenneth Arnold's June 24th, 1947 sighting, THE Flying Saucer Sighting, from the ranks of the great unknowns (gasp). Sparks - heh, heh - are flying already!

This is where the "Five Percenters" shine. They are not driven by a priori beliefs. They don't ignore inconvenient facts. They don't pander to either the True Believers or the True Unbelievers. They pursue the facts wherever they lead and don't shrink from the answers that result, whether they like them or not.

Gee. Real objectivity. Real research. Real science. What a concept! (To Be Continued)



MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Famed former UFO researcher WILLIAM MOORE writes:

"... Actually, your 3.1-D scenario runs very close to my present thinking on the (UFO) subject, although as I see it, such turf is strictly reserved for us intellectual types who have already paid our dues and are content to now sit back and enjoy the show..."

- And, JEROME CLARK writes:

"Thanks for the kind words about the new IUR (International UFO Reporter) and also for the [nice treatment](#) of the new Coleman/Clark opus in the current 'Smear'..."

- Famed author BRAD STEIGER writes:

"I know how precious space is in 'Saucer Smear', so I really appreciate the amount of inches that you granted to a [review of](#) 'The Source: A Journey through the Unexplained', the book I co-authored with Art Bell. However, you sort of missed the point of the final chapter, which hopes to tie all these seemingly disparate phenomena into a philosophical/Metaphysical unity. Hence the title, 'The Source'.

"If your principal grievance with the book was that Sagan and Satan appeared in the Index but there was no mention of either you or 'Saucer Smear', then I should be

vindicated with 'UFO Odyssey' (co-authored with my wife Sherry), in which both you and your august publication are mentioned in a most favorable light ... I believe that if you take the time to read the concluding pages of 'UFO Odyssey' you will remind yourself of how much our philosophies really do have in common..."

Editor's Note: Brad Steiger correctly implies that we failed to read the last chapter of "The Source", which contains two lovely paragraphs that we partially agree with: (Page 248)

"Could this Source be what all human cultures and traditions have come to label their concept of God? Could it be a supernatural Supreme Creator Being that manifests images of angels and demons in order to shepherd our species, the product of its own divine creative energy, to an eventual unity with its sublime and perfect wholeness?"

"Or have we, in our frightening evolutionary trek from hairless ape to astronaut, created these deities, monsters, and merry woodland spirits from our own imagination to assuage the desperate loneliness that we have felt staring into the vast and seemingly endless expanse of the night sky?"

Brad has kindly sent us a copy of "UFO Odyssey", published by Ballentine Books and written by Brad & Sherry Steiger. We'll review it in our next issue.

- o JOHN FORD, former head of the Long Island N.Y.) UFO Network, writes as follows:

"I am writing to you from the facility at Mid Hudson Psychiatric Center, not from the County Jail at Riverhead, N.Y. On May 6th I entered an insanity plea to the charges, on the advice of council. Since May 10th I've been here in Mid Hudson, where I will be confined for the foreseeable future.

"The reason I entered the insanity plea was not because of mental illness on my part, but because it allowed me to avoid the prospect of a very long jail sentence. I was facing 25 years to 75 years mandatory jail time for the charges I was facing. I had six B class felonies in the indictment to face. If I had the misfortune to be convicted of just one felony, I would be facing some very long jail time. The prospect of spending a couple of years in a state mental hospital is a lot easier to do than spending time in a maximum security prison.

"I know that it makes my case a lot harder to believe that I was innocent of the charges made against me, but I was innocent.

"I guess my days of being free are over for now. I must remain here for at least a couple of years. During that time please keep me informed about the latest scoop in the UFO field. Please send 'Saucer Smear' to me here at: Mid Hudson Psychiatric Center, P.O. Box 158, New Hampton, N. Y. 10958...."

"The truth is out there.,,

Ford was accused of having plotted with others to murder certain politicians in the section of Long Island, N.Y. where he then lived. - Editor.

- o Researcher DEAN ZEVCHEK writes as follows, regarding the August 3rd, 1965 Rex Heflin UFO case:

"In the recent issue of 'Smear', you mention that Kal K. Korff [plans to 'expose'](#) a number of UFO cases including the famous Rex Heflin case. Well, I'd really like to see how on

Earth he's going to pull a Phil Klass debunk on this rock solid sighting, which even contains photo backup of the event as well. Sure, all the skeptic hacks have, and probably will continue to bellow 'doctored photos', but it turns out this was not just a single person sighting by Mr. Heflin himself!

"In March of 1996, I wrote to the TV Show 'Sightings' to notify them of my uncanny coincidental discovery in hopes that they would do further investigation of the Heflin case, or at least mention it on the show. That letter is enclosed. You see, my sister-in-law as a child and her father, saw the very same object as Heflin did - the exact time, place, and area.

"...So before Mr. Korff attempts to spew any debunking rhetoric, I suggest he contact my sister-in-law for an interview (name & phone number below). It's bad enough when a supposed expert accepts blatantly fake photos for the real thing, such as Bruce Maccabee falling hook, line, and sinker for Mr. Ed's Gulf Breeze garbage; but here's the reverse instance, where apparently Mr. Korff is going to tarnish a couple of the best legitimate UFO photos ever taken, in my opinion! ...

- Long-time Cleveland, Ohio saucer investigator RICK HILBERG writes:

"Nice issue of 'Smear'. I really have to agree with Pflock when he writes that much-needed historical research is one of the bright spots of today's ufology. As a matter of fact, much more intensive research is needed before memories fade and 'old time' ufologists pass on, with their files literally being tossed out by heirs. As a matter of fact, I recently found boxes of clippings from the flap years of 1964-1966. I am seriously considering using them in conjunction with my files of the UFO literature, to do a monograph on this important period..."

- (Soon to be) DR. CHRISTOPHER ROTH writes;

"I hadn't heard the 'PRESIDENT CLINTON OF THE USA' = 'TO COPULATE HE FINDS INTERNS' anagram, but I do remember one I learned many years ago: 'RONALD WILSON REAGAN' = 'INSANE ANGLO WARLORD'..."

"And where will you be spending New Year's Eve? I imagine Key West will be mobbed. Do you have plans for a getaway? Perhaps, even when mobbed, it's the place to be..."

We'll be here. Tourist rooms will be going for up to \$500 per night, all that week! - Editor.

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"Darn good issue of 'Smear'. I particularly enjoyed Senor Carlos Mentira's comments on your relentless attacks on James Randi. Obviously Carlos is right. It's not anyone's business but Randi's if he has a sex life. Moreover, quite a few people in the land of the paranormal are obnoxious and perhaps a little demented too.

"But let's stick to the facts and forget about being unkind to unkind individuals - even though it is a lot of fun to rattle their cage a little from time to time. So, even though this may sound a bit contradictory, keep up the good work!"

- Publicist GENE BUCK, writing as "Friends of Blennerhassett" (whatever that may be), tells us:

"We are highly upset at your attitude toward Mr. James Randi! When I say 'we', I refer to all the constituents who have written or called our offices, calling you a communist cell, or words to that effect.

"Many of my colleagues agree also that you are abusive and not charitable when it comes

to Mr. Randi, who, though he is not always as correct as he would like to be, is nevertheless correct sometimes, and that's the most we can expect from anyone, especially anyone having to do with this UFO crap.

"Why don't you go soak your heads - both of them? We dare you to let this letter see the light of day in your scandal sheet!"

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Editor: JOHN HARNEY

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EDITORIAL

Apparently there are still some people who believe in UFO crashes. There are many things that crash, including aircraft, bits of aircraft, satellites and booster rockets. However, the only objects that crash but were never launched from the surface of the Earth are meteorites. All stories of UFO crashes are distorted accounts of more mundane incidents, or lies and fantasies. No alien spacecraft have crashed, you have my personal guarantee of that.

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INLAW OR OUTLAW?

Californian highway cop Edward Burt was suspended for a month after an enquiry board found that, in the space of three months, he had stopped Cathy Needham, 57, his mother-in-law, some 78 times and issued her with 43 tickets.

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TIDBITS OF TRASH

- **K**arl Pflock has kindly sent us an item from "CNI News" of August 1st, and it tells us of still another alleged animal kidnapping by a UFO. "Smear" fans will remember that our May 5th issue had the story of the [abduction of an elk](#) from a herd in Washington State, witnessed by several Spanish-speaking forestry workers. Now we have a pig abduction which was seen by peasants in a rural area of Brazil. More than 50 people attested that they saw the pig being levitated into the air toward a bright light that hovered over the small town about 10 p.m. on the evening of July 12th. Said the night commander of the town's police: "People think they have seen a flying saucer. It may have been something else, but these reports are from serious people."

Other abductions in recent years have involved cattle, and in one Brazilian case, a horse was the victim. (See Matt Graeber's cartoon at right!)

- Joe Firmage is not the only wealthy gentleman making a splash in ufology. There's also Robert Bigelow, the Las Vegas businessman who finances the non-profit National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS), with



which the semi-mysterious John Alexander is (or was) associated. This Institute is interested in cattle mutilations, UFOS, and the paranormal, among other things, and it owns a somewhat haunted ranch in Utah. They also have a book out about European UFO sightings, which we will review in our next issue.

Now Bigelow says he is willing to put up to a half billion dollars into designing & building a 100-passenger luxury cruise ship that will permanently orbit the Moon, giving very rich vacationers a week-long excursion they'll never forget (assuming they live long enough to come back to Earth). the ticket price would be in the range of "tens of thousands of dollars". Whee! ...

- UFO debunker Kal K. Korff (KKK) has written two books for Prometheus, the publishing arm of the dreaded CSICOP organization. The first of these was about the Billy Meier case, and the second one, about Roswell, is now in its fourth printing, according to Korff. (This is incredible if true!) Korff also plans to expose the Kenneth Arnold case, the Rex Heflin photographic case, and the Betty & Barney Hill case, in future tomes.

In the latter instance, Korff may clash with Karl Pflock, our Contributing Editor, who is favorably disposed toward the Hill case. These two gentlemen can't even agree in regard to Roswell, even though they both believe the Incident was caused by a Mogul balloon!

The only thing your editor has against Korff, other than his overwhelming ego and strong tendency toward exaggeration, is an incident from the distant past: In May of 1985, Korff was "local chairman" for the 22nd National UFO Conference (NUFOC), which he held in his then-home-town of Fremont, California. Korff did no advertising, held the event in a (free) high school auditorium, and wouldn't allow any speakers except himself and William Moore. About twenty people showed up. It was by far the smallest annual event in our now 36 year history!

Korff tells us that he is now resigning, retiring, and/or withdrawing from the UFO field, for reasons that he has not explained. Will he be missed??? ...

- As predicted in the last "Smear", the August 1999 issue of the MUFON Journal tells us the details of the impending resignation of Walt Andrus as International Director of that esteemed organization - a post he has held since MUFON's inception thirty years ago. Walt's resignation will take effect on July 16th, 2000, and the new Director will be John Schussler of Littleton, Colorado.

Andrus will be a speaker at the forthcoming NUFOC convention in San Antonio, Texas. Due to outstanding advance publicity, this event is shaping up to be a real Biggie. Your humble "Smear" editor will be one of the many speakers and will also act as Master of Ceremonies at the two-day event ...

- Former UFO researcher & right-wing extremist William Cooper has placed a long rant on the Net, expressing his interpretation of the recent multiple shooting at a Jewish Community Center and other senseless shooting rampages. Cooper apparently believes that the government, through a mind control device, causes these shooters to do their terrible Thing, so that the public will submit to gun control, thus paving the way for the socialistic "New World Odor", as he calls it ...
- Venerable FATE Magazine has two new male co-editors, and they seem to be trying to shake up the readership a bit. We picture the typical FATE devotee as a middle-aged to elderly female, mainly interested in inspiring tales of the psychic and the (alleged) afterlife. But the August issue features on the cover an article starting on Page 22 called "The New Face of Witchcraft"! Whereas witchcraft is a harmless religion, it is widely misunderstood and therefore not popular with many people.

Even more startling, an article beginning on Page 38, called "Enshrined & Endowed", has five pages of photos of gigantic wooden penises in Thailand - some from the grounds of the Hilton Hotel in the capital city of Bangkok. If this article doesn't rattle the typical FATE reader, nothing will!...

- Once again, our sincere thanks to the handful of hard-core fans who send us enough hot material to keep this zine going. In particular, a huge "gracias" to Contributing Editor Karl Pflock, whose aid & encouragement have been Above and Beyond the Call of Duty - or whatever. A true friend.

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

There is an unusually large number of UFO conventions coming up this late summer and early Fall, and we have not seen them all listed together anywhere, except in the MUFON Journal. Here they are listed briefly in chronological order.

- Sept. 4-5 - The Bay Area UFO Expo at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel, San Mateo, CA. Eighteen speakers. For information contact The Bay Area UFO Expo, 1706 Hogar Dr., San Jose, CA 95124 or FAX 408-266-4749.
- SAN ANTONIO UFO CONFERENCE - 36th Annual National UFO Conference in San Antonio, TX, September 25-26. Speakers include Walt Andrus, Whitley Strieber, Joe Finnage, Kevin Randle, Patrick Huyghe, Constance Clear, Jim Moseley, Karl Pflock, others. For more info call (210) 828-4507, e-mail dstacy@texas.net or SASE to Dennis Stacy, Box 12434, San Antonio, TX 78212.
- Oct. 9-10 - The 9-10th UFO/ET Congress to be held at the Days Inn, Route 206 in Bordentown, NJ. For information contact Pat Marcattilio at 609-631-8955 or Tom Benson at 609-883-6921.
- November 12-14 - Clearwater Beach UFO Conference at Clearwater Beach Hilton, Florida, sponsored by "Project Awareness." For free program guide call (334) 621-5750 or (850) 432-8888 or write to 7262 Highpointe Pl.E., Spanish Fort, AL 36527.

RANDI UPDATE:

More on the infamous James ("The Amusing") Randi "Blackmail Tape": Parts of it have appeared anonymously on the Internet very recently, and part was placed on the Net some time ago by a Canadian psychic named Earl Curley, now deceased. But when we challenged Randi in our [July 1st 1999](#) issue to let us mail out the transcript, together with his April 1999 Position Statement, there was no reply from either him or his lawyer. We'll accept this non-reply as a "no". Yet, in the above-mentioned Position Statement, Randi claims: "When...Eldon Byrd sued me in Baltimore a few years ago, his lawyer brought up the famous tape recording as evidence against my character. My own lawyer, at my insistence, asked that the entire tape be played for the courtroom and jury, so that the true nature of the record would be understood, instead of being misrepresented as it usually was.'



The above statement by Randi is utterly untrue. In reality, Randi and his lawyer fought against the playing of the tape in the courtroom, but it was played for the jury anyhow, through earphones. (See also Eldon Byrd's [letter to the editor](#), further along in this issue.) ...

Separate item: In a postscript to the above-mentioned April 1999 Position Statement, Randi arrogantly states, referring to those who have sued him over the years, "I have still not paid a nickel to any of these people".

However, in a June 19th, 1999 statement on the Internet, referring to a complex dispute Randi was having with a "psychic detective" named Riley G., Randi states: "I want to put an end to this 'challenge' of ours. On the advice of legal counsel I will pay you three thousand dollars to drop your claim on the million bucks..." The million bucks referred to here is a supposed offer by Randi's Foundation to pay that amount to anyone who can prove he/she has psychic powers. This particular dispute, however, had nothing to do with psychic powers! (Long story here.)

The essence of this matter is that Randi has been caught shooting from the lip again - a habit that has gotten him into trouble several times before. (Our thanks to Rob MacGregor and others for this item.) ...

At press time (August 20th) we learned that the entire "Blackmail Tape" transcript is back on the Net! It is at two different sites, one of which is unnecessarily filthy, while the other is serious & very well done, with the equivalent of about thirty pages of negative information about Randi. Wheee!

THE BOOK BRIGADE:

- We have here a softcover tome called "Criptozoology A to Z", written by Loren Coleman and our olde pal Jerome Clark. This is published by Fireside Books, a division of Simon & Schuster, and sells for \$13.00.

This book has almost two hundred entries regarding semi-mythical animals of various sorts, including such favorites as the Abominable Snowman, Bigfoot (with a separate section on the famed Patterson film), Chupacabras, the Loch Ness Monster, Sea Serpents, and the stinky old Swamp Ape. The entries are written in an entertaining and reasonably unbiased manner; so we have no difficulty recommending the book to anyone interested in the subject matter.

Among the creatures omitted is Mothman, the weird West Virginia bird made famous by John Keel and Gray Barker, circa 1970. Best thing about the book, by far: There is no mention whatever of pseudo-cryptozoologist Erik Beckjord of California, though there are brief biographies of quite a few other researchers in this field.

Clark, as most of our readers know, is the author of several respected UFO encyclopedias. Loren Coleman is a professor at the University of Southern Maine, and has collaborated with Clark on at least two other books. One of these was the 1975 tome called "The Unidentified", which Clark now disavows, as his views about UFOs and the universe have become more conservative since then...

Next we come to "The Source - Journey through the Unexplained", published by Paper Chase Press of New Orleans, La., and written by Art Bell and Brad Steiger. Bell is so famous as a radio personality that there is a two-page article about him in the August 9th issue of Time Magazine. Art has 9 million listeners according to Time, or 15 million according to the book jacket - quite a feat in either case! Brad Steiger, whom we know slightly, has written something like 140 books on various paranormal subjects.

This is a hardcover book and runs about 270 pages, with chapters such as: The Mysteries of Human Origins; The Enigma of Ancient Civilizations; Visitors from Other Worlds; Roswell & the Government UFO CoverUp; Abductions & Mutilations; Angels vs. Demons; Space Anomalies; Crop Circles; Native American Beliefs; Millennial Prophecy; Ghosts & Out-of-Body Experiences; Mind Travel through Time & Space; Etc.

With all that going for it, this book should be a winner - but it isn't. Nearly every strange theory, rumor, legend, superstition, and/or paranoid belief of the modern era is discussed briefly, but without reaching any conclusion. Some of the chapters are reasonably objective and well done (even the Roswell discussion), but in general the authors throw too much shit at us too superficially and just don't know when to stop. As the authors themselves say in the preface: "Keep your mind open, but not so open that your brain falls out."

One thing we found of interest is statistics showing that belief in various forms of the supernatural is increasing in this modern age - not decreasing as CSICOP and other pseudo-rational organizations would wish. But there has to be a middle ground, and these guys haven't found it. The late Carl Sagan is in the index, right next to Satan, but there is no mention of "Saucer Smear".

We leave you with a prediction from Page 192: "Sometime just before 1999... the city of Phoenix (Arizona) will become a major seaport on this newly-created western coastline". With predictions like this, how can we go wrong!?

PFLOCK PTALK - THE FUTURE OF UFOLOGY - IS THERE ONE? (PART 2)

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



While as I observed [last time](#), 95% of ufology is crap (ufoology), the remaining 5% is getting better every day. It is a curious paradox - a sub-domain of the realm of Saucer Logic? - that at a time when the general run of Popular Ufology is getting goofier and goofier, Serious Ufology in many important respects is getting better and better.

This is particularly notable in historical research, a much neglected facet of our peculiar preoccupation. Old UFO cases and witnesses and others involved are being carefully and thoughtfully re-investigated and re-evaluated, and previously unknown and known but not investigated cases are being brought to light and studied. The history of the field itself - including what really was done (and not done) by the Air Force, private researchers, and others, and why - is being studied closely for the first time since David Jacobs' mid-'70s study, "The UFO Controversy in America."

Significant efforts are being made to take advantage of computer and other technologies to identify, preserve, and make systematically accessible the vast quantity of information, case data, and other resources held not only by ufological organizations but also in private collections and files (including mine), public archives, and university libraries. Also underway is an oral-history project in which I'm playing a small part. It's aimed at capturing on audio and video tape the personal recollections, opinions, and insights of as many key persons as possible.

The new looks at important cases include Brad Sparks' re-examination of the famed 1957 RB-47 radar-visual case. While praising Jolly Old Phil Klass for his dogged efforts and giving him credit for digging up key information, Sparks conclusively demonstrates not only that Klass' debunking of the incident is de bunk, but

also establishes "this case as the first scientific proof of the existence of UFOs." Moreover, Sparks' results leave very little room for doubt that whatever the UFO involved was and wherever it came from, it was not a non-sentient natural phenomenon. Don't take my word for it. Read Sparks' report for yourself, pages 761-790, in Jerry Clark's "UFO Encyclopedia," 2nd edition.

Tellingly, although the encyclopedia was released in February 1998 after much advance hoopla about Sparks' work, Popular Ufology has taken no apparent notice of this blockbuster. Ditto - and quite significantly - the "skeptics" (quotation marks used advisedly) and, surprise, Real Science.

Then there's McMinnville and... Aghh! In "Smear", at least, Space is not infinite. To Be Continued...

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- ELDON BYRD writes as follows:

"Thank you for sending me a copy of the [subject Newsletter](#), wherein you refer to me as an '(alleged) psychic'. Who alleges this? I am not a psychic - never have been, never said I was, ain't, never will be (unless I get hit by lightning, maybe). Randi calls me a 'parapsychologist'. Let me set the record straight once and for all for your readers: I AM NOT A PARAPSYCHOLOGIST. Never have been, never will be. As a matter of fact, I DISDAIN parapsychology. There are some very good researchers in that field, but I am an engineer and a scientist and as such, I am not involved in the soft sciences, per se. To call me a parapsychologist is like calling Randi a parabiologist. Neither is true.

"As to your reference to a CD disc of the (blackmail) 'tape' - I haven't the foggiest notion who would be sending it out or why anyone would even want to. I thought all this was laid to rest when a jury of his peers convicted Randi in Court several years ago for maliciously (meaning he knew he was lying) defaming me. Why on earth is he bringing this up again?"

- Researcher ROBERT DAVIS writes:

"To answer [Christopher Allan's question](#), the Truman quote does appear on p. 10 of Vol. 5, No. 5 of 'Flying Saucer Review', as part of a 2-page spread of alleged quotes from 'Very Important People Talking About the Saucers'.

"Unfortunately, the only source cited is the same - 'Press conference, April 4, 1950'. There is no clue as to where they got it from! I have no idea whether any files remain where their current editor could look it up and find out. (The current address for FSR is: Box 162, High Wycombe, Bucks., HP13 5D7, England, if anyone wants to try.)"

Editor's Note: Tom Benson, who also has the issue of "Flying Saucer Review" in question, has researched the matter further. Truman did have a press conference on March 30th, 1950, but apparently there was no mention of flying saucers. However, on April 4th, 1950, while on vacation in Key West, Florida, Truman indirectly answered a group of questions submitted to his press secretary, including one about saucers. Truman's response was negative, but there was apparently no direct quote. (This information is from Page 5 of "UFOS: A History, April - July, 1950", by Loren E. Gross) Our thanks to Tom Benson for all this research!

- DR. GARY POSNER of the Tampa Bay Skeptics writes as follows:

"George Hansen's bizarre, irrational attack upon my character, in [the July 25th 'Smear'](#), displayed even more ignorance (as I hope your Holiness will confirm at the end of this letter) than it did his typical winning charm. I hope his 'sources' will come forward with their frank impressions of my character, specifically as it compares to Hansen's. In our discussions they

excused Hansen's chronic misbehavior (my term) on the basis of his overzealousness and highly emotional personality, characteristics that Hansen now projects upon me.

"Anyone interested in my response to Hansen's brief-yet-reckless depiction of me in his 45-page article about 'CSICOP and the Skeptics'...can find it on the 'Critics' page of my website (<http://members.aol.com/garypos>). Readers will note that Hansen's own editor at the Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research, Rhea White, to whom I had mailed copies of my prior correspondence with Jerry Clark (Hansen's acknowledged 'source' for his misinformation about me), sided with me - not with Hansen - in this dispute. White's personal letters to me contained several additional such comments that I have tactfully failed to post for public dissemination.

"As for my 'primary claim to fame...being Phil Klass' lowly proofreader', visitors to my website will see otherwise. And, for the record, no one need fear that I have any designs on the throne of 'UFO debunkerdom'. I suspect that this 'widely rumored' plot of mine is but another manifestation of Hansen's mischief."

Posner admits only to being "an aging white male".Hansen's other remarks were a bit excessive if intended seriously. - Editor.

- Ace cartoonist & researcher MATT GRAEBER writes:

"As the person who first coined the term 'ufoology', I take exception to Mr. George Hansen's flagrant misuse of it in regard to [his attack on Gary Posner](#), re his probably becoming heir to Phil Klass' evil debunking empire. I mean, what's wrong with Gary playing Captain Hook, while George does his Peter Pan impersonation while defending 'the good ship UFORIA'?

"Moreover, as you once pointed out, 'Every religion needs a Devil' (even George's!) Besides, the only real difference between 'ufoology' & much of today's ufology is an extra vowel! Hey George, lighten up, will ya? Nobody likes a smarty pants!"

- And, the above-mentioned GEORGE HANSEN writes:

" ... In the [last issue](#) of 'Smear' I seem to have erred re Gary Posner's ambitions. He assures me that he has no interest in becoming a major debunker of ufoology. That's unfortunate, but I hope that CSICOP is grooming someone smarter than Joe Nickell for that function.

"I may have been slightly too hard on Posner in my other remarks. After all, anyone who upsets Richard Hall can't be all bad!..."

"Gary Posner seemed to be extremely upset over my characterization of him ... I assured him that it was meant as humorous, and of course it was! Many people who met him at the MUFON convention found it hilarious. But poor Gary didn't seem to find it funny at all. In fact, he wanted me to write a letter to you saying that it was indeed meant as humor!!"

- And, the One & Only PHIL KLASS chimes in with:

"Your last issue is one of your best.

"Ref. [George Hansen's stated suspicion](#) in 'Smear' that Dr. Gary Posner 'has been obsequiously pursuing Philip Klass' blessing as the designated heir to the throne of debunkerdom': WRONG, not obsequiously! Dr. Posner has offered to pay me \$10,000,000 per year if I will designate him as my UFO-debunker successor (knowing that a 'certain Agency' pays me \$100,000,000 per year plus taxi fare for my UFO-debunking efforts). However, I am now seeking bids from Stanton Friedman, Bill Moore, Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs and Joe Firmage ...

- PHIL DUKE Ph.D., author of "The AIDS-ET Connection", writes as follows:

"I don't have the words to tell you just how much I appreciate [your review](#) of my book. You

are a great man, and 'Saucer Smear' a great publication. A review could not be obtained from MUFON, the JSE, The Omaha WH, and so far also not from CUFOS or UFO Mag.

Only 'Saucer Smear' has given a review. Action speaks a lot louder than words. You and your publication have been much fairer and much more positive in your actions regarding my work than all the other UFO publications put together. This is the truth...

"For your information, at present MUFON is not a quasi-scientific organization because the director, editor, dean of UFO investigators, etc. know absolutely nothing about science. Articles are published entirely without scientific peer review. Regarding their so-called 'consultants', I was never able to contact any because MUFON would not tell me who and where they were ...

"Re Richard Hall - Why doesn't MUFON wise up and get rid of him? UFO Magazine did! ...

- CHRISTOPHER ALLAN of England writes:

"...Is it really true that [smoking is banned at Stonehenge](#)? Outdoors? As a non-smoker I regard some of the anti-smoking legislation as almost paranoia - as bad as parts of ufology, maybe worse! The anti-smokers have gone bananas!"

- Skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"I just received another issue of the wonderful 'Saucer Smear' newsletter.

"Two items distressed me in this issue (vol. 46, No. 8): First, as a newsletter I anticipate the material contained to be timely. The fact that [Dan Cohen](#) (who is a pretty good writer) dedicated a book to you in 1971 is not news. It appears that you perceive this dedication as worthwhile and were unable to take credit for it almost three decades ago and you are now trying to catch up!

"The second area of concern was [the announcement](#) that Randal Raydon will not be able to perform his duties' at 'Smear'. Is this a coverup? Is there a real story and Jim Moseley is not telling us what's going on? Tell me that the Supreme Commander has not caved in and is holding back juicy tidbits just because they involve 'his' vaunted 'Smear' staff! ... "

Regarding the misspelled dedication, we forgot that we already took Dan Cohen to task for this way back when the book first came out. Re Randal Raydon, yes, this is a coverup! - Editor.

- COLM KELLEHER, Ph.D of the National Institute of Discovery Science (NIDS) writes as follows:

"I have enjoyed the electronic version of your newsletter for a few years now. I think Ufology badly needs a sense of humor. So keep up the good work!

"Please review the enclosed book. It was recently published by the NIDS."

The book in question is called "Best UFO Cases - Europe", and it will be re- viewed in our next glorious issue. - Editor.

- Finally, our friend CARLOS MENTIRA writes:

"'Saucer Smear' continues to pick on James Randi for no reason other than his intense dedication to psychic Truth. His sex life, if any, is nobody's business but his own. Let's stick to the facts for once and forget about personalities, no matter how obnoxious they may be! ..."

From Design Week, 21 May 1999:

'A Japanese underwear manufacturer claims to have designed a bra that will 'save the earth from annihilation at the end of the century'. The Armageddon bra has been developed by Triumph International to counter the 'great king of terror coming from the sky' in July. It is made from NASA space suit material. The bra should be worn without outer garments, and includes a feature that signals impending danger. But there are no plans to market the bra, so it looks like we're all going to die anyway"

BIZARRO

By Dan Piraro



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-JOHN KEEL, writing in the March 25th, 1977 issue of "Saucer Glues" (one of the former names of "Saucer Smear")

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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- **W**e hear that researcher Bob Durant is hopping mad at Tim Cooper and the Woods because of an incident that began when the four of them were on a radio show together last January. "Smear" readers will recall that Bob and Ryan Wood are the father & son team that has been pushing the "new" MJ-12 documents, and Tim Cooper is their principal source.

Durant challenged Cooper to take a lie detector test regarding his claims, and he agreed to do so. The test was given last April 18th by a polygraph expert chosen by the Woods, but unfortunately Cooper flunked it anyhow. Worse, the Woods tried to avoid telling Durant the outcome of the test, even though he had paid for part of it!

The Woods have received many thousands of dollars from computer millionaire Joe Firmage, mainly for a MJ-12 documentary that has not come out yet. We just wonder what Firmage thinks of the above story!

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- In a two-page article in the June 1999 MUFON Journal, Walt Andrus explains what happened when he went to Ladonia, Texas, and tried to investigate the case of the alien skeleton. (This story was given in some detail in [our April 10th "Smear"](#).) Of all the dead ends Andrus ran into, the most hilarious is the fact that an old letter, alluding to a UFO incident in 1897, does not even exist. We mean the letter doesn't exist, let alone the UFO incident!

In the article, Andrus grumbles about "armchair ufologists" who don't bother to go out into the field to investigate cases, as he did in regard to the alien skeleton. Andrus never quite says that he was taken in by a transparent joke/hoax, but he implies as much.

Anyone can make a mistake; but we can't help observing that it is quite a shock to learn the head of a quasi-scientific organization like MUFON could be fooled so easily!

Apparently unrelated to the above is the fact that an announcement will soon be made that Walt Andrus intends to resign as International Director of MUFON. His temporary replacement will be Deputy Director John Schuessler, whom we have known slightly for many years. The announcement will appear in the August issue of the Journal, according to our highly secret sources. We are told that Walt's age (78) and the health of his wife are the main reasons for the resignation, though the steep recent MUFON membership loss is also a factor. He will be missed!...

- In a well-publicized incident, hundreds of unauthorized people broke through police lines and frolicked on & near the mysterious ancient stones of Stonehenge, in southern England. This occurred on the night of June 20th-21st, the summer solstice. One woman (bless her!) stripped and danced naked as the sun rose over the horizon on the longest day of the year.

Because of this riot, a ceremony by a hundred or so Druids had to be cancelled, and quite possibly may never, be allowed again.

Your editor visited Stonehenge in 1997, and noted that smoking cigarettes was not allowed on the path near the historic stones, for fear that the smoke might damage them. We remember thinking that maybe the British authorities deserved something like this...

- The search goes on for the original source of a quote, supposedly from a 1950 Harry S Truman press conference, which reads: "I can assure you that flying saucers, given that they exist, are not constructed by any power on earth".

In our last issue we published a [letter from Paris Flammonde](#), stating that he used the quote in his 1976 book "UFO Exist!", but he does not remember just what his source was. Now [Christopher Allan](#) of England has written in, pointing out this same fact, and also telling us that Truman was on vacation in Key West, of all places, on the date in 1950 when he supposedly had the press conference.

Allan thinks the quote is false, but as previously stated, your "Smear" editor had the opportunity to interview Truman twice about flying saucers, and the quote, whether false or not, accurately represents Truman's view, in our opinion. The key phrase is "given that they exist". Obviously he did not believe that they do exist.

Incidentally, Truman often went on vacation in Key West when he was president, and stayed at a home called the Little White House. After his presidency ended, he continued coming down, and freeloading with the Spottswood family, who are still prominent (and very wealthy) citizens in Key West ... The Little White House is now a museum here ...

- Continuing [our study](#) of famed anti-psychic activist James ("The Amusing") Randi, we quote the following from his April 1999 position statement, which can be obtained by writing to his Foundation.

Says Randi on Page 4: "A few years ago, in California, I confronted a UFO fanatic who had come into possession of the blackmail material. He'd written a letter to the FBI and to a group of scientists in Los

Angeles, repeating the scandalous drivel he'd chosen to believe. In front of an audience assembled to hear my lecture, I had the great pleasure of punching him out - to a standing ovation."

One wonders why the victim of this physical attack didn't charge Randi with assault. The man's name is John de Herrera. The incident occurred some time in the late 1980s, at Caltech, and we happened to meet de Herrera thereafter, in about 1989. The other day we got back in touch with him, for his version of the event.

De Herrera says he did indeed receive a copy of the Blackmail Tape anonymously, and wrote to the FBI about it. Randi knew about this, and fearing that de Herrera would show up at the lecture, he had armed guards posted at the door. (Uri Geller once did a similar thing, to avoid Randi at a lecture in New Jersey.)

De Herrera says that he sat down quietly in the back row of the auditorium, but after the lecture he went up on stage. Randi rolled up his sleeves dramatically, and took a punch at de Herrera, after which he pushed Randi into a wall. De Herrera's arms were then grabbed by a guard and he was eventually escorted from the hall in an armlock. Rather than "a standing ovation", there was nothing but shocked silence from the crowd.

To us, de Herrera seems neither anti-gay nor fanatical. (Our thanks to Ann Druffel for help on this item.)
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- We have just learned that a 1971 book written by UFO skeptic Daniel Cohen is dedicated to your humble "Smear" editor. The book, entitled "A Natural History of Unnatural Things" is dedicated to "Jim Mosley, an entrepreneur of the weird". Unfortunately, there are supposed to be two "E's in "Moseley", but we appreciate Dan's gesture nevertheless...
- Due to circumstances beyond his (or our) control, Randal Raydon will not be able to perform his duties as "Smear" Office Manager as announced in our last issue. He has therefore resigned, at least temporarily...
- At press time we have learned that a 100-page semi-official French government report on UFOs has just come out, favoring the theory that UFOs are extraterrestrial. More on this next time.

RE-HASH OF THE 1999 MUFON CONFERENCE:

Your editor attended this year's annual MUFON convention, held in a luxury hotel just outside Washington, D.C. on the 4th of July weekend. As usual, we did not attend all of the events, but we'll give you a brief summary of our impressions.

This was indeed MUFON's 30th anniversary - not quite as good as the National UFO Conference, which will hold its 36th annual convention later this year - but nevertheless impressive. We were amazed to hear MUFON czar Walt Andrus still calling our chosen field "U-F-O-Ology" rather than "Ufology", but then, Walt has always been an amazing guy.

Among the thirteen speakers, veteran researcher Richard Hall gave a rather dull talk entitled "Fifty Years of UFO Politics and Discomfort Zones", whatever that means. Later Hall clashed verbally with arch-skeptic Dr. Gary Posner, who had dared to ask difficult questions at the press conference. The upshot of a complex dispute was that Hall told Posner "You're full of shit", to his face!

Budd Hopkins came up with new material in a talk called "A 1961 Car Levitation UFO Abduction Case", and Stanton Friedman's theme was "Star Travel? Yes!" At least he has finally buried his "Cosmic Watergate" after all these years!

One of our favorites was an attractive Australian lass named Kelly Cahill, who was involved in a multiple witness abduction case several years ago. She was sole speaker at a Sunday morning "brunch", and gave out

free copies of her book. In the background, Dr. Bruce Maccabee played a medley of tunes on the piano.

An unscheduled event, vaguely associated with the convention, was a 4th of July barbecue Sunday afternoon, the guests being CIA members (such as Ron Pandolfi) and CIA wanna-be's - among them Bill LaParl and Joe Stefula. This was by invitation only, so obviously your editor was not there.

Much more could be said, but between the information in Karl Pflock's column and the photo captions below, you can get the gist of what went on. Onward and upward!



1999 MUFON CONVENTION PHOTOS: Top Row, Left: England's Jenny Randles poses with a friend, following her excellent 4-D oriented lecture. Right: The very mysterious Gordon Novel (a friend of semi-mysterious John Alexander) as seen at a book table. Second Row: The old and the new (?): Left: Aging Phil Klass poses in his walker. Right: Nuclear Physicist Stanton Friedman hawks his wares, as usual. Bottom Row: Computer millionaire Joe Firmage is mobbed by fans following his very thought-provoking presentation Saturday evening. Right: The still beautiful and rather charming Linda Cortile (alias Napolitano) of abduction fame. She was not on the convention program this time, but was seen in the company of her mentor Budd Hopkins, who was.

BOOK REVIEWS:

- We have on hand one of the most unusual books we have ever read on any subject. It is called "The AIDS-ET Connection," and is written by a man named Phillip S. Duke, who says he has a B.S. in chemistry and a Ph.D. in Experimental Pathology. The book is 40 pages long, softcover, and is self-published. It can be obtained for \$20 from the author, at: 2503 S. 47th St., Omaha, Nebraska 68106. The copyright statement reads in part: "Copyright under all American, Pan-American, International, Earth, Lunar, Interstellar and Intergalactic Treaties, Agreements, Conventions and Understandings, Past, Present, and Future.'

The author seems to have a sense of humor, but this is a very serious book. The main thesis is that the AIDS epidemic has been caused deliberately by the gray aliens, in order to eventually wipe out the entire population of this planet, so that they and their hybrids can take over.

Duke has been greatly influenced by the alien implant work of Dr. Roger Leir, who wrote the Foreword, and also by the recent book "The Threat" by Dr. David Jacobs. The author believes that cattle mutilations are performed mostly or entirely by aliens, and that most abduction and implant stories are literally true. He realizes that these are "politically incorrect" views, as he calls it, but he insists that no other theory fits all the facts.

The author's one point which we accept as valid is this: Why indeed did the three known strains of the HIV virus begin almost simultaneously in three widely separated parts of the world - Central Africa, Western Africa, and the U.S. East Coast? This fact has not been satisfactorily explained by medical science. But obviously the existence of a valid medical mystery does not necessarily imply an alien origin - especially when neither cattle mutilations (other than by natural causes, i.e., predators) nor abductions have ever been proven to be real.

Duke seems to be very familiar with the terminology of medical science, and his book definitely deserves to be read and reviewed by some more prestigious journal than "Saucer Smear". But the author insists that his work has been almost completely ignored by the leading UFO organizations as well as the medical community. This of course being because his theory is simply "too hot to handle", he claims.

Our comment is - if the aliens are so evil that they really want to wipe us out, there must be quicker and more humane ways of doing it. Or at least let's hope so! ...

- We have a backlog of several more books to review, but only Space to mention one of them here. It is "UFOS: A Century of Sightings", published by Galde Press of Lakeville, Minnesota, and written by a professional historian named Michael David Hall, who is mercifully no relation to Richard Hall of NICAP fame. The price of this 375-page paperback is about \$40, which is pretty steep - but we of course got it for nothing.

Using Air Force files and other sources, Hall has assembled hundreds of interesting cases, beginning with the 1896-1897 airship scare and going on almost up to the present time. There are very few illustrations, but a great deal of documentation in the form of sources, etc. Unfortunately, neither Moseley, Saucer News nor Saucer Smear are mentioned anywhere, but as they say - you can't have everything! - Good book. Read it!

PFLOCK PTALK - THE FUTURE OF UFOLOGY - IS THERE ONE? (PART 1)

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist

Heckler: Ninety-five percent of science fiction is crap!

SF Writer Theodore Sturgeon: Ninety-five percent of everything is crap!

Just back from this year's MUFON symposium, I'd have to answer my own



question. "Maybe" or "Depends on what you mean by 'future' and how you spell 'ufology', with or without a double 'o'".

On the plus side, including day-pass walk-ins, this year's gaggle drew about 700 - more than double the attendance in Denver last year and approaching triple that of '97 in Grand Rapids. It didn't hurt that the con was held a cigar's throw from the White House, easily and cheaply accessible to far more people. But, then, the '95 event was in Seattle and attendance was over 800 (because Yrs Trly was on the program? Nah...) Who can say what these numbers really mean?

Also on the plus side, two prominent booksellers in the "huckster" room, both of whom had been pessimistic about sales, told me business was booming, far exceeding their most optimistic projections. If activity at other tables is any indication, most of the other merchants and cause mongers for a price did very well indeed. This is important. All but lacking research grants and other sources of funding available to Real Scientists, ufologists largely depend upon commercial publication, the lecture circuit, etc., to stay alive. It's beside the point that 95% of what's sold and what's called research is crap. The other 5% is the hope of "single-'o", ufology, and the rest is the price we pay for it.

Concerning which, it seemed to me the wackiness quotient of this year's speaker line-up was much greater than in the past and (mostly) abductions related. There was Eve Francis Lorgen with her "alien dating service", giving philanders a new excuse when caught in flagrante: The aliens made me do it! (Move over, Ol' Scratch.) And Beverly Trout, Iowa MUFON director, excellent speaker and, she believes, lifelong abductee, telling an um-humming and oh-yessing audience her abductors were using her to teach human-alien hybrids country-and-western line dancing. And Betty Andreasson Luca with the latest version of her absurd hash of "science", born-again Christianity, and mawkish sentimentality. And Bruce Maccabee with a surprise: a highly dubious "UFOto" case which he says provides photographic proof of missing time. (Bruce, given your well-known sensahumor, I'm convinced you're just pulling our collective leg - at least I hope you are.)

But the 5% was well represented by Jenny Randles, Eddie Bullard, and a couple of others...

To Be Continued.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Famed former UFO researcher WILLIAM MOORE writes:

"Thanks for yours of May 16th, in which was included 'about as close to an apology as (I am) likely to get'. Actually, I hadn't expected any 'apology' at all, which of course places the one you offered in my 'acceptable' category.

"Really, my delay in writing this stems more from the fact that I just don't have much to say than it does from anything else. It's been HOT, I've been busy with other things, and my volume of incoming mail has been unusually sparse - all of which has offered little incentive to my catching up with correspondence ...

"You may continue to write to me c/o Burbank as always since my agents there regularly forward mail and, as you have noted, I 'prefer it that way' for reasons which are entirely personal. I expect to be 'here' until at least Fall, and perhaps longer.

"Who the hell is Joe Firmage and what could he possibly have to say that hasn't been said six dozen times already?

"I happened to catch part of the recent series on UFOs which ran on cable, and found myself laughing out loud at people whom I once would have taken seriously. Conclusion: I must have looked equally ridiculous myself once upon a time."

- Arch-skeptic DR.GARY POSNER writes as follows:

"Your Royal Pain in the Highness:

"After reading [Karl Pflock's June 5th 'Smear' column](#), entitled 'Where I Stand', I suggest he take a seat. Of all the cases to single out as apparently 'real', how could he choose the Hill 'abduction'?"

"Not all psychiatrists are like Berthold (you omitted the 'r') Schwarz or John (the Pulitzer was a lifetime ago) Mack. The late Dr. Benamin Simon, a rational and respected clinician, examined the Hills and regressed them hypnotically. The sexual symbolisms, etc., in Betty's flowery account, and the paucity of specific detail in Barney's, led to this diagnosis: The incident was Betty's fantasy, which Barney passively absorbed (like second-hand smoke)..."

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"...My sources from the MUFON Con tell me that Gary Posner is still extremely upset about my reference to him in my 1992 CSICOP paper! (I owe Jerry Clark a thank you for originally calling my attention to Posner's silliness.)

"It has been widely rumored that Posner has been obsequiously pursuing Philip Klass' blessing as the designated heir to the throne of UFO debunkerdom.

"Let's hope that the mantle will be passed to Posner because he certainly has all the needed qualifications. He is a status-conscious, aging white male who seems to be lacking in self-esteem. His rabid skepticism and missionary zeal would bring new excitement to the field of ufoology. He has already accomplished the near-impossible - by comparison he makes Jerry Clark appear calm, level-headed and diplomatic!

"True, Posner's primary claim to fame is being a lowly proof-reader for Klass' SUN, and he lacks the charm, panache, and good humor of Uncle Phil; but his religious fervor will make up for all that!"

- Author & researcher ROB MacGREGOR writes:

"I thought your last issue was well done. You continue to come up with good material while avoiding e-mail and the entire Internet sticky web. You know, it's really quite amazing that 'Smear' is on-line, but Moseley is not!

"Speaking of amazing, I'm glad you're toughing it out with Randi again. I always enjoy your reporting on him. If you ever decide to send out those transcripts, put me on your mailing list. I'll send a love donation in return!

"After I read your latest, I looked up Randi's homepage on the web for the first time to see what he might be saying about this latest controversy. Unfortunately, I found nothing about it. But, for the fun of it I went to a section about psychic fraud and found Randi complaining about Kreskin, saying that while on a TV show he couldn't identify the capital of North Dakota. How that counted as psychic fraud wasn't quite clear.

"However, for me, it was synchronicity, a meaningful collision of two unrelated events: Randi's comment and a personal experience. You see, I had dinner with Kreskin one evening in 1970 when I was a reporter and he was appearing in town for a show. The location: Bismarck, the capital city of North Dakota!"

- Researcher CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes:

"Another tidbit about that Truman quote: I have now located an earlier source than the one I gave before: The quote appears in 'Science, the Public and the UFO' by the Canadian author Arthur Bray, published in 1967 (page 11). He prints the date of Truman's press conference as April 4, 1960 (presumably a misprint). Now wait for this: Bray also gives the source for the alleged quote as 'Flying Saucer Review', a UK zine, in the issue for Vol. 5, No. 5 (1959). So it will be necessary to look at that issue of FSR to see exactly what it said. Alas I do not possess it. Does any reader have FSR Vol. 5, No. 5 of 1959? That might resolve the matter, but again it might not!"

- Famed Cleveland researcher RICK HILBERG writes:

"...Re the Harry Truman 'quote' cited by Paris Flammonde in the current issue of 'Smear': I don't know if it is accurate or not, but I can cite one from 52 years ago today (= July 10th). In a press conference a reporter asked: 'Mr.President, have you seen any flying saucers?' Truman then replied: 'Only in the newspapers'."

- Pro-Roswell researcher BOB GALGANSKI writes as follows:

"... Please give me one more chance ... to clarify [my position](#):

"Regarding the Foster Ranch debris field size and shape, it should be noted that the Air Force claimed in its 1994 Roswell Incident report that Project Mogul Flight 4 debris occupied a 600-foot-diameter circle, based on what Mac Brazel supposedly said in a July 9th, 1947 'Roswell Daily Record' article. (Brazil's unquoted description, which involves much less area than the site Major Jesse Marcel described, is disputed because it was given while he was under extreme duress - held incommunicado and questioned at Roswell Army Air Field for up to a week.) Christopher Allan's statement attributing that description to me is wrong.

"In order for Flight 4's wreckage to create the Brazel/Air Force debris field, most of the 54 square feet of torn laminate from its 3 radar targets would have to end up along the circumference of a 283,000-square-foot circle. I showed that this scenario is untenable, first by means of integral calculus ... and later using a very simple comparative-area calculation ...

Bottom line: The Air Force's own explanation for the debris field is woefully inadequate...and Pflock's evaluation of my findings is moot..."



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Our sincere thanks, as always, to those of you who have sent us material, and may we encourage all of you to continue doing so. Not being on the (cursed) Net, we would miss a lot of good stuff if it were not for your help. Our technology may be from the Stone Age, but we still want to remain - along with Dr. Roger Leir, on the Cutting Edge of Ufoology!

"SMEAR" EDITOR'S PERSONAL "POSITION STATEMENT":

In our last issue, Contributing Editor Karl Pflock devoted [his column](#) to explaining "Where I Stand". Whereas he prefers 3-D "nuts & bolts" saucers & space people, we prefer 3 1/2-D, 4-D or 4 1/2-D entities. But we really only disagree about one thing: Pflock believes that our Visitors were around for a few years and then went away, whereas we feel that, whatever this phenomenon is, it has been a permanent part of the earth's environment at least since the dawn of recorded history, and remains here now.

Our skepticism is caused by the fact that our supposed Visitors are just too much like us - physically, emotionally, and intellectually. They never seem to tell us anything we don't already know. Their technology is only a very few years ahead of

our own.

Granted that intelligent life probably exists throughout the universe, it is still a weird coincidence indeed that we are being visited by creatures who are almost precisely at our own stage of evolution. If they were a little less developed, they couldn't get here at all, and if they were much more developed, we might not even recognize them as intelligent life forms. After all, evolution has been going on for billions of years and hopefully will continue for a few billion years more!

It is absurd to believe that a highly developed race would engage in silly genetic and sexual experiments with earthlings. These creatures seem to be obsessed with sex - just as we are! Abductions apparently have some sort of reality, but it is definitely not a 3-D physical reality. Just what is involved, we do not know.

What is really happening, in our opinion, is that we are having occasional contacts with another realm of being - another dimension, or whatever. There is a vast spectrum of weirdness that includes saucers as well as the paranormal. One cannot be separated from the other, as tempting as it might be to do so. The reality behind the saucers is the ultimate reality behind science and religion. At our present stage of knowledge, we cannot understand it at all well, but hopefully someday we will. Don't hold your breath!



SEX AND SAUCERS - AGAIN!

Speaking of sexual experiments with earthlings, the Spring 1999 issue of the International UFO Reporter (IUR) has a story that makes [David Huggins'](#) life history sound run-of-the-mill.

It seems that a young Australian gentleman named Peter Khoury was in bed early one morning in 1992. He had been injured at work and was on strong pain medication and other drugs, but it is doubtful these caused any hallucination, as he has had contact/abduction type experiences at other times.

In any case, two somewhat unusual-looking naked women appeared in his room from out of nowhere. When he woke up they were both sitting on his bed. One, who was tall and blond, tried to force him to put his face on her breast, but he resisted and bit off a piece of her nipple, in a Mike Tyson sort of way. The woman apparently felt no pain, but both women vanished shortly after that.

Then, when he went into the bathroom, he found two human hairs wrapped painfully around his penis. He placed at least one of them in an envelope, and years later, when the opportunity arose, he gave it to an unnamed group of Australian scientists to analyze, regarding DNA. The result, in long-winded technical language, seems to be that these women are hybrids of some sort, with DNA very close to human, but not quite close enough. Weird!

Here, finally, is an abduction-type story with alleged physical evidence. This article is 16 pages long, so we have only given you the highlights. It is written in a sober, sensible manner by one Bill Chalker, who is described as one of Australia's leading researchers.

JAMES RANDI UPDATE:

When we briefly mentioned James ("The Amusing") Randi and the infamous "Blackmail Tape" in our [May 5th, 1999 issue](#), we did not yet realize that the whole mess has started up all over again. Randi's version of events, going all the way back to 1968, is given in a 7-page rant dated April 1999, with a "To Whom It May Concern" covering letter dated May 3rd, 1999. These

documents can be obtained presumably for free by writing to: James Randi Educational Foundation, 201 S.E. 12th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL. Include stamped self-addressed envelope.

Back in 1991-1992, "Smear" printed a series of articles regarding the lawsuits brought against Randi by psychic Uri Geller and by another (alleged) psychic named Eldon Byrd. We also discussed the "Blackmail Tape" and related matters, and we included long anti-CSICOP articles by parapsychologist George Hansen and UFO historian Jerome Clark. In addition, we published at that time part of an earlier incarnation of Randi's version of events. These articles are in "Smear" Vol. 38, No. 8, 9, and 10 (1991), and Vol. 39, No. 1, 4, 5, and 6 (1992). They may be obtained for a reasonable price from Tom Benson, P. O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606.



JAMES RANDI VS. URI GELLER

A true student of this complicated subject might want to read all of the above, in order to understand both sides of disputed matters.

What has happened recently is as follows: Within the past few months, someone has started sending out the "Blackmail Tape" again, together with other material which Randi considers to be obscene. The old "Blackmail Tape" was on an audio cassette, whereas the new one is on a CD disc.

We have the audio cassette and several copies of the written transcript of same. We have very recently written to Randi asking his permission for us to send to interested parties just the transcript together with his April 1999 rant, so that unbiased people can read both and decide for themselves just what the truth of the matter may be - i.e., under what circumstances was the "Blackmail Tape" made, and how did it get out to the public in the first place? Randi and your editor are in partial disagreement on these matters.

The other Randi event that has happened recently is really strange.

A Caltech (California) graduate student named Conrado Cano wrote a letter to Randi and/or his Foundation, threatening to publish expose material about Randi unless the Foundation pays out its approximately one million dollars in prize money to psychic(s) who deserve it. A deadline of June 1st, 1999 was set for this - the date being the anniversary of the late Carl Sagan's marriage to his wife! Apparently Cano was not even familiar with the "Blackmail Tape" and was referring to other negative material. Incidentally, we are told that Cano is an admirer of far-out UFO guru Dr. Steven Greer.

Because of these apparently unrelated situations - the recent mailings of the Tape and the very peculiar threat by Cano, Randi did a very unexpected thing: When it came his turn to speak at a May 21st-22nd meeting of the Skeptics Society, of which Randi is a leading member (having resigned from CSICOP, the rival skeptical group), our Amusing friend chose to read his above-mentioned 7-page rant, rather than give the speech that everyone expected.

Worse, Cano was actually in the audience at that time. We are told that when Cano heard Randi's emotional defense of his position, he (Cano) went to the opposite extreme and apologized profusely, including in writing - but Randi refused to accept his apology and still considers Cano to be "The Enemy". This is how things now stand.

In the Letters section of this issue we have printed personal letters we have recently received from Randi's current lawyer and from the Amusing One himself. However, at press time we still have no answer to our challenge re distributing the "Blackmail Tape" transcript. Stay tuned!

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- It's hard to listen to Art Bell without a radio. The only radio we currently own is a portable one, which won't be pulled out of the closet till the next hurricane hits Key West - and it will!

We have seen Bell once on CNN, and he seems to be bright and articulate. Other than that we know little about him, except for the items our friends send us from the Net.

One such item states that Bell has been off the air a lot lately, with Whitley Strieber and others filling in for him. Another story implies that he may be in trouble with his network because of some of the things he has said on the air. Still another tells us that there are lawsuits being threatened back and forth between Bell and two of his most persistent critics - reverse-speech guru David John Oakes (whom we heard lecture in Laughlin, Nevada last year) and a NASA supporter named Robert Stephens. These threatened suits are, in part, in regard to a possible pornography charge against Bell back in the 1970s, which Bell vigorously denies.

The most serious matter is the revelation of Bell's "big secret" regarding something terrible in his personal life. It seems that about two years ago, his son Art Bell IV, then 16 years old, was sexually assaulted by a teacher who was infected with the HIV virus. The boy was taken from Nevada to California bound in chains, and was forced to commit sex acts on this substitute teacher, named Brian Lepley, who is now serving life in prison for the crime. Because of the trauma of this incident, the boy later attempted suicide. His father is suing the school district in question, because of the physical and emotional injuries suffered by his son.

Art Bell is heard on over 400 radio stations, when he is heard at all....

- As many of you know, "reverse speech" is the art of playing a tape recording backward and finding a group of words that form a meaningful commentary on the original statement.

Anagrams are somewhat the same. In an anagram, a word or phrase is made by transposing or rearranging the letters of another word or phrase. Some of these can be very clever and apparently meaningful. Someone has come up with this one: "PRESIDENT CLINTON OF THE USA,, becomes "TO COPULATE HE FINDS INTERNS". We kid you not! (Our thanks to anti-Clintonite Karl Pflock for sending us this one!) ...

- Recently we told you of a [heart attack](#) suffered by Mars enthusiast Richard Hoagland, and we also mentioned that some of his friends thought this might have been brought on by the stress of having to listen to his critics.

Similarly, podiatrist & abduction researcher Dr. Roger Leir has now had a very serious heart attack, and he has a history of heart trouble in the past. Leir is the gentleman who extracted a couple of alleged alien implants on a TV Special not long ago.

The most interesting part of the Leir story is the fact that, immediately following Leir's high-profile activities in the UFO field, a malpractice lawsuit that had been dormant for several years was suddenly revived by the Medical Board, and the eventual outcome was that Leir was put on probation for three years. He claims that this was the first and only malpractice complaint he had in 34 years of practice.

Leir's lawyer believes that the timing of the Board's action is "highly suspicious". He goes on to say: "I believe that if Dr. Leir had not been involved in the NBC TV show about alien implants and had not written a book published in January 1999... his medical license would be secure from attack by the Medical Board".

In any case, it was just one month after this alleged persecution that Dr. Leir fell ill. Coincidence?? We really don't know...

- Careful observers may have noticed that another person has been added on the masthead to the vast "Saucer Smear" staff. This is a young man named Randal Raydon, who helps us with the mailings and is

therefore entitled to the title of Office Manager, which he now assumes...

- Professional-quality research by ufologist Bill LaParl Jr. has proven that the so-called CIA/Hillenkoetter memo of April 12th, 1949 is a fake, and thus is not one of about 550 pages of FOIA documents sent by the government to researcher Timothy S. Cooper. The document in question is one of the gems of the new MJ-12 series, because of the fact that distribution of the memo to "MJ-12" is indicated at the lower left corner of the page.

Thus we must live on with no proof as yet from any source that MJ-12 ever existed...

- The weekend of June 5th-6th saw New Jersey saucer personality Pat Marcutilio ("Dr.UFO") host his latest convention, billed as "the 9th Great UFO/ET Alien & Abduction Congress". It was held at the Days Inn in Bordentown, N.J., which is the same place that last year's National UFO Conference was held. Unfortunately, we are told that the Con was a "Bomb" this time, as Pat failed to do much advance publicity at all! Last year we drew about a hundred people, but this year less than twenty people attended, not including the speakers themselves.

There were about eight speakers at Pat's Congress, including Bob Durant, Derrel Sims, and Bob Teets of West Virginia. The last speaker on the Sunday afternoon program was supposed to be a lady known as Anna Hayes, but by then the hall was almost empty, and she therefore refused to go on.Pity!

PFLOCK PTALK - GARBAGE IN, GARBAGE OUT

by Karl Pflock, "Smear" Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Last "Smear", it seemed I'd made a hairsbreadth escape from a howling mob of true ufological and ufoological believers.Let's see what's doing now on the ramparts of embattled Fort Erehwon...

Whew! The mob is cheering - except that drooling remnant of Operation Right to Know over there. No, friends! Don't ... Eeeww! Too late. While I appreciate your enthusiastic support, please remember loons have a constitutional right to be loons.

Uh, oh! Here comes another mob - waving copies of Skeptical Inquirer and works of Phil Klass and Robert Sheaffer. Who is that geezer in front, wielding a cane and tape recorder? Barker save us! The Klass himself! Oh, woe. Now what?! Maybe...

In [a letter last ish](#), fellow Ufologist of the Year Robert Galganski took issue with my characterization of his analysis of the Roswell debris field "data" as silly. He's right. His analysis isn't silly. In fact, it's good, solid work. What's silly is the data on which he chose to base it.

Galganski assumes the anecdotes in which it is asserted the debris covered a large area of New Mexico high desert are true. He conveniently ignores the vast weight of testimony on the other side of the question, not the least being that of rancher Mac Brazel and his daughter Bessie, who helped her father round up the stuff. Then Galganski applies his considerable technical skills to his selective data and, wonder of wonders, comes up with answers comforting to those who still desperately cling to the dream of a saucer crash/retrieval near Roswell.

As I pointed out in IUR about a year ago, Galganski and others in The Field would do well to heed this point made by my old friend, the late, great Robert Heinlein: No matter how much effort, skill, talent, knowledge, and love - not to mention wishful thinking - are applied to the making of mud pies (or out of this world debris fields), the end product is still mud (or silly ufoological pipe dreams). GIGO - garbage in, garbage out!

The whole issue of data selection is one which plagues ufology across the board. What data is good data? What data really is ufologically relevant as opposed to just anomalistic - e.g., do Bigfoot, crop circles, chupacabras, and most alleged abductions really apply? A ufologist's garbage may be a cryptozoologist's treasure, and vice versa...

Next time, the future of ufology - is there one?

BOOK REVIEWS:

We have a surprisingly pleasant book called "UFOs Over Topanga Canyon", referring to a sparsely-populated hilly area several miles north of metropolitan Los Angeles. This tome is written by Preston Dennett, who is identified as a field investigator for MUFON. The publisher is Llewellyn, and the price is \$12.95.

It seems that in Topanga Canyon there have been many UFO sightings over the years, peaking in a "flap" on and following June 14th, 1992. For instance, on that date a couple identified only as Daniel and Katherine had a series of very unusual sightings. Over a period of approximately two hours, they witnessed a total of some two hundred lights or small craft move about in close proximity to their Topanga Canyon home. Over a period of weeks, another couple had close-up sightings of craft of different sizes, some of which appeared to hover or land just a few yards from their house. (But they were never curious enough to go outdoors to learn more details!) In all, the author has investigated 82 incidents, mostly from 1992, but some going back as far as the 1940s and 1950s.

What we like about this book is that Dennett sticks to the facts, as told to him by the witnesses. He doesn't go off onto any tangents as to what the meaning of all this may be. On the other hand, few real names are used, there are no photographs, and all we really have is the unsubstantiated word of various people who seem to be a reasonable cross-section of Canyon residents. Thus the bottom line is - lots of intriguing evidence, but no proof of anything.

Is Topanga Canyon a "window" area, like Gulf Breeze and several other areas are claimed to be? We surely don't know, and neither does But this is a worthwhile read....

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR

- BRENTON N. VER PLOEG of Miami's prestigious law firm of Ver Ploeg & Lumpkin, P.A., writes as follows:

"You may recall your promise of years ago to place me on the 'Saucer Smear' mailing list, but your agreement to do so must have slipped your mind. In any case, my sole interest was in monitoring your temptations to get yourself in trouble with respect to our client James Randi.

"The summary of the material which [you very aptly describe](#) as the 'blackmail tape', contained on page 4 of your May 5th, 1999 newsletter, seems to omit the fact that Randi turned the tapes over to the police for purposes of prosecution, and that the police asked him to record them in the first place, which might be seen by reasonable minds as an unusual step for someone intending private solicitations.

"In any case, you're certainly welcome to publish your perception of the truth as long as you comply with your obligations under the law, but that means you have an obligation to act responsibly. I cannot imagine what your motivation was for bringing this subject up again, but unless you want to start a checklist as to the number of times you've actually been sued, we suggest that you cease these references.,,

- And, JAMES ("THE AMUSING") RANDI himself writes us as follows, in sending us his 7-page rant mentioned previously:

"Perhaps this document will enlighten you about the silly canards you insist on perpetuating. But I'm sure, based upon your behavior to date, that you will enjoy giggling over them, regardless.

"I really don't know what happened to you, Jim. For some reason, you decided to turn on me, and you believed every bit of crap that the nutfringe turned out. It's hard to figure, really.,,

Bullshit! -Editor.

- Psychiatrist & parapsychologist BERTHOLD SCHWARZ writes as follows:

"Thanks for the dandy review of my book and in particular the sentences that put the critical question to Randi - a put up or shut up situation, if he were not so agile with the media. Someone someday might have a thriller if they cared to look into his career and prepare a miniseries. Perhaps not quite as he might wish or expect! ...

"You are to be commended for keeping up 'Saucer Smear'. It is a lot of work and you have to wade in muddy waters. But isn't that the stuff of which much of Ufology is? Great that you still have maintained your excellent sense of humor..."

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:



"I'd like to address the rather serious ufological problem of the ever-mounting number of reported [large game abductions](#) (i.e., elk, moose, wild horses, domesticated bovine and donkeys too.)

"Alarmingly, these creatures may also be used by the unscrupulous little grays for crossbreeding experimentation; and while it may be somewhat difficult to imagine exactly what these weird hybrids might look like (i.e., large heads, dark oval eyes, blond wispy hair and antlers!), from a purely 'sexual attribute' point of view, the males of the hybrid species should grow up to be very popular on their home planet, and right here on terra firma too!

"If I may, I'd like to suggest that these well-endowed hybrids be called 'Gianticus Erectus', or 'Phalli Robustus', which would serve to immediately identify them from the

much smaller variety of hybrid creatures being reported by Strieber, Hopkins, Jacobs and Dr. Mack.

"P.S: They may even have little black, wet noses!?"

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes;

"Many thanks for the latest 'Smear'.

"How many [illegitimate children](#) does Phil Klass have?? I've lost count!

"Kudos to [Carlos Mentira](#) for his exceptionally subtle humor.

"George Filer has talked with Firmage. Firmage told him that he has spent time talking with Richard Doty. It looks like ufology will be inflicted with yet another millionaire eccentric. Wheee!!"

- Our olde pal CHRISTOPHER ALLAN from Beyond the Pond writes:

"I do agree with you about that pathetic '[Roswell Revival](#)' attempt by Tom Carey & Don Schmitt. That they could be considering to examine 'rodent holes' in the desert, after half a century, is laughable. The same goes for that other equally pathetic effort - namely the so-called 'computer analysis' of the memo in General Ramey's hand in the Fort Worth photos. The Roswell diehards will never give up, and their fantasies will likely continue forever..."

["Bob Galganski"](#) tells us the debris field was a circle 600 feet in diameter... The whole concept of the shape and size of the debris field is based on guesswork; and no amount of higher mathematics, be it double integrals, error functions, alphas, betas or gammas is going to prove anything - anything at all. It may look good on paper but it is practically worthless..."

- Another old-timer, PARIS FLAMMONDE, writes as follows:

... [Joe Firmage's quote](#) (re Harry Truman), 'I can assure you that flying saucers, given they exist, are not constructed by any power on earth', need not have been borrowed from Berliner and Hunneus (1995), since twenty years earlier it served as an epigram for Chapter One ('The Renaissance') of my book 'UFO Exist!' (G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1976) and, of course, in Ballentine's paperback edition, as well as the German & French versions. To wit: There were many accesses to the text and the quote ... I originally found it in a news magazine, I believe, but it resides or hides among ten thousand cuttings, and I haven't the four years required to excavate it.

"I continue to admire your stamina in sticking by the wheel of the earthbound newspace ship, as it plows through the rough seas of both belief, maybelief, and disbelief. One peruses (especially the ruses) every issue, excepting, perhaps, some of the auto-oriented missives of the soi distant experts on everything..."

What?? -Editor.

- The semi-mysterious HAL RUSSELL of the Naval Air Warfare Station at Point Mugu, California, writes as follows:

"... Basically, I'm a skeptic who would love to believe. A scientifically trained skeptic - a degree in physics, and my records DO exist - a skeptic familiar with aircraft from various countries, including some black projects; a former pilot and a certified Navy photographer...I, personally, want to find some UFO evidence that will stand up on its own without a lot of suppositions and speculations having to be proffered, plus I want to find sightings that defy explanation, and I have - Cash/Landrum and Socorro, New Mexico. Those are 'keepers'

WOULD YOU LIKE PEANUT BUTTER WITH THAT?

A woman who bought a tube of contraceptive jelly from a drugstore in Memphis, Tenn., became pregnant and announced she was suing the drug store for \$500,000. The woman explained she had unprotected sex because she thought she was safe after eating the jelly on toast, admitting, "Who has time to sit around reading directions these days, especially when you're sexually aroused?"



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MORE ON HARRY S TRUMAN'S UFO VIEWS:

In our [March 15th issue](#), we discussed the Truman quote in Joe Firmage's recent full-page ad in the newspaper USA Today, and we also modestly mentioned our own two meetings with Truman in which he definitely expressed negative opinions about flying saucers.

Once again, the Firmage quote, from an April 4th, 1950 press conference, is: "I can assure you that flying saucers, given that they exist, are not constructed by any power on earth". The key phrase here is "given that they exist". The obvious implication is that Truman did not believe they exist!

Firmage apparently obtained this quote from "The Unidentified Flying Objects Briefing Document", published in 1995 by Don Berliner and Antonio Hunneus. The problem is that according to MUFON Eastern Director George Filer, Stanton Friedman claims that there is no record of Truman having had any press conference on April 4th, 1950. In our opinion the quote is quite consistent with Truman's views as we knew them, but nevertheless it may be bogus.

We asked Antonio Huneeus about all this, and he admits that he obtained the quote from someone else (probably Berliner), and that he never had time to check it out for himself. Thus there is a bit of a mystery here.

Several of Firmage's thirteen other celebrity quotes in this ad are from the Berliner/Huneeus source, and it must be said that some of them (not necessarily the same ones) are misleading or taken out of context. (Our thanks to Karl Pflock & Antonio Huneeus for help on this item.)

FAKE ALIEN TEACHER FIRED NEAR KEY WEST:

Several years ago, your "Smear" editor was fired as MUFON Section Director for Monroe County, Florida, where Key West is located. This was probably because we didn't bring in any new MUFON members or investigate any UFO cases - since there were no local cases to investigate.

Here, finally, is a UFO-related story from Plantation Key, just a few miles from Key West. On May 11th a new science teacher named Hugh Allan was abruptly fired when it became known he was telling students that he was an alien from outer space. (He claimed he was just kidding.) This and other strange behavior caused Allan to be escorted off the school property by the police and told not to come back. According to the article, there were concerns that he was "chemically dependent" and could become violent.

If we decide to investigate this case, we will be sure to ask Allan if he is interested in becoming a MUFON member!

FAKE MARTIAN IN CANADA:

In Toronto, Canada, a man claiming to be a Martian had his lawsuit thrown out of court on the grounds that, since he was neither a human being nor a corporation, he had no standing in an Ontario (Canada) court.

The man, named Rene Joly, was suing the Defence Minister and several others, all of whom he connected to a plot to conceal his Martian origins.

RE-REVIEWING OUR OWN REVIEW:

Ann Druffel, author of "How to Defend Yourself Against Alien Abduction", has written us mildly suggesting that she didn't much like [our recent review](#) of her book. She suggested that we actually read the book, or else quote from someone else's more favorable review.

We have chosen to do the latter. A person in Australia named Jim Owen wrote as follows about Ann's book: "Anyone who has the belief that he or she may be or has been involved in the Abduction Phenomena would find this publication an extremely rewarding experience. I would also suggest that anyone who has an interest in the subjects of UFOs or abductions will find this a most stimulating and rewarding book... "

It is available for \$12 from: Crown Publishers, 201 East 50th St., New York, N.Y. 10022.

CRACKPOTS VS. CRACKPOTS:

We have a really strange Internet item from Canada, in which two real astrophysicists, working on communication with possible extraterrestrials, have stated their serious concern that "amateurs" may send

messages into Space that give said extraterrestrials the wrong ideas!

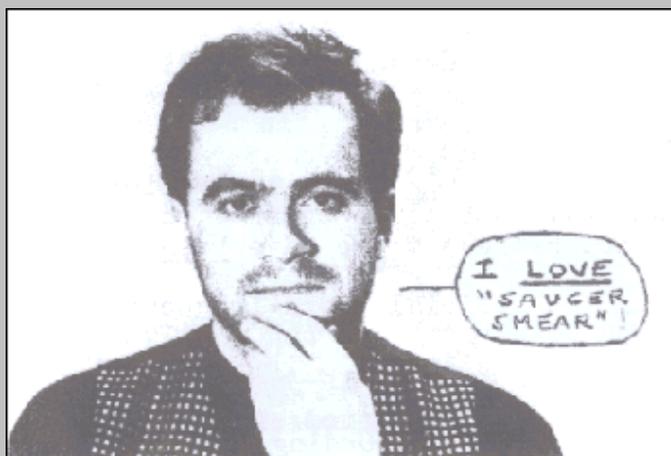
The two scientists, who are employed by the Canadian government, are concerned that "inexperienced UFO fanatics could inadvertently invite an alien invasion". In an e-mail to the Prime Minister and other officials, they complained that "sooner or later, messages carelessly designed might put Earth at risk".

A spokesman for the Prime Minister commented, "Come on, this is insane!", and another official wondered facetiously if communications with space beings would be conducted properly in both of Canada's official languages - French and English.

UPDATE ON [THE GLORIOUS FORTHCOMING SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION:](#)

The 36th running of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will be held on the weekend of September 25th & 26th at the Seven Oaks Hotel and Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. (Phone: 210-824-5371.) Ordinary rooms will go for \$45 per night, suites for \$75.

Confirmed speakers include Whitley Strieber, computer whiz Joe Firmage (pictured below), MUFON czar Walt Andrus, Roswell expert Kevin Randle, "Smear" Contributing Editor Karl Pflock, and several others. You can reach local host Dennis Stacy at: P.O. Box 12434, San Antonio, Tx. 78212.



SHIT FROM THE SKY!

According to the May 16th Albuquerque (N.M.) Journal, Salt Lake City, Utah, has been the scene of a rather disgusting series of about a dozen Fortean falls involving raw sewage, apparently dumped by passing airplanes. It is not at all clear, however, if airplanes are really the right answer here. One theory is that the shit is being dumped deliberately by one airplane, though this has not been proven. Our theory is that the Space People have finally gotten fed up with us Earthlings for some good reason! (Our thanks to non-subscriber Steve Barnett for this one.)

IT'S ABOUT TIME:

An interesting article in the Spring 1999 issue of Brent Raynes' "Alternate Perceptions" Magazine, written by Scott Dow, debunks the idea that the Roswell Incident was actually a Fu-go (or Fugo) balloon launched by the Japanese during World War II. The article notes that the Fu-go theory was originally proposed by John Keel in Fate Magazine, and also by Dr. Greg Little in a 1994 book. The article goes on to say that Little now believes in

the Mogul balloon explanation for Roswell (as does your "Smear" editor). It is not known if Keel still hangs on to his Fu-gos!

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- Here's a postscript to [our lead article](#) in the April 10th "Smear", which described an amazing possible alien skeleton that has become of great interest to Walt Andrus of MUFON. We mentioned that the book "Fossil Remains of Mythical Creatures", from which the alien skeleton story is taken, contains a long highly skeptical introduction by one George Toomer. Toomer is described as "Eliade Professor of Comparative Religion, Ladonia (Texas) University". Unfortunately, Ladonia is a tiny town, and has no university. Obviously Toomer is Bob Slaughter himself, author of the book.

See also the [letter to the Editor](#), further along in this issue, from Bob's widow Edith Slaughter...

- We haven't heard lately from John Ford, formerly head of the Long Island (N.Y.) UFO Network, who has spent the past couple of years in Confinement, on a charge of conspiracy to commit murder. Until recently Ford was writing us frequently with updates on his case.

Now, thanks to researcher Jerry Lucci, we have a May 7th article, which tells us that Ford has pleaded "not responsible by reason of mental incompetence". Eventually, if Ford is found mentally able to return to society, he will be set free. If he had been found guilty, he might have been sentenced to 25 years or more, in prison!

Ford was originally accused of masterminding a conspiracy to kill 3 Suffolk County Republican officials by poisoning them, in a belief that the county government was hiding the truth about UFO crashes on Long Island. Most ufologists, however, do not believe there have been any UFO crashes on Long Island.

Ironically, one of the three public officials Ford is accused of plotting against has himself been charged with extortion and involvement in a truck-theft ring. Typical small-town Long Island behavior, we might say!..

- Now for you millennium fans, here's something new to worry about that may be worse than the Y2K bug. It seems that the Sun's 11-year cycle of solar activity will peak at about the same time as the dreaded forthcoming millennium weekend (Dec. 31st, 1999) The last maximum occurred in March 1989, and is thought to have been the cause of a massive power failure in Quebec, Canada, that left millions of homes without power for several days. The article goes on to say that electric power companies are very reluctant to admit that solar flares cause any of their problems, because "Acts of God" are not covered in their insurance policies!...
- Amid new rumors that he is being gradually eased off the air, radio host Art Bell has recently co-authored at least two books - one with Whitley Strieber called "How to Survive the End of the World" (this we have not yet seen), and another co-authored with famed New Age writer Brad Steiger. The latter is called "The Source - Journey Through the Unexplained", and will be reviewed in a future "Smear" ...
- U.S. billionaire Laurence Rockefeller, who has dropped quite a bit of money on American ufological projects, is now financing England's largest and most scientific study of the crop circle phenomenon. The Internet account states that "Mr. Rockefeller, scion of the famous dynasty, has a long-standing interest in UFOs and other bizarre phenomena". It goes on to say that Rockefeller has provided "hundreds of thousands of dollars" to abduction researcher John Mack. We wonder if this is really true. (Our thanks to Wm. LaParl Jr. for this & other items in this issue.) ...
- The May 1999 issue of the MUFON Journal contains a rather pathetic article co-authored by Roswell die-hards Tom Carey and Don Schmitt. Entitled "Roswell 1999: What's New?", the article describes numerous new Roswell leads that are not likely to be any better than the old leads!

Most pathetic of all is the authors' idea to dig into "rodent holes" at the famed "debris field", in the hope

that tiny pieces of the Holy Grail might still be hidden therein, ever since 1947. Good luck, guys!

PFLOCK PTALK - WHERE I STAND

by Karl Pflock, "Smear" Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



In response to overwhelming demand from "Smear" non-subscribers and mindful of the howling mob of ufological true believers trudging up the hill toward dear ol' Hacienda Erehwon, this column is devoted to a statement of my position on the nature and origin of UFOS.

Yipe! The mob's at the gate. So without further preamble: UFOs are real - as yet unexplained phenomena. Many solid unknowns involving reports of strange craft and sometimes living creatures and/or physical evidence and visual records (photos, motion picture film) leave us with but two choices: hoax or real essentially as reported (a few admit of a psychological explanation as well). If what occurred in these cases was objectively real and reasonably accurately reported, they must have been encounters with nonhuman intelligence and its

works.

Based on the data, I'm subjectively certain we have been visited by nonhuman intelligent beings - to my '50s-conditioned mind, most likely from an extra-solar planet of our galaxy. However, we do not yet have proof of this - as opposed to very strong evidence pointing to it - though such proof very well may be in the data already in hand, as yet unrecognized as such.

If we've had such visitors, I suspect they were here and left some time ago - arriving in the early to mid-1940s, and departing in the late 1960s or early 1970s. They came here because Sol and his planets seemed cozily familiar. They studied our entire system and us quite closely. Once in awhile a couple of grad students got out of hand and buzzed the natives. On occasion some ambitious scientists overstepped a bit and interfered with the locals - the famous and, in my considered opinion, real 1961 abduction of Barney and Betty Hill comes to mind. Then they left, leaving us wondering, dreaming, hoping...

Next time, a few more thoughts on what's right with ufology.

BOOK REVIEWS:

As usual, UFO-related books are coming into our Headquarters faster than we can find Space to review them.

The latest to arrive is a 32-page softcover effort called "Rick Hilberg's Book of Weirdology", written by (guess who?) Rick Hilberg of Cleveland's United Aerial Phenomena Agency (DAPA). This booklet is an anthology of articles previously published in recent years in UAPA's various books & magazines.

Says Hilberg: "Sometimes the UFO phenomenon gets so strange and almost unreal that one has to wonder if what we call 'UFOs' may be somehow related to all manner of things that we classify as 'Fortean'. This is a view that we at "Smear" have entertained for many years.

For a mere \$5.95, an enlightened researcher can obtain this book plus a previous effort called "Around and About the Saucer World". Simply send your money to 377 Race Street, Berea, Ohio 44017, and tell Rick that you are a hard-core follower of the late, great Charles Fort! ...



RICK HILBERG

- Dr. Bethold Schwarz has kindly sent us his latest book, called "Psychiatric and Paranormal Aspects of Ufology", a 70-page paperback published by White Buffalo Books. (Price = \$7.95.) Schwarz is a genuine

M.D., specializing in psychiatry, and has published several much larger books about parapsychology over a period of many years. He currently lives in Vero Beach, Florida, where we met and interviewed him a few years ago.

Summarizing Schwarz's work, we find every type of psychic manifestation known to the mind of man, all described in some detail. Much of it is merely anecdotal, while some of the research is conducted under supposed laboratory conditions.

Schwarz is a sincere, kindly, gentle person, and we hesitate to call him gullible. Yet it is well known that quite a few years ago, James ("The Amusing") Randi sent two of his young male proteges to Schwarz, and they succeeded in humiliating him by exposing some of his laboratory experiments as inept. This was deliberately done in such a cruel and mean-spirited way that we have always thought less of Randi for having done it!

We agree with Schwarz' statement on Page 32 of the book: "The fact that an event can be mimicked or faked does not mean that real events came about this way. This is a major problem for Psychical research. Sadly, in some instances high ethical standards that apply to parapsychologists in research do not equally apply to magicians - in reference to their veracity and their unwillingness (or inability) to duplicate specific feats under the exact same conditions that prevailed for the experiment being scientifically tested."

Randi, of course, is a magician.

The paranormal is a very complex and controversial subject, but if you want to see what kind of claimed psychic manifestations are going on, by all means read this book.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Researcher JERRY LUCCI writes as follows;

"Having just reviewed a copy of 'Fossil Remains of Mythical Creatures', I now fully understand why ufology is in the state that it is in. When the Exalted Supreme Commander of MUFON can find an alien in the same book along with mermaids, leprechauns, etc., and even for a second give it serious thought, this tells you all you need to know!

"Seriously speaking, Jim - having read the MUFON article and then viewed the book, I was shocked to say the least. While we might all sit down and laugh, it should give everyone pause to wonder what other crap is being passed off as serious research in the MUFON Journal!

"Speaking of esteemed researchers, I have enclosed the latest information on Long Island UFO expert John Ford, who never saw a forest fire that wasn't caused by a crashed UFO!"

This information is in this issue, under ["Miscellaneous Ravings"](#) -Editor.

- JUDITH SLAUGHTER, widow of the author of "Fossil Remains of Mythical Creatures", writes as follows:

"I was greatly amused by the 'Saucer Smear' issue about our alien, and the subsequent issue with commentaries was great too. Thanks so much for sending them..."

"Walt Andrus made several attempts to call me so, that he could get some samples for DNA testing. When we failed to touch base, he went to Ladonia (Texas) to investigate and to interview some people. He went to the purple Victorian house where the alien letter was discovered, and talked to its owner Pete Betters. I'm afraid Walt didn't obtain much documentation or evidence. But he still would like to have the alien for his MUFON museum, which I said I would consider if the rest of Bob's family was in agreement.

"Thanks again for your kindness, and I love your publication..."

- PHILLIP S. DUKE Ph.D. writes:

"...I liked [the cartoon](#), and it sure looks like Marvin Martian to me. Cartoonist Matt Graeber should have stuck to his guns. The 'skeleton' is obviously a Walt Andrus hoax. It can only bring disrepute to ufology. It seems to me that Mr. Andrus' MUFON does more harm than good and should be disbanded!..."

- Roswell die-hard BOB GALGANSKI writes as follows:

"In [his last column](#), Karl Pflock dismissed as 'silly' my ... articles which posit a non-Mogul explanation for the Roswell debris field. It's possible that his pea-brained assessment of my research stems from his inability to comprehend the mathematics I employed in two of those articles. That said, perhaps he'll understand the very simple calculations and associated reasoning presented below, and admit that the Mogul hypothesis just won't work.

"The Air Force's 1994 report on the Roswell Incident claims the debris (most of which comprised thin, sheet-like fragments) was scattered within a 600-foot-diameter circle. If Mogul Flight 4 caused the debris field, the aluminum foil/paper laminate from its three radar targets would have been the only possible source for the allegedly unusual thinshell fragments found at the Foster ranch site. All 54 square feet of it would have covered only 0.02% (a tiny fraction of one percent) of the 283,000 square foot ground area.

"in order for an eyewitness to infer that the field had at least a crude circular shape, the laminate sheeting would have to break into countless pieces, with many of them located along the circle's nearly 1,900-foot-long circumference. But most of the latter fragments along any portion of this arc couldn't be too small; otherwise they wouldn't be visible from the center of the circle (or farther away) or from a vantage point outside of it. A measly 54 square feet of laminate clearly wouldn't provide enough material to satisfy both of these requirements.."

- Researcher ROBERT TODD, writing on stationery of his self-styled "Roswell Rehab Center", writes as follows.

"You might recall that you telephoned me awhile back concerning the 'new' MJ-12 documents. I had not had an opportunity to examine the documents as of the time of your call, and I said I'd let you know when I had taken a look at them.

"Well, I looked through the 'new' documents, and I am completely unimpressed. Even less impressive is the credulous attempt at 'authentication' carried out by Robert and Ryan Wood. I purchased their two booklets containing reproductions of the documents, and the reconstructions of the documents performed by the Woods. I also purchased their CD-ROM, 'The Secret', which apparently contains their current position on these documents. In all cases, I am tremendously unimpressed.

"The documents are pathetic, and that's being generous! Already the Woods are issuing preposterous rationalizations in an attempt to explain away the many flaws contained therein. Many of these flaws are fatal to the idea of authenticity, but it seems clear that nothing will deter the Woods from their mission. They are offering their collection for the price of \$40.00, are planning to come out with a book, and hope to produce a television documentary. Perhaps the fact that Ryan Wood has a background in marketing has something to do with it.

"It appears that both the Woods and Timothy Cooper (their source) have withheld and are withholding certain materials. I'm sure they can justify this by claiming they are still carrying out investigations. Apparently everybody they take into their confidence has to sign a non-disclosure agreement. Essentially, the Woods and Cooper are controlling the whole show, making sure nobody shoots the documents down completely before the Woods come out with their book and documentary ...

"Fortunately, there are a number of competent and appropriately skeptical people involved in the debate with the Woods, and I have absolutely no intention of wasting the rest of my life trying to pick the documents apart ..."

- Researcher HERBERT TAYLOR writes as follows, to our Contributing Editor Karl Pflock:

"Your 'Pflock Ptalk' column in the latest 'Smear' was interesting as usual, but unfortunately I don't share your sanguine views on CUFOS and FUFOR. I wish I could, but I can't. I agree that both organizations are capable of some very good work when not promoting the Roswell crap, but this lapse of judgment is so egregious that it pushes everything else into the background. Their mindless promotion of Roswell casts a pall over everything else they do. At least that's the way I feel about it ..."

"Their promotion of Roswell is not a trivial item. To the contrary, it goes to the very core of one's perspective on the UFO phenomenon. Belief in Roswell not only means that our government had the smoking gun in their hands from the very beginning of the modern UFO era, but that they have engaged in a vast cover-up to hide this from the public. Dismissal of Roswell leads one to the opposite view. It does make quite a difference on perspective."

"Friends don't always see eye to eye on things, and I'm afraid that this is one area where we don't. In any event, 'Pflock Ptalk' has been a fine addition to 'Smear', and I hope it stays as a permanent column..."

- PHIL KLASS, slightly tongue-in-cheek, writes:

"Dear Capt. Jim Moseley:

"I was very, very disappointed to learn (from the May 5th issue of Smear') that I am not on [your 'Enemies List'](#). You are on mine, for the following reasons:

1. You are critical of several ufologists whom I very greatly admire: Jerry Clark, Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs, and Bill Moore.
2. You refuse to admit that you were in bed with Linda 'Cortile' the night she was beamed up to a hovering UFO, and that the ETs refused to take you along because your sperm was not up to their high standards.
3. You refuse to allow me to make public the fact that you are my illegitimate son, the result of a liason with Glenn Dennis' nurse Naomi Selff when I was sent to Roswell Army Air Field in mid-1947 as a General Electric field engineer, to repair GE remote turret systems on the 509th's B-29s.
4. You refuse to allow me to reveal that you were chairman of MJ-12 until you were replaced by Stanton Friedman."

- CARLOS MENTIRA, who hasn't written to us in a very long time, has this to say:

"Regarding [your 'Enemies List'](#), it is obvious that these are all people whom you have deliberately pissed off by your National Enquirer type journalism in 'Smear'. No wonder they don't like you. You are just lucky you have never been sued!

"I know for a fact that Jerry Clark is one of the most even-tempered, fair-minded gentlemen in the UFO field. No doubt you are merely jealous of his financial success. You should apologize to him and to Mr. Hopkins for your shameless attacks on them! Who cares if Hopkins doesn't know where the Brooklyn Bridge is. Frankly, I don't know, either! ..."

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"Having just read the May issue of the MUFON Journal, I have come to the opinion that ufology would be best served if MUFON were to set up a hot-line for people to report on

missing elk, moose, and prairie dogs. Also, an abducted elk support group would be helpful and humane ...

"Of course, funding for these noble projects might be a little difficult to come by. But perhaps you could mention the need for these programs to Joe Firmage when you meet him. If he goes for the idea, we may even be able to have him contribute to 'the association of ufologically astute pathological fibbers' (AUAPF), which has a growing membership, especially in New Mexico!

"Till then, keep on watching the skies!.."



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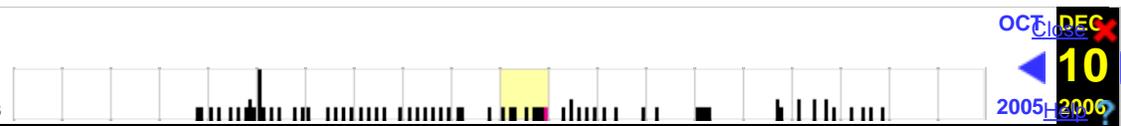


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"You are... a boil on the ass of ufology"

-JOHN KEEL, writing in the March 25th, 1977 issue of "Saucer Glues" (one of the former names of "Saucer Smear)

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UPDATE ON THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE

As previously stated, the 36th National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will be hosted by former MUFON Journal editor Dennis Stacy of San Antonio, Tx. The convention has now been expanded to a two-day event, on Saturday Sept. 25th and Sunday Sept. 26th. The location is the Seven Oaks Hotel and Convention Center, 1400 Austin Highway, San Antonio. (Phone: 210-824-5371.) Ordinary rooms will go for \$45 per night, suites for \$75.

Speakers will include MUFON czar Walt Andrus, famed UFO & abduction researcher Kevin Randle, and there will be a special guest appearance by the one & only Whitley Strieber. Computer whiz Joe Firmage has just come aboard, as well! Other speakers include Karl Pflock, Patrick Huyghe, Tom Dewley, Constance Clare, Linda Corley, and of course your humble "Smear" editor, who will also act as Master of Ceremonies. Other noted experts are still being lined up as we go to press.

For more information, write to Dennis Stacy at: P.O. Box 12434, San Antonio, Texas 78212. This is one convention that is shaping up to be quite a bit different from any of the others, so you will surely want to be there if you possibly can!

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- We apologize for the very poor quality of the photo of Walt Andrus, on the front page of our last issue. The excessive darkness and lack of detail was not done on purpose...
- As predicted in our Feb. 15th issue, Budd Hopkins' Intruders Foundation hosted a one-day convention in New York City last April 10th, featuring talks by Stanton Friedman, Jerome Clark, Carol Rainey (Hopkins' current wife), Hopkins himself, and David Jacobs. Clark was to be the moderator, but instead that task went to someone named Greg Sandow. As mentioned in "Smear" at the time, Kevin Randle was pointedly not invited, though he is one of the co-authors of a moderate abduction book that is just about to come off the press.

This conference attracted about 300 people, and was quite successful, according to our information....

- We are reliably informed that the president of James Randi's Educational Foundation is a computer millionaire named Richard Adams. This organization is devoted to exposing psychic fraud, just as Randi does as an individual; but for some strange reason Randi does not want us to know who this guy really is.

Adams might be considered the psychic (or anti-psychic) opposite of Joe Firmage, the computer millionaire who has recently entered the pro-UFO movement with great gusto...

- As we have mentioned previously, MUFON has decided to sponsor a "Ballot Initiative" in next year's elections, in which voters will be asked to agree to proclaim the year 2000 to be "The Year of UFO Awareness". Spurred on by zealots such as Larry Bryant and Peter Gersten, MUFON will work through its many state chapters to try to bring this about. We wish them luck, as they will need all the luck they can get - plus a lot of very hard work!
- Long-time "Smear" fans know that we rarely print sightings; but here's one that "takes the cake", if indeed it really happened. Allegedly the daytime abduction of an elk by a flying saucer was witnessed by no less than fourteen forestry workers in Washington State last February 25th. They watched as one elk from a herd was slowly sucked up into the lower part of a low-flying UFO, which eventually disappeared from view presumably with the animal still inside it. The only fishy part of this story is that the forestry people were working on a contract for a "large corporation" which, at their request, cannot be named. We wonder why not?? ...
- One of the lesser known fringe characters in the UFO field is "Dr." Harley Byrd, who purports to be a nephew of the late polar explorer Admiral Richard E. Byrd. (Actually, it has been proven that Harley is unrelated to the Admiral.)

Byrd has recently sent us a hand-typed News Release stating that he is involved in establishing a Memorial Museum which will show documentaries about the Admiral's various expeditions. One of these expeditions, to the South Pole, allegedly involved the discovery of a "hole in the pole" that is a gateway to the Inner Earth. Thus Harley's other interest is in promoting the Inner Earth fantasy...

- You Science fans out there will be interested to learn that two teams of scientists, working independently of each other, have discovered three giant planets orbiting around a star that is a mere 44 light years away from Earth. Although about 20 other planets have been discovered in recent years, this is the first time that more than one have been found associated with a single star. It is believed that more planets, orbiting other stars, will be found soon, as our equipment gets better.

All this adds to the overwhelming probability that Life is common throughout the universe. (However, it does nothing to prove that intelligent beings are visiting our insignificant planet currently!) ...

- New Jersey researcher Pat Marcattiiio is doing his bit to help spread PANIC regarding the Y2K Menace. He passes along to us the rumor that the federal government has just printed fifty billion dollars in new currency, and some banks are already limiting cash withdrawals: Ominously, the Canadian government has hired 60,000 new Royal Mounted Police to patrol the border. Coincidence? Hardly!

Pat will be holding a UFO convention on the weekend of June 5th and 6th, at the Days Inn in Bordentown, New Jersey. Speakers, if any, will be announced later. You can reach Pat Marcattilio at: 221 Joan Terrace, Trenton, N.J. 08629.

THE "SAUCER SMEAR" ENEMIES LIST:

We wouldn't dare print an Enemies List, but the precedent has already been set by Glenn Campbell, in his delightful "Desert Rat" publication, which sadly has now moved entirely onto the Internet, so we don't see it any more. In our opinion Campbell is one of the few great Thinkers in this UFO field, and we are sorry to have lost track of him.

Campbell's list was of those whom he considered to be enemies, and it was updated with explanations of why new people were added or old people taken off. Our list is a little different. After some 46 years in ufology, your editor has attracted the permanent wrath of relatively few people in spite of our skeptical/negative style. Yet, there are these few. These, then, are the people who consider us to be The Enemy, apparently:

First & foremost is Budd Hopkins, who is very emotional and defensive about his abduction research. A few years ago we blasted him repeatedly in regard to the famed Linda Napolitano abduction case, which he still persists in calling the Linda Cortille case. "Smear" was the first to print Linda's real name, and that did not go over well with Budd.

This weird abduction incident is alleged to have occurred in Manhattan, near the Brooklyn Bridge. In a contemporary issue of the International UFO Reporter (IUR), a grave geographical mistake was made, in which it was implied that the Brooklyn Bridge crosses the Hudson River to New Jersey, rather than crossing the East River to (guess where?) Brooklyn. This mistake gave rise to what we modestly admit was "Smear's" greatest headline ever: "How Can Budd Hopkins Sell Us the Brooklyn Bridge When He Doesn't Even Know Where It Is?"

Moving on - there is Jerry Clark, another emotional person and a close friend of Hopkins, although Clark admits that his own views about abductions are much more moderate. Let us just say that Clark does not like to be criticized. We admire him as an ace ufological historian, but our personalities do clash!

Next, famed author John Keel comes to mind. Although he was kindly disposed toward our late mutual friend Gray Barker, who was known for his levity regarding UFOS, Keel really doesn't like us - and accuses us, for instance, of having been in on Ed Waiters' Gulf Breeze capers. (This is absurd!) The last straw in our relationship with Keel was when we "accused" him on the phone of being a Ufologist. He considers himself to be a Fortean, though the two fields obviously overlap. We haven't spoken since.

Then there is Richard ("Dick") Hall, formerly an assistant to the late Major Donald Keyhoe of NICAP. In those days our zine "Saucer News" attacked NICAP repeatedly for what we considered legitimate reasons. Hall is still mad, after more than thirty years!

And, Lucius Farish of the UFO Newscipping Service dislikes us apparently because we refuse to take Billy Meier's claims & photographs seriously. Farish won't even send us advance information about his annual UFO conferences in Arkansas, and we have never been to one.

Don Ecker, on the staff of "UFO Magazine", seems to have a chip on his shoulder about everybody and everything. He phoned us once, literally screaming about negative remarks we had printed, which were made about Ecker by Militia sympathizer Bill Cooper. We never did get a word in edgewise in that conversation!

Finally there is James Randi, who is an anti-psychic researcher rather than a ufologist. Several years ago "Smear" criticized Randi severely for such things as his hypocrisy in lying about the sex problems of a psychic researcher named Eldon Byrd (as was proven in court), while his own sex habits could well be considered unsavory. Central to all this is the so-called "Blackmail Tape", in which Randi admittedly solicits teenaged males for sex. Randi's story is that he made the tape in order to entrap these young men who were trying to blackmail him. Some day this Tape, of which we have the transcript, may yet be printed in "Smear". (Long story here. Details are in several of our back issues.)

Randi is the only person who has ever made a serious attempt to sue us.

These are our principal living enemies. On the plus side, there is one man who has an excellent excuse to dislike us, but apparently doesn't. He is contactee & New Age researcher Col. Wendelle Stevens (Ret.). In the late 1980s, Stevens served five years in an Arizona state prison for having had sex with underaged girls. The court documents on this matter were sent to us indirectly by Kal K. Korff. We checked them out for veracity and then printed a summary - perhaps our most extreme "exclusive" in the history of "Smear". But we spent quite a lot of time with Stevens at a UFO convention just last year, and he seemed to hold no grudge. Now, there's a gentleman!

There are many other leading ufologists who have fallen victim to our acid pen over the years but still remain at least superficially friendly. And, there are still others in the UFO field whom we truly consider to be friends. We hesitate to print this list, however, for fear that half the people on it might write in asking to be taken off the list!

RE-HASH OF THE "PHILADELPHIA EXPERIMENT":

Karl Pflock has sent us a very interesting article pertaining to the legendary "Philadelphia Experiment", in which a Navy ship allegedly became temporarily invisible during a highly classified magnetic experiment back in 1943. The ship was the USS Eldridge, and a few weeks ago, several of its surviving crew members got together in Atlantic City, N.J., for their first reunion in 53 years. One thing all these "old salts" agreed on was that the incident never happened.

According to the article, the USS Eldridge legend was started in 1955 by a book called "The Case for the UFO", written by the late Morris K. Jessup. We knew Jessup slightly, and we also had the rare pleasure many years ago of meeting Carlos Miguel Allende (alias Karl Allen), who claimed that he witnessed the Eldridge become invisible.

Allende stated, among other things, that some of the Eldridge crew were driven insane by the experiment, and whether this is true or not, there is no doubt that Allende himself was a severe mental case. We listened for hours while he tape-recorded a long rant for the late Gray Barker, which was later sold to Barker's UFO fans.

Said one of the crew at the recent reunion, "The only part of the book I think is true is the part about the crew being a little crazy". He meant this merely as good-natured humor, we trust.

The legend of the Philadelphia Experiment is kept alive today by a lecturer named Al Bielek, who claims to be a time-traveler, and to have first-hand knowledge of the scientific details of the experiment. Somehow, Albert Einstein himself was involved in it, according to Bielek, a fascinating man whom we have met and listened to. But he too seems to have been affected mentally!

William Moore also co-authored a book on this subject. Strange!

BOOKS TO KEEP YOUR BONFIRE BURNING BRIGHTLY:

- We have here a rather strange volume called "Alfred Loedding & The Great Flying Saucer Wave of 1947". Researcher Jan Aldrich, who has done a vast amount of research on 1947 sightings, was of great help to

the authors, whose names are Michael Hall and Wendy Connors. The book is published by Rose Press of Albuquerque, N.M., contains about 190 softcover pages, and sells for \$21.95.

So - one might ask, who is Alfred Loedding? Certainly it is not a name familiar to most UFO fans. He was, we are told, a civilian aeronautical engineer who worked at the Army Air Force Labs at Wright Field in the late 1940s. He was a brilliant man, who designed various state-of-the-art aircraft, including flying wings, jets, and even saucer-shaped craft. However, these were mere drawings, apparently.

Loedding was put in charge of Project Sign, the first official Air Force UFO investigation. In fact, he may have "inspired" the name Sign. He rapidly formulated the hypothesis that some UFOs are interplanetary, long before this became a popular notion.

However, by going off onto that way of thinking, he alienated higher-ups in the military, and according to the authors, Loedding was "purged from UFO investigations by 1949 and from Wright-Patterson entirely by 1951!". Nothing is said about what happened to his career after that.

The peculiar thing is that this is about all the information there is about Loedding in the whole book. Thus the book is really not about him at all, though the authors interviewed his brother and his son. The main thrust of this tome is a detailed chronology of important UFO sightings from 1947 and 1948 - and especially from the peak period, said to be June 24th (the date of the Kenneth Arnold sighting) through July 11th of 1947.

The book is detailed and well written, but the authors have goofed when it comes to the infamous Roswell Incident. More care, plus a reading of the works of Karl Pflock, Charles Moore, Robert Todd, Phil Klass and Kal K. Korff would have been of great help. The authors reject the Mogul Balloon explanation for several invalid reasons, one of which is, no doubt, a desire to preserve the mystery!

Other than the unexplained emphasis on Loedding, this seems to be a very worthwhile book, with interesting appendices, a very good bibliography, and a mediocre index. (No, dear friends, we are not mentioned in the index; but then again, why should we be?)

In short, this tome is much better than average, taking into account how distressingly poor most UFO books are, at least in our opinion.

Incidentally, a much shorter version of this same rant appears in the Winter 1998 issue of the International UFO Reporter, edited by Jerry Clark...

- Next we have two new outpourings from the bowels of IllumiNet Press (P.O. Box 2808, Lilburn, Georgia 30008). The first, written by famed conspiracy buff Jim Keith, is called "Saucers of the Illuminati", and purports to seek "the truth behind stories of alien invasion, secret underground bases, and (of course! - Ed.) the secret plans of the New World Order".

There is also a little therein about mind control, saucer abductions, cattle mutilation, government anti-gravity testing, and MORE! A mere \$12.95 will get you this 128 page tome! ...

- The second offering from IllumiNet isn't about UFOs at all, but we received a free copy and feel obliged to review it. The book is called "Spies, Traitors and Moles", and was written by one Peter Kross.

A pea green cover with incoherent lettering on it masks this voyage into the shadowy world of spy and counter-spy. Actually, the format of the book is quite good. It is in the form of a quiz, with each question answered briefly, followed by an interesting explanatory page or two. The author seems to know what he's talking about, and we can only hope that he does.

\$14.95 for this 248 page paperback.

PFLOCK PTALK - FURTHER MUSINGS ON THE CURRENT STATE OF UFOLOGY

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Last time, I regaled you with a few of my thoughts on what was wrong with ufology today. This time, a few rays of hope.

While it still continues to flog Roswell with occasional silly International UFO Reporter articles by Tom Carey and my fellow Ufologist of the Year Robert Galganski, the Center for UFO Studies (2457 West Peterson Ave., Chicago, IL 60659) remains The Field's premiere research organization. Despite bouts of Roswell fever, IUR, CUFOS' quarterly magazine, consistently publishes important and interesting articles and commentary. In addition, there's the Center's Journal of UFO Studies, ufology's only peer-reviewed journal, presenting the results of work by top people in the field.

The Fund for UFO Research (P.O. Box 277, Mt. Rainier (!) Maryland 20712), despite its Roswell blind spot, continues to support other solid research and publish excellent collections of important historical material. For example, "Project 1947: A Preliminary Report on the 1947 UFO Sighting Wave"; "Spaceships or Mirages Over Washington National Airport, 1952?"; and, most recently, "Project 'SIGN' Air Force Documents, 1948-1949". The Fund's book titles (yawn) could use some help, but production quality and, most important, content are outstanding.

Both CUFOS and the Fund operate on (frayed) shoestring budgets with all-volunteer management. A knowledgeable and unimpeachable source has confirmed to me that rumors of a financial crisis at CUFOS are true. The Center, founded by the late, great J. Allen Hynek in 1973, desperately needs an infusion of cash. Fellow non-subscribers, both CUFOS and the Fund deserve our support. Subscribe, buy, make tax-deductible contributions - but not, of course, with the \$\$ you've earmarked for your "Smear" love offerings.

Barry Greenwood, until recently the brains and powerplant of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), independently carries on his ufological work with his excellent UFO Historical Revue (\$15 per year, P.O. Box 176, Stoneham, Ma. 02180). In his most recent issue, Barry exposed "the" Fatal Flaw in one of the key "new" MJ-12 papers.

UFO historian Loren Gross also quietly continues his efforts. His delightfully written "UFOS: A History" is the source for material gleaned from contemporaneous accounts of UFO events. A work in progress now done in conjunction with Project 1947 (P.O. Box 391, Canterbury, Ct. 06331), this collection of booklets is a year-by-year saucer history, up to September 1958 so far.

Less quietly, Jan Aldrich and his Project 1947 associates continue to gather thousands of saucer stories from newspaper morgues, concentrating rich historical ore for fellow ufologists to mine. And... aagh! Out of Space again...

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- WILLIAM MOORE again takes typewriter in hand to write:

"...I really feel that your bringing up that eleven-year-old National Archives report on the [Cutler Memo](#) was a CHEAP SHOT, especially since every point made therein has already been effectively dealt with long since. Unless you can offer some alternative explanation for the fact that the typewriter it was written on appears (on more than 30 distinct points) to have been identical to one of the four typewriters used in Cutler's office at the time, you really have no cause for argument here.

"As for Cutler's having been out of town and the memos having no signature, I believe we effectively demonstrated that the same thing occurred in other memos on other occasions and was not particularly uncommon - especially in the case of a carbon, wherein only the original

copy would bear the signature of the secretary or aide who typed it, and the carbon (without signature) would be retained for file as appears to have been the case here ...

- Ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes as follows:

"Just in case Walt Andrus gets upset about [my letter and drawings](#) on the Ledonia alien, here is my ufological apology to him:

"I was saddened to learn that several individuals found my analysis of the Ledonia, Texas alien (?) skeleton to be incorrect, offensive and downright disparaging towards Walt Andrus and the MUFON organization in general.

"Please note that I wish to publicly retract my previous comments (and forensic sketches) on the matter. I no longer believe that the so-called mythical creature's remains are those of Marvin the Martian or any other ill-fated Martianus that may have accidentally flown into a windmill in 1897.

"Hopefully, this apology will quell all the controversy that I unintentionally started when I sent you my analysis of the alien skeleton, which I now feel is none other than the remains of Marvin's first cousin 'Vinnie the Venusian'. Sorry about that!"



Apology accepted! - Editor.

- Researcher CHRIS ROTH writes as follows;

"...Your report on Walt Andrus' latest paleontological boner makes me glad I don't subscribe to the MUFON Journal anymore. Someone should tell Walt: If you're going to be credulous and sensationalistic, at least do it in style like Tim Beckley!

"That's sad that [Keel may get shafted](#) just as 'The Mothman Prophecies' starts getting the attention it deserves. It's a great book and deserves a great treatment that benefits its author..."

- Skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"Another great issue of 'Smear': I loved the 'confidential' [cartoon or forensic sketch](#) of the 1897 Ladonia, Texas remains. If you write more articles about Walt Andrus you may lose your J.S. (Journal Subscriber) status.

"I also noted that you had a letter from John Ford. Is he your only non-subscriber who is in jail?"

Ford is the only one who admits it! - Editor.

- Faithful non-subscriber DENIS COREY (not in jail) writes:

" ... OI' Walt Andrus certainly looks like quite the dork in [his photo](#), doesn't he? Whatta hoot! Actually, the Aurora UFO crash has interested me since I first read about it in the early '70s. From what I've read since, it seems to have been a notorious case of 'yellow journalism'.

"No one knows whether or not it's even a real skeleton, do they? I didn't know the space people carried swords. Gee, just like in the Buck Rogers serials!..."

"I enjoyed [Karl Pflock's article](#) and look forward to the [conclusion](#) in the next issue.

I disagree with including TV as a reason for ufology's slump, however. Most of the programs I've seen in the past few years have been very good, on Discovery, Learning Channel, History Channel, etc. FOX is always the exception, of course ..."

- Radar engineer HAL RUSSELL writes as follows:

"I look forward to receiving each 'Smear', and avidly read it through and through. February's was a breath of fresh air, especially considering what I've recently been through with Mr. Peter Gersten of CAUS. UGH! ...

"A short while after signing up for the CAUS updates, I contacted Mr. Gersten with an offer to assist him with his FOIA requests with respect to military/governmental lingo. I was up-front about who I work for, but his first response to me stated his absolute aversion to ALL governmental/military secrecy. Since I have a security clearance and am still employed by the DOD, it would be dangerous for me to be associated with such a group, so I withdrew my offer of support.

"The next response from him was scathing - I was the enemy! ... Such vehemence from Gersten and then from several of his loyal troop!..."

Crazy Brits

A British couple who had sex at 3 a.m. on a bed of margarine tubs, yogurt, clotted cream and trifles in a refrigerated all-night supermarket's dairy display were fined \$425, The London Evening Standard reported Thursday.

Michael Pallant, 36, a singer, and Danielle Minns, 35, a reflexologist, entered the branch of Sainsbury in north Kensington giggling and laughing March 6. Minns jumped into a trolley and Pallant pushed her to a refrigerator. A short while later, a security guard heard muffled screams coming from the aisle, and found Pallant lying on Minns in the dairy display surrounded by crushed tubs of cream and margarine. When the guard demanded to know what they were doing, Pallant replied: "Chilling out." Pallant and Minns told the court they had been very drunk at the time.

New Wave

Israel's National Parks Authority has authorized a private contractor to build a submerged bridge into the Sea of Galilee at Capernaum that would allow 50 tourists at a time to simulate Jesus' miraculous walk on water. In order to enhance the effect, the 13 ft (4m) wide, 328 ft (100m) long, crescent-shaped floating bridge will not have rails. Lifeguards and boats will be in attendance in case a walker slips off.

"This is bloody ridiculous," said Israel's leading New Testament historian, Father Jerome Murphy-O'Connor. - [API] 2 Feb; D. Telegraph, 3 Feb 1999.

CASH-LANDRUM UFO INCIDENT

Three Texans are injured during an encounter with a ***UFO and Military Helicopters*** by John F. Schuessler, 323 page softcover book now available from MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Rd., Seguin, TX 78155 for \$19.95 plus \$2 for postage and handling.



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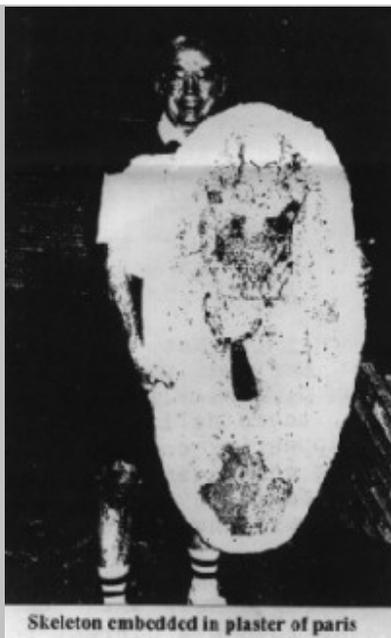
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A MYTHICAL CREATURE AT MUFON!

Imagine our surprise & amusement when we saw on the cover of the March 1999 MUFON Journal a full-page photo of Walt Andrus himself, dressed in short pants and smiling like a kid who has found a new toy. Indeed, he is holding a large piece of plaster of paris, in which is embedded a mystery skeleton which, he claims, may well tie in with the visitors-from-space syndrome. Beginning on Page 3 is the lead article, entitled "The Alien?" and personally written by MUFON International Director Walt Andrus!

The story is rather convoluted, but it jells nicely with the famed Aurora, Texas UFO crash of 1897. Unfortunately, the Aurora case is generally accepted in the UFO field as having been a hoax. This is the conclusion reached by historian Ronald Story in his 1980 "Encyclopedia of UFOs", and also by better-known UFO historian Jerry Clark. (And also by Dr. J. Allen Hynek and others!) Clark has a long article about Aurora in his most recent encyclopedia, detailing the involvement of various researchers through the years, including Hayden Hewes of the International UFO Bureau (now defunct), and MUFON.

According to a letter written in 1925 and re-discovered some time after that, two



Skeleton embedded in plaster of paris

cigar-shaped spaceships landed near Ladonia, Texas on the night of April 16th, 1897, and little men were seen moving about in the vicinity of the ships. It is believed that one of these ships crashed the next day in Aurora, slightly less than a hundred miles away. (It starts to sound like Roswell already, doesn't it - except that the event was over a hundred years ago, and no eye-witnesses are still alive!)

Anyhow, some time after 1929 (the date is not made clear), a strange skeleton was skeleton embedded in plaster of paris dug up near Ladonia and was shown to Professor Bob Slaughter, a well-known paleontologist in that area. The skeleton is about forty inches tall, has mostly hollow bones, has teeth like a human, and most interestingly, there is some sort of ornate belt and ceremonial sword. There are some resemblances to the dreaded "greys" of modern saucer mythology, but Andrus, always the cautious researcher, carefully states: "MUFON is making no claims that the skeleton is of an extraterrestrial alien.... (but) the similarities are sufficient to make it very exciting for future study." (If this is not a claimed alien, why is it the lead story in the MUFON Journal?)

Bob Slaughter wrote a book published in 1996 called "Fossil Remains of Mythical Creatures" (italics ours), of which the first chapter is called "Alien". The other chapters deal with strange bones and fossils from around the world. It is published by Smilodoness Books of Dallas, Texas, and it sounds like such a good read that we are trying hard to obtain a copy - with no success, so far. The publisher won't answer his phone!

Sadly, Bob Slaughter died in early 1998, just months before Walt Andrus tried to contact him. All the other key figures in the case are either dead or missing. Researching this weird skeleton will not be easy, but in a phone interview with your "Smear" editor, Andrus vowed to go on trying!

One clue that Andrus might want to follow up is that Bob Slaughter was a sculptor as well as a paleontologist.

And guess what! According to the MUFON Journal, Slaughter's widow is working on a movie deal regarding all this, and the part of the deceased paleontologist is tentatively scheduled to be played by famed actor Paul Newman. Egads!

Let us close with a quote from Jerry Clark's commentary on the Aurora case: "All stories of 19th century UFO crashes must be viewed as suspect. It is probable that few such reports were believed, or even meant to be believed, in their time. Some are obvious jokes ... Newspaper hoaxing and frontier humor surely have far more to do with the genesis of these reports than do interplanetary tragedies... "

MUFON's membership has been slipping badly of late, partly because of the Internet, and partly for other reasons. We suspect that Andrus, with the help of the Journal's new editor Dwight Connelly, hopes to reverse this trend by jazzing things up a bit. Way to go, Walt!

Later: Through the kindness of Judith Slaughter, "Smear" has obtained her late husband's book. Perhaps the best part is the Introduction, written by a friend named George Toomer, supposedly a professor of comparative religion at Ladonia (Texas) University.

Professor Toomer is a fascinating combination of atheist, agnostic, and 4-D Thinker. Bob Slaughter apparently had much the same point of view. (Come to think of it, maybe Toomer is Slaughter!) Here are a few little gems from the Introduction:

"If one mythological example is accepted, then it becomes hypocritical to disregard another. Can we

laugh at Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy while placing a call for an exorcist to chase away a demonic possession? ... A true believer in one mythical standard can't in good conscience poo-poo the standard of another... "

Also:

"The question of authenticity is no more important than that of religious relics ... There is really no right or wrong answer when dealing with the mystical - one accepts or rejects according to one's current popular faith in such things..."

Finally:

"A hoax is when someone is fooled. It's different from a lie in my opinion. Generally, only a fool can be a victim of a hoax, while the victim of a lie is usually one who had the faith to believe and was misled..."

Next comes the "Alien" chapter, followed by a chapter about mermaids, followed by a chapter about leprechauns; and so it goes, on through this fascinating little tome! If only Prof. Slaughter were still alive, we would surely consider giving him our coveted "Ufologist of the Year" Award! Slaughter appears to be in the school of the late, great Charles Fort himself, who deliberately assigned absurd theories to anomalous data, just to make us think!

"PROJECT AWARENESS" DOES IT AGAIN!

In an era of decreasing attendance at UFO conventions, Project Awareness' recent conclave at Pensacola Beach, Florida (next to Gulf Breeze) was quite a success - drawing between 500 and 600 people. This group sponsors two or three conventions per year, in various parts of the state of Florida. (The next one will be in Clearwater, in mid-November.)

As usual, Whitley Strieber was one of the most interesting out of approximately ten guest speakers on the program. He sold & autographed his current book "Confirmation", as pictured below, and he is currently working on another book called "The Coming Superstorm". The new offering concerns a weird experience he had on June 6th, 1998, while in Toronto on a book tour. It seems that a very strange human-looking guy knocked on his door in the middle of the night, and proceeded to give him words of wisdom that Strieber takes very seriously. "The Coming Superstorm" is co-authored with famed radio personality Art Bell.

Strieber also mentioned that he soon will be taking another detailed lie detector test. We predict that he will pass.

Another speaker we enjoyed was Edgar Evans Cayce, sole surviving son of the well-known psychic from Virginia Beach, Va., who died in 1945. We knew little about the elder Cayce, but now learn that he must have been a very kind and sincere man. A few of his predictions have come true, though many others have not - at least not yet.

And then there was Lloyd Pye, a last-minute substitute for a speaker who couldn't make it. Pye spoke of the discovery (see below) of two allegedly alien or hybrid skulls, which were found in a mine shaft in Mexico some sixty or seventy years ago. It isn't clear whether these skulls are pre-Columbian or not, as they have not yet been dated. Pye is a Bigfoot researcher who has become side-tracked onto the alien syndrome. His work was mentioned in [Bob Brown's letter](#) to the editor in our last issue of "Smear".

We would have enjoyed hearing for the first time Philip Corso, Jr., son of the late Lt. Col. Philip Corso, who was the author of "The Day After Roswell". However, Junior couldn't make it, and his substitute was the noted Dr. Roger Leir, the foot doctor who has become intensely interested in alien implants. Leir has worked closely with Strieber and others, and as his Project Awareness biography tells us, he is on the "cutting edge" of UFO research!

Other speakers included a bright energetic young lady named Prudence Calabrese, whose topic was "Encounters with the Grey Dude". She also attempted to give the audience a two-hour crash course in remote viewing, which, though it may well exist, is beyond the humble capabilities of your "Smear" editor.

Also on the program was Bob Oechsler, back from a four-year self-imposed exile from the UFO community; Linda Moulton Howe, ranting on about the latest MJ-12 documents; Nancy Talbott, in "The Layman's Guide to a Scientific Look at Anomalous Events;" and Michael Lindemann in "The Future of Extraterrestrial Contact". There was also an unusual event in the lecture program, called "The People's Court", in which your editor was unexpectedly invited to participate as a panelist.

The convention ended with a Secret Meeting late Sunday afternoon, hosted by former MUFON Eastern Regional Director Donald Ware. This was an annual event of Ware's, in which he invites people to come & speak freely about their sightings, contacts, abductions, etc. Although Ware was cordial to us in other ways, he refused to let us into the Secret Meeting even as an "observer", as he insists that the press is never invited.

Sadly, there was no UFO sighting at the Project Awareness convention this year. [Last year](#) a daylight sighting was made by several attendees and was even videotaped. The object looked pretty much like an airplane to us, but more knowledgeable souls deemed it to be a "real" UFO.



TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- Steve Mansee of Chicago, the fellow who kindly puts "Smear" on the Internet for us, has moved us to a new site, which is: <http://www.martiansgohome.com/smeat> - for all you Web fans out there! The choice of title was his, not ours, but we think it's kind of cute! ...
- This year's NUFOC convention will take place at the Seven Oaks Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, on Saturday, September 25th. Scheduled speakers include Karl Pflock, Walt Andrus of MUFON, Roswell expert Kevin Randle, & your "Smear" editor. There will also be a special guest appearance by Whitley Strieber. The local host is Dennis Stacy, former editor of the MUFON Journal. More details as the date gets closer...
- England's Timothy Good claims that the notorious "MJ-12 First Annual Report" has typing peculiarities amazingly similar to those in personal letters Good received from the mysterious Tim Cooper. Cooper is one of several people responsible for passing along the new batch of MJ-12 documents. Good Show, Good! ...
- On March 8th, Richard Hoagland of Martian monolith fame had a serious heart attack, though he is expected to recover. In an Internet posting, Whitley Strieber suggests that the heart attack might have been brought on by vicious verbal attacks by those skeptical of Hoagland's belief system. ("Smear" was not involved in this, if it happened.)

In reality, Hoagland may just as well have been under stress due to fear that the new Mars photos now being received will show his Martian artifacts to be nothing more sinister than natural formations. These

pictures are 20 to 40 times more detailed than any previous ones, according to what we have read...

- Computer multi-millionaire Joe Firmage will formally launch his International Space Sciences Organization in May, and this will include all sorts of detailed information on the Internet. There will also be prizes of up to \$5,000 each for pro-UFO essays "not more than one hundred pages in length". There will be a new round of prizes every six months. Wow!..
- Believe it or not, the asteroid formerly known as 1983 RMZ/7277 has formally been renamed "Klass", in honor of ufology's favorite arch-debunker, this according to a lesser-known debunker named James McGaha...
- Our friend David Huggins, the artist/abductee from Hoboken, N.J., is part of the cover story in the April issue of England's prestigious "Fortean Times". Two of his nude alien-oriented paintings are reproduced in the article, including one so raw that it had to be withdrawn from exhibition at a U.S. gallery. (It has, of course, appeared in [a past issue of "Smear"](#).)
- ... Here's another strange Millennium note: The international UFO Museum in Roswell, New Mexico, will sponsor a mass wedding ceremony, both religious and secular, at the midnight hour of December 31st, 1999. This is quite a creative idea, and we look forward to learning more about it..
- Finally, our sincere thanks as always to all those who have sent material for this issue, especially Wm. LaParl Jr., Karl Pflock, and Tom Benson. Without help from our Fans and anti-Fans, this zine could not exist!

PFLOCK PTALK - MUSINGS ON THE CURRENT STATE OF UFOLOGY

by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist



Maybe it's just because the Esteemed Editor and I haven't yet found a publisher for our book "Shockingly Close to the Truth" (hint, hint, you publishers and potential backers/investors out there), but it seems to me ufology's in a terrible slump. And from where I sit, it looks like the deepest, darkest, dumbest slump since the Field was spawned in 1947.

There have been slumps before, but those were different, caused by things outside our control - UFO-sighting droughts or apparent droughts, and high-profile official debunkings like the Condon Report - deflating general public interest and drying up the positive cash flow of UFO groups and authors. The heart and (most of) the mind of ufology remained sound. Good researchers kept working. The fringies remained on the fringe and generally harmless, not taken seriously by many in or outside the Field.

This time it's different, largely self-inflicted, with much help from TV (argh) and the (Argh!) Internet. The former is an electronic National Enquirer (although when Bob Pratt was with the Enquirer, it did some good UFO reporting). The Net is a giant virtual petri dish, incubating and spreading virulent foolishness and paranoia with lightning speed, infecting the minds of the credulous in far greater numbers and far more quickly than ever before possible.

In no small degree, the fringies aren't fringies any longer. Roswell is clung to desperately in the face of overwhelming facts. Amateurish hoax documents ginned up by a transparent phony are touted by a leading ufologist and his son - with massive financial backing from a too-rich too-soon wonderkind. An alien (maybe) skeleton "in armour bright" makes the cover of the MUFON UFO Journal, the subject of an article (badly) written by MUFON's International Director for Life, Our Lady of the Moldy Cows seeks to revive the Aztec crash hoax and isn't given the hook! (There may be more to Aztec than a hoax in aid of a con - as those of you who attend my talk at this year's National UFO Conference will learn.) Absurd theories about abductions are propounded by top abductologists with little resistance from within the ranks of "Pro-ufology". Etc., etc., etc.

"I have now been found competent to stand trial, and have been sent down from Mid Hudson Center to Riverhead (N.Y.) County Jail as of Thursday. It was sudden and a surprise to me that they did this so quickly.

Only a week ago I was interviewed by the Hospital Forensic Committee, and they rendered their opinion that I was competent. I guess I am a priority case still, and the judge can't wait to try the case. I should be going to court this week and I'll find out more.

"Please send 'Saucer Smear' to me at the following address: John Ford, Riverhead County Jail; 100 Centre Drive, Riverhead, N.Y. 11901. Please keep me informed of the current debates in ufology, and write soon."

- PHIL KLASS writes:

"Perhaps you are right about the [Cash-Landrum case](#) - that a nuclear powered aircraft exploded and irradiated Betty, Vicki and Colby - but (mysteriously) did not irradiate their car or the area where they (allegedly) stopped. (Schuessler checked for radiation but found none.) If Betty was seriously radiated, surely the crews of the 23 helicopters (allegedly) escorting the aircraft would have been very seriously irradiated and all would have soon died - word of which would surely have leaked out to the media.

"And, despite 'Aviation Leak's' many, many highly placed military and industry sources, it never heard about such a nuclear powered aircraft being built and test flown - and exploding. (Av. Week sharply criticized the Pentagon for cancelling its nuclear powered aircraft program around 1960, as I recall. One reason the program was cancelled was that its flight crew could only fly about 100 hours before acquiring a maximum safe radiation level, after which they would be retired.)

"If Betty Cash was in excellent health (except for open-heart surgery) prior to the 'UFO incident', why wouldn't she and Schuessler be eager to make public her pre-incident medical records??? If Betty suffered irradiation, why did she never suffer leukemia after the incident?

...

- STEVEN DUNN writes:

"With reference to your item in the Feb. 15th 'Smear' about [Phil Klass' spinal surgery](#) ... I am sure that all in the UFO community, whether an acknowledged researcher or a mere fan, also wish him well..."

- And, TIM SWARTZ writes as follows:

"Enclosed is my 'Love Donation' for your wonderful 'Saucer Smear. I don't know how I have made it for so long without it. Keep up the excellent work."

- ERICH AGGEN, JR., editor of 'C-COM' writes:

"In May of 1998 I changed the subtitle of 'C-COM' to 'An Independent Monthly Intelligence Report on Controversial Subjects'. Formerly the subtitle had been 'An Independent UFO/Unusual Information Newsletter Published Monthly'. Thus, the emphasis has been changed from a purely UFO/Forcean format. I have a lot of controversial subjects that I am interested in, that I intend to comment on, over and above UFOS. China is one of them. It is my firm belief that 'kissing up' to China will ultimately be very detrimental to the United States..."

I must admit I have been a bit lazy in the past two newsletters. The new MJ-12 documents are interesting to me even if they are fakes. However, I printed them mainly to get the information out to interested persons to tear apart at their leisure. I have no personal opinion about their authenticity, except to say that I think whoever wrote parts of them knew something. The

best way to discredit information is with disinformation or misinformation. Include parts of the truth with outright lies, and all the documents are contaminated. Thus, any cynic or skeptic would have a field day, and I would assume that you fall somewhere within this category ..."

- Roswell researcher JERRY LUCCI writes as follows:

"... By the way, one of the players (characters) who becomes completely overlooked in the MJ-12 saga is English author Timothy Good. As you may recall, prior to Bill Moore's announcement in 1987, Mr. Good announced to the British press the existence of the original MJ-12 documents which would be published in his first major work, 'Above Top Secret'. As a matter of fact, it was his announcement that forced the Moore/Friedman camp to proclaim they also had the documents.

"Several years ago in his follow-up, Mr. Moore published what he called an unauthenticated memo from the director of Central Intelligence ... This same memo now appears as part of the new batch of Mi-12 related material. Not only that, but after careful analysis, there definitely appears to be a similarity in the handwritten notes appearing on that and another document dated sixteen years later ... Amazing coincidence? I don't think so. I think some people can't see the forest for the trees, and the talent pool in this field is amazingly shallow. Let me know what you think."

- England's CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes as follows;

"Since MJ-12 is still being kept alive by artificial means (when it should have died naturally long ago) I thought I would test Bill Moore's assertion that he had never claimed that the original MJ-12 papers were authentic. He now writes ('Smear', [Feb. 15 issue](#)) that he only claimed 'my research had given me no reason to think that they weren't authentic'. Evidently a double negative, for him, is not equivalent to a single positive.

"In the Moore-Shandera press release of May 29, 1987 (reprinted on June 11) we read the following: 'If the attached documents are genuine, as all evidence obtained until now indicates, then the following conclusions can be drawn', etc., etc.

"From the same release: 'It is our considered opinion, based upon research and interviews conducted thus far, that the document and its contents appear to be genuine'. Moore then employs the double negative by saying that nothing has yet surfaced 'to suggest otherwise', and so on.

"In a release of September 11, 1987 we read: 'There is also compelling evidence to suggest that a set of anonymously sent documents... (the MJ-12 stuff) ... may well be authentic.'

"Readers can draw their own conclusions. Perhaps Bill can go further and tell us his views on the latest MJ-12 material touted by the Woods (father & son). Having introduced MJ-12 to ufology over a decade ago, he surely has some interest in any follow-up documents.

"One writer here has described the MJ-12 saga as 'the thinking man's UFO entertainment'.

"As for Phil Klass, I feel that one day he is likely to be treated as was Donald Menzel after his death - namely by having his name dragged through the dirt, with phoney documents suddenly turning up about his 'secret life'. Inevitable, isn't it? ... "

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DONATIONS FROM THE DEAD!

We have received a hilarious item from CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy), headed by an eccentric lawyer named Peter Gersten. Apparently Gersten is giving up his law practice entirely, except for litigation against the government, related to UFOS.

In this recent Internet posting, Gersten states: "CAUS has taken the first step in what will ultimately be lawsuits against each of the 50 states under Article IV, Section IV of the U.S. Constitution, which requires the federal government to protect the states against 'invasion'".

We doubt if the framers of the Constitution had interplanetary invasion in mind. Furthermore, we are now wondering if Gersten was as off-the-wall as this, back in the early 1980s, when he took charge of the unsuccessful attempt to hold the government responsible for the injuries sustained in 1980 by the three victims in the famed Cash-Landrum Case. In other words, that was a legitimate lawsuit, but it needed to be handled by a really competent lawyer. Was it?

Further along in his posting, Gersten thanks the 3% of his members who have answered his very recent appeal for financial support. About 200 names are then listed, which means he is claiming to have around 6,000 members. The really weird part is this; Among the approximately 200 names of recent contributors are: Donald Keyhoe, Kenneth Arnold, George Adamski, Barney Hill, Jim Lorensen, Coral Lorenzen, and Gray Barker. All of these are leading ufologists of one sort or another, long deceased! Is this a joke of some sort??

Also listed are: anonymous (a frequent contributor to many causes); "UFO Colonel"; Bruce MacCabee (probably referring to Dr. Bruce Maccabee, a living ufologist); John Schuessler (a deputy director of MUFON); "Linda" (maybe meaning Linda Cortille, alias Linda Napolitano, of abduction fame); and Joe Firmage - the new rich guy in the UFO field that we are all trying to get money from!

Something is definitely wrong here! (Our thanks to Antonio Huneus, Tom Benson & others for this item.) ...

CLARK IS MODERATELY MAD AT US

Predictably, UFO historian Jerry Clark is upset with [our lead article](#) in the last "Smear", in which we pointed out his overreaction to Kevin Randle's attempt to join the UFO abduction conference to be held in New York City on April 10th. Randle, a long-time Roswell advocate, has a somewhat skeptical book about abductions coming out shortly, co-authored with Russ Estes and Dr. William Cone.

In his "Not for Publication" letter to "Smear", Clark whines that we are picking on him. Actually, we believe Clark to be an excellent UFO historian, but as an arbitrator of ufoiological Faith & Morals, he falls short...

THE INSIDE SCOOP ON HARRY S TRUMAN'S UFO VIEWS

A full-page ad in the Feb. 19th issue of the newspaper USA Today is of interest. It was placed there by the International Space Sciences Organization, which is in reality millionaire saucer enthusiast Joe Firmage. Fourteen celebrities or public figures are quoted as to their positive feelings about UFOS. The ad is nicely done, but unfortunately several of the quotes are misleading or taken out of context.

The most extreme example of this is the quote from Harry S Truman which reads: "I can assure you that flying saucers, *given that they exist* (italics ours), are not constructed by any power on earth". This statement is from a 1950 White House press conference and sounds very impressive, except that the phrase in italics is the key part. We had a brief private meeting with Truman in 1954, after he was out of office, and the quote he gave us regarding flying saucers was simply "I've never seen a purple cow, I never hope to see one ... He refused to add to that statement.

Several years later we attended a Truman press conference (not at the White House), and received similar negative responses from the ex-president in answer to our UFO-related questions. Naturally we never asked about Roswell or MJ-12, as these were still unknown to the public at that time.

This Truman story is one of the items we were saving for our forthcoming book with Karl Pflock, but it looks like the millennium may end before said book is ever published. (Our thanks to hard-core non-subscriber Denis Corey for this item.) ...

APRO IS REALLY DEAD THIS TIME

We recently had an interesting telephone conversation with Reverend William Heft, who, a couple of years ago, seemed to be reviving the ancient UFO research group called APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization). We found this revival hard to believe, because Jim & Coral Lorenzen founded APRO in 1952 and lived in their later years in Tucson, Arizona. Anyhow, Heft now tells us that he has given up on APRO, the new headquarters of which was Heft's home in Illinois. He also admits that he does not have the APRO files. Indeed, Heft has

given up on saucer research in general, and is now convinced that there is probably nothing out there to investigate, after all ...

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CUTLER MEMO SHOWN TO BE A FAKE

Due to the renewed interest in MJ-12 in recent months, we have decided to share with our readers a fascinating Reference Report from the National Archives in Washington, D.C., dated July 22nd, 1987. You see, the only MJ-12 document actually found in an archives instead of appearing from an unknown source, was the so-called Cutler Memo. It was supposedly found by either William Moore or his friend Jaime Shandera, or both. If it were to be proven genuine, this could be considered proof that a mysterious UFO-related group called MJ-12 actually did/does exist. But alas, this memo is not even a little bit genuine!

The memo in question is from Robert Cutler to General Nathan Twining, dated July 14th, 1954. This was during the Eisenhower administration. The document mentions a meeting of the National Security Council which Twining attended, and where MJ-12 was discussed. Unfortunately, Cutler was out of the country at the time, and there is no record of any NSC meeting on the date this meeting was supposed to have occurred!

There are numerous other problems, of which ten are listed in this Report. It appears that a sincere effort was made by the government to find any other MJ-12 reference whatsoever in governmental files, but none could be found. Obviously the Cutler Memo was placed in the National Archives, by someone with a motive to do so. Who could that possibly be? ...

KEEL GETS A BAD DEAL

According to information we have received, a science-fiction movie called "The Mothman Prophecies" is in the works, and there may even be two separate but similar movie projects - both based vaguely on ufologist John Keel's supposedly true 1970s book with the same title. A title can't be copyrighted, and apparently Keel, who could well use the money, is getting nothing out of either project.

The hero of one of these movies is named John Klein, a name which is obviously similar to John Keel. Weirdly, there is an entity in the movie named Indrid Cole, which is almost the exact name of the spaceman who was met by contactee Woodrow Derenberger many years ago - but this had nothing whatever to do with the Mothman syndrome.

In the UFO field, science fiction and science fact have become so intermingled that it really boggles the mind. Egads!

NEWS ABOUT THIS YEAR'S NUFOC CONVENTION

The 36th running of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will take place in San Antonio, Texas, on Saturday September 25th, at a location to be announced shortly. Dennis Stacy, former editor of the MUFON Journal, will

be the local host. Confirmed speakers include Karl Pflock, Kevin Randle, Patrick Huyghe, Rick Hilberg (a co-founder of the NUFOC), and your humble "Smear" editor. More info in our next ish!

TIDBITS OF TRASH

What may happen

By ILENE GOLDENBERG and SARAH GATLING

Citizen Staff Writers

What effect will the Year 2000 bug have on you? Here are a few of the things that could happen if people do not prepare:

- Electronic switches in the water pipeline may go down without guidance from software in Florida City.
- Power may go out.
- Telephones and fax machines may not work without guidance from computer software that routes calls.
- Banks may not be able to accept your ATM card, or be able to access their records on how much money you have in their account.
- Traffic lights may malfunction.
- Investment companies may not be able to access their records on the money you have in your account.
- the city and the county may lose their ability to dispatch emergency vehicles.
- The federal government may be unable to access your tax, social security, Medicare and Medicaid records.
- Airport control towers may lose their ability to track planes.
- Hospitals and pharmacies may be unable to access their records on your insurance and drug allergies.
- Grocery stores may be unable to accept debit or credit cards that expire after the year 2000.
- Cash registers, fax machines and elevators with embedded chips may freeze.

- If you enjoy paranoia as much as we do, you will love the little Millennium Bug article above. This tells you what may happen in our home town when the dreaded Y2K virus strikes at midnight of December 31st of this year. Of course, things in your home town - large or small - will probably be about the same as they Or maybe nothing will happen; but at least we can all enjoy worrying about it until we find out for sure, one way or another....

Incidentally, we have finally learned what the word "Y2K really means: It means year 2K, or year two thousand. We found this out by watching radio talk show host Art Bell on the Larry King TV Show, the other night. Bell, whom we had never seen or heard before, came across as an intelligent, articulate crackpot. (Obviously your editor does not expect to be invited onto the Art Bell Show any time soon!)

- For our many, many fans in the vicinity of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, we include the following information: Tim Beckley of Global Communications, who has published UFO and New Age books & magazines for many years, is sponsoring a special Happening in Fort Lauderdale on April Fool's Day this year. A former lady wrestler, now turned psychic, named Suzanne Miller, will be present in person at the Galerie Macabre, at 207 S.W. 5th St., from 8 p.m. to midnight on April 1st. Ms. Miller is the author of a new Beckley book called "Omens, Curses and Superstitions". Beckley ("Mr. UFO",) will be there in person, and your "Smear" editor will probably be there as well. Ain't Science grand?
- On the evening of Feb. 17th, NBC had a two-hour TV Special called "Confirmation: The Hard Evidence of Aliens Among Us?" Shamefully, your humble "Smear" editor did not see the show, but we are told that most of the ufological Biggies - even on the debunking side - were seen, with the notable exception of UFO physicist Stanton Friedman.

Among the sub-topics: Abductions, implants, the famous Mexico City video, Freedom of Information documents, and even a very good 1994 case from Ohio involving police having seen and chased a UFO

close-up. This sighting was identified by third-string skeptic James McGaha as astronomical, which is probably a far-fetched explanation for this particular case.

Perhaps the most interesting item in the show concerned an "implant" which apparently is chemically unique. But we would still ask - what does it really mean, in regard to being any sort of a link to the alleged aliens? So far, it is nothing more than an interesting anomaly.

In general, most viewers we have spoken to seem to feel that this was a rather mediocre production. On the other hand, Whitley Strieber, who co-produced the show, wrote a letter to the New York Times chiding them for being "unfairly critical" ...

- Finally, we have an Internet item about Jim Dilettoso, the UFO photo expert whose judgment and honesty have been brought into serious question by skeptic Kal K. Korff and many others. In this posting, entitled "Pending Lawsuit", Dilettoso threatens to sue Korff unless he removes all of his negative statements about Dilettoso from the Net - statements such as "court records show a two million dollar swindle of investors". Korff is a serious and determined young man, and we will wait to see just how he handles this situation! (Our thanks to Wm. LaParl Jr. for this & other items in this issue.)

PFLOCK PTALK - LITERARY LICENSE

by Karl Pflock, "Smear" Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist

In his new book "Alien Abductions: Creating a Modern Phenomenon" (Amhurst, N.Y.; Prometheus, 1998, 317 PP., \$26.95), University of Saskatchewan English professor Terry Matheson argues that what many think they know about UFO abduction experiences just ain't so. He also contends abduction stories have struck a strong popular chord because they meet needs similar to those that generated classical myths, and are in fact the building blocks of a modern myth addressing fears of such demons as dehumanizing technology and untrustworthy government.

Matheson's first point is on target. What too many take to be accurate abduction accounts in popular books and articles actually are significantly restructured renderings. As a Practicing Ufologist (P.U.), I find original abduction and other UFO testimony and evidence very often differ in many important and often critical respects from the retold published versions, even when the re-tellers are the principals themselves.

The imperatives of constructing a consistent, coherent, and entertaining (i.e., salable) narrative all too often conflict with those of straightforward factual representation. The narrative process abhors ambiguity, uncertainty, and neutrality. Things are left out, others are under- or overemphasized. Even with the best of intentions, the biases of the author, pro or con, inevitably creep in. Then there are the variations produced by other writers, further confusing things.

Bottom line; If you're doing UFO research, get as close to the original testimony and evidence as you can. Unfortunately, Matheson often ignores this rule in his dissection of the works of John Fuller, Budd Hopkins, Travis Walton, and others, relying on skewed nth generation accounts for comparison. For example, he gets a lot wrong about the Hill case. Still, his analyses are instructive.

Matheson's related argument is that abduction authors have participated in the creation of a myth, "rearranging the material provided by the abductees in a manner that appealed to the public, and in doing so fulfilled a function similar to those that classical myths served", explaining "an aspect or aspects of a culture to itself". He makes an interesting if too broad case, one worthy of thoughtful consideration.

Unlike other Prometheus authors, Matheson seems not to have an ax to grind with respect to the reality of UFOs or the true nature of abductions. To a remarkable degree, his book is a debunking-free zone. His aim is to demonstrate that how and why the abduction narrative came "to be created is an area just as worthy of investigation as is the question of what is actually behind the claims the abductees are making". He's right, and this has very important implications for ufology and any hope we may have of ever understanding the UFO phenomenon(-a).

Fearless Predictions: Ufoological True Believers will denounce Matheson's work as mere literary criticism or stealthy debunkerism in the guise of literary and social analysis. Ufoological True Unbelievers will seek to kidnap it as proof that alien abductions are (de) bunk. And so The Field will squabble on.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Famed MJ-12 investigator WILLIAM MOORE writes as follows:

Thanx for yours of Feb. 8th.

No, I did not know about Mr. Klass' "present delicate state of health." Since I wouldn't wish ill health or the suffering that goes with it on even a dog, I certainly won't wish it on him. Rather, I will only offer my opinion that his mother should have had an abortion because the world would be better off without such people.

Here's a man who (perhaps in imitation of Adolf Hitler) has spent a large part of his life trying to make himself look good by making others look bad-- others who, when you get right down to it, did nothing either to him or against him except to offer up opinions or points of view with which Mr. Klass, in his holier-than-thou, mean-spirited self-righteousness, happened to disagree. How DARE this son-of-a-bitch try to have me investigated, perhaps even arrested and thrown into jail, just because I held to a particular point of view or took a particular course of action with respect to Roswell which he didn't like and didn't want to hear! What did I ever do to him? Not only did he attempt to place my life and my freedom in jeopardy with what he did, but he never once stopped to think what effect such an action might have on my four children.

Until Posner's tongue-in-cheek comments about Klass and MJ-12 got me to thinking about it, the idea that Klass might somehow be behind MJ-12 never occurred to me. And even afterwards, I still harbored considerable doubt. I have less doubt now that I've learned he tried to set the FBI on my tail. That action, more than anything else, tells me what frame of mind this man was in-- and I don't use the word "frame" lightly. Seems to me that a man desperate enough to stoop to something like that just to cause trouble for someone he didn't agree with. would stoop to just about anything. I hope they put him in the same cell in hell with Ken Starr. The two deserve each other. They could spend the rest of eternity trying to decide which one is the more self-righteous.

But he's just teasing me, you say. He's only playing with me "in his delightfully evil way." (Well, at least you admit he's evil.) Tease a dog, and you may get bitten. Tease a cat, and you may get scratched. Mr. Klass' mother (the one who should have had the abortion) should have taught her spoiled only child that it's not nice to tease-- that he who teases must be prepared to accept the consequences.

If the above has caused you to notice that I'm OUTRAGED about this, then perhaps I've said enough.

Now-- as to your thinking it is unfair that you are not on the list of suspects, perhaps it will smooth your feathers if I tell you that I have always thought of you as being something of a suspicious character. It's just that your character isn't suspicious enough to make one suspect that you might be a suspect.

Cooper??? You mean Bill Cooper? I admit he's "shadowy;" he's just not very smart, that's all. IF MJ-12 is a hoax, then it seems to me that whoever is behind it has to meet four qualifications: He (or she?) has to be evil, has to have a diabolical sense of humor, has to be smart enough to have created those documents, and has to have had a motive. You've already admitted Klass is "evil" and that he likes to tease and play with people. That fills the bill for the first two items. And since I don't think anyone would dispute that he is intelligent

enough to have done the job, that leaves only "motive." I submit to you that Klass was so enraged and upset by all the publicity Roswell was getting that he would have done anything to discredit the case and get back at those he felt were responsible for promoting it, and that his letter to the FBI should be looked upon as Exhibit "A" in support of just such a scenario.

Remember, Jim, that Klass didn't agree with what Dr. Jim McDonald was doing either, and we all know what the outcome of that one was, don't we? And what Jim McDonald was into didn't incense Klass nearly as much as Roswell did.

So maybe you still feel Klass didn't do it. A few months ago, I would have agreed with you. Now, however, I am not so certain. One thing that IS certain however, is that if Gary Posner had kept his big mouth shut, none of this would have ever come up. Somehow it's only fitting that it was one of Klass' fellow skeptics who got him into this cauldron.

Nothing new on Shandera.

Editor's Note: We were referring to the mysterious Tim Cooper of California, not Bill Cooper the Militia sympathizer. Tim was behind most of the MJ-12 documents that the Woods are now talking about. - Jaime Shandera is Bill Moore's former co-worker, who is alleged to have disappeared mysteriously.

- And, famed debunker PHIL KLASS writes as follows:

Reference Bill Moore's letter (Feb. 20), if the MJ-12 papers released in late May of 1987 by Moore and his associates were authentic, then the person responsible for "leaking" them had violated their "Secrecy Agreement" and might be supplying other far more important Top Secret documents to the Soviet Union. If the documents were bogus, the person who created them was violating Federal law against making and distributing counterfeit government documents. (Without such a law, someone could make and circulate a counterfeit FBI document falsely claiming that Moore was suspected of sexually harassing young girls.)

I felt that the FBI should be promptly informed and provided with a copy of the MJ-12 papers, which I did in my letter of June 4, 1987. If the MJ-12 papers were authentic, Moore had nothing to fear because he had not himself violated any "Secrecy Agreement." If the MJ-12 papers were bogus and if Moore was not involved in creating them, he had nothing to fear from an FBI investigation.

If Moore is being truthful, I URGE him to report his suspicions to the FBI and provide them with all possible evidence to support his suspicions. I agree to provide the FBI access to all of my files--except the one marked "Letters From Monica Lewinsky."

- BOB BROWN of the International UFO Congress, which recently held its 8th Annual Conference in Laughlin, Nevada, has kindly sent us the following "scoop". (Brown can be reached at 9975 Wadsworth Parkway, #K2-504, Westminster, Colorado 80021.)

The Speaker line up was extraordinary and a great time was had by all 500 plus attendees. The Art Bell Chat Club coordinators also had their first meetings as well during the Event. There were continuous UFO sightings during the week (especially at the end of the week), culminating in two dramatic sightings on the last day. The first was daylight, when a stationary black object was observed for at least 20 minutes. It was very strange looking, with a sort of bulbous middle, and elongated triangle 'spires' coming out at the top and bottom. Then, at dusk, a really dramatic 'light show' was put on by a ship (or ships that later broke into 6 ships)! The later sighting was simultaneously observed by no less than Peter Davenport of the UFO Reporting Center, Peter Gersten (The "Ufo Lawyer"), Dr. Roger Leir (The "Alien and the Scalpel") and Steve Basset (The UFO Lobbyist), and 30 or 40 more! But, the highlight of the week was perhaps the first public disclosure of what we now believe to be an alien skull!

During the week of the Congress Preliminary examination of the skull was undertaken by many

people including medical doctors, an investigator with his minor in anthropology, and a teacher of human anatomy, It was also "viewed" by remote viewers in attendance. The initial report was made to the Congress on the closing evening. The preliminary conclusion reached is that "the skull is not human, nor is it any kind of "missing link". It was definitely an adult, standing perhaps 3 feet tall. The bone density was less than a human's. It resembled the "general" shape of what we commonly recognize as a "Grey"; but perhaps it was a hybrid, as it more closely resembled the drawings made by witnesses that claim to have seen their own hybrid offspring. Complete data on the preliminary conclusions will be posted on our web site within the next couple of weeks. The investigation is headed by Lloyd Pye.

The next Congress Event will be the "3rd Annual Summer Seminars" scheduled for August 15th through 21st, 1999.

We now return to our usual practice of printing edited portions of letters, rather than pasting in the whole letter.

- JOHN SCHUESSLER (9862 West Unser Ave., Littleton, Co. 80128), author of "The Cash-Landrum UFO Incident", writes as follows:

"Thank you for the [book review](#). I appreciate it.

"Sorry I am not at liberty to give medical records to unqualified people like Phil Klass. Those records have been reviewed by several medical doctors, and they found no pre-Incident anomalies. I really don't care what the debunkers say. It won't bring Betty (Cash) back..."

- DICK FREEMAN of "Batteries Not Included", writes:

"I wonder if anyone but me is worrying about all of those UFOs that are going to come crashing to earth next Jan. Ist when their computers go on the fritz! What a mess that's going to make, as all of the military will be in the cities, shooting rioters & there will be no one left to hide the damn saucers anywhere! Forewarned is fourarmed. Fourarmed is Hindu."

- Researcher MILLER JOHNSON writes:

"Your [comments on the I-Beam](#) are well taken. Weak and spindly perhaps, but not necessarily a spaceship structural member. Could it have been an alien dining utensil emblazoned with people-eating instructions?..!"

Man jailed trying to save ex from aliens

Associated Press

ELIZABETH - A man who claims he killed his ex-wife to protect her from being kidnapped by aliens has been sentenced to 40 years in prison.

Brent Steingraber, 39, of Roselle Park was sentenced Friday in Superior Court. He must serve at least 15 years before becoming eligible for parole.

He pleaded guilty last month to agravated manslaughter in the death of his ex-wife, Suraia Sadi, 36. He also pleaded guilty to endangering the welfare of their three boys, ages 11, 10 and 9.



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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

Noted researcher Tom Benson has sent us a very interesting Internet discussion between Roswell researcher Kevin Randle, UFO historian Jerry Clark, and several others.

It seems that on April 10th, there will be a day-long conference on the UFO abduction phenomenon, somewhere in New York City. The invited speakers are Budd Hopkins, Stanton Friedman, David Jacobs, Carol Rainey (Hopkins' wife), and Jerry Clark as (eek!) Moderator. Kevin Randle having already said all he cares to in favor of Roswell, is now coming out with an abduction book co-authored with Russ Estes and Dr. William P. Cone.

Cone is on record as being basically a skeptic, as far as believing that real aliens are involved in the abduction phenomenon. And Randle has made the politically incorrect error of lecturing on abductions as being related to anomalies earlier in human history, and even science fiction! Russ Estes is a movie producer whose views are mild but unclear to us, as we have not talked to him in quite awhile.

In any case, Randle was mildly upset that he was not invited to the conference, to provide balance or whatever. Clark, always quick to anger, screamed: "The organizers of any conference on any subject have the right to invite exactly whom they want to invite, and to have represented any point of view they endorse, feel comfortable with, or consider important. If you're not happy with the views (to be) expressed at the Intruders conference, hold your own damn conference!.."

How about that for Moderation! ...

- UFO researcher Don Schmitt still has not given up on the Roswell Incident, although many others have. At a somewhat recent speech in Portland, Oregon, he claimed that he and his co-investigators "are on the brink of blowing this case wide open." Among other things, Schmitt claims that rancher Mac Brazel, famous for having discovered the so-called debris field, may have also found a lone alien body at another location two and a half miles from there.

"Smear" readers may remember that Schmitt is a former partner and co-author with Kevin Randle, but these two had [a severe falling-out](#) some time ago. One of the problems was that Schmitt insisted that he was not an employee of the U.S. Postal Service; but in the long run it was proven that he is (or at least was at that time) a rural mail carrier in real life. One well might argue that if Schmitt lied about something so easily provable, he cannot be trusted in regard to more important & controversial matters! ...

- We have just received the latest issue of perhaps the most obscure zine in all ufo-dumb. It is called "Update", and is published by "The Flying Saucer Information Center", 7803 Ruanne Court, Pasadena, Maryland 21122, USA, EARTH, according to the letterhead.

The editor is a retired gentleman named Jim Wales, who is perhaps one of the last of the hard-core followers of the late contactee George Adamski. This group was founded around 1954 by the late Laura Mundo of Detroit, who was also a hard-core Adamski-ite.

Strangely, these people do not believe in the Money System. Thus, when Laura came all the way from Detroit in the late 1960s to lecture to our small UFO group in New York City, we did not pay her. (We lost money on the event, and had made no agreement to pay her in any case.)

Perhaps this disbelief in the Money System is why this issue of "Update" ends with the cryptic remark.- "If you are ever lucky enough to be invited aboard a spacecraft, leave your wallets behind!"

Earlier in the issue, Wales rants at length about Percival Lowell, the still-famous astronomer who photographed straight-line markings (or "canals") on Mars roughly a century ago. Wales does not seem to understand that an optical illusion can be photographed. Ask Erik Beckjord about this!

PFLOCK PTALK - LOST WITH THE WOODS

by Karl Pflock, "Smear" Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist

Ufologist and retired McDonnell Douglas/Boeing engineer Robert Wood and his son Ryan recently unveiled a batch of allegedly authentic "newly Roswell/MJ-12 documents, provided to them by self-described private investigator Timothy Cooper. Along with the original MJ-12 papers and the SOMI-01 MJ-12 special operations manual which surfaced in 1994, these constitute the crashed-saucer smoking gun, say the Woods.

Reportedly, "W2" have received a six-figure book advance. Silicon Valley kid-millionaire Joseph Firmage has included most of the documents in an online book posted on his Internet website, allegedly paying W2 a hundred grand for the privilege. It is also reliably rumored that W2 have hired a TV-documentary director to help them develop a television program and home-video, and they're now peddling a CD-ROM and two self-published tomes, plus a collection of the Cooper documents and a facsimile of the SOMI-01. Well, big money does do wonders for one's commitment in the face of criticism - and makes it hard to admit being taken in, too.

To ufology's credit, most of The Field are highly skeptical. And with good reason. The documents are riddled with both obvious and subtle factual goofs, and Cooper is a suspect fellow. Myriad errors are detailed in the current issue of (shudder) "Skeptics UFO Newsletter" (#55, Jan. 1999), and Barry Greenwood's next "U.F.O. Historical Revue" will reveal a "fatal flaw" in at least one document. (**See [discussion further along in this issue](#) - Ed.**) Ironically, in his 1996 MJ-12 apologia "Top Secret/MAJIC", saucer physicist and W2 confidant Stan Friedman exposed as bogus certain of the documents now being touted by W2, yet he remains largely silent as his friends promote them. (Why is that, Stan?)

As for Cooper, in August 1994 he told me that his late father, while a printer at Alamogordo Army Air Field, had produced a highly classified report about a crashed saucer and alien bodies, under the personal supervision of the base commander, conveniently deceased, of course. Cooper also claimed to possess undisclosed crashed-saucer documents, including some from the FBI allegedly proving Project Mogul wasn't responsible for the Roswell debris. He sent me copies of a couple, proven to be phony by Friedman in '96 and now being called authentic by W2. Cooper said he'd share the FBI material with me, but never did, perhaps deciding from my reaction to his other stuff that I was not gullible enough for his purposes.

Damn! It could be me collecting all that cash!

Editor's Note: Phil Klass' excellent SUN #55 can be obtained by sending one dollar to him at: 404 "N" St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024-3702. Incidentally, Phil does believe in the Money System!

NEWS BRIEFIES:

- Many thanks to all of you who send us items for potential use in "Saucer Smear", especially stuff from the (ugh!) Internet. Your editor is not on the Net, though "Smear" is, thanks to a friend in Chicago. We need all the help we can get, to keep this trash rolling back to our loyal readers.

It may occur that we don't actually use your material, after you go to all the trouble of sending it. But rest assured that all submissions are sincerely appreciated...

- We have a rather wild rumor that the top ufological advisers of computer-whiz-turned-ufologist Joe Firmage are; Bigelow associate John Alexander, who is also a non-lethal weapons expert; and Alexander's very shadowy friend Gordon Novel. Novel is not a ufologist, as far as we know, but he was mentioned unfavorably long ago in some of the controversy surrounding the John Kennedy assassination. How does this all tie together? Not easily! ...



- Another blow to the classic Patterson film of Bigfoot, taken back in 1967 (see photo at left): Two enthusiasts of this legendary creature are now claiming that four magnified frames of the 16mm footage show tracings of a bell-shaped fastener at Bigfoot's waist.

These spoil-sports still believe that Bigfoot exists, but they are convinced that the greatest evidence for his existence is nothing more than a clever hoax.

A similar point of view was expressed in the recent FOX documentary discussed in our last issue. (Our thanks to Denis Corey for the above.)

- Researcher Barry Greenwood has come out with his "U.F.O. Historical Revue" #3, as predicted in our last issue. On Pages 10-12 he discusses a "Fatal Flaw" in one of the Woods' recently-released MJ-12 documents, namely the one called "Magestic 12 Project - First Annual Report". This document is undated, but appears to be from late 1952.

Therein we find a weird discussion of mass disappearances of Soldiers and their equipment, in various wars. A reference is made to an alleged World War I incident that occurred on August 21st, 1915, when "members of the New Zealand Army Corps' First Field Company signed sworn statements that they saw the One-Fourth Norfolk Regiment disappear in a (sic) "unusually thick brown cloud wich (sic) seemed to move and rose upward and vanished. There were no traces of the regiment nor their equipment ..."

Several very important things are wrong here, but the most glaring is that the affidavit in question was signed by three New Zealand veterans on April 25th, 1965, at a 50th anniversary reunion celebration. Thus the affidavit did not exist in 1952, and could not have been known about at that time except by means of Psychic Powers!

For further details, send \$1.50 to Barry Greenwood at P.O. Box 176, Stoneham, Ma. 02180....

- Phil Klass, the somewhat lovable arch-skeptic, has current health problems which are described in the annual newsletter that his family, like many other families, sends out to friends and relatives during the Christmas season. We quote from the 1998-1999 issue:

"Phil's spinal surgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in mid-1997 failed to ease his walking problem whose gradual deterioration forces him to use two canes when walking. Further tests have so far failed to suggest any treatment to alleviate the problem. An additional problem arose because the anesthesiologist damaged Phil's vocal chord when inserting the breathing tube prior to surgery, resulting in 'permanent laryngitis' which is deteriorating. But other than difficulty in walking and talking, Phil's spirits are reasonably good..."

We wish him well....

- We should mention a very worthwhile zine called "The Flying Saucer Gazette", available both on the Internet and in "Hard Copy", as the expression goes. The print version runs about twenty pages monthly and includes lively discussions on various aspects of ufology. Being from New York City, the editor has focused on the Pine Bush, N.Y. saga, which has produced many weird sightings over the years, but appears to be winding down at this point in time. For more info., write to Scott Carr, 203 Rivington St ., #3B; New York, N.Y. 10002....
- As mentioned in "Smear" [at the time](#), your editor attended the International UFO Congress in Laughlin, Nevada in February of last year, and participated in a "roast" for contactee Wendelle Stevens on the occasion of his 75th birthday. Bob Brown of the International UFO Congress sponsors two Laughlin conventions each year - one in February and the other in August. Our little talk in February went over so well that we were invited back as a real (= paid) speaker for August, but alas, we could not make it.

The speaking offer was extended to February of 1999, but now Brown tells us that their advance registration is down, and we believe him, as this has been the case recently in regard to all UFO conventions, including our own NUFOC. In any case Brown can't afford our modest fee, so we will skip going to this particular gathering, which takes place at the River Palms Resort in Laughlin from Feb. 21st through 27th.

However, we will be attending (at our own expense) the annual gathering at Gulf Breeze (Florida) on the weekend of March 20th, sponsored as usual by Project Awareness; and we will also be at the MUFON bash in Arlington, Virginia, just outside Washington, D.C., on the July 4th weekend.

As for the 1999 NUFOC, we still have no word from local chairman Dennis Stacy as to the details. All we know so far is that it will take place some time this coming summer in San Antonio, Texas. Stay tuned! ...

- Roswell's International Museum and Research Center seems to be on a downward spiral ever since the resignation last August of its director, Deon Crosby. The Museum can never hope to achieve the peak of interest & attendance that occurred at the Roswell 50th anniversary festival in 1997, but there seem to be other factors at work here.

We learn that the Museum has two different websites, one active and the other inactive since November of 1998. No new director has been appointed, and there have supposedly been several abrupt firings of staff members and associates. Volunteers have been instructed not to discuss internal business with outsiders. And certain researchers who have come to look through the collection of UFO material recently donated by George Fawcett, have been thrown out. Egads!

We recall that "Smear" Contributing Editor Karl Pflock was a founding member of the Museum, but resigned in disgust in early 1997. The Museum personnel then ripped off his name from the founding members' plaque, and mailed the name plate to him in an unmarked envelope, broken in half! ...

- On January 12th your editor lectured on treasure hunting (our other big interest!) to a small but enthusiastic crowd at the Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society in Key West. Fisher is the legendary underwater treasure hunter who found millions in sunken gold, and who died of cancer late last year. We

knew him slightly. We really like the photo (below), taken just after the end of our talk....



Jim Moseley stands in front of a larger-than-life poster of Mel Fisher

- Here's another not-so-wild Rumor: CUFOS (Center for UFO Studies), founded by the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek, is in dire need of Money to survive. Send your subscriptions & Love Offerings to: CUFOS, 2457 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60659. Tell them that the Supreme Commander sent you!

BOOK REVIEWS:

- "The Cash-Landrum UFO Incident" is a major book by a minor publisher (Geo Graphics, La Porte, Texas) simply because this case is one of the most important saucer events of all times, at least in our opinion. The author is John Schuessler, a Deputy Director of MUFON.

If the same amount of concerted effort had been put into solving this case as was put into solving the Roswell Incident, the Cash-Landrum case would have been properly explained long ago. As things now stand, it will probably always remain a mystery!

For those who don't know, the basic incident was this: On the evening of December 29th, 1980, three people were driving on a highway near Huffman, Texas. They were Betty Cash, 52, Vickie Landrum, 57, and Vickie's 7-year-old grandson named Colby. From a distance they saw a huge, extremely bright diamond-shaped object low in the sky. Eventually it nearly blocked the highway about 150 feet in front of them, emitting a great amount of heat, light, and noise. Flames were coming out of the bottom. It hovered with small movements up and down for several minutes, and then moved up and away. Several helicopters of different sizes, perhaps as many as 23, were near the object by the time it left the area. The helicopters were apparently attempting to guide or control the object in some way. This was definitely not your typical UFO sighting!

Betty Cash spent more time outside the car than the others did, while the mystery object was hovering over the highway. Therefore her injuries were far more severe. These injuries included blistered skin, headache, vomiting, diarrhea, extreme thirst, and eventually loss of hair. Betty spent over two weeks in the hospital, where she was treated as a burn victim. During the next few months she was back in the hospital several more times, and eventually developed breast cancer. In all probability she was suffering from radiation poisoning!

Vickie Landrum had many of the same symptoms in a milder form, and so did Colby.

A key question has always been: What was the state of these people's health before the incident? Betty Cash had a heart bypass operation three years earlier, but other than that, she is said to have been in good health. Phil Klass has claimed that she had cancer prior to the incident, but he has never proven his

point. The argument could be settled if John Schuessler would release unsanitized copies of Betty Is pre-UFO medical reports, but he refuses to do so, supposedly to protect her privacy.

Sadly, Betty Cash's privacy is no longer an issue. She died on Dec. 29th, 1998, a few months after this book came out, and 18 years to the day after the UFO incident. Thus, although the incident caused her endless health problems and may have shortened her life, it probably did not directly lead to her death. The other two witnesses are still alive, but their present health condition is not clearly stated.

John Schuessler, researcher Bob Pratt (who wrote the forward for this book) and others, proceeded to investigate the Cash-Landrum case in the months and years that followed. Mostly they got nowhere. They did meet one military CH-47 helicopter pilot named Willy Culberson who seemed to know about the incident, but he would not give them any details. They also met a police officer and others who had seen low-flying military helicopters on the same evening and at about the same time as the UFO sighting. There was also a rumor, via researcher Tom Adams, that these helicopters were indeed told to "cover" (i.e., force it to land) a large diamond-shaped experimental military craft that was temporarily out of control.

Peter Gersten, now a latter-day hippie guru, was the lawyer that Schuessler & the others chose to help them file a compensation claim against the government, in behalf of the three victims. The lawsuit was properly and vigorously pursued, beginning in 1984, but it got nowhere! In essence the government claimed not to own any such UFO, and they stated further that even if they did own it, they could not be held responsible for these injuries.

After the UFO incident, Betty Cash and Vickie Landrum were never able to work again. Like the sick and dead civilian workers at "Area 51", discussed in earlier "Smears", these unfortunate victims who were driving on a public highway at the time, seem to have no rights against the power of Big Government. No wonder Schuessler is bitter. Something terrible and very important happened that evening, but as already stated, we will probably never learn the answer.

This is a very worthwhile book. Read it! ...

- Next we have "Out of Time and Place - Amazing Accounts that Challenge Our View of Human History." This is an anthology of Fortean type articles that have appeared in past issues of Fate Magazine, compiled by Terry O'Neill, the current editor. This seems to be the seventh in a series of similar anthologies.

We were impressed by authors' names that we recognized from the distant past - British UFO writer Harold T. Wilkins; John P. Bessor, who believed that UFOs are space animals; the late naturalist Ivan T. Sanderson; and famed science fiction writer Sprague de Camp. Most of the two dozen or so other article authors are unknown to us.

Your "Smear" editor wrote several articles for Fate in the 1950s and 1960s, but apparently these did not make it into any of the anthologies. Fate has been published for over fifty years.

How many of these stories are true, we cannot possibly say. We don't hold Fate up to the same standards of Truth as a book such as Michael Hesemann's ([reviewed in our last issue](#)), because everyone knows that Fate is more for entertainment than for science. On that assumption, this looks like a very interesting book indeed!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- UFO implant researcher DR. ROGER LEIR writes:

"Thank you for send ng me the copy of 'Saucer Smear'. I found it most amusing, especially the little cartoons. With respect to [the last paragraph which references my work](#), I will take this opportunity to point out that your periodical 'Saucer Smear' seems to serve no function whatsoever, and thereby, using your own logic, it would be absurd to continue to keep it in

print ... No malice intended..."

- WILLIAM MOORE, who hopefully needs no introduction to our readers, writes as follows:

"Your letter of Jan. 4th has been forwarded to me, along with a copy of the Dec. 1st issue of 'Smear'. Given the ['smearing' I got in this latest issue](#), I certainly hope the next one will do something to set things straight.

The most shocking thing in 'Smear', however, is Klass' subtle hint that perhaps he DID DO IT AFTER ALL! Read carefully and dispassionately, Klass' ['reply' to my letter](#) certainly does everything to reinforce such an argument and absolutely nothing to dispell it. Consider:

"(1) Klass does not deny it - something any reasonable person would certainly expect him to do from up front if he were indeed not guilty. Not only does he NOT deny it, but he says he is 'flattered' by my suggestion.

"(2) He hastens to point out that HE was the first to discover the 'very unusual date-format' which, HE claimed, copied a style used by ME in several letters to HIM. Then he goes on to admit that the 'hoaxer' intentionally used this unusual format 'to implicate (me) as (a) forger'. Could this not be construed as an admission by 'hoaxer' Klass that he used a date-style from my own letters in an effort to set me up?

"(3) Klass' second paragraph seems to imply that he fully expected me, in my innocence, to come forward and thank him for making this 'discovery'. Could he be trying to say that if I had done so, he would have then come forward and admitted the ruse, thus leaving me to look like a fool? It sure sounds like it, doesn't it?

"Finally, to correct the record, Klass has me making the claim that my 'research indicated the MJ-12 papers were authentic', when in fact all I said at the time was that my research had given me no reason to think that they weren't authentic. Once again, Klass has conveniently distorted the facts to serve his own ends!

"You can believe what you want, Jim. All I can say is that Klass' reply has done absolutely nothing to dispell my doubts. Maybe he did do it. If he did, he's the one who has to live with it, and he's the one who will burn in hell for it (hopefully soon) - a fate which, in any case, I happen to think he deserves for other reasons."

- Ufologist & Design Consultant MILLER JOHNSON of Albuquerque writes:

"Regarding the [MOGUL and alien hieroglyphs on in the Jan. 10th 'Smear'](#): The MOGUL graphics are accurately portrayed as Prof. C. B. Moore recalls his involvement when launching the MOGUL Balloon train with its GRAPHIC TAPE reinforced Radar Targets. A very disturbing factor about the hieroglyphs recalled by Jesse Marcel Jr. jumped out at me. Was it the 1/4 inch height? Was it the linear density of figures diverging by a factor of four? - Or the vertical extent of the figures by a factor of three? Could the small tightly hewn and filled-in figures described by Marcel Jr. have been modified? No, it was obvious that another factor was at play here, but why? The alien hieroglyphs on Marcel Jr.'s I-Beam are upside down! Was this a printing error or was it a deliberate attempt to confuse the I-Beam Replica's authenticity? I rest my case..."

"More I-Beam Ravings: I watched the Discovery Channel's version of the Roswell Incident on Sunday night, Jan. 17th. Rancher Mac Brazel in this version was given credit for retrieval of the symbol-laden Alien I-Beam. Does the Discovery Channel have evidence contrary to the Major Jesse Marcel story? Were two I-Beams recovered? If so, only one was reported to have been whisked away by the military. What became of the one Mac Brazel had recovered in the Discovery Channel version? Did he take it to the grave taped to his thigh with a retrieved strip of MOGUL TAPE? Did he die a true cowboy's death with his boots on? Could the I-Beam in question be six feet under, in a rancher's boot? Would an exhumation bring an end to the mystery surrounding Roswell? Probably not! The more answers we have, the more questions

there are. Not only that, the profit margins of too many people would find themselves in a state of \$dollar\$ abduction..."

Miller Johnson has kindly sent us a replica of the dreaded I-Beam. -Editor.

- Long-time researcher GEORGE EARLEY writes as follows:

"Re [Bob Durant's](#) insistence that the Roswell wreckage is of ET origin: Would Mr. Durant kindly tell us what that wreckage would represent? Not, surely, the structure of a space-voyaging UFO? Or is it simply trash left over from the alien equivalent of an afternoon picnic? It certainly seems insufficient, both in quantity and quality, to be the stuff in which star travelers would care to risk their lives!"

- PHIL KLASS writes as follows:

"Re [Dr. Gary Posner's unauthorized revelation](#) about my (alleged) involvement in the MJ-12 documents (and other hoaxes), I have today sent a copy of 'Saucer Smear' with Posner's letter to a 'certain agency' in Washington, suggesting that it promptly revoke his 'TOP SECRET/Cosmic Watergate' clearance. Further, I have also sent a copy to the White House, asking for their definition of 'Kenneth Arnold' and 'J. Allen Hynek', before I decide whether to plead guilty to Posner's allegations."

- Researcher JEFFREY KING writes:

'I see that the dreaded and evil 'X' has appeared next to my name, so enclosed is my annual Love Offering (purely voluntary, of course.) Rest assured that while the advent of the Internet may be slowly killing the art of letter writing, there will always be a place in this world for the brilliantly insightful wit of the Supreme Commander...

"P.S: If I suck up some more, do I get a discount?"

- Famed contactee DR. FRANK STRANGES writes:

"Many thanks for your recent letter ... In spite of our (minor) differences, I always maintained a great respect for you because of your stance for the truth...."

ASKING FOR IT: On 21 August, Josh Rempel was struck by lightning while standing beside a tree in a park. It left a hole in his baseball cap and singed his hair; he spent the afternoon in hospital while his heart was monitored. The day before, the 16-year-old from Calgary in Canada discussed religion with his mother, ending the conversation by saying: "May God strike me down with lightning" to express his atheism. "I believe in a higher being now," he said afterwards. "I was spared." ***Victoria(BC) Times-Colonist, 22 Aug 1998.***



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PFLOCK PTALK - THE FIFTH COLUMN

Wheeee! my own column! Thanks, Jim - I think.

Other than helping our Esteemed Editor avoid having to run full pages of mostly mediocre cartoons now and then, what, pray tell, am I doing here? Lessee ... It's not the thrill of being part of an enterprise feared and reviled by many leading lights of UFOdumb, though that is a plus. It's not the great journalistic prestige that attaches to this august rag. It's not even the money!

No, it's the irresistible though I trust not fatal attraction of having a regular space in which to sound off, enlighten the masses (smirk), make a fool of myself on my own terms, and generally harass the ufoological booboisie. "Smear" in and "Smear" out, for as long as Jim will let me, I'll comment upon the latest examples of ufology's current downward spiral and note the rare instances of brave souls swimming against the ufoological maelstrom, review a book now and then, propound brilliant theories, tweak the pompous, perhaps even bare an expose or two, and do my best to advance the notion that urologists should take UFOs more seriously than they take themselves.

Oh, yeah, almost forgot. I will, of course, very cleverly insinuate all sorts of shockingly close to the truth disinformation into my discourse, thus continuing to do my part to keep the lid on The Truth.

Which brings me to Timothy Good's observations ("Smear", Dec. 1) concerning my conclusion that the formerly

classified record establishes beyond a reasonable doubt that Uncle Sam's minions hadn't recovered any crashed saucers or hapless ETs, dead or alive, at least through the mid-50s (see my cover piece in "Fortean Times", #114). Mr. Good opines that information concerning recovered crashed saucers and croaked aliens would be "compartmented" and thus not be included in mere Secret and Top Secret documents.

Balderdash! Why is it that someone as bright as Good, someone capable of getting the goods (heh, heh) on Bob "Cosmic BS" Dean, can't see the forest for the trees? Why is it that Good and other ufologists assume G men would necessarily classify UFO-related information at the level ufologists think it deserves? (More on the "why" of such delusions in future "Pflock Ptalk".)

The documents on which I base my conclusions were communications between and transcripts of discussions among the men charged with the responsibility of cracking the saucer mystery, set down decades before the Freedom of Information Act became law. In them, these senior people made clear to each other there was no physical evidence in hand. If there had been such, these guys wouldn't have lied to each other; they simply would not have mentioned it, or if they had to, would have up-graded the classification level of their writings and meetings. This was the real world, a world of grownups, not the wet-dream spook-land of pimply faced conspiracy freaks and those who exploit them.

Which gives me the perfect segue to the recent revelations of Bob and Ryan Wood, Tim Cooper, Joe Firmage ... Oops! Out of Space. Tune in next time, saucer fiends! ...

Editor's Note: Karl Pflock is well known to "Smear" readers & to the UFO Field in general, and we are very proud to have him Aboard!

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- We have a long "Personal Communication, Confidential" from famed ufologist William Moore, the gist of which is as follows: He still believes that the MJ-12 documents may be genuine, and he insists that if they are fabricated, he did not do it, nor does he know who did. He again discusses the possibility that it was done by Phil Klass, and goes on to discuss several other "suspects": He entertains the possibility that Richard Doty was an unwitting tool of higher-ups in the AFOSI hierarchy; He mentions Jaime Shandera (who disappeared mysteriously over a year ago, according to Moore) as a remotely possible suspect; Ditto in regard to Stanton Friedman, Bruce Maccabee, and even Whitley Strieber. He concludes that if the documents are indeed fabrications, the most likely explanation is that he, Shandera and Doty were all dupes of some Government plan, for reasons that are not clear.

As for Phil Klass, he almost protesteth too much! We have from Klass another letter, reproduced [further along in this issue](#), in which he states that he recently just happened to come across a copy of his June 4th, 1987 letter to the FBI, patriotically reporting the existence of apparently Classified documents which, if genuine, should not be available to the public. This, of course, is the original group of now-famous MJ-12 documents which Moore obtained and released in that era.

Many other similarly suspicious official documents have surfaced much more recently, all designed to make us believe that the Government has interplanetary "hardware" in its possession. Of course, if Roswell was a mere terrestrial event, as we at "Smear" believe, then all these documents are probably null & void!

Meanwhile, Barry Greenwood, editor of "U.F.O. Historical Revue", has found what he believes to be a fatal flaw in one of the recent MJ-12 documents currently on the Internet. He has given us a preview of his information, and we can tell you that it should be taken very seriously, particularly because Greenwood is one of the extremely few objective researchers in all of ufology. The information will be published in the next issue of his zine, available at a cost of \$1.50 from: P.O. Box 176, Stoneham, Ma. 02180.

Within the UFO field, acceptance of MJ-12 has generally been less widespread than acceptance of the Roswell Incident. A new player in the game is one Joe Firmage, a millionaire hippie type who has launched a "research institute" called the International Space Sciences Organization, on the Internet.

Regarding MJ-12 he says, with typical "saucer logic": "The mere existence of such documents as these, containing the verifiable details that they do, is powerful evidence for the reality of the basic storyline in the history they recount". In other words, even if the documents themselves are fake, the incidents they describe must have happened. Egads! ...

- The MUFON Journal, under its new editor Dwight Connelly, continues to become more & more Speculative - to put it politely. The lead article in the December 1998 issue is by Roger Leir, the foot doctor who sometimes removes alien implants. He is pictured on the cover of the zine with co-workers Whitley Strieber and (ugh!) Derrel Sims.

Leir's article is about an implant operation that was filmed in a two-hour television special. Among the rules Leir laid down for the TV crew: "Not to use debunkers or skeptics (in the TV presentation); Not to use the names of our medical participants; Not to use the name of the surgical patient or show his face; To highlight the second hour of the production mainly with our material..." This anonymity destroys any scientific value of the procedure, and the absence of skeptics guarantees that there will be a lack of objectivity. So why bother with the operation at all?



We of "Smear" haven't fully made up our mind(s) just what the abduction phenomenon really is, but one thing is certain: So far, none of these alleged implants has been shown to have any function, such as control of the implanted individual. This fact is admitted by all. No one has even attempted to demonstrate a use that these anomalous bits of material can be put to. This makes implant research absurd in our opinion, at least up to and including the present time. (But keep on trying!)...

- As we have mentioned before, midnight of Dec. 31st, 1999 will be something special - not because it begins the new millennium (which actually starts exactly one year later) but because of the very real problem called 'Y2K". Many computers in Government and in private industry are expected to "crash" because they can't deal with a date in any year beyond the year 1999.

Amazingly, many groups of political and religious right-wing extremists have seized upon this computer problem to foretell race war and "end-times battles" of all sorts, beginning Jan. 1st, 2000. Says one extremist:

"Y2K could very well trigger a financial meltdown, leading to an international depression, which would make it possible for the antichrist or his emissaries to establish a one-world currency or a one-world economic system, which will dominate the world commercially until it is destroyed". The Internet is full of this sort of raving, we are told.

Here at "Smear" Headquarters, we intend to take some extra money out of our bank account in late December of 1999, but beyond that we'll just hope for the best. On the other hand, some prophecies are self-fulfilling, and we would not be at all surprised to find in late 1999 such events as a (temporary) stock market crash, an increase in domestic terrorist attacks, and such. So - HAPPY NEW YEAR! (Shudder!) ...

- In Ufoology, pre-millennium madness has already begun. Peter Gersten, self-appointed director of CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) predicted some sort of a UFO landing on Dec. 7th, 1998 on Mount Elden, near Flagstaff, in northern Arizona. (According to another version, the landing was to be at Constellation, Az.) Nothing happened, but hard core believers claimed this was because of unusual weather conditions, i.e., a severe snow storm on Dec. 6th, deliberately caused by the Government to prevent the landing!

We love Gersten's remark about all this: "It is irrelevant whether it is a hoax or not. Let go of your need to only believe what you are told is real and not real. The (star) EQ Pegasi was a 'signal'. Simply beCAUS it was possibly hoaxed does not lessen its effect. The Universe works in strange ways. You are confining your ability to see through the veil of illusion by only looking in one direction. Let go of the need to see the land and look to the skies." (Or, as "Smear" would put it, "keep your Eye on the Sky!")

Yes, Peter Gersten, former Bronx, N.Y. attorney, has become a hippie guru, working out of the mystic city of Sedona, Arizona. Barry Greenwood, currently editor of "U.F.O. Historical Revue", resigned abruptly as director of CAUS in early 1998 when Gersten took over. However, Larry Bryant, who bills himself as head of the CAUS Washington, D.C. office, continues to make Freedom of Information requests in the name of CAUS, and seems to be at least cooperative with Gersten. It is all very strange, this being currently the relatively conservative wing of ufology! Richard Hoagland of Mars monolith fame is also involved in all this, as is Art Bell, who is now snugly back on the airwaves...

- Well, you know things are slow when "Smear" runs a review of an admittedly fictional UFO movie, but here goes:

We just recently came across a movie on TV called "Out There", released in 1995, starring unknown (to us) actors. It turns out to be a moderately good comedy. The plot revolves around an incident back in the early '70s when the father of the film's heroine was abducted by aliens. We are at first led to believe these were fake aliens in a movie crew, but later it turns out that they were real aliens - or more precisely, humans whose DNA has been altered by the ETs so as to make them pro-alien, or whatever. The hero of the film has accidentally come across photographs of the abduction, and decides to find out just what the pictures represent.

The funniest scene in the whole movie is near the beginning, when after much effort he succeeds in finding the Air Force's Public Information Office, which is manned by a bumbling fool of an AF officer. When the officer is reluctantly made to realize that these are serious pictures, he rants that the AF has spent millions of dollars investigating MJ-12, Hanger i8 and Area 51, and doesn't want to spend any more money investigating anything connected with UFOS. He then throws the hero out of his office.

Later it turns out that the AF officer himself is one of the earthlings who has been programmed to be pro-alien.

The plot twists and turns, with many amusing politically-tinted asides, including about Richard Nixon. In the end, the pro-alien people are soundly defeated by being made to listen to accordion music, which is a sound that for some reason they cannot stand!

It turns out that the real aliens are in league with the U.S. real estate industry, and are here simply to expand their markets. Thus their motivation isn't nearly as sinister as in most science fiction films.

But the real, secret reason we bring all this up is to tell you that the hero of the movie is named Dilbert MOSELEY - Dilbert no doubt being the business-oriented comic script character, and Moseley being your humble "Smear" editor. Was this name chosen at random, by mere co-incidence? Hardly! We shall try to learn more about this matter. If any of our readers has a video of this movie, or any inside info about it, please let us know!

- The long-delayed FOX Network UFO debunking Special finally appeared on Dec. 28th. It runs one hour and is called "World's Greatest Hoaxes - Secrets Finally Revealed". UFO debunker Kal K. Korff gave us a detailed preview of this show, in which he is one of the main participants. This preview was printed in our Aug. 20th, 1998 issue. The show was just about as predicted, with exposes of Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster, Switzerland's Billy Meier, and the Ray Santilli alien autopsy video. Missing for some reason was the expected expose of recent Mexico City UFO videos.

Good old FOX - debunking some of their own material. This is indeed the height of hypocrisy!

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(You listening, Phil Klass?)

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- This year's National UFO Conference (NUFOC), our 36th consecutive annual event, will take place in San Antonio, Texas, hosted by former MUFON Journal editor Dennis Stacy. The exact date and other details will be announced shortly...
- There seems to be confusion and disarray at the famed Roswell (N. M.) Museum since the departure of Deon Crosby as director, last August. No new director has yet been appointed...
- Subliminal Vision expert Erik Beckjord is moving to San Francisco, where he intends to run for mayor! (Shudder!) However, he has shut down his Bigfoot museum permanently, for lack of funds...
- Dr. Frank Stranges of the National Investigations Committee on Unidentified Flying Objects has kindly sent us a "Certificate of Award" for "Outstanding Achievement in Unselfish Dedication and Devotion". We are not quite sure what this means, but we sincerely thank the good Doctor for this, and also for his very kind remarks about us in the current issue of his "UFO Journal" (P.O. Box 5, Van Nuys, California 91408) ...
- Legendary underwater treasure hunter Mel Fisher of Key West died of cancer on Dec. 10th, 1998. He was 76 years old. By co-incidence, your editor has been invited to speak on Peruvian treasure hunting on Jan. 12th, 1999 at the local Mel Fisher Museum. This is the first time we have been recognized locally for our long-ago adventures in Peru.

BOOKS TO KEEP YOUR BONFIRE BURNING BRIGHTLY:

"UFOs - The Secret History" is a new book from Marlowe & Co. by Germany's Michael Hesemann, a True Believer masquerading as an objective researcher. A list of acknowledgments in the Preface gives us more than a clue as to the objectivity of the people who gave the author his information. Among others, there is the late Colman VonKeviczky, plus Wendelle Stevens, Erich von Daniken, Robert Dean, Jaime Maussan (Mexico's UFO video "expert"), England's Timothy Good, and (eek!) Howard Menger. These are mostly good people, but hardly objective! There is also a glowing Foreword by none other than Whitley Strieber.

But let us not sell this book short. The author has done a tremendous amount of work. The book consists of over 500 pages of detailed, well-written narrative, amply illustrated. Every major legend, unproven allegation and unsubstantiated UFO claim of the past fifty years is in here somewhere.

Perhaps if "The Secret History" was presented as a definitive commentary on the credulous times in which we live, it would have an important place in our history. Presented as fact, it unfortunately is ludicrous, and a waste of the author's time as well as ours. Pity!

Hesemann is the author of several previous books and also the editor of something called "Magazine 2000".

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Famed UFO debunker PHIL KLASS writes:

"In regard to the 'raging debate' as to whether I might have been the person who created the original MJ-12 documents: While trying to catch up on my long-over-due filing, I came across my letter of June 4th, 1987 to the FBI - sending them a copy of the MJ-12 documents which Moore et al had just released. A photocopy is enclosed.

"You will note from the third paragraph that I then (mistakenly) believed the 'Cutler memo' (which Moore and Shandera claim they found in the National Archives) was authentic, because it bore the stamp of the National Archives.

"For your information, I never got any response from the FBI - nor did my letter seemingly trigger any FBI investigation - as far as is known.

"If I had created the counterfeit MJ-12 documents, I would not be likely to have brought them to the attention of the FBI. Of course, if I counterfeited the MJ-12 documents, perhaps the enclosure is a counterfeit which I only wrote today to fool you!"

Klass indeed enclosed what purports to be his June 4th, 1987 letter to the FBI. - Editor.

- [DR. GARY POSNER](#), Founder & Executive Director of the Tampa Bay (Fl.) Skeptics, and a close friend of Phil Klass, writes as follows:

"I wish to announce that, as per Bill Moore's urging (see [his letter](#) in the Dec. 1st issue of 'Smear') I have undertaken and completed a thorough review into the matter of Phil Klass' involvement in the creation of the MJ-12 hoax. Contrary to Moore's concern that I might suppress my findings 'for fear of the pall such a revelation could cast on the rest of the skeptical movement', I am prepared to now reveal the shocking results of my investigation.

"Yes indeed, Phil Klass is the culprit responsible for having forged the relevant MJ-12 documents. In addition to the overwhelming circumstantial evidence as laid out so persuasively in Moore's aforementioned letter, I have managed to elicit a confession from Klass (during a telephone conversation in which I successfully Tripped him up, if you get my drift).

"Unsuspecting that I was about to betray his confidence, Klass not only admitted to the MJ-12 hoax, but also confessed to having masterminded the following deceptions:

1. The Kenneth Arnold case (Klass wrote his script and therefore deserves credit for the term 'flying saucer').
2. Roswell (Aviation Week staff members staged the entire event. Klass was disguised as one of the aliens).
3. J. Allen Hynek (Again, Klass in disguise - which explains why 'Hynek' always refused to appear on the same stage with him....

"I regret that, by betraying his confidence, my long friendship with Phil may be in jeopardy. However, I hold out hope that he will now do the right thing by acknowledging his past transgressions, and that all will be forgiven,"

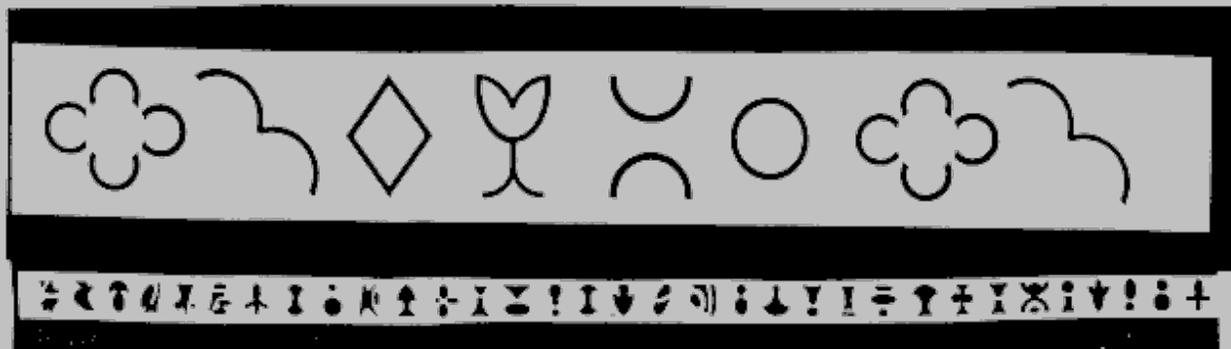
- Roswell researcher BOB DURANT writes as follows:

"Central to the 'Mogul' explanation for Roswell is the claim that Jesse Marcel Jr.'s 'hieroglyphs' were the geometric figures on Prof. C.B. Moore's radar reflector tape. There is a simple way to test that claim.

Artist & industrial designer Miller Johnson worked with Marcel and Moore to produce replicas of what each recalls seeing in July 1947. The two replicas can be compared. If they substantially match, the skeptics are proven correct. Above is a copy of each, with the scale intact. The Moore tape is one inch wide. The Marcel figures are within the lips of the 'I' beam, and are about 1/4 inch high.

"The linear density of figures diverges by a factor of four, the vertical extent of the figures by a factor of three; Moore's figures are empty but Marcel's are filled in; Moore's figures are broad loops but Marcel's are small and tightly hewn. Those are the major differences. There are no similarities.

"Nor is there any mechanism by which the Moore tape could produce the Marcel figures. For example, if one assumes that the Moore figures somehow 'bled' on to a balsa stick, one must cut the Moore tape horizontally into quarter inch strips, and compare the strips to the Marcel figures. This match is even worse than the full tape, if that were possible.'



- JOHN FORD, former head of the Long Island (N.Y.) UFO Network, and now in jail, writes as follows:

"... Thank you for including me in the [recent issue of 'Saucer Smear'](#). I have one point I'd like to ask you to put in a future issue: Please mention my lawsuit and the sixty million dollar judgment I was awarded against Bill Knell. The grounds were libel and defamation of character, and covers his incessant slander and character assassination against me. I think the UFO research community would be interested in the story, since Bill Knell is such a character unto himself.

"I have some interesting information to share with you: Last week the FBI picked up on a federal indictment Republican Party leader for Suffolk County N.Y. John Powell. The arrest also included 18 other individuals who were all involved in a 'chop shop', where stolen trucks would be taken and broken down for parts. In addition there were separate charges which libel Mr. Powell as being involved in rigging a scam in which he took bribes as a Brookhaven town official, for illegal dumping by carters in the Brookhaven town dump. A number of town officials were named in the action besides Powell.

"Now what does this all mean to my case? John Powell is the leader of the Republican Party and one of the politicians I was accused of plotting to kill. It will have an effect on my case, and it remains to be seen how it will go.

"I thought this would be interesting to you, and should underscore my position regarding the openly corrupt nature of Suffolk politics...

- Ace researcher CHRISTOPHER RUTH writes;

"...Another great tidbit I've heard lately is from Washington State, where a hunter supposedly encountered an alien in the woods, bonked him over the head with a shovel or something, killed him, and stuffed him into his freezer at home. Now some Ray Santilli type middleman is trying to sell to the media photos of this frozen being with the nasty head wound, without of course revealing the identity of this alien killer. It sounds like sasqatch lore on the face of it, except this thing supposedly looks like a classic grey.

Have you come across this story? ...

Not till now! - Editor.

- The noted researcher KOW PFLOP writes:

"Sorry to disappoint [George Hansen](#), but Kurt Peters and I are not one & the same. Peters is an interloper who attempted to capitalize on my work on mutes and beat my time with Linda Moldy Cow. Fortunately, he was quickly exposed, and now ekes out a living writing porn featuring bestial necrophilia and former beauty queens turned paranormal 'investigators' who really get into their work!"

- WARREN GAMMEL writes:

"Enclosed is my 'Love Offering'.

"Being technologically challenged (no plans to buy a computer any time in the near future) I, for one, would be greatly disappointed to see 'Smear' go online and you discontinue publishing hard copy. Many people tell me I need to get a computer and get on the Net, and I always ask them if they can browse the Net while they're in the bathroom, in bed, in the kitchen, or while they're at work. That's why I like printed news - you can read it anywhere! I receive about a dozen subscriptions every month (not all of them get read), but 'Smear' is read cover to cover every time, Keep up the excellent work!"

- Researcher HERBERT TAYLOR writes as follows:

"... I've come to regard 'Smear' with considerable affection, and look forward to receiving this interesting little zine. Whereas 'mainstream' publications like IUR and the MUFON Journal usually follow the 'party line', 'Smear' has no sacred cows, and tells it like it is. That's why it's such a good read..."

- And, GREG SULLIVAN writes:

"Your publication brings non-scheduled joy throughout the year. I wish I could have made it to the National UFO Conference last November, but I had already committed to Fortfest '98 in Washington, D.C. Nothing to do all year and everyone schedules for the same weekend! I'm dying to see Mr. Huggins' paintings up close and personal! Perhaps next year... "

- BOB ZANOTTI, a major radio personality in far-away Switzerland, writes as follows:

"I just wanted to let you know about a source for Long John (Nebel) tapes on the Internet. It's run by a guy named Max Schmid. Actually, his main interest is the old Jean Shepherd shows on WOR, but a check of his website reveals that there is also a substantial collection of Long John UFO shows, featuring all the great names, including your good self. They are mainly of the late '50S & early '60s vintage, i.e., the hay day. Anyone interested should check out: www.intercall.net/~jsadur/shepcat.htm

Wax museum has problems with Clinton's zipper

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - President Clinton has a zipper problem.

been taking a few liberties with his clothing," said Vicky Brown, general manager of the exhibition.

Organizers of Madame Tussaud's traveling wax exhibition have been forced to sew the zipper shut on the trousers of the Clinton figure because visitors have been undoing it.

Before Brown hit on the sewing-up strategy, security guards checked on the state of Clinton's trousers every couple of hours to "avoid embarrassment," she said.

"He's a really popular Figure and because the figures are very accessible, people have

The exhibition, featuring 110 wax figures, is on display in Sydney until July.



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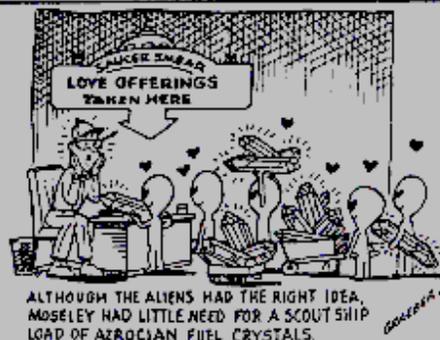
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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN:

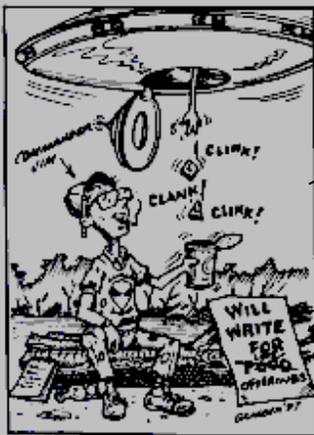
No, we don't refer to the Joyous Yuletide Season (Joyous though it well may be), but to the fact that many of you on our esteemed mailing list are now due to renew your non-subscriptions to "Saucer Smear". Indeed, if an "XI" appears after your name on the envelope in which you received this issue, you will be gently removed from our List unless we hear from you shortly. Please make checks or money orders out to "James Moseley" rather than to "Saucer Smear", as our bank likes it better that way.

Once again, ace cartoonist Matt Graeber has joined us in our effort to persuade you-all to Chip In to the cost of producing this unique zine of ours. Matt's work can be seen above, below, and throughout this issue.

REGARDING LETTERS TO THE EDITOR FROM WILLIAM MOORE AND OTHERS:

For awhile there it looked like the dreaded Internet was taking away almost all of our letter writers, and we grieved accordingly. However, we are pleased to see that in the past couple of months, letters to the editor have made a surprising comeback - for whatever reason.

In this issue the [lead-off missive](#) is from William Moore, in answer to our editorial



GEE, THANKS FELLAS... BUT, I ACTUALLY WAS HOPING TO GET A LITTLE U.S. CURRENCY FROM SMEAR'S NON-SUBSCRIBERS.

attacking him in the October 10th "Smear". We are more than happy to give Moore ample Space to reply here-in, but we would like to make the following comments on his letter:

The notion that Phil Klass had anything to do with the MJ-12 hoax is absurd. Klass is by no means the "boy scout" he claims to be, but hoaxing just isn't his kind of Thing!

We are fiendishly pleased that Moore admits in his letter that the inclusion of the late Dr. Donald Menzel in the list of MJ-12 members is somebody's idea of a joke. This is exactly what we have been saying for years, to Stanton Friedman and anyone who will listen. Sadly, Friedman will not listen.

3. It is worthy of note that Moore seems to have an unusual sense of humor himself. His letter was sent in an envelope taken from a hotel in Roswell, yet the postmark was from MARina Del Rey, California. This is just the kind of mind that might well be capable of including Menzel in MJ-12!

Now, ignore our cynical comments above and read Moore's letter with an open mind!

JOYOUS REHASH OF THE 35TH NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE::

This year it took us many months to find a location for our annual UFO conference, and it took a lot more work than usual to bring in a respectable-sized crowd. Yet this was done, with the help of local chairman Pat Marcattilio of Bordentown, N.J., and with additional help from several others who are connected with the (to us) mysterious Internet.

There were about one hundred paid attendees at the NUFOC this year, plus the speakers, hangers-on, hotel staff, etc. Primary credit for the success of the event goes to researcher Karl Pflock, who not only is an Internet fiend, but has a number of followers who were willing to pay to hear him speak. His topic was the classic 1952 Sonny Desvergers "saucer attack" case, although he is best known for his Roswell research, now contained in an updated book called "The Roswell UFO Mystery.- Legend and Reality".

By happy co-incidence, Pflock's Roswell book was sold to a French publisher called OP Editions, just the evening before the Convention began. (His other manuscript, co-authored with your "Smear" editor, is still unsold, unfortunately.) Pflock's literary agent, Cherry Weiner, was on hand for the announcement we made to the assembled masses, and at the same time Pflock was given - as previously planned - our coveted Ufologist of the Year Award. In the photo at right, Pflock is holding the plaque he was given, looking obviously pleased.



The speakers during the two-day program included your humble "Smear" editor and about fifteen others. We talked as usual about the several strange ufological and Fortean experiences we have had during our nearly half a century of saucer research. We also acted as Master of Ceremonies, making all the introductions from the podium, and there was even a wild rumor that a video tape would be made of just these rather unique introductions. (Don't hold your breath for it to actually appear!)

Other highlights were: Tom Benson, telling for the first time in public the full story of his 4-D type UFO abduction experience many years ago. Benson is a former state director for MUFON. Then, at the very end of the program was a delightful rant by parapsychologist George Hansen, who explained, among other things, how the prestige given to various UFO and psychic outfits in no way reflects the true value of their work.

And, earlier in the program, there was David Huggins with slides of his many paintings which describe the experiences he has had with attractive alien women from another planet or dimension of some sort.

Among those not heard: Pat Marcattilio ("Dr. UFO") himself, who chose to give his allotted time to someone else; NUFOC co-founder Rick Hilberg of Cleveland, who had to cancel because of illness; and Matt Graeber, who wanted to do a slide presentation of his cartoons, but received no encouragement at all from the local chairman.

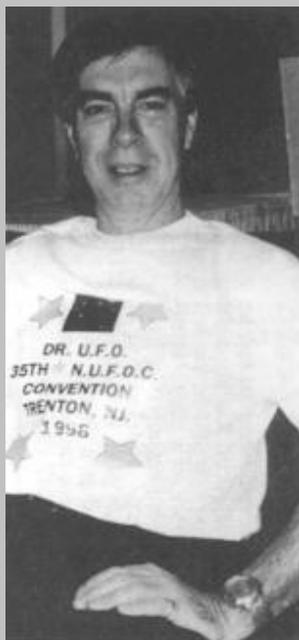
Other speakers included Marshall Barnes, speaking on the famed 1943 "Philadelphia Experiment", who gave a fairly convincing case for the idea that the technology existed to make a ship invisible. (This would not mean it was teleported, however.)

Retired airline pilot Bob Durant (pictured below) spoke eloquently in favor of the Roswell Incident being interplanetary. In separate incidents, both your editor and Karl Pflock were unnecessarily rude to Durant (as we both are Mogul Balloon fans), and each of us later apologized to him separately for our bad manners.

Antonio Huneus, "the man of a thousand slides", gave a world-wide ufological overview, and Curt Sutherly spun tales from his current Fortean book called "Strange Encounters". Dr. Richard Sauder ranted about underground bases, and conspiracy fan Peter Jordan of New York City sought the true meaning of the mysterious rash of animal mutilations in recent years.

Other speakers included Anna Hayes, Melanie Green, Michelle Guerin, and a couple of other people thrown onto the program at the last minute, whose names we did not get.

Over-all it was a very worthwhile event. The bar was busy and a good time was had by almost all. Now we are already starting to plan next year's convention, and we will keep you informed of our progress.



MEMORIES OF THE CONVENTION: Left: Pat Marcattilio ("Dr. UFO") relaxes in his NUFOC T-shirt; Center: Bob Durant in his pro-Roswell rant; Right: David Huggins poses with a painting of one of his interplanetary friends.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- We have just come across (thanks to Stanton Friedman) a hilariously garbled interview from a British magazine called "The X Factor". Last year, both Phil Klass and your "Smear" editor were speakers at Fortean Times' "UnConvention" in London, England. Though we hold similar view on many ufological matters, our views are not interchangeable, and our backgrounds are entirely different. Yet this interview,

supposedly with James Moseley (pictured in a trench coat we've never seen before!), begins by saying "Jim Moseley was born and raised in Iowa". No, it is Phil Klass who was born in Iowa, poor man! The interview goes on that way. Some of the questions & answers obviously pertain to Klass, and some to Moseley. A reader might wonder why an electrical engineer who has been a senior editor at "Aviation Week" (= Klass) would bother to spend a lifetime editing "Saucer Smear". Whoever wrote this article was obviously on the 'Wrong Stuff' that day! ...

- Scientists at the California Institute of Technology claim to have completed the first "full" teleportation experiment. They said they have teleported a beam of light across a laboratory bench - not by physically transporting the beam itself, but by transmitting its properties to another beam, thus creating a replica of the first one. These scientists believe the experiment shows that quantum teleportation can eventually transform everyday life! ...
- From the dreaded Internet Tim Brigham (remember him?) has snagged an item headlined "'Little Alien' Hoaxes Continue in Israel". It describes the fourth in a recent series of hoaxes involving little creatures of presumed extraterrestrial origin.

Mazal Maman of Moshav Keren Ben Zimrah was digging for fertilizer (no shit!) when, just under the surface of the ground, she allegedly found what appeared to be a human body, only about 3 inches in length. She said it looked like a human embryo, but (alas!) it had no sexual organs. A UFO researcher advised Ms. Maman to keep the creature in her freezer.

After a day of media frenzy, the entity was exposed as a fake, though the article does not tell us how or why. Was Ms. Maman Silenced or forced to change her story? "Smear" will stay on top of this one, we assure you! ...

- In a 1998 book called "Dancing Naked in the Mind Field", Nobel Prize winner Kary Mullis tells of an incident many years earlier, alone on his isolated property in California. He was walking through the woods about midnight on his way to the outhouse, when he came upon a glowing raccoon which spoke to him the words, "Good evening, doctor". The next thing he remembers, it was morning! Mullis quite rightly describes the incident as "extraordinarily weird"! (Our thanks to non-subscriber Lex Mebane for this one.)...
- An author/adventurer named Reinhold Messner has a new book out called "Yeti", in which he makes the case that the famed Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas is in reality a large bear. The book is said to contain photos taken during several encounters over a period of years. A number of European newspapers have cast doubt on his findings, but says Messner, "I can't help it if people expected King Kong and didn't get him!"...
- We have several interesting recent letters from John Ford, former head of the Long Island (N.Y.) UFO Network. He is still in jail, and for the second time he has been found incompetent to stand trial. He says this is "primarily because of my ties to the Israeli Intelligence Network and my belief in UFOS". His address is: Mid Hudson Psychiatric Center, P.O. Box 158, New Hampton, N.Y. 10958. - Ford claims to have inside information concerning certain alleged UFO crashes on Long Island a few years ago.

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LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- Famed researcher WILLIAM MOORE writes as follows:

"Once again, for the record, and in light of [your comment in the most recent SMEAR](#): (a) My previous statement about MJ-12 still stands; and (b) I am not involved in any way with either Dr. Wood, or his sort, or Mr. Tim Cooper, or anyone else, in any investigation of additional MJ-12 papers or related matters, nor do I have any knowledge concerning the possible origin or purpose of these additional documents, or of whether or not they could be fabrications. IF they are fabrications, I did not fabricate them, nor do I have any particular opinion about who might have-- except as set forth in herein.

Assuming, FOR THE SAKE OF DISCUSSION, that the original MJ-12 documents are fabrications, and with respect, to Dr. Posner's comment about whether Phil Klass should be considered as a possible suspect in the production thereof, I would like to say that I have never seriously considered such an intriguing possibility until now. Given Klass'(and some of his other skeptic-cronies') known involvement in similar underhanded, dirty-tricks operations in the past, and given that, at the time those documents first surfaced (i.e. December of 1984), Klass could well have harbored a desire to embarrass me publicly due to the hard time I was giving him over the Roswell Incident, perhaps Dr. Posner's suggestion is not so preposterous after all. Going further with such an assumption, the fact that I sat on those documents for two-and-a-half years rather than spreading them at once throughout the UFO community, plus the fact that when they did come out they were the subject of considerable publicity, may well have dissuaded Klass from coming forth with the truth because he then would have been painted (internationally, I might add) as an unscrupulous hoaxer and document fabricator while I would have come off only as a poor, unsuspecting victim or his duplicity. Imagine what a lawsuit that would have brought down (or could still bring down) upon him; not to mention the effect that something like that would have had on his then prestigious position with AVIATION WEEK, pluss any book publishing deals he had in process at the time. In addition, anyone familiar with Mr. Klass' well-known and often very perverse sense of humor will recognize that placing Donald Menzel's name on the list of alleged MJ-12 members is just the sort of thing he would find extremely funny.

Given all of this, and after due reflection, I concede that Dr. Posner could well be onto something in spite of himself, and I, as a potentially aggrieved party here, hasten to urge him, and anyone else who might be interested, to investigate further. Somehow, however, I doubt that he will; or if he does and manages to discover that Klass was responsible, that he will ever say anything about it for fear of the pall such a revelation could cast on the rest of the skeptical movement.

Before leaving this subject, let me reiterate that all of the above is only speculation on my part, and that, at least for the present, none of it is sufficient to in any way modify my previously stated position on MJ-12.

- BARRY GREENWOOD, editor of "U.F.O. Historical Revue", writes:

"If MJ-12 is indeed making its decade-later nostalgic comeback, then ufology deserves to go through such a foolish debate all over again, as a reminder of how giving credence to dopey claims invites such claims to grow and infest within an already volatile topic. Doesn't anyone in UFO research realize that much of what passes as 'scientific research' in this subject has all the impact of overgrown nose hair on one's face to those in the real world!"

- PHIL KLASS writes as follows, in answer to William Moore's letter:

"I am flattered that Moore now suggests that I may have created the MJ-12 documents that he earlier claimed he had spent more than two years researching before their public release in mid-1987 and that his research indicated the MJ-12 papers were authentic. Within several months my own research revealed numerous naws and anomalies which showed the MJ-12 papers were counterfeit. One of the most significant was the fact that dates contained in the 'Eisenhower briefing document' used a very unusual date -format - -part military and part civil, with a 'surplus comma.' Moore himself had repeatedly used this unusual date-format in his earlier letters to me.

If Moore did not type that MJ-12 document then the hoaxer had intentionally used Moore's unusual date format to implicate him as the forger. When I revealed this 'Moore date-format anomaly,' along with other flaws, in an article published in the winter 1987-88 issue of Skeptical Inquirer magazine, if Moore 'was innocent he should have written to thank me for discovering this anomaly which he had overlooked. Instead, Moore harshly attacked me and my article, and defended the authenticity of the MJ-12 papers, in the January 1988 issue of his newsletter."

- Famed British UFO author TIMOTHY GOOD writes as follows;

"You write that, 'Amazingly, the gentle but gullible Timothy Good ... is one of the people who contributed to the Bob Dean expose'. Actually, I directed the three-year investigation, with the expert assistance of Lord Hill-Norton, former Chief of the Defence Staff and Chairman of the NATO Military Committee, and a number of current NATO officials. (See 'The Unopened Files', No. 7, Summer 1998, available from Quest Publications, Lloyds Bank Chambers, West Street, Ilkley, West Yorkshire LS29 9DW, U.K. - Price: \$7.50, including postage; all major credit cards accepted.)

"You continually refer to me as 'gullible', starting back in 1983 when I co-authored a book on George Adamski in which, for example, I lent credence to the bogus Straith letter. Times have changed. Over here, many of the new wave 'X Files' ufologists regard me as a debunker, and I'm even listed as a sceptic by several radio and television stations. I'll settle for 'occasionally gullible', please. We're all gullible when it comes to claims we either want to believe - or disbelieve in. Which brings me to Roswell:

"Karl Pflock makes much of the fact that there is no reference to saucer crashes - or the recovery of material therefrom - in the Secret and Top Secret documents he cites; yet it is surprising that, as a former CIA officer, he fails to mention the fact that since World War II the United States intelligence community has ensured that highly sensitive information is compartmented within the level of Top Secret. Any such Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) - almost certainly including the alleged recovery of extraterrestrial vehicles and bodies - would therefore not be included in Secret and Top Secret documents. Moreover, any documents purportedly relating to such recoveries are likely to be exempt from disclosure under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act ... "

- On the other hand, MILLER JOHNSON, a former Board member of the Roswell Museum, writes:

"I found the paragraph in 'Saucer Smear' Volume 45, No. 7 relating to the [MOGUL tape hieroglyphics](#) for the most part accurate. The exception is the '7 inches' measurement. The enclosed replica, approved by Professor Charles B. Moore for both color and dimension, measures 6.57 inches. Perhaps Mr. Herb Taylor could have avoided criticism by using a disclaimer of measurement being 'approximately' 7 inches.

"I've come to respect Karl Pflock's theory of the Roswell Incident, beginning and ending as a terrestrial event. On the other hand, we have Jesse Marcel Jr.'s eyewitness account of the dinky little I-Beam. The symbols he describes are a different color, style and size. (See enclosure).

Were Professor Moore and Dr. Marcel describing the same hieroglyphics from the same debris field? I would have to conclude: absolutely. Opinions through different agendas confuse the facts for many. Without tangible evidence, a UFO crash tale is nothing more than a vehicle to promote more of the same nonsense!"

Space does not permit us to print the two conflicting sets of hieroglyphics, but we'll bet that Professor Moore is correct and thus Jesse Marcel Jr. is wrong. - Editor.

- CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes:

"I have some sympathy with [the anonymous internet correspondent](#) who attended a Stan Friedman lecture in Brisbane (Australia) and described his talk as 'crap'.

"I once read a remark that because Stan was a nuclear physicist this somehow implied he was exceptionally well qualified to speak & write about UFOS. And if you look at his books & papers (and his CD-ROM) the description 'nuclear physicist' always appears on the title page. Why, I wonder, does he constantly refer to himself thus? I presume it is to impress readers and listeners, particularly the younger generation and those new to UFOS.

"It is odd because Stan has also proclaimed himself as one of the very very few professional ufologists. He has also, by his own admission, 'reverse engineered' flying saucers. How should someone describe himself, being a former nuclear physicist who also spent time back-engineering flying saucers?

"Perhaps being an ex-nuclear physicist is a pre-requisite for a true understanding of the significance of the MJ-12 documents!"

- Researcher ANNE DRUFFEL writes:

"Thank you for your [mention of my new book](#), 'How to Defend Yourself Against Alien Abduction', in the Oct. 10th 'Smear'. Most of the 70 'resisters' discussed in the book state that the nature of the 'abduction phenomenon' is unclear at this time. (The possibility that it might be involved with some type of psychological phenomenon is even mentioned.) But regardless of the abductors' true nature, the fact remains that the nine resistance techniques described in my book do work, when used by witnesses with a strong sense of their own rights....

"In your 'review' of my book, your list of techniques and their explanations was taken directly from the back cover. I did not write the back cover; the editor did, as a sample of the info inside. I would think that a supplemental review of the interior of the book would be appreciated by your non-subscribers, because they might want to sidestep your original advice and buy the book anyway.,,

- Famed abduction researcher LEO SPRINKLE, Ph.D. writes as follows:

"I appreciate [your kind comments about R. Max Petersen](#). He was a wise and witty guy who corresponded on a variety of topics with a variety of correspondents. He was quick to praise the work of others and slow to criticize the traits of others. He characterized the best qualities of a UFO investigator and Cosmic Citizen ... May we all learn from his joyful, gentle, and peaceful path toward the UFO/ET mystery.,,

- The mysterious fellow who calls himself "V-2", who distributes all those cute little "no aliens" stickers, writes as follows:

"... We are so saddened at the passing of our dear friend Max Petersen. He was an ardent S.T.W. (Spread The Word) supporter & devoted pen pal. We will miss his letters & passion for truth seeking. Thanks for honoring him in 'Saucer Smear'".

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"Your last issue included [a comment by one 'Kurt Peters'](#). The book 'Mute Evidence' by Summers and Kagan revealed that this was the name Kow Pflop used back when he was into cattle mutilations. Is your correspondent Kurt Peters really Kow Pflop?"

Quite probably, if not certainly! - Editor.

- RONALD STORY, editor of a forthcoming UFO encyclopedia, writes:

"As I was compiling the new list of entries, I noticed something curious. It was the good company you now share in the alphabetical scheme of things. Whereas in the original 'Encyclopedia of UFOs', your name fell between the 'Morel Encounter' and 'Mothman', in the new version, unless some unforeseen entry slips in that I haven't yet thought of, your name now falls between 'Morrison, Philip' and 'Moses'. I just thought you'd like to know how your stature has risen over the years!"

- Non-subscriber DENIS COREY writes as follows:

"... [John Ford's letter](#) was a real hoot! I'm sure the county government deliberately set fires to cover up a UFO crash. Yeah, right! Talk about paranoia personified!

"Where is this major UFO flap that [Martin Kottmeyer](#) is talking about? I haven't seen or heard anything on the subject ...

Neither have we! - Editor.

- Author DON WEBB writes:

"I am writing you for three reasons: (1) My love offering; (2) A gift for you; (3) A note to your readers.

"My most recent novel, 'The Double' (242 pages, hardcover, \$21.95, a murder mystery from St. Martins Press) not only features the Men in Black, but also explains the 'Mystery' of Travel, in addition to being a basic hard boiled murder mystery. It is sure to be a cult classic, as reviewers have already compared it to works by Pynchon, P.K. Dick and Satan.

"Now, I don't expect you to run this note because of our long term friendship but because of the love offering..."

- And, cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

... I'm not sure if David Huggins' paintings are really art or not; but they are truly weird and fascinating illustrations of his very close encounters with amorous alien females and curious insectoids that seem to enjoy watching the on-board festivities. [Yipee!](#)"

He's Back

Oct. 27, 1998

When last we left radio host Art Bell, he had mysteriously signed off his late-night show Oct. 13, saying it would be his last broadcast - the result of a life-threatening event. Now, he's saying he will be back - on Wednesday - and insisting it wasn't all a contract ploy or publicity stunt. "This was and is a family crisis, period," said Bell.



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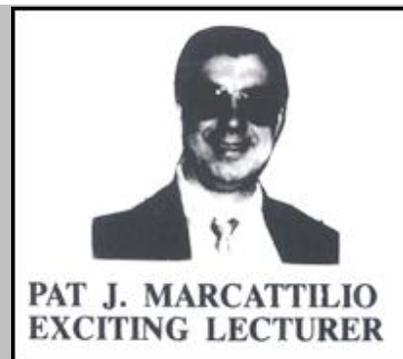
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FINAL WARNING!

Yes, this is our final notice about the glorious forthcoming [convention](#) which is taking place at the Days Inn in Bordentown, New Jersey on the weekend of Saturday November 7th and Sunday November 8th. It is now too late to buy advance tickets by mail. The price at the door will be \$40 for one day or \$70 for both days. Rooms at the luxurious Days Inn go for about \$50 per night.

Your humble "Smear" editor will be among the lecturers there, and he will also serve as Master of Ceremonies. Local host is Pat Marcattilio (pictured right), who is also one of the speakers. Other speakers include Karl Pflock, reviewing new evidence on the classic 1952 Scoutmaster Sonny Desvergers UFO close encounter case; Curt Sutherly on various Fortean phenomena including UFOS; Rick Hilberg on the modern history of UFOS; Antonio Huneus on UFOs in South America; David



Huggins on his lifetime of abduction experiences; Dr. Richard Sauder on underground bases and tunnels; Tom Benson on his own abduction experience; George Hansen on remote viewing; Bob Durant on the Roswell Incident; Peter Jordan on UFOs, cattle mutilation, remote viewing, etc; and several other lesser-known abductees and researchers.

For further information, phone 609-883-6921 (evenings), or 609-631-8955 (early after-noons). The Days Inn can be reached any time at 609-298-6100. be sure to mention the National UFO Conference (NUFOC) when making reservations there, in order to receive the benefit of our special discount!...

NATURAL DISASTER AT "SMEAR" HEADQUARTERS



As most of you know, there was a Category 2 hurricane in the Florida Keys on Sept. 25th, with winds well over one hundred miles per hour. Hurricane Georges (note the French spelling) also caused great destruction and took lives in the Carribean before hitting the mainland of the United States. In the Keys there was a lot of damage, but no deaths or injuries. As for "Smear" Headquarters, there was very little damage at all, though some houses and houseboats nearby were severely hurt. And of course the electric power was off throughout the area for several days.

"Smear" is printed at a shop 22 miles north of Key West, and in that area the damage from flooding was quite considerable. Our last issue went off the press just before the hurricane began, but was locked in the closed print shop thereafter. The issue would have been unavailable for about two weeks had it not been for a gallant rescue by non-subscriber Jack Bennett, who lives nearby. Immediately

after the hurricane he went to the shop, found the owner, and took "Smear" to his own badly damaged house, where he kept it till your editor was able to come by & pick it up. The photo at left shows Bennett standing amid hurricane debris in front of his home on Sugarloaf Key, 20 miles north of Key West.

Our sincere thanks to Jack Bennett, who has been given a free lifetime non-subscription to "Smear"...

Because of the hurricane, your editor canceled his planned attendance at the Project Awareness Space Coast UFO Conference, which took place Oct. 9th-11th in Cocoa Beach, Florida, near Cape Kennedy. We had been looking forward to this convention, which featured Whitley Strieber, Stanton Friedman, and other "Biggies" of the UFO field. Project Awareness, more than any other group, really knows how to put together a Con!

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- We are still trying hard to get off the subject of the Roswell Incident, and for this reason we deliberately passed up the recent story about ufologists who have applied photo enhancement to the piece of paper in General Ramey's hand, when he was photographed in his office with the Roswell debris - and sure enough, the writing on that paper contradicts the statement he is making to the press! How convenient that he would be holding this piece of paper in just the proper way to be photographed!

The above story is so ludicrous that it is below the high standards of "Smear". However, we have now come across a story slightly less ludicrous and equally entertaining. It seems that at John White's recent annual UFO convention in Connecticut, a father & son team named Bob and Ryan Wood gave an illustrated talk concerning a new batch of some 200 pages of MJ-12 type documents which surfaced a year or so ago. According to people who were present at the convention, some of the documents have obvious flaws, but others would take a vast amount of research to prove or disprove. The documents follow from the Eisenhower briefing document which, as noted in our last issue, William Moore presented to the public back in 1987. There were supposedly two crash sites, both near Roswell, and a massive cover-up thereafter.

One of the main people involved in this new MJ-12 affair is a very mysterious fellow from California named Tim Cooper, who is a private detective of some sort and a former Navy crypto expert. This man was described to us as a Todd Zechel type person - Zechel being the man who beguiled the UFO field many years ago with tales about crashed saucers, espionage, intrigue, etc. Some of his material checked out, and most of it didn't.

In our opinion there obviously is a very sophisticated group of hoaxers out there somewhere who are determined to make us believe that the Roswell Incident was interplanetary, in spite of overwhelming evidence to the contrary. Whether or not our friend William Moore is involved in this continuing effort, we do not know.

Interestingly, we asked long-time UFO document researcher Barry Greenwood what he thinks of this new batch of MJ-12-type documents, and he said in effect that they are not even worth investigating, since they basically come from an anonymous source

- Old timers in the UFO field will remember "The Encyclopedia of UFOs", edited by Ronald D. Story, and published in 1980 by Doubleday. This was billed as "a comprehensive and objective A to Z of sightings, personalities, theories, and feature articles" on the flying saucer subject. Modestly we must admit that your editor has a photo and write-up therein.

Now Story has contacted us in regard to a new, enlarged and updated version of his encyclopedia, which he is now starting to prepare, but which will not appear in print for another year or two. Anyone interested in helping out with this formidable task should contact Mr. Story at P.O. Box 58228, Seattle, Washington 98138-1228. He will send you a questionnaire and a list of instructions as to how you can be of help. (No money will change hands, however.)

The only fear is possible jealousy on the part of ufology's most famous encyclopedia writer, Jerry Clark, who clashed with Story at the time of his 1980 tome. (Long story here, - to make a cheap pun!) ...

- An item from an Australian newspaper dated July 30th is one of the strangest Fortean stories we have ever seen or heard. You've heard of crop circles of all sizes and descriptions, but how about a gigantic outline of an Australian aborigine warrior about two miles in length, carved into a remote Australian plateau! To make matters worse, the land where the carving was made is the subject of a long and bitter dispute between two tribes. No one knows who made the drawing, how, or why; but the most likely theory is that it was done by a visiting American, possibly as a joke. Space People are not even mentioned in the article!

NEWS BRIEFIES:

- Sadly we report the death of Max Petersen of Scottsdale, Arizona, who was a long-time non-subscriber to "Smear". Max was not really very active in the UFO field, and therefore he is probably unknown to most of our other non-subscribers. However, he carried on a long correspondence with Dr. Leo Sprinkle and several others at the New Age end of the ufological spectrum, Max was a kind, gentle, non-judgmental soul, and he will be missed by those who knew him. He succumbed to liver cancer at the age of 72
- The [Fox Network Special](#) described in our August 20th issue, featuring ace UFO debunker Kal K. Korff &

others, still has not appeared on television, and we have no update on when it will be seen. This is the documentary which will re-expose the notorious alien autopsy video, Billy Meier of Switzerland, and other ufological outrages

- The sorry state of ufology is confirmed by a surprising notice in the October 1998 catalogue for Bob Girard's Arcturus Books. Says Girard:

"DAY JOB WANTED: We're to the point where we're no longer earning enough from book sales to meet fixed expenses. If your publishing house, book business, think tank, government agency, or corporation needs a hard-working fellow with an active brain, contact (me) personally ..."

Egads! ...

- And, sadly enough, there is still no publisher for our flying saucer book with Karl Pflock, "Shockingly Close to the Truth!" This is about as shockingly close to the truth as it gets!

BOOKS TO KEEP YOUR BONFIRE BURNING BRIGHTLY:

- From Galde Press comes a 270-page opus called "Alien Rapture - The Chosen", coauthored by famed ufologist/occultist Brad Steiger and someone named Edgar Rothschild Fouche. Steiger is the author of more than one hundred books, of which fifteen million copies are in print, whereas Fouche is a "spook" of some sort, having served in Air Force Intelligence (Gasp!)

Here we have the usual stuff about secret government dealings with alien intelligence, Area 51, military use of alien technology, and of course the (alleged) UFO crash at Roswell. The tell-tale flaw in this work of art is mentioned right in the press release: "Because of the top-secret information in this book, parts have been fictionalized to protect the true identities of men and women involved in sensitive government programs, but episodes described in the book are based on actual events."

We just don't like science fiction! ...

- Next comes a 380-page softcover called "Cosmic Test Tube - Extraterrestrial Contact, Theories & Evidence", written by someone named Randall Fitzgerald, who is a contributing editor at Reader's Digest. With our review copy Randy (whom we don't know) sends us a handwritten personal note reading "Perhaps my most recent book will be of interest". Perhaps; but we are not favorably impressed by the fact that, though there is an index, we are not mentioned therein! George Adamski is there, the defunct Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) is there, Antarctica is there, and even the Antichrist - but no James Moseley or "Saucer Smear"! Egads! ...
- Finally, we have a large soft-cover book from Tim Beckley's Global Communications - an organization which continues to grind out New Age type literature after all these years. This opus is called "Invisibility and Levitation", and is written by the noted New Age writer "Commander XI", who may very well be Tim Beckley himself for all we know!

To learn the transcendental secret of how to obtain this book, write to Global Communications, Box 753, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Famed researcher WILLIAM MOORE writes:

"... As for Roswell, you wouldn't believe how many people got mad at me when I dared to opine that perhaps the extraterrestrial explanation might not be the best one anymore. No

one, however - not one of them - took note of the fact that my statement derived from the fact that:

- a. It had always been my position from the very beginning that the UFO explanation was the best one based upon the evidence available to us at the time, and that
- b. If new evidence ever came to hand which caused me to rethink my position, I would say so publicly - which is exactly what I did.

"To clarify further, I still think the ET explanation remains valid as one of several possible explanations and that it is still worthy of further investigation and consideration. It's just that, in light of the large body of new evidence now in hand, I no longer think that it is necessarily the best of those several possible explanations. (Now watch them distort that one all out of shape!)

"In addition, I continue to be troubled by those who feel I can shed further light on the MJ-12 affair when in fact there's really nothing more I can say about it that hasn't already been said, and several times over at that. Indeed, there are lots of questions about it that I wish I could answer, but alas, I cannot ...

- [DR. GARY POSNER](#) of Tampa Bay (Florida) Skeptics writes:

"In your [lead October article](#) you state, 'Either Bill Moore had a hand in writing the (MJ-12) documents, or at the very least, he knows damn well who did!'

"As you damn well know, the suspect documents are dated in a military/civilian-hybrid style identical to that used by Moore in his personal correspondence. If Moore was not involved, whoever did write them damn well mimicked Moore's idiosyncratic dating method. But for what possible reason? To falsely 'frame' Moore as a creator of bogus UFO documents? If so, no one with a vested interest in perpetuating the MJ-12 hoax (you name Friedman, Shandera and Doty) would damn well have written these documents.

Who's damn well left? Phil Klass?"

- MILLER JOHNSON, who in the past has been closely associated with the International UFO Museum in Roswell, N.M., writes:

"Thanks for your reply, along with the copy of 'Saucer Smear'. Enjoyable reading! Please include me on your non-subscriber list as a person who can deal with Free Will Love Offerings appropriately. As you are probably aware, I am thoroughly disgusted with the circus atmosphere at the UFO Museum in Roswell..."

- Researcher CHRIS ROTH writes as follows:

"...I had never before heard of [Colman VonKeviczky](#), but there's nothing unusual about a former Nazi-puppet-state-officer managing to insinuate himself comfortably into a post-War career in the U.S. The entire U.S. post-War intelligence network - the C.I.A. and N.S.A. - was riddled with Eastern European Nazis, who were recruited wholesale at the end of the War precisely because they constituted an already-in-place intelligence network focusing on the Soviet Union.

"... VonKeviczky may well have been a nice and honorable guy, but his resume capitulates a sad fact of American history..."

- ROBERT SHEAFFER, author of "UFO Sightings - The Evidence" writes.

"Sorry to be so tardy about replying to your letter. This happens a lot when I correspond with those who are computer-challenged. I know that I must get my printer set up, dig up an envelope and a stamp, etc. By comparison, those with whom I correspond on-line get responses pretty damn fast, because all I need to do is to push a few buttons.

"I was delighted to see [your review](#) of my new book, 'UFO Sightings'. It's encouraging when someone as wise as you (well, OK, experienced) sees the merit in my writing. Prometheus claims to have sent out lots of review copies, although I don't see any evidence of that ...

- JOHN FORD, formerly head of a UFO group on Long Island, New York, and now in jail because of alleged involvement in a [bizarre murder plot](#), writes as follows:

"Thank you for sending me the July 10th issue of 'Saucer Smear'. I appreciate support from all quarters.

"My case is a frame-up and a smear tactic to destroy my UFO organization and to neutralize my effectiveness.

"The main reason I'm sitting here is due to the fact that I had information indicating that the 1995 East End Forest Fires had been deliberately set to cover up the crash of a large disc near Suffolk Community College, south of Riverhead (Long Island). The County was asked to set fires near the crash site, to keep people out of the area; but dirty politics being the case, the Republican leadership, in an effort to gain control of Pine Barrens properties, set Forest Fires South of Sunrise Highway in populated areas near the coveted land. I was able to document some of this. While doing so, I was targeted for elimination by the politicians. I had several attempts on my life fail, due to the intervention of Israeli intelligence, which protected me for some 3 1/2 months.

"Yes, it's true what I said. There is a heavy intelligence presence involved in my case. The man to talk to about it all is Preston Nichols. ... He can give you a briefing on the various aspects of the case ..."

- Long-time researcher ALEXANDER MEBANE writes:

"...I ought to have mentioned a few months more promptly that I'm in entire agreement with your statement in your 3/1/98 letter: 'There is some sort of "other realm" out there which breaks through into ours occasionally, but not often enough to really upset our civilization - so that people who want to deny its reality are - for all practical purposes, quite justified in doing so.' I thoroughly agree with that view. But isn't this a strange situation? Since the other-worldly entities are able to perform what we call miracles, they could intervene so effectively in human history as to shape it just as they please - but they don't. Their rulers (?), or the rules of the 'game' they're playing, forbid them to take any unquestionably concrete action, and limit them to influencing human history only psychologically - by the actions of people who have been convinced by their manifestations....

"How frustrating it must be to be a perpetrator of these eldritch pranks! Only a pitifully small proportion of them ever get publicized; the vast majority never have any effect on anyone but the original witness. Great and ingenious efforts must have gone into producing all these 'quasi-real' phenomena - yet, almost invariably, wasted efforts.... It would seem that they must get so much enjoyment out of watching our reaction to their 'shows' (spiritualism, UFOS, etc.), that they feel our responses to these 'Productions' are rewarding enough to justify their great complexity and expense."

- Ace ufological philosopher MARTIN KOTTMEYER writes as follows:

"I felt you might be interested to know that we are experiencing a major UFO flap if the data of the National UFO Reporting Center can be trusted. As of the 26th of September, there were 108 reports covering 80 incidents. This is the heaviest month in the Center's files, and is a rate about ten times the average rate since January 1996. This bears comparison with the monthly totals found in the flaps of the Project Blue Book years. I trust most people will agree this is a curious development given the public disenchantment and disinterest in our subject of the past year or so. I, for one, was delighted by this unsurprising turn of events and would be

interested in your reaction."

Our reaction is that this "flap" (?) is long overdue and badly needed indeed, if we are going to keep the UFO subject alive! However, we were totally unaware of this "flap" till Martin brought it to our attention, and we fear the same is true for most people! - Editor.

TRANSCRIPT OF ART BELL'S RESIGNATION (2:55 A.M., Oct. 13, 1998)

You may recall about a year ago... I told you that there was an event, a threatening terrible event occurred to my family, which I could not tell you about. Because of that event, and a succession of other events, what you're listening to right now, is my final broadcast on the air. This is it folks, I'm going off the air and will not return. And what I will tell you now is what I told you then. When the time comes when I can tell you what occurred, I will tell you, through the press, through the media, of one sort or the other. I will explain to you the entire thing, it's not that I want to hold anything back from my audience, however, for the protection of my family, until it is otherwise revealed, I can't discuss it, I won't discuss it. And if you were in my position, you would do exactly the same thing. And when you finally hear whatever it is, what it is, whenever you hear it, I think you will then understand.

At any rate, I wanted to tell you, I didn't want to go without saying a word, so I'm telling you now. What you are listening to, is MY FINAL BROADCAST. It's been a good run, and you've been a great audience, and it's been an absolutely incredible forum. And my presumption is, that the forum will continue, At any rate, it certainly is my hope, that the forum will continue.

And again when the time comes, when this information can be released, you can be sure that I will release it, and I would assume because of the magnitude of the forum that I have held, at that time, you'll get the whole story. But the time will come when I will tell it.

So for now and the foreseeable future, that's it! That's the end of this man's broadcast career. So, thank you, and goodbye...



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ROSWELL: THE LAST (?) REHASH: IF BILL CLINTON CAN (ALMOST) TELL US THE TRUTH ABOUT MONICA LEWINSKY, ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME FOR BILL MOORE TO EJACULATE THE TRUTH ABOUT ROSWELL AND MJ-12?

Now that most of the shouting is hopefully over with, let's take a final look at "Roswell in Perspective" - which, incidentally, is the title of Karl Pflock's book on the subject (available from the Fund for UFO Research.)

We tend to forget that the Roswell Incident was originally headlined in the "Roswell Daily Record" only about two weeks after Kenneth Arnold's highly publicized sighting of a "flying saucer", which began the very first modern UFO "flap". This was the very beginning of the modern flying saucer era, and people all over the United States were genuinely excited and confused about what was going on. In this near-hysterical environment, it is no wonder that the spindly debris found on Mac Brazel's ranch was at first thought to be something truly mysterious. In saner times, it would have been immediately realized that this fragile stuff could not have come in from another planet, whether or not it was the wreckage of a balloon (which it was).

The Roswell Incident was soon forgotten, in spite of all this, and it would mercifully have remained forgotten were it not for the fact that, circa 1978, former nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman and former high-school English teacher Bill Moore stumbled upon former Intelligence officer Jesse Marcel, Sr., and it went on from

there - leading to the book "The Roswell Incident" in 1980, co-authored by Charles Berlitz who merely lent his name to the undertaking. (Friedman correctly insists that he - Friedman - did not get enough credit in the book. Interestingly, we have talked to Berlitz by phone, and he knows very little about the Roswell subject.)

More witnesses came forward, including Glenn Dennis, Frank Kaufmann (the Man of Many Names), Frank Joyce, Lewis Rickett, Jim Ragsdale, Gerald Anderson, and others - and all were eventually found to be confused, lying, or worse.

Still we might have survived all this, had not the infamous MJ-12 papers surfaced in 1987 - first revealed at that year's National UFO Conference, sponsored in Burbank, California, by Bill Moore. Someone with a personal motive for perpetuating the Roswell story must have been behind these documents. Moore's co-worker Jaime Shandera comes to mind, as does Stanton Friedman and Moore's other high-level contact, former U.S. Air Force Sergeant Richard Doty. Were any or all of these people in on the hoax? We can't be sure; but one thing is certain: Either Bill Moore had a hand in writing the documents, or at the very least, he knows damn well who did!

In recent letters to "Smear", Moore has indicated that his Faith in Roswell and in MJ-12 is not as strong as it used to be. Saying this is not the same as admitting to any wrongdoing. Although Moore has always been friendly toward us, and we thus have no personal animosity whatever toward him, we nevertheless say: 'Fess Up, Bill!

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While we're on the subject of Roswell, we can't fail to mention that our friend Karl Pflock has written the cover story for the October 1998 issue of England's "Fortean Times", which of course is also on sale in the United States. The article is: "DECLASSIFIED: Ex CIA Man Investigates Crashed Saucers". In it, Pflock details the pertinent parts of genuine formerly classified government documents, which taken together, make it abundantly clear that at least through mid-1955, there were no UFO crashes at Roswell or anywhere else in this country. Pflock believes this situation still holds true today, and we agree.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- Our friend Antonio Huneus has written a long and touching "personal tribute" to the late Colman VonKeviczky, a Hungarian-born ufologist who lived and worked in New York City for many years, until his death from cancer on July 27th of this year, at the age of 88.

Colman was the CEO of an organization called ICUFON - Intercontinental UFO Galactic Spacecraft Research and Analytic Network, which he founded back in 1966. One of the main activities of this basically one-man organization was to write ponderous letters to the United Nations, American presidents, and various public officials - calling their attention to the UFO phenomenon, and especially to the concept that these spacecraft represent a serious danger to the planet Earth. Most of the recipients of these letters did not take Colman seriously, but a few did.

VonKeviczky was a retired colonel in the Hungarian Army, with expert training in photography. After World War II he worked for the American military in Germany, and in 1952 he migrated to the United States. For a few years in the 1960s he actually had a job at the United Nations, involving photography and public relations. Apparently his intense pursuit of his ufological goals led to his being fired by the U.N., supposedly at the urging of the American delegation.

Colman was better known and better received in Europe than in the United States, as his command of written and spoken English was not good. He was, however, invited to lecture in several countries over the years, and he supplied UFO photographs to many organizations and researchers, including Antonio Huneus, who has expressed his gratitude in the above-mentioned tribute (which unfortunately is too long to reproduce here.)

See also the [letter from Kurt Peters](#), further along in this issue.

- "Smear" has come across a hilarious item from the Internet, in which a fellow who attended a recent Stanton Friedman lecture "Down Under" in Australia had this to say:

"I went and saw Stanton Friedman last night in Brisbane, and would have to say I thought it was a bit of a fizzer (***whatever that is!*** - ***Ed.***)

"Friedman lectured for two hours. He talked about the cover-up conspiracies ad nauseam, did an awful lot of name dropping (this was extremely boring and I didn't think it was what we came to hear about), talked about his vast superior knowledge, debunked the debunkers, challenged the skeptics to a debate as long as it wasn't while he was on tour, and showed some crappy slides that were too small to read. He also talked about the Roswell Incident and Betty & Barney Hill's experiences, and then took questions at the end.

"The lecture never got past Roswell, and there was absolutely nothing new that none of us hasn't already read about.

"I don't want to sound like a wowser (***whatever that is*** - ***Ed.***), but I thought it was crap, and all I got at the end of the night was a sore bun from the seat!"

- Not many ufologists like to read CSICOP's "Skeptical Inquirer", but there is much to be learned therein, if one is open-minded. The Sept.-Oct. 1998 issue contains an article which expresses in erudite terms an opinion your editor has held for a long time - that present-day scientific "reality" is even stranger and harder to believe than religious and New Age "reality". The title of the article is "Why Would People Not Believe Weird Things", and it is written by one Wayne Anderson, who is a bona fide skeptic and a physics professor at Sacramento (California) City College. Says he:

Atoms and molecules - even protons, neutrons, and electrons - were plausible because at first they seemed to be scaled-down versions of ordinary objects. But now protons, neutrons, and most of the other subatomic particles are believed to be composed of particles called quarks which cannot be separated and therefore are not even observable in isolation. In an attempt to understand the ultimate nature of quarks and other fundamental particles, a promising theory has emerged during recent years. It is called string theory and has been hailed by its proponents (and detractors) as a 'theory of everything'.

In its latest version, M-theory, strings have been replaced by membranes that vibrate in a ten-dimensional space. Most of these dimensions are so highly curved in on themselves that we experience only the ordinary three dimensions of our familiar world. Interactions between these membranes may even have produced space and time themselves...

Although the deep meaning of quantum mechanics - the theory of the microscopic world - still evades physicists, they are at least familiar with the experimental evidence for it and the reasoning that leads to its bizarre conclusions. The general public, on the other hand, must accept most of it on faith. For example the vacuum, which most people think of as complete emptiness, is viewed in quantum mechanics as a boiling sea in which subatomic particles spontaneously appear out of nothing and then suddenly vanish before we can observe them...

The very notion that science is studying a real world that exists independent of us has been called into question. According to a common interpretation of quantum mechanics, sub-atomic particles such as electrons do not have a well-defined existence until we try to observe them. They exist in all possible states until our act of observation forces them into one particular state. This phenomenon is called the 'collapse of the wave function'. In other words, there is no real world until we try to observe it ...

In attempting to make sense of this bizarre idea, some physicists have adopted the many worlds view. According to this idea, each observation forces a system into one of its possible states. But what about all those other states? In the many worlds theory, each observation causes the universe to split into one or more universes, one in which the system has the observed state, and the others in which it has the other state. Since millions of observations

are going on all the time, the universe is constantly splitting up into innumerable other parallel universes. To some physicists, these other parallel universes are just mathematical possibilities. But others think that they are perfectly real, meaning that our universe is embedded in a vast sea of universes increasing apparently without limit.

Another implication of quantum mechanics seems to be that specially prepared particles, called 'entangled' particles, may be able to communicate with each other at speeds greatly exceeding that of light in some mysterious way over immense distances... In a newspaper article attempting to explain this weird behavior, Timothy Ferris, one of the very best of current science writers... has suggested that such faster-than-light communication may be due to interactions between our world and another universe traveling backwards in time.

Heady stuff, indeed - and stranger than science fiction! It kind of makes us less educated crackpots feel that maybe we're not so crazy after all! ...

- UFO lecturer Bob Dean has been receiving a lot of attention lately, partly in regard to a recent rumor that he has died. As far as we have been able to find out, this rumor is not true.

There has been a major expose of Dean and his ufological claims, in the Summer 1998 issue of a British magazine called "The Unopened Files". Amazingly, the gentle but gullible Timothy Good, author of several wildly pro-UFO books, is one of the people who contributed to this expose. The article is very long and detailed, but in brief, Dean never saw the highly classified pro-UFO document called "The Assessment" which he claims to have seen years ago while an Intelligence officer in Europe for NATO. In fact, he apparently never was in Intelligence work in the first place! This situation was revealed by anti-UFO extremist Phil Klass as far back as last year, and is again discussed in Klass' September 1998 issue of his magazine "SUN". (Yes, we've been "scooped" by the old fellow again!)

But Klass has not seen another, less specific expose of Dean which was sent anonymously to Tim Beckley of Global Communications, and of course your "Smear" editor has a copy of this. It is apparently written by a female friend of Dean's wife Cecilia. The author calls Dean a "liar" in regard to his claims about saucers, but (as with our embattled President), the focus is mainly on Sex - i.e., the fact that Dean has been an unfaithful husband and is currently living with a woman other than Cecilia. The unknown authoress even accuses the 69-year-old Dean of having obtained a prescription for Viagra! (Shame!)

The only useful thing in this two-page expose is the address of "The Unopened Files". Those who wish to read this definitive article should write to: Quest Publications, Wharefebank House, Ilkley Road, Otley LS21-3JP, England.

We have met Bob Dean at several UFO conventions, and all we can say is that we like his beard!

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- As usual, this issue of "Smear" would not exist were it not for "a little help from our friends", notably Antonio Huneeus, Karl Pflock, Bill LaParl, Tom Benson, and Matt Graeber. Many thanks, guys!...
- The photo below is a view of the luxurious Days Inn of Bordentown, New Jersey, which is the site of [the 35th National UFO Conference](#), to be held on the weekend of November 7th and 8th of this year. About 15 speakers have been booked, and most of the legendary "hard core" of ufology from the New York area is expected to attend. For details about this unique event, send us a note asking for our Convention flier!

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- Deon Crosby has resigned as Director of the International UFO Museum at Roswell, and we hear (quite seriously!) that Richard Hall has applied for the position. Hall, formerly of NICAP, FUFOR, etc., is one of the most uptight, grossly opinionated researchers in the entire UFO field, and is thus perfect for the job! ...
- And, from a semi-secret source we learn that, though they made money on other things, the Roswell UFO Museum lost heavily on the lecture series they sponsored at this year's Roswell Festival last July. An average of only about thirty people showed up for each of the eight lectures, whereas it had cost around \$3,000 each to bring in these eight "experts". The Museum's loss on this fiasco was about \$20,000 to \$22,000, according to the report we have seen. These speakers included "Biggies" such as Budd Hopkins, Stanton Friedman and (ugh!) Bob Dean! ...
- Another sign of the times is that the Ancient Astronaut Society, now celebrating its 25th anniversary, has decided to discontinue its magazine "Ancient Skies" and to stop sponsoring annual conventions. The organization will continue with occasional activities, however....
- The only thing we really liked in the September 1998 MUFON Journal, other than our advertisement for the Convention, was a short article by a British zoologist named Malcolm Smith, who boldly states the same thing we have often said - alien hybrids are genetically impossible - period!..
- Apparently David Jacobs is not the only weirdo on the faculty of Temple University in Philadelphia. There is also a Center for Frontier Science, which delves into many Fortean fields, and this should be stopped, according to a highly critical article written by CSICOP's Martin Gardner.

We disagree with Gardner about this....

- We have an interesting item in which famed psychic Uri Geller comments very favorably on remote viewer Ingo Swann. Says Geller, "If you were blind and a man appeared who could teach you to see with mind power, you would revere him as a guru. So, why is Ingo Swann ignored by publishers and forced to publish his astounding life story on the Internet?"

We don't know the answer to that question, but perhaps we will learn more when we hopefully meet Swann at the [NUFOC Convention](#) in Bordentown this coming November. Swann is not on the program, but there will be a lecture on remote viewing by parapsychologist George Hansen.

Whereas Geller, in our opinion, fakes his psychic manifestations most of the time, and possibly all of the time, we nevertheless believe that there is something to remote viewing, and that Swann is an honest practitioner of same.

BOOKS TO KEEP YOUR BONFIRE BURNING BRIGHTLY:

- We have received two 90-page soft-cover booklets written by Daniel Cohen, a non-CSICOP skeptic whom we have known for many years. Cohen is a professional science writer who was editor of the prestigious "Science Digest" Magazine in the late 1960s when we first met him. In recent years he has left the New York City rat race and is now a free-lance writer living with his wife near Cape May, N.J.

These booklets are called "The Alien Files: Contact" and "The Alien Files: Conspiracy". They are on the Scholastic label, and apparently are written for children around the 12-year-old age level. They are objective and entertaining, and deliberately give no hint as to the author's very negative personal views on the UFO subject...

- Next we have "How to Defend Yourself Against Alien Abduction", written by long-time MUFONite Ann Druffel of Pasadena, California. Ms. Druffel is a charming lady whom we met once, years ago. She has been in the UFO field for some forty years, and we have no doubt that she is perfectly sincere in her efforts to help us ward off these fiendish greys who, however, have never been proven to exist!

The publisher is Crown, of 201 East 50th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10022, and the price is \$12.00. You can save your money by simply following Ann's nine clearly-stated rules listed on the back cover of her book. Among these "alien abduction resistance techniques" are:

- Mental Struggle: Block their mind control
- Physical Struggle: Fight back
- Righteous Anger: Summon your inviolate rights
- Protective Rage: Guard your loved ones
- Support from Family Members: Seek strength in numbers
- And our favorite: Repellents: Use time-tested fend-off substances

Egads!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- FRANK SPAETH, Associate Editor of FATE Magazine, writes:

"I sincerely hope that [Art Wand's photograph](#) in the July 10th, 1998 issue of 'Saucer Smear' was put there as a ruse. It doesn't take a professional urologist to easily debunk it. I simply turned the picture upside down and instantly recognized it as nothing more than a light fixture and smoke detector - and though I've learned a few things about UFOs while working for FATE Magazine, I don't claim to be an expert!

"If it was put there as a joke, it was certainly funny. If not, perhaps Mr. Wand should consider joining his mother in the adult care center. (Just kidding - sort of.)

"We here at FATE really enjoy your newsletter. I especially liked your additional observations regarding our article on Coral Castle in our July 1998 issue. Keep up the good work."

- Former Nuclear Physicist STANTON FRIEDMAN writes:

"I always say 'Saucer Smear' is good for a laugh. Your July 10th issue contains [a hilarious remark that I was one of the narrators](#) on the UPN show about the supposed, but entirely fictional Abduction in Lake County, Mn. I certainly did NOT narrate the supposed video (a cheap Hollywood type production even listing cast members at the end, but with many people believing it was true). I said nothing about the video in my responses to a number of sensible questions about abductions asked me in southern California, during which trip I did get a rare opportunity to see my daughter. I didn't see the video before it was broadcast, wasn't asked about the video and, of course, said nothing about it. Narrator? NONSENSE.

"It is strange indeed that nobody complaining about my supposed role in this monstrosity complained about what I said or how I said it. Would we be better off if somebody less knowledgeable had answered the questions?

"...I am very curious about the Discovery Channel program. I didn't see it. The only time I can

recall being interviewed in a Panama Hat (Straw Hat) was during the filming of my video 'Flying Saucers ARE REAL' (Vol. 1, 83 minutes, \$25 postpaid from UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, Me. 04730-0958) at Kennedy Space Center in 95 degree weather in August, 1993. I'd have been burned to a crisp without it. Anybody know anything about this show? Maybe I can sue the producers for using film without permission.

"Keep those jokes coming!"

- Anthropologist & UFO researcher CHRIS ROTH writes:

"I was pleased to see in the 'Arizona Republic' clipping you sent me that Bill Cooper is finally [running afoul of the law in a serious way](#). The man is unstable and potentially dangerous. Usually I'm sympathetic with Vietnam vets who are paranoid and permanently mentally damaged by the war, but in his case he's done his best to erode any sympathy anyone might have for him.

"Remember that he was being looked at closely by the authorities when the Viper Militia was rounded up in Arizona a few years back, but they couldn't pin anything on him; he was just a revered figure, not a ringleader, as far as anyone could tell. I was interested that the 'Republic' article didn't mention UFOs or 'Behold a Pail of Horseshit' (as Martin Cannon calls 'Behold a Pale Horse'). I imagine all that will come out if this turns into a siege. I just hope his little daughter - an infant in the photos in his book - doesn't get caught up in it ...

- Researcher KURT PETERS writes as follows:

"Quoting from Antonio Hunneus' obit for VonKeviczky,

'Colman was really an idealist from another era, born August 21, 1909 in the final days of the dual Austro-Hungarian Hapsburg monarchy. He studied at the historical Ludovica Royal Hungarian Military University in Budapest, graduating in 1932 as a First Lieutenant with a Master of Military Science and Engineering (MMSE). Promoted to Major in 1938, he was the founder and Chief of the Audio-Visual Military Education Department at the Royal Hungarian Army General Staff until 1945. After the war, Colman worked for the 3rd U.S. Army Constabulary in Heidelberg, Germany, as motion picture director, cameraman and public relations officer until 1952, when he emigrated to the United States.'

"Notice anything interesting about this? The Hungarian monarchy was a Nazi puppet regime during WW II and very much an anti-Semitic Fifth Column outfit in the pre-war years. The good colonel or major or whatever 'somehow' landed a post-war job with the 3rd Army Constabulary... in Germany after the war, the sort of job we tucked 'cooperative' Nazis and their friends into. After a 'decent interval', Uncle Sam 'permitted' him to emigrate to the U.S. The post-Commie regime, which supposedly blessed Von K's colonelcy, has many pro-monarchists in it.

"Hmmmmmm."

- The inevitable PHIL KLASS writes:

"Dear Capt. Jim Moseley:

"Because the next issue of SUN is not due until November, I'll give this hot scoop to you and 'Saucer Smear':

"As a direct result of the recommendation of [Peter Sturrock's Panel](#) - that UFOs are deserving of scientific study - NASA now plans to change the optics on its Hubble space telescope so that the world's scientists can look for UFOs near earth instead of looking at distant galaxies. Further, NASA is considering terminating plans for a manned flight to Mars in 2020 and

reassigning at least 1,000 of its scientists to study UFOS.

"Unconfirmed rumor has it that NASA will build a new Center for UFO Studies in Gulf Breeze, to be funded by Laurance Rockefeller, and hire Ed Walters to be its director. Another contender for the job is Dr. Bruce S. Maccabee."

- WILLIAM (BILL) MOORE writes as follows:

'First of all, in reply to your 'official' letter of July 1st, and speaking as a member of the NUFOC Permanent Organizing Committee (POC), I wish to say that I heartily approve of your decision to add two new members, Pflock and Graeber. Even though I do not know Graeber personally, I have often enjoyed his cartoons. As for Karl, he is rapidly emerging as one of the best researchers in the field - which perhaps explains why he tends to be so unpopular with the main-streamers.

"Sorry I've been out of touch. It's been a busy and very hectic summer so far, with no relief in sight. I expect to be going back East again within the next month or so for an extended stay..."

- The semi-mysterious JOHN ALEXANDER writes:

"I just received your most recent posting, and thought I would comment about the [material on Phil Corso](#). As my son in West Palm Beach was married on July 4th, I was in the area and saw Phil just two weeks before he died. We spent several hours together, and at the time he seemed to be in great shape.

"Just to clarify things, Corso did not have a contract with Birnes. He had a contract with Russell who in turn had a separate contract with Birnes. The last I heard from Phil Corso Jr., the legal battle was still on with Russell. I have no idea what the outcome will be. The stories differ considerably about how the book was written. Phil did acknowledge to me that there were many errors in the published version. Unfortunately he died before he could elucidate further. No matter what anyone else thinks about his stories, I found Phil to be a very nice guy."

- Researcher BRUNO MOLON writes:

"... I was amused by a mention of [Dr. Robert Spencer Carr](#) in your June 5th non-scheduled newsletter. I called Dr. Carr on the phone in 1991 or 1992 to discuss details of the Reeves case, since the NICAP file at the CUFOS office in Chicago lists him as the primary Field Investigator. I got my questions answered, but the good Professor explained to me how he had been inadvertently injured when the hatch on an alien craft closed prematurely during a visitation. I also learned that Carr had installed electrical outlet jacks on his roof as a courtesy to his alien guests when they arrive. During the telephone conversation he kept asking me to 'speak up' because he had voice stress analyzers running and I was speaking too softly for them to register properly.

"I hung up feeling quite strange. I had failed to ask if the electrical jacks were merely 110 volts or if his alien friends required a 220 volt source."



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-part of the editor's introduction to our article "UFOs Out West", contained in Fortean Times' anthology "The UFO Mystery", now available in paperback.

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BILL COOPER IN BIG TROUBLE WITH THE FEDS!

A front page story in the July 3rd issue of the Arizona Republic newspaper informs us that former ufologist Bill Cooper (pictured at left) is in a showdown with federal authorities in regard to tax evasion. The headline reads "Militiaman Refuses to Recognize Warrant". It seems that Cooper failed to appear in federal court on charges that he evaded income taxes from 1992 to 1994 and defrauded a bank.



We met Cooper several times at Tim Beckley's western conventions in the early '90s, and we spent some enjoyable interludes drinking with him in the hotel bars. On one occasion Bill was with his oriental wife Annie Mordhorst and their young daughter. Cooper made no secret about his disdain for the income tax laws. In fact, he and Beckley eventually had a falling out over the mere fact that Beckley mailed him a form regarding the tax liability on the money he (Cooper) earned from his lectures at these conventions - all of which were very well attended, because Cooper is an excellent speaker, whether one agrees with him or not.

Bill Cooper does not describe himself as a militiaman, but there is no doubt that he is very sympathetic to this extreme right-wing and sometimes violent movement. In regard to the present crisis, Cooper posted on his Internet site, in big red letters: "WARNING: Any attempt by the federal government or anyone else to execute the unconstitutional and unlawful arrest warrants... will be met by armed resistance". Federal agents, fearful of another Ruby Ridge or Waco type incident, seem to be in no hurry to move in on Cooper. They know where he is and will move cautiously, but added, "Obviously at some point, we will effect the arrest". We have seen no follow-up on this front page article!

Cooper's UFO views are of interest. As a former Naval Intelligence officer, he claims to have seen highly classified documents proving that the U.S. government has captured saucers, interacted with the aliens, etc. However, at a given point in time he reversed his course and decided that these documents were simply disinformation, to make us believe the aliens are here, possibly just to soften us up for the dreaded forthcoming New World Order.

Bill Cooper is the author of a book called "Behold a Pale Horse", which sold quite well a few years ago. We never actually read it, but we did find the page where he lists us as a CIA agent, along with several other ufologists. Cooper later told us that he has changed his mind about this too.

Cooper has a regular radio show on the Christian Broadcast Network, and your editor once did an hour-long interview on this program which is apparently heard mainly in Europe (if at all). Cooper is also the editor of an occasionally-published newspaper called "Veritas" - latin for Truth. Right-wing views abound in all of this, but we never heard Cooper call for armed resistance to the government except when personally attacked, as Cooper now feels has happened to him. In short, we have here a very bright but very strange man - with a terrible temper, incidentally. All in all, we liked him, though we never subscribed to his views on UFOs, politics, or anything else.

Our thanks to Phoenix ufologist Ted Hunt for some of the above information.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- "Smear" has learned quite a few details about an upcoming Fox Network special called "World's Greatest Hoaxes - Their Secrets Finally Revealed". This show will feature (among others) Kal K. Korff, author of skeptical books about Billy Meier and about Roswell. We are typing these lines on July 25th, but because of your editor's travel schedule, you won't be reading this issue till almost a month from now - and by then the show may already have aired, and our "scoop" will be lost. But that's show business!

We are told that this Fox special reveals the names of the people involved in the notorious Ray Santilli alien autopsy video, and you will see the people who helped make it confessing on camera for the first time. There is also an interview with Billy Meier's ex-wife, who has recently been denouncing his UFO

photos as fakes. Another interview is with a man who helped fake the infamous Roger Patterson Bigfoot film back in 1967. There is also negative information on some Loch Ness photos from the '70s, and negative information in regard to last August's Mexico City super-clear UFO footage. This makes a total of five different categories of expose in this one program, and other such shows are planned for the near future. It is ironic that Fox, which has never passed up an opportunity to milk a good hoax for their own profit, is now doing a complete reversal!

See also Kal K. Korff's letter to the editor, [further along in this issue](#).

- Peter Gersten, the new executive director of CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) is really going wild. He has put out a video of a mock trial in which various pro-UFO speakers offer "testimony", with abductee Travis Walton as the "judge". The amusing thing here is that Gersten is a practicing attorney (formerly from New York City, now in Arizona), who certainly should know better!

Next April, Gersten plans a "real" mock trial at a public meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. The format will be CAUS vs. CICOP, a "fictional" skeptics group, patterned very closely, no doubt, on CSICOP, which is a real skeptics group. There will be expert witnesses on both sides, and a real (?) judge and attorneys. The audience will be the jury!

This may be good showmanship, but as a method of getting at the truth, it stinks! The mock trials we remember best were in Cuba, soon after Fidel Castro came into power. The audience was the jury, and each & every defendant was executed by the military almost immediately after the verdict. We do hope that the members of "CICOP" fare better than this!

Ain't Science grand?

- "Smear" has mysteriously obtained a copy of a videotape that Ed Walters of Gulf Breeze fame made one night in February of 1988 with his friend Duane Cook, who was then editor of the local newspaper. Amid much cursing and hysteria, the two ride in Ed's truck to a given point where Ed stops the truck, gets out, and immediately takes a picture of a UFO. Cook can't quite see the UFO, as it is (supposedly) only in view for a moment, but Cook does see Ed taking the picture - which is almost as good.

Or is it? This video is hilarious when viewed in the proper spirit, and it seems that poor Duane Cook was the victim of a hoax that night.

Ed has never distributed this video for some reason, but we did see it once with Ed at his home in Gulf Breeze, back about 1989. Unfortunately, our copy is in strangely poor condition, so we are not going to distribute it, either.

- California's "UFO Magazine" has apparently been saved from bankruptcy by a take-over by William Birnes, who is co-author with Lt. Col. Philip Corso of the recent book "The Day After Roswell". Vicki Ecker (formerly Vicki Cooper) remains editor-in-chief of "UFO Magazine" and her husband Don Ecker remains news editor. The zine will now go from bimonthly to monthly; but the current August issue is filled with endless drivel about Roswell, as well as right-wing military-oriented propaganda which we find distasteful. This issue did not impress us favorably at all, except for a good lead article about the "disappointing" nature of the latest photos of the Face on Mars.

As for Corso, whom we met briefly at the Roswell festival last year, he has fallen upon hard times. A severe heart attack at the age of 83 caused him to cancel his intended lecture at this year's Roswell festival, as well as other personal appearances. Furthermore, he seems to have come out on the short end regarding profits from his book.

Says Corso, in a statement prepared shortly before his June 9th heart attack:

"Certain elements have laid claim to all my future writings. They have involved me in legal proceedings. I will not foster on the world cheap sensationalism, half-truths, errors passed off as reality, etc., for the purpose of personal gain."

Who is behind Corso's peculiar legal problems? He does not tell us, but we can only assume that it is

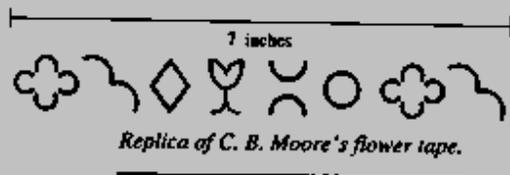
Birnes. It seems that the old warrior somehow got in over his head in dealing with his erstwhile co-author. Only time will tell where this strange situation ends up!

Incidentally, this year's Roswell festival predictably did not do nearly as well as last year's 50th anniversary bash, and we understand that the me-too event in Aztec, New Mexico did not do well at all.

Update to the above: Philip Corso had another heart attack and died on July 16th. A plaque in his honor is to be placed by the Roswell Museum authorities at the "true crash site". We hear that researcher Don Schmitt has recently come up with still another Roswell crash site, making at least five by now! We wonder which of these deserves the label of the "true crash site"! Egads! ...

- Former Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) executive Fred Whiting was recently asked why he has become a skeptic on the Roswell Incident, and he had this to say:

"I am convinced that the debris recovered on the Brazel ranch was from Project Mogul. This became apparent to me when (Professor) Charles Moore explained the 'alien writing' on the 'I-beams' as tape from a novelty store with flowers - exactly the description of several people (including Mac Brazel's daughter) who handled the material. All of the sensational claims of alien bodies and craft have come from unreliable witnesses whose testimony has been thoroughly discredited. That some of these witnesses have been enthusiastically supported and promoted by self-styled UFO 'investigators' is shameful..."



Your editor phoned Professor Moore about this statement and learned what other more thorough Roswell researchers (such as Karl Pflock) have known for quite awhile: The flower tape on the Mogul assembly probably consisted of six pinkish purple flowers of various shapes, repeated in the same sequence (left) - which could very easily give the impression of hieroglyphics.

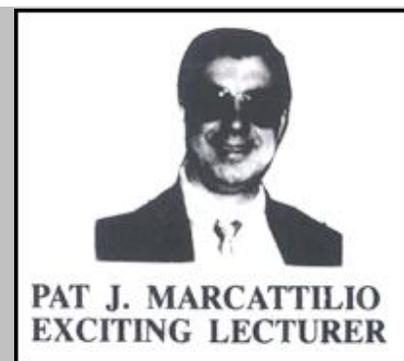
Furthermore, there were thick-walled aluminum rings, which were also mentioned in the testimony of Brazel's daughter. What the hell more do we need in order to accept the fact that the debris found on the Brazel ranch was indeed Mogul wreckage? (Our thanks to researcher Herb Taylor for this item.) ...

- Rarely does anything really positive occur in this crazy, confusing UFO field; but in late June, the prestigious Society for Scientific Exploration, headed by Peter Sturrock of Stanford University, issued a 50-page report urging a serious scientific study of UFOs & associated phenomena. This is the first time since the Condon Report (roughly thirty years ago) that there has been this level of scientific interest in the UFO subject, and we can only hope that the present study will lead to funding for further research. The study was financed by Laurance Rockefeller, now in his late 80s, who apparently has a genuine interest in the off-beat on both a scientific and spiritual level....
- An intriguing newspaper article from June 7th informs us that SETI scientists have picked up about one hundred unexplained radio signals over a period of time, during routine surveillance of Space. These faint, pure tones have no natural origin, and could have been created artificially, according to the scientists involved. They do not rule out the possibility that this strange radio traffic could have extraterrestrial origins. The trouble is that the tones are never repeated, at least not so far.

UPDATE ON THE [35TH NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE](#):

As mentioned in our last issue, we are finally in gear regarding this year's National UFO Conference (NUFOC), which will be held at the Days Inn in Bordentown, N.J. (near Trenton) on the weekend of November 7th and 8th. Speakers will include many of the ufological luminaries from the New York New Jersey - Pennsylvania area. Booked so far are: Karl Pflock (from Albuquerque, N.M.), Antonio Huneus, Dr. Richard Sauder, Bob Durant, Rick Hilberg, Tom

Benson, David Huggins, Matt Graeber, Peter A. Jordan, Curt Sutherly, and of course your humble "Smear" editor. Pat Marcattilio, pictured at right, is the local sponsor of the Convention.



The National UFO Conference is governed by a board called the Permanent Organizing Committee (POC), which till recently consisted of: James Moseley (Permanent Chairman), Tom Benson, Timothy Green Beckley, Al Greenfield, Rick Hilberg, Antonio Huneeus, Al Manak, William Moore, and Curt Sutherly. Earlier this year, Karl Pflock and Matt Graeber were added to this list, making eleven members in all.

For [more details](#) about the Convention, write for one of our fliers.

"TIDBITS OF TRASH":

- Our friend Karl Pflock has just resigned loudly from MUFON. In a recent letter to MUFON czar Walt Andrus, Pflock says in part: "There was a time when I thought the MUFON UFO Journal necessary to my research Recent issues have established this is no longer the case...It is clear that my \$30 per year dues can be applied more productively to other things, e.g., good beer."... Herbert Taylor of New York City, who is another well known anti-Roswell MUFONite, has recently resigned for much the same reasons!... According to our spies, only about 300 people showed up at the recent MUFON conference in Denver. Membership in the organization has plunged to under 3,400 from a peak of over 5,000, and many people are upset specifically about the inadequate amount of research and investigation being done.... Come on, Walt Andrus, SHAPE UP!...
- Erik Beckjord's little Bigfoot museum, somewhere in San Francisco, has closed permanently for financial reasons. Beckjord says he will not reopen unless he gets corporate sponsorship. (Fat chance of that, with his obnoxious personality!)
- Those who wish to write to former UFO investigator [John Ford](#) can reach him at the following address: Ward 43, Mid-Hudson Psychiatric Center, P.O. Box 158, New Hampton, N.Y. 10958. The address speaks for itself! ...
- Barry Greenwood continues to publish his fine UFO zine under a new title, "U.F.O. Historical Revue" - deliberately spelling "Revue" the old-fashioned way. Greenwood's magazine used to be called "Just Cause", until Peter Gersten darted out of the woodwork recently with many zany ufological activities in the name of the CAUS organization. - Greenwood wisely wants to distance himself from this...
- Jerry Clark's UFO Encyclopedia, originally in three Volumes, is now available in a second edition consisting of two volumes - a total of 1,180 pages! ...
- According to Phoenix radio personality Erskine Payton, the famous March 13th, 1997 lights over Phoenix were (a) a triangular-shaped stealth military aircraft and (b) flares dropped during a training mission over the Barry Goldwater test range. He's probably right! ...
- MUFON Deputy Director John Schuessler has a book out called "The Cash-Landrum UFO Incident", which is said to be the inside story of one of the strangest and most important flying saucer encounters on record. We haven't yet seen the book (hint, hint!), but it is available at: 9862 West Unser Ave., Littleton, Co. 80128. Price: \$19.95 ...

An episode of "The Unexplained" on the A&E Network on July 9th gave a very good rendition of this classic case ...

- The Sickest thing we have heard in quite awhile is that Tom Carey, Don Schmitt, and [Mark Furhrman](#) of O.J. Simpson Trial fame, are cooperating on a forthcoming book. How the three Stange Ones got together for this book project is not clear...
- The MUFON UFO Journal under its new editor Dwight Connelly (who was also editor many years ago) has hit a new scientific Low. The lead article in the July issue is about the "return of the Biblical giants" to Israel! It seems that several people there have seen 7 to 9 foot tall creatures in connection with UFO sightings....
- England's Philip Mantle, a leading light of that country's well-known BUFORA organization, is quitting ufology supposedly for personal reasons. Or it might be because the Ray Santilli alien autopsy video, which Mantle heartily endorsed, is going down in a sea of increasing skepticism...
- Robert Bigelow's National Institute of Discovery Science (NIDS), under the leadership of John Alexander, is sponsoring a scientific essay contest with three prizes of \$5,000 each! ...
- Self-appointed titles in ufology can be amusing. There is the "Supreme Commander" (guess who that is!); Stanton Friedman is "the Flying Saucer Physicist"; Wendelle Stevens claims to be "the Godfather of UFOS"; Tim Beckley is "Mr. UFO"; and Pat Marcattilio is "Dr. UFO". As already noted, Marcattilio is the local chairman for this year's [NUFOC convention](#) in Bordentown, New Jersey.

YE OLDE BOOK REVIEW SECTION:

- This month we have had the pleasure of reading a delightful new offering from Prometheus Books, the publishing arm of the dreaded CSICOP organization. The book is "UFO Sightings - The Evidencel" by arch-skeptic Robert Sheaffer, and it is basically an update of a similar tome he did for Prometheus nearly twenty years ago. This time we have read most of its 320 pages almost thoroughly, and one reason we found it delightful is that there are a number of favorable references to your humble "Smear" editor therein, and even a photograph of said personage!

The three leading ufological skeptics in CSICOP, in proper pecking order, are Phil Klass, James Oberg, and Robert Sheaffer. This has been the situation for many years, ever since the death of Dr. Donald Menzel of Harvard, some of whose ufological solutions were so ridiculous that they were rejected by Project Bluebook.

Robert Sheaffer currently writes the "Psychic Vibrations" column for CSICOP's "Skeptical Inquirer", and among his many other credits are a couple of lectures at NUFOC conventions over the years, as the "Token skeptic".

Back to the book: Referring to a complex incident back in 1954, the author has this to say: "If Moseley's supposed 'silencing' by the Men in Black is indicative of the quality of work they do, we can all heave a sigh of relief, because Moseley remains one of the most unsilenced individuals in all UFOdom. At the time of this writing, forty years after he was allegedly 'silenced' by sinister forces, James Moseley continues to issue his newsletter, which is keenly enjoyed by many for its witty, gossippy, irreverent tone. Having sold the rights to the name 'Saucer News', Moseley continued to publish it under a different name each month: 'Saucer Cruise', 'Saucer Booze', 'Saucer Jews' - whatever propriety will allow, and then some, before settling on the now-famous title 'Saucer Smear'. Proudly claiming to be 'shockingly close to the truth', Moseley's newsletter can now be browsed on the World Wide Web. As all regular readers of the publication are surely aware, Moseley's sense of humor is almost legendary. One may perhaps label him 'the Voltaire of the UFO movement', in view of his perceptive and witty satires..."

Other than the above quote, the best part of the book, in our opinion, is Shaeffer's discussion of the rather mundane sighting that ex-president Jimmy Carter had while he was governor of Georgia. The only reason the sighting made news was because of Carter's prominence. Sheaffer took it upon himself to go to an incredible amount of trouble to solve the Carter case, which had been incorrectly dated, among other problems. Sheaffer learned that the object Carter saw was almost certainly Venus, but the point is

that it would have been very easy for this case to remain unsolved forever. The clear implication is that most (or maybe all??) UFO cases could be solved if only someone had the time and patience to do so.

Another part of the book we enjoyed was Sheaffer's discussion of "The Unidentified", which Jerry Clark co-authored with Loren Coleman in the 1970's. At that time Clark was a leading proponent of the paranormal view of UFOs - a view that he now vigorously disavows. "The Unidentified" even has a chapter on fairies, with Clark taking a positive attitude toward these little creatures. These days, Clark bristles whenever his early opinions on this subject are brought up. He is now a hard-core nuts and bolts ufologist.

Although your "Smear" editor is a supporter of the paranormal view on UFO's, we found little in this book we could disagree with, until the last chapter, where the author goes overboard in condemning ufology and all other forms of "superstition". Unfortunately, there is apparently an actual instinctive need, within the human mind, to believe in something beyond science - be this conventional religion, New Age religion, or ufology. Even CSICOP's super-skeptical Martin Gardner admits to being a theist. There is just no way such beliefs can be stamped out, nor, indeed, should they be!

And, as fine as this book is in its many pages of detailed facts, it is not without error. Our hasty reading found several errors, including:

- The Martian canals were seen by everyone who looked properly - not just by an imaginative few, and indeed a photo of them was carried in "Saucer News."
- The UFO organization called CAUS is not defunct.
- Robert Todd was never a supporter of the Roswell Incident at any time.
- And your editor did not organize the National UFO Conference, though he has been its Permanent Chairman since 1971.

All in all, this book, though poison to the True Believers, is a very fine effort indeed, and should be ranked among the very best books on the UFO subject....

- Our old friend Timothy Green Beckley ("Mr. UFO") has sent us copies of two of his current newsstand magazines, "UFO Files" and "Uncensored UFO Reports", together with the latest book published by his Global Communications outfit (P.O. Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903).

The book is called "Secret Black Projects of the New World Order". It is written by someone named Tim Swartz, and pertains to anti-gravity UFOS, black helicopters, and mysterious flying triangles. Swartz is said to be an Emmy Award winning television producer whose research shows that all kinds of strange aircraft are flying through our skies - some of them possibly based on back-engineered alien technology. This 100-page softcover book doesn't show a price, but it probably isn't cheap!

Write to the above address for more information on this and other juicy UFO material published by Global Communications. One of Beekley's many titles is a book written years ago by your "Smear" editor.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- England's CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes.

"[One of your non-subscribers in the latest issue](#) predicts the demise of 'Smear', caused by the Internet. He may be right. Meanwhile I have some words of wisdom to offer:

We know that the modern PC hardware is, in the majority of cases, due to reverse engineering the advanced electronic components derived from the Roswell crashed saucer. Those two avid promoters of Roswell, Philip Corso and Stanton Friedman have firmly established this fact.

"But what of the technology gained from the Aztec crash? Is this as reliable as the Roswell technology or not? Are any modern computers derived from this? I advise all Internet users,

when they next update their systems, to ascertain, if at all possible, from which saucer crash their PC hardware is derived. Without this knowledge some 'net' users could be at a disadvantage..."

- Researcher KAL K. KORFF writes as follows:

"Well, [there's no keeping any good secrets from you!](#) Yes, you are right, there is an upcoming FOX TV special and yes, I am in it, and was in charge of the research with (producer) Bob Kiviati; and yes, I did travel secretly a second time to Switzerland to sneak onto Billy Meier's farm again, and I did get to spend a wonderful time with his ex-wife Kalliope Meier, who had lots of interesting things to say; and yes, she also appears in the upcoming TV special. Regarding the other UFO and paranormal cases that are examined and exposed in the new FOX special, I can't talk about them until after the show airs, unfortunately ...

Finally, regarding the account in your last newsletter about my going to Meier's farm, you now know that I did not have bazookas, rockets, grenades, nuclear weapons, light sabers, Howitzers or even a decent hand phaser on my much-macho (always sexy) being. I did, however, use the undercover name of 'Oscar Meyer Wiener' (I just couldn't resist!), and I signed Billy Meier's guestbook that way, followed by my usual, real-life illegible signature. The people inside Meier's cult never noticed the irony of the name I used. They were just glad that 'Meyer' was my middle (fake) name because of the ASStem to which they hold their beloved leader!"

- Researcher ROB SWIATEK writes:

"...In Denver recently for the MUFON Symposium, I chanced to run into Ron Regehr and his bag of Roswell photos. He laid out the sheaf of prints for me to scrutinize: Studies in black & white enlarged to an extent even Regehr himself probably doesn't know. I was about to say 'a lady's wrinkled undergarment' and 'bananas hanging from a hook', when it dawned on me that he wasn't conducting a Rorschach test. If anything, he probably expected me to look at the blow-ups of the Bond Johnson pictures and say, 'Ah, strange hieroglyphic characters on what seems to be an I-beam', or some similar language. Couldn't, though. To be honest, a person could see almost anything that he wanted to in those grainy, extreme enlargements. Beckjord, for example, would probably see Hynek's face right next to that of Princess Diana. I came away with a better understanding of my psyche but no new insights babes at last year's into the Fort Worth photos....

- SCOTT BOND writes:

"I was really delighted to see, in the latest 'Smear', that the NUFOC is headed for the east coast. So, for starters, send me a copy of the Convention flier. I'm really going to make an effort to get out to this one if I possibly can..."

From "The Excluded Middle", issue #8

ODDS, ENDS AND FOOFARAW

from the files



Photo by Ralph Chen

Yes, that's *Saucer Smear* publisher Jim Moseley partying it up with a couple of raver babes at last year's Roswell 50th anniversary blowout. Drink in hand, and glowing rubber headband in place, this Ufological gadfly kept going far later than we did. Moseley remained a bright spot in an otherwise dull week of UFO personalities, and outlasted researchers half his age in the merrymaking department.



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" He (Streiber) has been criticized for creating folklore; he has been called insane, labeled a liar and a cult leader. Naturally, he wants to correct the record..."
-taken from the jacket of Whitley Streiber's latest book "Confirmation", which is [reviewed](#) in this issue.

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1998 NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE TO BE HELD NEAR TRENTON, N.J.:

After several false starts, your "Smear" editor has finally pinned down a location for the 35th annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC). The event will take place on the weekend of November 7th-8th at the luxurious Days Inn in Bordentown, N.J., about thirty miles southwest of Newark Airport, and just off the New Jersey Turnpike at Exit 7. This is the same place that our 1993 conference was held, and the local host will again be Pat Marcattilio, a major ufological entrepreneur in that area.

Not all of the speakers have yet been scheduled, but as of this writing they include Karl Pflock from

Albuquerque, who will talk about his recent re-examination (on a "Sightings" TV Special) of the classic 1952 Scoutmaster Sonny Desvergers contact case. Other speakers include Antonio Huneeus, Tom Benson, David Huggins, Dr. Richard Sauder, Ph.D., and of course your humble "Smear" editor, who is Permanent Chairman of the NUFOC.

For further information, write to the "Smear" snail-mail address (above), and ask for a copy of our Convention flier.

"THE DUBIOUS DETECTIVE":

Phoenix radio personality Erskine has sent us a hilarious account of a trip he made to Switzerland last March with skeptical ufologist Kal K. Korff and a friend of Korff's named Dorothy, whom he brought along as a body guard. Among the people they interviewed was Billy Meier's ex-wife Popi, who again stated for the record that Billy's UFO photographs are all fakes.

Korff, of course, had visited the Meier camp in Switzerland once before, leading to his debunking book about Meier published by CSICOP's Prometheus Press, a couple of years ago. This time, according to Erskine, Korff "brought with him Dorothy plus fake Mossad & Interpol badges; he wore a bulletproof vest, and carried with him a fake bomb clock & various and sundry articles of intimidation". All of this, just to face down a group of 6 to 8 hippies living at the Meier camp!

At a nearby restaurant, Korff asked so many pointed questions about Meier that he was quickly spotted as a "negative" person and was in effect asked to leave the area. Surely his methods were overly intense in dealing with people who, though selling fake UFO pictures, are nevertheless physically harmless!

For further information on this and other ufological projects that Erskine is involved with, you can write him at 6313 E. Sandra Terrace, Scottsdale, Az. 85254, or E-mail JPayton790@AOL.com.

SEX AND SAUCERS:

A Los Angeles jazz singer named Pamela Stonebrooke is writing a book due out next Spring, about her sexual affair with a reptilian from outer space. Shockingly, she says she was the one putting the moves on her alien captors. Far from being a victim, "in a hideous sexual encounter she conquered her fear and carried the sexual action to the reptilians". So says the book proposal, and it then goes on to say: "She recounts this act of interspecies intercourse in a graphic, no-holds-barred way, unique in UFO literature, replete with precise physical and emotional detail". Egads!

Says Stonebrooke, "Why would I make this stuff up? It doesn't exactly help my singing career, does it?"
Motive: A \$100,000 advance! We are jealous!

A BRIEF OBITUARY:

Famed psychedelic guru Carlos Casteneda, quoted at the top of [Page One of our last issue](#), died at his Los Angeles home on April 27th of this year. Because of his strange reclusive nature, his demise was not reported in the newspapers until almost two months later.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- Here's another update on the Roswell Incident - the story that will never die. Now we learn that James

Bond Johnson, the military reporter who photographed the famous debris in General Ramey's office on July 8th, 1947, has digitally enhanced enlargements from the original negatives, and is able to see strange symbols in bas-relief on some parts of the wreckage. This, if true, would prove that this was the real debris, not a substitute, as has been claimed by some people. It would also supposedly prove that an extraterrestrial craft, not any sort of weather balloon, was involved in the Roswell crash.

The trouble here is that members of FUFOR (Fund for UFO Research) and other respected investigators such as Bob Durant have looked at these enlargements, and are not able to see any such thing. Furthermore, one should assume that if there really was alien writing on any part of the debris, General Ramey would not have allowed it to be photographed in the first place! ...

- Does anyone out there remember [John Ford](#), formerly head of the Long Island (N.Y.) UFO Network? He was arrested on June 12th, 1996 on charges of plotting to murder several Long Island public officials. He is still in prison, unable to raise bail of half a million dollars.

It is unclear why he has not yet come to trial after all this time. Ufological friends of John's, including Don Jernigan of PIC (Phenomenon Investigation Committee) and Elaine Douglass of ORTK (Operation Right to Know) are still trying to raise money for his defense, on the tenuous assumption that the charges are bogus, and that John's legal troubles could happen to other UFO researchers as part of a conspiracy to silence them...

- In our Feb. 15th issue we told of [an absolutely terrible UFO abduction TV show](#) in which our old pal Stanton Friedman is one of the main narrators. Now Friedman has outdone himself by appearing on an even worse show, on the Discovery channel, entitled "Beyond Bizarre: UFOs & Alien Implants". Here the main narrator is a deliberately crazy-looking guy, made up to look and sound like a ghoul of some sort. Friedman in a straw hat is one of the interviewees, along with Don Ecker of UFO Magazine, Derrel Sims, and Dr. Leir, the wild podiatrist who finds weird implants in people's feet. The line between truth and science fiction in the UFO field is becoming more & more blurred!...
- On August 1st through 8th, the Second Annual Summer Seminars of the International UFO Conference will take place in Laughlin, Nevada, sponsored by Bob Brown and Wendelle Stevens. Your "Smear" editor was invited to speak at this, having lectured briefly at [their similar conclave last February](#). However, a conflict arose in our busy (?) schedule, so we will be at next February's conference, instead.

Many of the speakers at the upcoming August event are of special interest, as they include several ufological old-timers whom we thought had faded away. Foremost among these is England's Desmond Leslie (now Lord Desmond Leslie!), who co-authored the original George Adamski contact book in 1953, "Flying Saucers Have Landed". Little has been heard of Leslie since that time. Other old-timers include Bill Hamilton, Wayne Aho, Dr. Frank Stranges, and Rev. Robert Short. There is even a "Giant Rock Survivors Panel", and talks by one of George Van Tassel's daughters and by a son-in-law of the master of Giant Rock! Wish we could be there. Your editor attended California's famed Giant Rock conventions two or three different years - all the way from New Jersey.

There are also more than twenty other speakers, including Guy Kirkwood (alias Mel Noel) and Mia Adams (alias Sheila Franklin). For more information, phone 303-543-9443....

- Longtime Las Vegas writer-editor Jim Barrows says he has heard word of a military base on the Nevada desert that is even more mysterious than Area 51. It is [Area 58](#). We kid you not! Remember that you read this in "Smear" before seeing it anywhere else...
- From Karl Pflock comes this item (and many others, for which we give due thanks): Maria Reiche, the "Guardian Angel" of Peru's famous Nazca Lines, has died at the age of 95. Since 1946, Ms. Reiche has explored & studied the details of this huge system of straight-line markings and animal figures, which were carved out of the desert topsoil about a thousand years ago. Needless to say, she did not believe they had anything to do with extraterrestrials or space travel, in spite of their superficial resemblance to an airport landing field.

Your "Smear" editor wrote an article about the Nazca Lines which was published in the October 1955 issue of Fate Magazine. At that time we had not actually seen the Lines; we wrote the Fate article from an uncopyrighted English-language booklet written and distributed by Ms. Reiche, whom we never met.

About 1956, your editor became the only non-archaeological person ever to obtain legal permission to actually dig for buried treasure on the ancient Lines. Sadly, we found nothing there, but we did find many Inca and pre-Inca treasures in other parts of Peru. ...

- A press release from the publisher informs us that Jerry Clark's most recent UFO encyclopedia, called "The UFO Book", has won the 1998 Benjamin Franklin Award in the Science/Environment category. Though we have often had serious differences of opinion with Jerry, there is no doubt that he is the numero uno UFO historian.

Way to go, Jerry!...

- Well, gentle readers, the dreaded Millennium gets ever closer; and while we seriously doubt that society will be burdened by the arrival of the anti-Christ or any such entity, there is one realistic menace that most people don't seem to know about or care about. This problem is detailed in an interesting article in the June 15th issue of Time Magazine. It is called Y2K, and is undoubtedly more of a threat than even MJ-12!

As we understand it, in the early days of computers, space was at a premium, and some bright programmers decided to save space by leaving out the "19" in a date such as "1998". After all, everyone knows that "98" means "1998". But when the year 2000 arrives, the computers will treat "2000" as if it were "1900". Get it? Everything will go wrong, and all hell will break loose, because our society is now so terribly dependent on computers in so many ways.



In general private industry is hurrying to make the proper preparations for Y2K, but the scary part is that the government isn't. The Federal Aviation Administration, the Defense Department, and the Internal Revenue Service are far behind in their preparations, with little or no hope of catching up soon enough. This will bring about the remote possibility of nuclear annihilation, and even worse, Social Security checks for us worthy oldsters simply will not be delivered! No one knows for sure just how severe the madness will be, starting immediately after midnight on January 1st, 2000; but hopefully we will all live long enough to find out.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST:

Recently, through a strange & unusual coincidence, we apparently obtained the address in Los Angeles of Albert K. Bender - the original UFO "hush up" victim, who closed down his International Flying Saucer Bureau (IFSB) in 1953 due to an alleged visit by Three Men in Black. This event brought on Gray Barker's classic book, "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers", which discussed the Bender "hush up" case and several others.

We met Bender a few times, and he even lectured for our UFO group in New York City in the early 1960s. Bender eventually moved to California from his apartment in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and he dropped out of the UFO field altogether. The late August C. Roberts, a co-worker, kept in touch with Bender for many years, but he was apparently the only ufologist Bender would write to.

When we obtained the California address a few weeks ago, we wrote to Bender, and received the letter back unopened, inside a larger envelope. This makes us believe that we have the right guy but that he still does not want to correspond. The address is: Albert K. Bender, P.O. Box 45713, Los Angeles, Ca. 90045. Maybe one of you CIA operatives, self-appointed detectives or just plain snoops can find out his home address and/or phone number from this. If so, let us know...

Incidentally, we now have an address for [the new fake APRO organization](#), headed by Bill Heft. It is: 119

Harrison Ave., Dixon, Illinois 61021. Write to them and ask if they have the files from the original APRO, founded by Jim and Coral Lorenzen in 1952!

"GIVING THE WOMEN BABAIES":



This is the title of one of several new interplanetary paintings produced in recent months by UFO abductee/contactee David Huggins of Hoboken, N.J., whose artistic works have graced our pages [two or three times in the past](#). A black & white rendition of this colorful painting is at the left.

Says Huggins, in describing this work of art:

"The two women are holding me and stroking me. I reach my climax in a container. The insect being is in the foreground. To the right is a group of women behind the curtain..."

"As to how this came about, one night I found myself in a room with many women. The tall thin man came by and in passing he said, 'You will give all these women babies'. I asked, 'Make love to all of them in one night?' The tall man laughed... I was given a bowl, and two of the women to arouse me. I remember them making soft, purring sounds as I reached my climax. The insect being was there and the other women were there. The women were artificially inseminated..."

David Huggins' works have been exhibited in New York City and Huntington Beach, California. This particular painting has not been shown in public however, due to the vestige of Puritanism in this country. "Smear" however, is fearless.

Some of Huggins' other paintings will be displayed at our Bordentown N.J. NUFOC Convention, in connection with his slide lecture there.

ANOTHER LOOK AT SOUTHERN FLORIDA'S SEMI-MYSTERIOUS CORAL CASTLE:

The lead article in the July 1998 issue of Fate Magazine is called "Mysteries of Coral Castle", written by Frank Joseph, who has a special interest in so-called Sacred Sites. The article is well written, but ends with a vast amount of pure speculation as to how and why Coral Castle was built.

Coral Castle, for those unfamiliar with it, is a group of huge stone carvings, each weighing several tons, constructed during the 1920s and 1930s by a Latvian immigrant named Ed Leedskalnin. It is now located in Homestead, Florida, a few miles south of Miami on Route One. (Originally most of it was built a few miles away, and then moved to its present location by Ed, always working alone!)

Your editor first heard about the Castle in the late 1950s, and visited it many times. We wrote an article on the subject for the September 1963 issue of "Saucer News". This article was quoted in a book by one Otto Binder, and for many years that page from Binder's book was in a frame on the wall of the souvenir shop next to the Castle, which has become a well-known tourist attraction in southern Florida. Thus your editor became a pseudo-expert on the Castle, even though our "Saucer News" article was taken from material available at the souvenir shop itself. We even were allowed to visit without paying the usual admission price!

The mystery of Coral Castle was in regard to how Ed was able to move stones weighing several tons each, while using nothing better than primitive tools - which are still on display there. In the course of our visits we became friendly with a woman named Virginia, whose last name now escapes us. She was in charge of the

little souvenir shop, and claimed that she and her husband had known Ed quite well before Ed's death in the early 1950s. We begged Virginia to tell us the secret behind Ed's amazing work, and she always insisted that he did not use levitation or any other mysterious force. In those days we had the Will to Believe, and resisted Virginia's prosaic explanation.

Then in 1985 your editor went on a Miami radio station to talk about UFOs & various other mysteries, and one of the telephone callers claimed to know a man who, as a boy, had watched Ed work. (It is known that Ed liked kids, and apparently he would let them watch him, but he would not work in the presence of adults.)

The man in question was named Earl Lee, and we interviewed him at his home in Florida City, which is near Homestead. Lee was then in his late 60s, and may no longer be alive. But he told us in some detail about Ed's work methods. Unfortunately we did not make sufficient notes about what he said, but the gist was that he and his friends had talked at length to Ed many times in the old days, and watched him do his work - and there was simply nothing mysterious going on. (See the April 1st, 1985 "Saucer Smear" for more details about this.)

There is a lot more to our involvement in the Coral Castle story. In the late 1960s your editor almost bought the Castle and surrounding empty land, but the price was too high. We met the owner, who, however, had never known Ed. Eventually the place was sold to someone else. The souvenir shop was enlarged and remodeled, and our claim to fame was taken off the wall. Time and pollution turned the stone walls of the Castle darker, modern metal fences were put up, and somehow the place lost some of its charm.

One last interesting thing; Ed apparently built the Castle in honor of his "Sweet Sixteen", a woman long ago in his native Latvia who had promised to marry him and then changed her mind at the last minute. Her name was Agnes Scuffs. Just a few years ago she was still alive and was invited by the state of Florida to come, all expenses paid, to attend a tribute to Ed that was to be held here. She declined to come.

BOOK REVIEW:

Whitley Streiber, well-known author of "Communion" and several other UWO books, has now come forth with "Confirmation - the Hard Evidence of Aliens Among Us" (St. Martin's Press, \$23.95).

Unfortunately, the "hard" evidence is, by Streiber's own admission, far short of proof. The book is in three parts - the first devoted to the many, many UFO videos of recent years, primarily from Mexico; the second consists of testimony about ET contact and abduction from a few of the thousands of people who have written to Streiber; and the third & presumably most exciting part of the book is about alleged alien implants, including one which Streiber recently had removed from his own ear.

In the course of the book the author seems to rely (among many others) on several researchers whose reputations in the UFO field are extremely poor - such as Jose Escamilla, who has videotaped endless anomalies in the sky near Roswell, N.M., while others around him see nothing; Jim Dilettoso, already familiar to "Smear" readers; and Derrel Sims, who has been compared to a snake oil salesman.

Sims is in partnership with Dr. Roger Leir, a podiatrist who is a UFO believer, and who has personally operated on alleged implants. Leir seems sincere, and incidentally he has the lead article in the latest (June 1998) issue of the MUFON Journal, in accordance with the new, more "liberal" policy of that magazine.

"Confirmation" ends with a long interview with Monsignor Corrado Balducci, a Catholic prelate who believes in extraterrestrials and who implies that the Vatican does also. However, an interesting recent item from the Internet states that "the Pope is set to issue an edict warning of New Age groups undermining traditional religious beliefs with claims of alien abductions and visiting spirits."

We did manage to read all of this book, as we have more spare time than before, in our semi-retirement from



the business world. What impressed us most about this tome was the author's obvious sincerity. In spite of a very excusable Will to Believe, he painstakingly avoids jumping to conclusions, and manages remarkably well to keep an open mind. We wish that other abduction researchers (you know who you are!) could do this well!

The implants that have been surgically removed under controlled conditions in about a half dozen operations have all been made of known materials, though in peculiar combinations. Worst of all, no one has been able to demonstrate what use they have, to the aliens or anybody else. One test that Strieber has overlooked but would probably agree with: Why not choose say a hundred people at random out of the general population - people with no special interest in UFOs - and see how many of them have peculiar small objects under their skin. If some of this random group did have implants, would this maybe mean that they too are abductees unaware of their personal experiences?? Probably not.

Incidentally, Strieber has made the Big-Time. He and his new book are mentioned favorably in the June 23rd National Enquirer, from which the above photo is taken.

And our apologies to Whitley Strieber for misspelling his name all through the first part of this review. (We're too lazy to go back and change it!)

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- MARTIN KOTTMEYER, a ufological writer whom we admire greatly, writes:

"You mentioned that [Martin Cannon is a conspiracy writer](#). You maybe should have said ex-conspiracy writer. There was a message by him posted on the net in 1997 stating that he disowns his Controllers theory and has left the field.

"The full text runs, `Is there any way you could remove my name from your list of ufologists? I am out of the field. I have disowned the theory in my work "The Controllers" and have requested everyone carrying the piece on the web to remove it. That damned thing has caused me nothing but trouble. If you can't remove my name, at least be good enough to inform your readers that I have changed my tune. Frankly UFO buffs and conspiracy nuts kind of make me ill these days. I am so damned sick of being called an "agent". Thanks...'

"Such things don't happen often enough, and I applaud the man."

- STANTON FRIEDMAN writes as follows regarding the quote at [the top of our April 25th issue](#):

"Thanks for the quick response and promoting my products.

"I had meant to ask you for a copy of the quoted article I am glad that you were quoting the newspaper and not me. I have often been misquoted. But I would like to see it. If it is really what I actually said, I guess it shows how naive I was.

- Researcher JERRY LUCCI writes:

"Dear Captain Jim:

"Let me start by saying that the latest issue of `Smear' is a classic. I predict it will become a collector's item. It seems you have managed to touch base on all current events and lunacy currently affecting the field. Bravo!

"I particularly get a kick out of Stan Friedman, through the [back door advertisement](#) for all of his publications, If I were you I would send him a bill for the free ad space!..."

- "BOB" WILSON writes:

"So you like the Evil Tube? Many regard it as barbaric, destructive, the enemy of literacy, etc.

- sort of what you think of the computer...

"In researching my three historical novels ('The Earth Will Shake', 'The Widow's Son', 'Nature's God'), all set in the 18th Century, I found that the major new media feared as sinful and decadent was, at that time, the novel. In the 19th Century it was the waltz. In the early 20th, the film. (I know a guy who still can't believe I regard some movies as highly as some novels, some operas, etc.) In the mid 20th, the TV. Now, the computer.

"Some people always fear and hate the new and different. In my social psych books ('Prometheus Rising', 'Quantum Psychology') I call that reflex infophobia. The opposite, always fascinated by the new, I call infophilia. Those who always fear the new, the infophobes, imprinted Mother as Safe Space in infancy and imprinted everything else as noxious or threatening. The infophiles imprinted Mother and World as both Safe Space and fun to explore and play with. (This is not really 'my' theory; a lot of it I owe to Harry Stack Sullivan, Tim Leary and Konrad Lorenz.)...

"I loved your new issue. Since I am as much of an egomaniac as anybody else on this backward planet, I may have been unduly influenced by [your lovely review](#) of my new book. (It was the first review to appear in print so far. You have another exclusive scoop.)

- Skeptic MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"Thank you for your recent post card. I do share some of your misgivings concerning the 'net'. At present the amount of junk on the 'net' is tremendous. Do you remember the CB radio fad of the '70s? Do you see any similarities to the Internet? I do have e-mail where I work, but I am not overly impressed. I still like to get cards & letters. I guess we are just old fashioned:"

- Researcher ART WAND writes:

"My mother has recently been confined to an Adult Care Center. Her first week there, the place was visited by alien craft which she captured in this photo. Note the powerful glow of light which the Mother ship beams ahead of it, the semi-translucence of the ribbed hull which reveals a row of lights illuminating the interior, and the single, laser-like light on the satellite disc beside It!



"3 1/2-D Forever..."

"How much longer can you & I hold out against Computerworld?"



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-Carlos Castaneda

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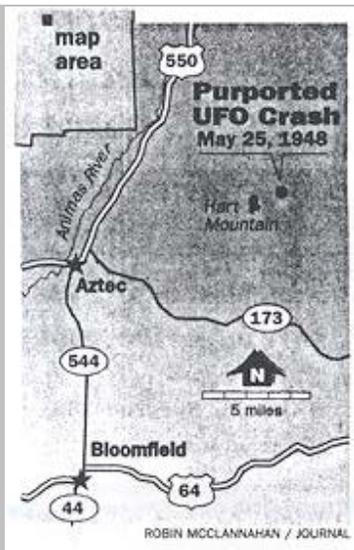
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NOW THAT WE'VE TRASHED THE ROSWELL INCIDENT, WE TAKE ON A MUCH EASIER TARGET - THE ALLEGED LANDING AT AZTEC, N.M.

In a comic opera type of move, the tiny town of Aztec, in the far northwest corner of New Mexico, is going to have a UFO festival on Memorial Day weekend, to commemorate a supposed flying saucer crash near that town on May 25th, 1948 (or some say March 25th, 1948. In any case, the festival will be over by the time you read this.) Sixteen dead little humanoids were supposedly found inside the saucer.

The excuse for the festival is quite blatantly the success of the Roswell 50th anniversary bash last summer, which your "Smear" editor attended. The trouble is that everyone admits that there is much less evidence for the Aztec crash; in fact, there are few if any old-timers there who remember anything happening at all! Folks, it's a pure money deal! When asked why they chose the May 25th date over the more probable March 25th date, a local promoter replied, "We're saying May



25th because it works for us." Tourists are more likely to come in May.

The alleged Aztec landing was first mentioned by Hollywood humorist Frank Scully in his column in "Variety" in 1949, and later in his 1950 best-selling book "Behind the Flying Saucers". This and other similar tales in the book were later exposed in True Magazine. Interestingly, the town of Roswell is not even mentioned in the Scully book.

In the early 1950s, your editor met and had long interviews with Scully and with Silas Newton, one of two men who fed Scully his false information. These meetings will be detailed in our forthcoming book, "Shockingly Close to the Truth:", co-

authored with Karl Pflock.

The Aztec story was pretty much forgotten thereafter until it was revived in 1974 by a semi-retired professor named Robert Spencer Carr, who discussed this alleged landing in numerous public lectures and interviews. He claimed to have received his original information from having seen an advance copy of Scully's book manuscript in 1950. Yet, he told many of the details of the story quite differently than Scully did!

Much of the information for this present article comes from an interesting paper written in 1975 by a researcher named Mike McClellan, who interviewed Carr and many others. McClellan was not favorably impressed with the over-all evidence for an Aztec UFO crash.

In 1984 your "Smear" editor, together with two friends, interviewed Carr at his luxurious retirement house in Clearwater, Florida. By that time Carr had quieted down about Aztec, but was claiming that spaceships frequently landed on the water right in front of his oceanfront home, and that the occupants came inside the house to chat with him. Few people knew about this story, as he only told it privately. He asked us to promise not to print it until after his death, and we kept our promise.

In 1986 the Aztec story was again revived, this time in a 600 page privately-published book called "UFO Crash at Aztec". The co-authors were William Steinman and Wendelle Stevens, both of whom we know and thoroughly distrust in regard to their objectivity.

A nurse who accompanied us at our 1984 Carr interview, felt that he was hallucinating because of a specific physical disability. However, the more likely answer came from Carr's son, who contacted us by mail shortly after his father's death, about 1996. In essence the son said that his father had a lifetime habit of making up stories in order to get attention and to be more interesting. This indeed seems to have been the case.

Our thanks to Karl Pflock, Mike McClellan and Matt Graeber for the information herein. (See also ["Smear" Vol. 44, No. 8](#))

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- Here's an update on [our item in the last "Smear"](#) about the revival of APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization), a group which was founded way back in 1952 by Jim and Coral Lorenzen, who spent their later years in Tucson, Arizona. Someone named William Heft, who calls himself "Bill of APRO", now claims to have recently revived the original group. Nonsense!

Says Bill, "After the passing of Jim and Coral Lorenzen, two things happened: The Tucson group closed shop, and the Phoenix group did not. We just moved back to Jim and Coral's home area, near Chicago, just after Coral passed away."

What on earth does that have to do with it? The fact is that Heft does not have the APRO files! Thus there is no continuity whatever. In addition, the new APRO intends to wear dark uniforms (like Men in Black?) and carry badges. It sounds to us like some childish ufological game! (Our thanks to Bill Jones of Mid Ohio Research Associates for this item.)

- Here's something that ties in nicely with our review of the book "The Great UFO Hoax", [further along in this issue](#): The item is an article from the April 9th Albuquerque Tribune, and it has a headline that reads: "Funeral Director Says Area 51 is Proving Ground for Weapons to be Used against U.S. Citizens". The funeral director, named Norio Hayakawa, is quoted as saying "I believe the UFO phenomenon is a brilliantly concocted scheme by the government to conceal certain types of military weapons in development at `Area 51'". Hayakawa is calling for a mass gathering along Groom Lake Road, at the boundary of the base, at 6 a.m. on June 6th. This is the sixth hour of the sixth day of the sixth month - 666, the sign of the Beast! We really don't understand what 666 has to do with it, but the purpose of the demonstration is to show public distrust of this big government cover-up.

- Around May 5th there was a heated debate on the Internet between researchers Jerry Clark and Robert Todd - neither of whom is noted for cool restraint. The topic, of course, was the Roswell Incident - an event the memory of which will never die - see poem below, left. This time it was Clark who, relatively, kept his cool, and Todd who made totally excessive remarks, for which he later offered a partial apology. He also withdrew permanently from this particular web ring, or whatever.

In spite of his frequent use of excessive rhetoric, it was Todd who managed to obtain Jesse Marcel's service records and show this man up as an unreliable witness to a UFO crash or anything else. If only for this, the UFO field owes Todd a huge debt of gratitude. This was the closing remark made by Karl Pflock, who also took part in the debate, and we agree with Pflock completely. ...

- From Bea Starr we have received a card stating that on March 27th, 1998, her husband Hal Starr "was called to report to the Great Producer". (See middle item, below.)

Hal Starr was a news reporter, writer & announcer who was not as well known in the UFO field as he should have been. For many years he had a five-minute syndicated UFO radio show that went out to thirty or so stations. He also served for several years as Arizona State Director for MUFON, and in that capacity he once used his influence with Walt Andrus to open the door to full MUFON membership for your humble "Smear" editor. (In those days, the lowly category of "Journal Subscriber" apparently had not yet been invented.)

Hal lived in Phoenix, Arizona for a long time, and on our visits there we often got together with him and his wife for pleasant evenings of drinks and conversation. More recently Hal moved to Sonora, Mexico, and apparently died there, of cancer. He was in his late 70s. He will be missed. ...

- As we've mentioned before, the best UFO magazine around (even better than "smear"!) is England's "Fortean Times", which was kind enough to invite us to lecture at their London convention last year. This zine is expensive, however - about \$60 for twelve monthly issues.

The April 1998 issue attracted us because of its several long & short articles about outstanding hoaxes. The editors consider the current series of Mexican UFO videos (which began with the July 1991 solar eclipse) to be in the probable-hoax category; but their best comments are about the Moonpeople American newspaper articles of the 1830s. The "Fortean Times" account of this is entitled "When Beavers Roamed the Moon".

Also mentioned are a number of other mostly-American hoaxes in the UFO & psychic realms; but we are mildly offended that the 1957 "Straith Letter" hoax on contactee George Adamski, perpetrated by then-unknown perpetrators, is not mentioned at all!

At the bottom right, below, is a Fortean gem, lifted from the May, 1998 issue of "Fortean Times".

- In a rather bizarre situation, famed UFO author Whitley Streiber has accused former psychologist Richard Boylan of being a "possible disinformation agent", because of statements Boylan made on the Internet about a Catholic theologian named Msgr. Corrado Balducci. It seems that Balducci made pro-UFO

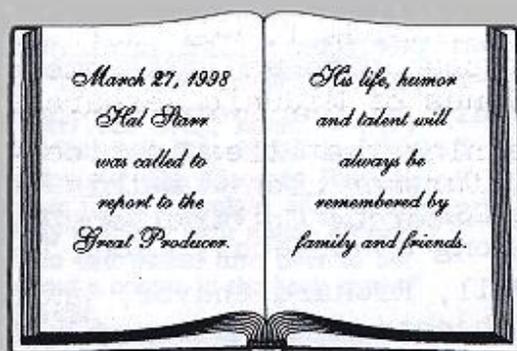
statements in an interview that Streiber included in his new book "Confirmation", these statements being merely Balducci's personal opinions. Boylan then jazzed things up by claiming that there is actually a Vatican Commission on UFOs, and that Papal Nuncios in various countries are transmitting UFO information to the Vatican.

Richard Boylan will be remembered as having recently lost his license to practice psychology in the state of California, because of a "hot tub" incident with a female patient, and other irregularities....

- The latest issue of CSICOP's "Skeptical Enquirer" (pun intended) includes an article by one John C. Sherwood called "Gray Barker: My Friend, the Myth-Maker". In it Sherwood, a journalist, confesses that he wrote two made-up articles for "Saucer News" in 1969 and 1970, which was during the period that Barker was editor of our former zine. (Barker bought the title from us in 1968 and let the zine die in 1970. "Saucer Smear" was begun in 1976 under a different title.)

One of Sherwood's articles for Barker was a complex "Men in Black" story, which Barker encouraged him to make up. The only real mystery here is why CSICOP, which usually publishes articles by academics, bothered with Sherwood's offering. A lesser mystery is why, if Barker and Sherwood were such close friends, Sherwood has him dying in 1983 of a heart attack. Actually, Barker died in late 1984, probably from AIDS.

**The Roswell crash is here to stay
It will never die
It was meant to be that way
Though I don't know why
I don't care what the people say
The Roswell crash is here to stay
(Apologies to Danny & the Juniors)**



WHOA NELLIE! Kim Lee Chong, a 61-year-old chef, was jailed for 15 years for trying to have sex with an elephant. He was caught naked from the waist down, standing on a box behind the animal. The father of five claimed the elephant was the reincarnation of his wife Wey. She had died 28 years ago shortly before her 29th birthday. Chong told the court in Phuket, Thailand: "I recognized her immediately...by the naughty glint in her eyes." *Sun, 28 Jan, 1998*

BOOKS TO KEEP YOUR BONFIRE BURNING BRIGHTLY:

- We have on hand the "uncorrected proof" of Robert Anton Wilson's latest book (with Miriam Joan Hill) entitled "Everything is Under Control - Conspiracies, Cults, and Cover-Ups" (HarperPerennial, \$15.00). This tome runs over 400 pages, and consists of hundreds of entries of roughly one page each, outlining current and classical conspiracies from Europe and America.

We found the classical conspiracies (Illuminati, Freemasonry, etc.) to be less interesting than some of the others, but there's enough variety here for everybody's taste. Some conspiracies are definitely tongue-in-cheek, such as the Church of the Sub-Genius, whose deceased hero, "Bob" Dobbs is often compared to "Bob" Wilson himself. Other conspiracies are much more serious, such as the (alleged!) link between the CIA and drug-running; the Kennedy assassination; government drug and chemical warfare experiments against our own people; AIDS, and several others.

Of course the UFO-related items were of great interest to us, and "Saucer Smear" gets credit in the footnotes for some of these. There are several versions of the recent craze in regard to fake alien photos, there is "Area 51", Albert K. Bender (the classic "hush-up" victim), Bill Cooper, Lt. Col. Philip Corso, CSETI (Dr. Steven Greer), the Deros, Charles Fort, Candy Jones (widow of Long John Nebel), John Lear, Mothman, James Oberg of NASA, Ray Palmer, Roswell, Richard Shaver, and the dreaded UMMO affair.

Then there are subjects which, though not necessarily conspiracies are nevertheless sick - such as the well-known fact that baby formulas sent to Third World countries probably kill more babies than they help - because these formulas need to be mixed with unsanitary local water. Human greed knows no bounds. Wilson doesn't mention it, but the American cigarette companies now under attack for doing what we've

known for fifty years they are doing, are not likely to go out of business - because no one is denying them their right to "hook" hundreds of millions of new victims in the vast, largely unexploited markets overseas. (Incidentally, your "Smear" editor smokes like a chimney and thoroughly enjoys doing so.)

You see, your "Smear" editor is interested in many other things besides UFOs. Out of everything in Wilson's book, perhaps the best is this very short item:

"During the Senate hearings on Iran-Contra, three members of the audience stood up and shouted, 'Ask about the cocaine.' They were arrested, charged with Contempt of Congress, convicted, and sentenced to one year in prison each. The Senators never did ask about the cocaine."

Robert Anton Wilson is a satirist, philosopher, Futurist, a loyal "Smear" non-subscriber, and the author of about thirty books. Whatever else one may say about him, it is highly unlikely that he ever votes Republican!

- Next we turn to another brand new book, written by a psychotherapist named Gregory Kanon, published by Galde Press, and selling for \$15. It is called "The Great UFO Hoax: The Final Solution to the UFO Mystery". This is an absurdly pretentious title, and a very disappointing book. Wilson has a short but inadequate review of it in [his](#) book reviewed above.

"Hoax" begins by claiming, in effect, that intelligent life probably does not exist anywhere in the universe except on our planet. He takes this view in order to logically claim that UFOs are not interplanetary. Our view, which hopefully science will soon confirm, is that life oozes out of the primeval slime in countless locations throughout the universe, and thus it is very common indeed. However, that does not mean that we are presently being visited by interplanetary craft. Why not? Perhaps it is because our civilization is just too primitive, commonplace, and boring!

Thus Kanon and your "Smear" editor agree that UFOs are probably not spaceships, but we have very different reasonings. Kanon rejects 4-D theorizing by Jacques Vallee, though he endorses some of Vallee's other views that happen to please him. He even rejects the Mogul balloon explanation for the Roswell incident. Kanon's main thesis is that UFOs consist entirely of military aircraft, secret experiments, mind-control games by the military, etc. Thus, our government secretly encourages belief in ET saucers in order to divert our attention, or perhaps even to eventually enslave us with martial law, following a fake alien invasion.

We agree with this view up to a point, but like everyone else with an ax to grind, Kanon vastly overstates his case. We don't doubt that the U.S.A. can be currently considered the most evil nation on earth, if for no other reason than because it is the most powerful. But Kanon can't prove this simply by listing vast numbers of highly classified projects, having no reliable details about any of them. One of his main sources is Martin Cannon, a fine fellow who is, however, a conspiracy writer. If there were no conspiracies, Cannon would have nothing to write about! (Wilson, on the other hand, writes on many different topics.)

In our opinion Kanon correctly identifies as probable military hoaxes such events as the "Battle of Los Angeles" (1942), the Washington, D.C. radar sightings (1952), the RendleSHAM Forest case in England (1980) and the famous flying triangles in Belgium & elsewhere. But then he claims that the famous Siberian meteor (?) of 1908 was actually a secret experiment by famed mad scientist Nikola Tesla! Absurd speculation, to say the least!

Most ludicrously, Kanon devotes almost two pages to Mel Noel, alias Guy Kirkwood, a "former Air Force pilot", who allegedly had various ufological adventures while in the service. As most UFO researchers now know, Mel Noel was never a military pilot - period. Some say, however, that in recent years he has acquired a private pilot's license. (He's a nice guy, though; we like him!)

Kanon's main thesis was summarized in a much better way by former NASA engineer Jim Oberg, writing in [the June 20th, 1997 issue of "Saucer Smear"](#) - and elsewhere. Oberg is in a position to know. Kanon isn't!

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- While Aztec, N.M. is in the spotlight this summer, Roswell, N.M. has by no means given up its lust for lucre. There will be a festival on July 1st-6th, celebrating the 51st anniversary of the Mogul Balloon crash (or whatever); and the Roswell Museum (= The International UFO Museum & Research Center), which only recently moved into larger headquarters, may soon be moving again - this time to a 25-acre site west of town. Yes, with eyes as big as saucers, the Museum curator, Deon Crosby, is planning a \$15 million expansion in three phases. Attendance at the Museum is expected to top 300,000 this year, and the present site on Main Street just isn't big enough any more. Egads!

Getting back to the 1998 Roswell Festival - there is even a Roswell Musical! Also speeches by top researchers (?) such as Stanton Friedman, Philip Corso, Robert Dean, Peter Gersten, and Clifford Stone. Wish we could be there to indulge in the Scientific Enlightenment!...

- Unfortunately, we still have no final word regarding the date and location of this year's National UFO Conference (NUFOC) - a tradition of annual conventions that goes back to 1964. We hope to pin this down before our next issue of "Smear" comes out....
- Similarly, Karl Pflock and your "Smear" editor are still waiting to find a suitable publisher for our book "Shockingly Close to the Truth!" - Stay tuned!

LETTERS FROM THOSE FEW WHO SOMETIMES STILL USE "SNAIL MAIL":

- STANTON FRIEDMAN, commenting on [our comments](#) about the notorious MJ-12 documents, has this to say:

I must say Saucer Smear is always good for a laugh. Re Menzel and NJ-12: It might have been more informative if you had noted that neither Mrs. Menzel nor Dr. Taves had security clearances. Neither had a need to know for Menzel's secrets. The notion that Menzel, who in 1960 was writing Jack Kennedy that he had a 30 year connection with the NSA and its Navy predecessor and that he had a TS Ultra Clearance with the CIA, would have told them highly classified matters is absurd. I, too, when first hearing of his being on the MJ-12 list, thought it was a joke. But then I got the 3 permissions needed and checked his records at Harvard and discovered his previously unknown close connections with Dr. Vannevar Bush and with very high security intelligence matters. The whole story is in TOP SECRET/MAJIC. (Special for your readers Paper back \$14. HC \$22, postage paid from UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958-autographed)

If one compares the MJ-12 documents marked BOGUS as they appear in the FBI MJ-12 internet package with those sent to UK researcher Nicholas Redfern back several years ago by USAF OSI Colonel Richard Weaver (disinformation specialist), one finds the hand done heavy black BOGUS markings are identical. One notes that the FBI stopped its investigation once the OSI had made its claim of BOGUS. I filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the OSI for all supporting documentation for this totally unsubstantiated claim. The response was "we have nothing in response to your request". I appealed. The appeal was given to Weaver (Fox guarding the chicken coop) who again claimed there was nothing in response to my request. So we have a clear case of Colonel Weaver lying both to Redfern and to the FBI. Weaver letters and other indications of USAF lies about Roswell are in my 27 page paper "The Roswell Incident, The USAF, and the NY Times." (\$4. PP from UFORI) or FREE to anybody ordering one of the books noted above or my 1996 CD-ROM "UFOs: The Real Story" at a special price of only \$20. Postpaid..

I will be speaking at the October 9-11 Cocoa Beach Conference.. See you there. Topic "The Cosmic Coverup: 52 years of Government Misrepresentation about UFOs"... Watergate is now best known as where Monica Lewinsky lives.

- ROBERT ANTON WILSON, author of "Everything is Under Control", writes:

"...My whole book is linked like the World Wide Web on that other medium you dread, the `cursed' Internet. Most of my books were organized in that fashion but the Web made it easier for me to find a metaphor for what I was doing all along...

"Professor Timothy F.X. Finnegan of the Royal Sir Myles na gCopaleen Astro-Anomalistic Society still sees the face on Mars and still claims it is Moe Howard. He uses computer enhancement to see the face better. Under `UFO/Satanic Conspiracies' you will find another bloke who sez it's two astrological signs conflated, and under `Fortean Times' you'll find a gent who sez it's Elvis Presley!

"Prof. Finnegan is the founder and CEO of CSICON - the Committee for Surrealist Investigation of Claims of the Normal. They deny that the normal exists, saying it is only a mathematical fiction. Some people think I invented Prof. Finnegan but he appears also in Tony Shield's `Mysterium'. He (Finnegan) was the witness when Tony took his famous photo of the Loch Ness Monster. The fact that he has the same name as the hero of a famous Irish novel (that's a kind of book with more lies than usual) is purely coincidental...

"You're right about losing letters due to Internet. You're one of only two friends with whom I regularly correspond by snail mail. Everybody else I care enough to answer is on email. The net now has 100 million users and is growing faster than any technology in history, 10 times faster than the industrial revolution and 100 times faster than the transition from hunting bands to agricultural (stationary) communities...

"Keep the ravioli in orbit over Roswell!"

- Former Bigfoot hunter ERIK BECKJORD, who now pushes the Mars Face and runs a small museum somewhere in San Francisco, writes as follows:

"Dear Passed-Over One:

"What you do not realize is that all the major UFO investigators are on the Internet, and do not bother writing typed letters any more. They get all the UFO news from Lindemann and ten other major Internet UFO mags, mostly free. Nobody gives a damn any more for you or `Smear'. If they do, they download it free from the website. Your mag is Over. Dead. No interest. A MONTH BEHIND THE NEWS. Now, reputations are destroyed in ten seconds, not ten days. `Smear' is Finito. Dead. DON'T YOU GET IT? IT IS OVER! Technology has killed `Smear'. You are finished!"

- And, kindly old PHIL KLIASS writes:

Please cancel my NON -subscription to Smear. You have become too damned skeptical. Looks to me like you're trying to replace me as "the world's handsomest. smartest- -AND MOST MODEST- -skeptical UFOlogist.

- Researcher ART WAND writes as follows:

"Wow, Commander, quite an issue! Are your adventures more intrepid, your perceptual sketches a little wider, your insights into others more pithy, your prose more sterling than ever, or should I attribute it to this industrial-strength ganja I just imbibed?..."

- KARL PFLOCK of ufological fame writes:

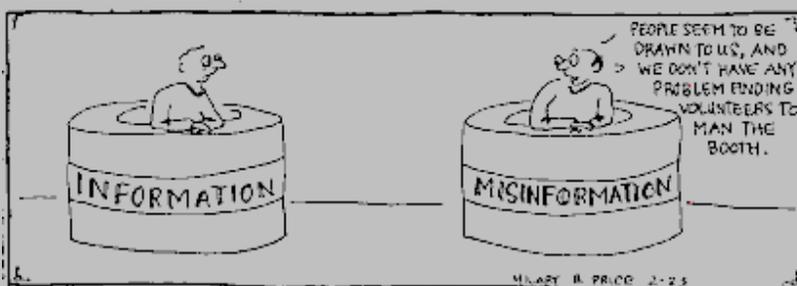
"Well, Vol. 45, numero 4 was yet another bang-up ish... My compliments to both Robert Anton `Bob' Wilson and George Earley. ..Their observations are right on target, seems to me. Moreover, RAW's comments confirm our wisdom in selecting him to grace our book `Shockingly Close to the Truth' with a trenchant foreword. ...

"Now then, the inevitable nit - well, more than a nit this time. Your MCP persona seems to have been in charge when you/he knocked out the [paragraph about the death of Congressman Steve Schiff](#). Characterizing Mary's position as Chief of Staff of the Schiff office as ` = Office Manager' is rather like equating the position of `Smear' Supreme Commander with that of copy boy. The fact is, the office manager (supplies, vouchers, etc.) works for Mary, whose job directing a 16-member staff in two offices (D.C. and Albuquerque), managing an annual budget of \$1 million, and serving as the congressman's right hand and personal representative most closely approximates that of a corporate chief operating officer who doubles as vice president of government and public affairs."

- NORMAN A. HOWARD charms us with:

"Regarding the `J.S.' after your name on `Saucer Smear' page one every issue: Why on good old Earth do you want your readers to know that you are a MUFON Journal subscriber?... The MUFON Journal is a fourth-rate publication, poorly edited and printed. `Saucer Smear' ranks higher in my book! So does the Tampa Bay Skeptics' publication, and Phil Klass' SUN. Keep up the good work!"

The "J.S." is to remind us that we were once a MUFON State Section Director, and then were (gasp!) demoted to the lowly rank of Journal Subscriber. - Ed



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"Within two years, Washington will admit the reality of UFOs. Within five years there will be interaction with creatures... .and maybe even televised interviews with extraterrestrials by then..."

-Nuclear Physicist STANTON FRIEDMAN, as quoted in an interview published on May 6th, 1967 in the Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal.

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MJ-12 REVISITED:

As many of our readers know, the famed MJ-12 "Briefing Document", dated Nov. 18th, 1952, first received wide publicity when it was distributed to the press & public at a NUFOC saucer convention in Burbank, California, in June of 1987. The local host for that convention was our good friend William Moore, who claimed he had received the document mysteriously.

The original document, which runs only 4 pages, refers to various Attachments which give more details but which are not present. The main topic of the document is the alleged saucer crash near Roswell, N.M. in early July, 1947. which is said to have included four dead and (by the time they were discovered) badly decomposed alien bodies. This alleged crash is, of course, the topic of the very first of the endless series of pro-Roswell



books, and was written in 1980 by William Moore and Charles Berlitz.

Eventually this document was investigated by the FBI and other agencies, and we were amazed to learn from researcher Antonio Huneus that this material and official letters relating to it, are now available on the FBI web site, on the Internet! We note that on our copy of the second page the words "Top Secret/Majic", "Eyes Only", and "Top Secret" are crossed out, though badly, so that they can still be read. On the copy of the second page that you see here, these words are not crossed out at all.

This reminds us of the fact that in the copies Moore passed out at the Burbank convention, which we attended, at least two whole paragraphs of text were also crossed out, in a way that could not be seen through. The copy that Moore had given us earlier, before the convention, had the main

body of the text completely readable. We asked Moore about this at the time, and he said something about wanting to titillate the press. This statement made us very suspicious.

The FBI web page includes at least two declassified communications from 1991 pertaining to the Briefing Document, and one of these reads in part: "The Office of Special Investigations, U.S. Air Force, advised on Nov. 30th, 1988, that the document was fabricated. Copies of that document have been distributed to various parts of the United States. The document is completely bogus." Elsewhere in this FBI material it is stated, "This investigation was closed after it was learned that the document was completely bogus."

Through the years, William Moore, Stanton Friedman and others have written long treatises encouraging belief in the Briefing Document and other related material which surfaced somewhat later. Friedman continues to "push" this positive view vigorously, whereas Moore has fallen almost silent in recent years, and seems ready to admit that the document, as well as the Roswell Incident itself, may not be genuine after all. Pro-Roswell researcher Kevin Randle disbelieves the document, and even England's Timothy Good - a fine but gullible gentleman - has recently revised his position. In brief, among leading UFO researchers, only Friedman continues the good fight!

We contributed [our bit](#) to the investigation several years ago, by publishing in "Smear" material which would convince all but the most gullible that the late Dr. Donald Menzel of Harvard University could not have been a member of MJ-12. He is one of the twelve military and civilian leaders listed on the page reproduced here.

We interviewed Menzel's widow as well as Dr. Ernest Taves, a psychiatrist who was a very close personal friend of Menzel and co-author of two of his books. Menzel was an extreme UFO skeptic all his life, and was so intense about his disbelief as to make Phil Klass look like an open-minded person. Yet, Friedman's investigation into Menzel's surviving papers convinced him more than ever that Menzel was in MJ-12 - or so he purports to believe.

We remain convinced that the inclusion of Dr. Menzel's name on the list of twelve, is a cosmic joke on the part of whoever perpetrated this infamous ufological hoax. William Moore is a strong suspect, but there are others.

(See also Antonio Huneus' additional information about the FBI web site, at [the beginning of the letters to the editor section](#) further along in this issue.)

ANOTHER GULF BREEZE UFO CONFERENCE:

On the weekend of March 20th-22nd, your editor traveled back to Pensacola, Florida, to attend the 6th annual

Gulf Breeze UFO Conference, again held by the Project Awareness organization on nearby Pensacola Beach. Once again the man who inspired all this - Ed Walters - was not on hand, though we did have a pleasant talk with him by phone. He told us that he is not interested in "preaching to the choir", though of course he has recently published a 3rd book on the UFO subject (co-authored with Dr. Bruce Maccabee), and thus is certainly not out of the Field.

Budd Hopkins was on hand, in spite of a recent mild heart attack, and he did a joint lecture with his friend Dr. David Jacobs of Temple University - shown at right holding his latest book "THE THREAT", which was reviewed in [our last issue](#). Jacobs is a pleasant, mild-mannered man, and we would like to believe him, though we just can't!



Also on hand was Whitley Strieber. Strangely, he was not on the lecture program, but was brought in, apparently, just to boost morale and to lead a skywatch. For us, the weather at night was unbearably cold (like "Area 51" at night), so we did not skywatch.

However, an alleged UFO was videotaped from a restaurant right next to the hotel on Saturday afternoon in broad daylight, by a man named Jeff Ritemann. The video was shown several times that evening. It was a round-looking object traveling basically in a straight line and thus may well have been (eek!) an airplane! Strieber was nearby when the object was spotted, but did not see it himself. It was generally acknowledged that no conclusion can be reached about the object until the videotape is carefully studied (hopefully not by Jim Diletosso - See the story about him [further along in this issue!](#))

Although the Gulf Breeze area has been famous since at least 1987 for the frequent UFO sightings by Mr. Ed & many others, we were amused to find that our hotel maid was unaware of this, though she has lived in the Pensacola area for about four years. Previously, she had sightings of UFOs and several other strange events in her life in various places she had lived in the northeast.

Linda Moulton Howe was as feisty as ever, and is now engrossed in another MJ-12 type document, this one called SOM1-O1, written in 1954, and received by her in 1995. This reminds us of the time that Sgt. Richard Doty supposedly showed Ms. Howe a classified document that he never showed to anyone else; and he later denied having shown it to her. Could it be that some people believe Ms. Howe to be naive?

Ms. Howe also told of a man named Jim Sparks (not to be confused with Brad Sparks), who has been abducted numerous times, and has even learned the three-dimensional holographic alien alphabet. His story is of many alien races and much complication regarding their various motives and societies

The most popular lecturer was Jaime Maussan of Mexico. He was the only one who completely filled the hall that seated 350 or more people. Maussan is not without a sense of humor, and he seemed to realize that not all of the many, many videos he showed could be genuine, or even interesting. Yet there's no denying the fact that he had an awful lot of videos, and the audience loved it.

There were several newcomers on the speakers list: Dr. Scott Mandelker seems to be an etheric sort of fellow, and spoke on "From Elsewhere: ET Souls on Earth". Forest Crawford spoke on "The High Strangeness of Investigating Contactees". Jim Marrs discussed the alleged alien agenda, Bill Hamilton ranted on about "Reverse Engineering Alien Technology", and our old pal Donald Ware (not a newcomer) gave an up-to-date rehash of the Gulf Breeze sightings.

As usual we did not even try to hear everyone, preferring to hang out with Tim Brigham of "The Devil's Advocate" fame, and a small group of mutual friends. Our little group enjoyed events on the program such as "Lunch on your own" and "Dinner on your own", and even "Get drunk on your own", which was not on the program!

The next Project Awareness event will be at the Cocoa Beach Hilton Oceanfront Hotel, very near Cape Kennedy, Florida, on the weekend of October 9th-11th. This is a beautiful locale, and we are sure that the Space People think so too. We will be there!

MORE MADNESS ON THE INTERNET:

- Tim Brigham, editor of "The Devil's Advocate", has organized a Web Ring under the code name "OPERATION MINDPHUCK". This sounds to us like a group of subversive spiders conspiring to overthrow the government, but actually it is a group of UFO-oriented intellectuals, including the editor of England's prestigious Magonia magazine. ...
- On Feb. 23rd, Dr. Steven Greer of CSETI posted the following: "Nerve Gas Attack on ET Base Backfires on Covert Forces: A recent attack by covert forces with a deadly Sarin-like nerve gas on the ET spaceport under 14,345 foot Mount Blanca, Colorado, ended in disaster when the attacking forces were overcome by the gas and a quarter of the personnel involved had to be medically evacuated..."

In a telephone interview, Greer told a supporter that last June, while he and his group were training in the San Luis Valley, he "remote-viewed the ETs inside the mountain". People in his group saw Greer disappear in a "gold light" which seemed to be coming from above them. Then a "semi-circle of a dozen ET elders, all different sized" surrounded Greer and told him that they were "under attack in the mountain by a covert military force".

The amusing part is that another follower, named Steve Moreno, realized that the above was too Far Out to be believed, and tried to suppress it! He says, "While there are tangents of truth to this incredible report, it is premature at this time for Dr. Greer to release such information..."

Yes, very premature!...

- From Paul Fuller in England (former editor of "The Crop Watcher") we learn some details about the controversial Hakui Museum in Japan. It is a brand new museum, devoted mostly to Space and partly to UFOs, and apparently there was disagreement within the Japanese government as to how much emphasis should be put on the UFO aspect.

In any case, a UFO convention that was to be held there in July 1996 was postponed till March of 1997; but because there was very little publicity for some reason, only about 50 people showed up in a hall that could hold 600. Among the speakers were Colin Andrews of England, Dr. Richard Haines, Jesse Marcel Jr., Bruce Maccabee, Dr. Leo Sprinkle, Derrel Sims, and Dr. Roger Leir - the podiatrist who removes UFO implants.

Obviously the financial loss was huge, and apparently no further conventions are planned in this out-of-the-way Japanese city. (This item is very old news - but better late than never!)

- As we have mentioned previously, although "Saucer Smear" is on the Internet, your humble editor isn't. Thus, in this increasingly Internet age, we are dependent on good friends and non-subscribers to send us this material which we otherwise would not see. We rarely give credit for information received, but we do want to issue a general "thank you" to all those who have helped out, including among others: Bill LaParl, Tim Brigham, Karl Pflock, Antonio Huneus, Tom Benson, Steve Mansee, Larry Bryant, Max Petersen, Matt Graeber, Paul Fuller, and Jim Lippard.

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- In our February 15th issue we announced that this year's National UFO Conference (NUFOC) would be held in the Los Angeles area, with famed UFO evangelist Frank Stranges as the local chairman.

Alas, this is not to be. In a form letter dated Feb. 24th, Stranges details an alleged break-in at his office in Van Nuys, California, resulting in the theft of \$15,000 in uninsured property. Stranges asks for donations, and pleads, "Please join us in believing that Almighty God will miraculously open doors for us to relocate - far from this area that has been going down hill since we moved (here) many years ago..."

We are now negotiating with another leading ufologist regarding his sponsorship of the 1998 NUFOC, and we will keep you-all informed...

- Just as predicted by "Smear" and other sensible sources, the famous Face on Mars is apparently nothing more than a natural formation. This was learned on April 6th when the first of a new series of pictures was beamed back to Earth. However, one expert cautioned: "I see enough ambiguity in the picture for people to still say that this is the ruins of an ancient face". Another expert said: "No single image of The Face will end the controversy, because of the two dozen or so other anomalous formations in the same region".

Barry Greenwood, formerly of CAUS, tells us: "I'm convinced that the photograph is real, but the Martians have deliberately plowed The Face under, to get rid of all evidence of their existence"...

- It seems we really missed a great show by not attending the final banquet of the 7th International UFO Congress in Laughlin, Nevada, last February. Photo analyst Jim Dilettoso played a piano duet together with a stigmata victim with a bloody cross on his forehead: Frances Barwood, the pro-UFO lady running for Arizona secretary of state, gave a rousing speech; and a good time was had by all!

All this and much more is contained in an expose published in the March 5th issue of the Phoenix (Arizona) New Times. Called "The Hack (=Barwood) and the Quack (Dilettoso)", the article ridicules the outlandish activities of the ufological hard core.

Dilettoso in particular is shown to be a fake, freeloadng off huge donations from an eccentric millionaire. It will be recalled that Dilettoso has rarely seen a UFO photo or video that he didn't find authentic - anything from the outrageous Billy Meier pictures to the controversial "Phoenix lights" videos last year. Dilettoso also appears to have grossly misrepresented his educational background, though he is hardly the first ufologist to do so.

Unfortunately Space does not allow us to rant further about this fascinating article...

- In a blast from the past, a fellow named Francis Ridge has revived the ancient NICAP organization, and supposedly he is officially authorized to do so. He lives in Mt. Vernon, Indiana.
- And we also hear that there is a new APRO - apparently no relationship to the original organization of that name, run many years ago by Jim and Coral Lorenzen. The new APRO, headed by Bill Heft of Ontario, Canada, will have members who wear black suits and carry official investigator badges. We kid you not!...
- William Moore has sent us a fascinating clipping about an anthropologist who made a solitary trek into "Area 51" last year, hunting only for a trail marker left behind by a group of pioneers about 150 years ago. He completely escaped detection by the sophisticated security system there, but he ran low on water and was unable to find the marker. He says he saw some strange things, but no UFOs. A spokesman for Nellis Air Force Base, where "Area 51" is located, said "it disappointed us and hurt our feelings" that this man, named Jerry Freeman, escaped detection! ...
- Representative Steven Schiff of New Mexico, who played a key role in the Air Force's recent release of information about the Roswell Incident, died of skin cancer on March 25th at the age of only 51. Interestingly, Schiff's Chief of Staff (= Office Manager) was Mary Martinek, wife of ufologist Karl Pflock. Ms. Martinek will presumably continue in the same capacity under Schiff's successor...
- March brought forth another widely-publicized story about a UFO-oriented religious cult. A Taiwanese guru named Heng-ming Chen and about 150 of his followers moved to Garland, Texas (partly because "Garland" sounds almost like "God-land"), and awaited midnight of March 24th, when God's voice was supposed to emanate from every TV set in America - irregardless of whether the set was turned on or off! This did not happen. Thereafter Chen admitted, "Because we did not see God's message on television tonight, my predictions of God arriving (in person, to Garland) can be considered nonsense. But don't call

us liars. Keep watching!"

Had all gone correctly, Chen, his followers, and a few others were to have been picked up by flying saucers one year later and taken first to Mars, and then to Heaven....

- With great fanfare, the International UFO Museum at Roswell has accepted two very large collections of UFO research material donated by two veteran researchers - George Fawcett of Lincolnton, N.C., and Bob Sabo of St. Petersburg, Florida. According to the Museum's press release, "the Mayflower Transit Co. (which transported the items to the Museum) valued the collections at \$50,000, but first estimates by UFO researchers are upwards of \$250,000. Many of the items are priceless one-of-a-kind documents, photos, and publications". Someone (or some two) is/are going to get a great big legal tax break out of this, we believe. ...
- An unusually weird convention, co-sponsored by the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research (PEER), will take place in Newton, Mass., near Boston, on May 8th and 9th. Speakers will include famed Harvard psychiatrist John Mack; former astronaut Edgar Mitchell; Sequoyah Trueblood, a native Indian elder; and Bernardo Peyxoto-Uru-wau-wau, a tribesman and healer from the Amazon basin. The blurb states: "This fascinating and unique conference brings together the scientific and clinical community with Native Americans who describe contact with `star people' and Westerners who describe `alien abduction' experiences"...

BOOKS TO KEEP YOUR BONFIRE BURNING BRIGHTLY:

In [our last issue](#) we briefly reviewed a book called "Around and About the Saucer World", by our friend Rick Hilberg of Cleveland. Now cometh "Ufomania - The Lore and Legend of Ufology", by Allan J. Manak, who is the other half of Cleveland's vast United Aerial Phenomena Agency (UAPA). Manak has a catchy title and a nice layout in this 60-page booklet of Pfortean Phenomena.

To quote the blurb, there are "floating aliens, jelly creatures, the aurora `martian', tin can beings, blue flashes, blue darts, blue globs, mystery foam, sticky foam, human burnings from UFOs, cloud phenomena, gelatinous something, three inch saucers, objects with tails, roads on fire, folding UFOs, bee hive UFOs, and many more weird encounters".

Strange illustrations too, by Benita ("Bunny") Owens. Send \$7.95 to UAPA, P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Long-time researcher & lecturer ANTONIO HUNEEUS writes:

Since writing the article about the FBI's real UFO X Files published last month in Fate, I've discovered that you can now download and read the whole dossier from the FBI's own FOIA web site (<http://www.fbi.gov/foipa/ufo.htm>). The Bureau has posted its real files under the general category of "Unusual Phenomena" divided in the sub-categories: "Animal/Cattle Mutilation," "Majestic 12," "Project Blue Book," "Roswell," and "Unidentified Flying Objects." The Roswell file contains only one page, the famous July 8, 1947 FBI telex from Dallas referring to an object resembling a "weather balloon with a radar reflector" being flown to Wright Field,

The infamous, Roswell-related "Majestic 12" or MJ-12 documents (22 pages) fare even worse. The capsule description notes: "This file relates to an FBI inquiry into the possible unauthorized disclosure of classified information when a document marked `Top Secret' was made public. This investigation was closed after it was learned that the document was completely bogus." The UFO sub-category, on the other hand, is huge (1600 pages),

consisting of all the historical stuff summarized in my article. Check the documents by yourself. You'll need Adobe Acrobat Reader (also freely available on the net) to download the documents. Finally, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, who obtained the original documents under the FOJA, has recently updated his earlier work in his new book "The UFO/FBI Connection" (Maccabee Publishing).

- Budding anthropologist CHRIS ROTH writes as follows:

"I was most interested, in the latest `Smear', to read that Martin Gardner is [an author of Oz books](#). I devoured `The Wizard of Oz' and its sequels as a child, and have been intermittently in my adult life tickled to note that the series is being continued in hundreds of additional sequels by many different hands, some of them authorized sequel-writers and some of them not. I wonder whether Gardner is one of those Oz authors approved by L. Frank Baum's estate. Baum himself, remember, was either a Rosicrucian or a Theosophist or both, which sheds light on his 1907 book `Dorothy and the Wizard in Oz', fourth or fifth in the series, which relates a trip to the Hollow Earth.

"It's intriguing that Gardner, who as a premier skeptic of the paranormal has an astonishingly and depressingly un-fantastic and un-mystified view of the universe, should seek his artistic thrills in such a way. However, these high-level Ozophiles are like academics: They write not for children or for the general public but for other hardcore Ozophiles.

- TIM CRAWFORD of UFO Central Home Video writes:

"For the Cydonia Mars crowd: During the month of February, UFO Central released `Hoagland's Mars: The NASA Briefing' on Direct TV, Pay Per View. Richard Hoagland, who is fascinated by the symbolism in numbers, called to inform us that (to our surprise) the program was available on channel 195 (as in 19.5 degrees from the equator - a cornerstone of Hoagland's theory that suggests, if you put a tetrahedrabtriangle inside a planetary sphere, the points line up at 19.5 degrees from the equator, revealing insights into planetary physics as interpreted by the mathematical incoding discovered in the Cydonia region on the surface of Mars).

"Whether or not this was planned or just bwind luck is unknown. Representatives for Direct TV were unavailable for comment. Hoagland believes that the number 195 may have symbolic meaning to an elite international secret society. The motivations of this secret society, which may have connections to Free Masonry, remain a mystery...

"For those following the on-going Corso Saga: It turns out that Bill Birnes, Corso's book partner and writer, has engineered a deal with an unnamed motion picture company to purchase controlling interest in `UFO Magazine', formerly published by Vicki Cooper and Don Ecker. This is a classic example of how corporate America is beginning to recognize the potential for profit when it comes to UFOs!..."

- Long-time researcher GEORGE EARLEY writes:

"I don't think the `semi-mysterious' John Alexander knows as much about the military as [he would have `Smear' readers believe](#). If we `did not mobilize' for Korea as he says, then what was I doing there in 1952 as adjutant of a light bomber squadron on a base with many hundreds of officers and enlisted men called up to active duty from their USAF reserve status?

"As for Corso's book, I spotted a hatful of errors in it that I'll share with John Alexander if he sends me a SASE..."

- Our good friend "BOB" WILSON writes:

"...You wrote in your letter that despite the madness in Ufology, you continue to find the field fascinating. So do I. I agree with your view that UFOs remain a great unsolved mystery. I can't accept the arguments for either Sex Fiends from Outer Space or `it's all mass hallucination', so

I remain curious - and the Clown Show provided by the various True Believers at least keeps the issue alive and provokes the rest of us to try to come up with more plausible alternatives.

"The so-called Skeptics seem to me the least likely to come up with such new ideas. They look to me like another gang of True Believers, with their own cult and their own dogmas. The trouble with True Believers of all sorts, including the ones who call themselves Skeptics, is they're one logic circuit short of a Hard Drive..."

Wilson's latest book, "Everything is Under Control - Conspiracies, Cults, and Cover-ups", has just arrived at our humble headquarters, and we will review it in our next glorious issue. - Editor.

- DICK FREEMAN, editor of "Batteries Not Included", writes as follows about the Laughlin UFO conference lecturer who finds meaning in tapes played backwards:

"[David Oates](#) might be onto something: I took a novel by his namesake, J.C. Oates, and read it into my tape recorder. Played backwards, what came out was Winston Churchill's Iron Curtain speech, though strangely enough, with the accent of Joseph Stalin. Further research is called for, and I am beginning to read my considerable collection of `Saucer Smears' into my Sony."

- Peaceful MAX PETERSEN writes:

"I'm glad I got to see you in Laughlin and hear about your standup comic (with a straight face) routine. Even the event's official photographer, George Kruse, told me how much he enjoyed your `roast' of Wendelle Stevens. Maybe you missed your calling, and should have replaced Jack Parr when he left his TV show. Who knows?"



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IN WHICH YOUR EDITOR ATTENDS THE SEVENTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL UFO CONGRESS:

It's kind of odd to hold a UFO convention in a gambling casino, but this has become a trend in the state of Nevada - possibly because the lecture halls and hotel rooms come cheaply.

Laughlin, Nevada is a town which grew out of literally nothing, just in the past 25 years. Originally catering to the "low rollers", i.e., the great Middle Class - Laughlin has now become a small city with skyscrapers and traffic jams, just like its big sister Las Vegas. But there is still only one main street, and most of the casinos are right on the picturesque Colorado River. We have been there several times by automobile over the years, but as we learned this time, it's a very hard place to fly into.

The International UFO Congress was founded by retired Lt. Col. Wendelle Stevens, best known as the leading American spokesman for famed Swiss contactee Billy Meier. The present organizer of this series of conventions is a man from Colorado named Bob Brown. This year's event drew well over 400 paying people, and by that standard it should be judged a success.

The lectures ran from Sunday Feb. 1st through Saturday Feb. 7th, and included about 27 speakers in all. We missed most of them, for various reasons not related to gambling. Those that we did hear quite expectedly ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous - and all points in between.

For us the most intriguing speaker was David Oates, who, because of a speech impediment, became interested in playing tape recordings backward. We remember that this was a fad in Rock music years ago, but we had never heard a serious presentation on the subject before. Oates' thesis is that the message heard backwards is from the subconscious mind and is directly related to what is being said forward. This represents a kind of "Truth Serum" which will eventually force all of us to be more honest.

Thus, when Neil Armstrong lands on the Moon, he says, "One small step for Man; One giant leap for Mankind". You can play this backwards and clearly hear, "MAN WILL SPACEWALK". Oates played many other examples, including some from recent speeches by President Clinton, in which Clinton appears to make amusing sexual references related to his present Troubles. (See [Matt Graeber's cartoon](#) further along in this issue.)

Some of the backward-talk is very clear, and some is not. This raises the question of whether or not the whole thing is a giant "Rorschach Test", like Erik Beckjord's faces on Mars, the Moon, & elsewhere. We would like to hear from some unbiased scholars about this, before either accepting or rejecting Oates' fascinating new belief system.

Another speaker who was hard to miss was Michael Hesemann of Germany. We say hard to miss, because he was everywhere during the Convention, always talking, talking, talking. It was, indeed, as if he had fallen in love with the sound of his own voice. His lecture was wild, but at least one part was very worthwhile: Hesemann gave a detailed description, with video, of the 1995 UPO incident in Zimbabwe, Africa, in which several dozen school children observed two or three strange creatures come out of a landed craft. There is little doubt that something truly bizarre occurred to set these children off!

Another speaker we found interesting was Barry Chamish from Israel, who told of many strange recent events in that country, including a mass killing of farm animals. And then there was Donald Ware, who continues to support Ed Walters of Gulf Breeze fame, even though Walters won't return his phone calls! Worst speakers were Peter Wigglesworth & David Spoor (what names!) of England, who did a joint presentation showing endless boring videos of something maybe in the night sky.

Quite a few of the speakers were foreign, which almost guarantees we never heard of them. Of the Americans worth mentioning, there was Jim Diletozzo; Peter Gersten; Clifford Stone from Roswell; Jim Marrs, author of "Alien Agenda"; and Wendelle Stevens, who showed a vast number of still photos, including a few that offer a new phenomenon: Aliens materializing as they float down from the sky. Egads! Col. Stevens is pictured below at the Convention, with one of his interplanetary friends.

On Wednesday evening of Convention week, there was a "roast" for Stevens, in honor of his 75th birthday. Your humble editor was among those invited to participate. Others included Michael Hesemann (of course!), Bob Dean, Jim Diletozzo, and Wendelle's daughter CeCe. In all due modesty, we must admit that the talk we gave at the "roast" was quite possibly the best (and the shortest!) that we have ever given, and the audience loved it. Hopefully we will be invited to be on the main program next year.

Not mentioned at the "roast" was Wendelle Stevens' severe legal troubles back in 1985, when he began serving a five year prison sentence related to sexual misconduct with underaged females. This story was carried as an exclusive in the August 25th, 1983 issue of "Saucer Smear", and therefore won't be repeated here. Stevens still claims that he was framed by the CIA because of his UFO activities, but we have heard from various sources that his prison years were his most productive in regard to output of UFO-related material!

Wendelle Stevens is a very pleasant, likeable sort of fellow, and we enjoyed the opportunity to get to know him better. We had a private conversation with him lasting over an hour, and came away with the impression that his worst fault may be an exceptionally loose grasp of Reality. But this isn't really unusual in the UFO field!

The burning question now is: Will the 8th Annual International UFO Congress be fearless enough to schedule your "Smear" editor as a speaker? As the late, great George Adamski used to say, "Time Will Tell".



FIASCO-TYPE SIDE TRIP FROM LAUGHLIN TO THE DREADED "AREA 51":

On Thursday Feb. 5th, your editor joined about a dozen other hard core UFO fans in an all-day side trip by van, north from Laughlin, up through Las Vegas, and on to the newly-named Extraterrestrial Highway to Rachel, Nevada and the secret Government base near there. Our drivers were two men from the Convention, who began by giving us all a stern lecture about how to behave if & when confronted by The Law, upon reaching the vicinity of "Area 51". We thought this was merely "hype", till we later observed the behavior of these drivers when we finally reached the "Area 51" area.

The distance was about 250 miles each way, and the van was crowded. We eventually reached the famous "black mailbox", near Rachel, which has recently been replaced by a white mailbox, belonging to the same rancher. (The original black mailbox was on display in the Convention vending room. It has now become an Authentic Relic in the War of Nerves. We were impressed with the two bullet holes in the side of the box!)

Unfortunately, our drivers got lost after passing the black (now white) mailbox, and it was some time later that we finally had our eagerly-awaited Confrontation with Authority. We were on a dirt road, headed directly toward the Dreaded Base, and there definitely was a small white van on another nearby dirt road, pacing us & watching us. Suddenly, a SIGN was seen by the side of the road. All we had time to read were the words "No Trespassing" at the top of this small sign - which looked nothing like the one pictured below, which may indeed be a product of someone's imagination. (Why would the Government name a base that until very recently was not admitted to even exist???)

Anyhow, before we had time to photograph the sign, even from inside our van, the driver made a very hurried U-turn, and hauled ass out of the area at high speed! Our dreaded Confrontation was over before it began!

We then went to dinner at the Little A'Le'Inn in downtown Rachel (population: slightly under 100). This was the high point of the side trip. Plenty of booze, friendly companionship, and decent food. (Best sign on the wall: "Thank you for holding your breath while I smoke.") The owners are Joe and Pat Travis, who make a good living from the foibles of the visiting ufoologists.

Unfortunately, the high desert gets very cold at night, and your editor came down with a bad cold & missed a great deal of the last two days of the Convention, including the farewell banquet on Saturday evening. But such is the price of Getting Out into the Field!



The Little A'Le'Inn



MICHAEL HESEMANN

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- While at the International UFO Congress, we bought a video called "Alien Interview". This is the video we referred to in [our last issue](#), as possibly including another horrible appearance by Stan Friedman, and possibly including an interview with a live alien.

Mercifully, Friedman is not in the video, and it is a matter of opinion as to whether an alien is interviewed. There is a segment with no sound track, showing a very sickly-looking being who looks something like a grey and something like a monkey. Apparently he is being interviewed by mental telepathy by an unseen government agent, somewhere in "Area 51". Thus even if we accept the alien as genuine, only the psychic government guy knows what the alien is thinking, in attempting to reply to a series of questions being asked of him/her/it. Possibly the agent is simply making up the alien's alleged answers, and we have no way of knowing the truth about the situation!

The key figure in "Alien Interview" is a shadowy personage called "Victor". Like the legendary Falcon back about 1988, Victor appears with an electronically distorted voice and a hidden face, to avoid identifying himself. He is a guy with access to "Area 51" who wants to do his bit to see that the truth about the aliens comes out. He also admits he is doing this for the money being offered by an outfit called Rocket Pictures.

There is commentary by the usual cast of characters - Robert Lazar of "Element 115" fame; Sean David Morton; video expert Jim Dilettoso; Bob Dean; and (ugh!) Michael Hesemann, among others. Need we say that we do not take this video too seriously?...

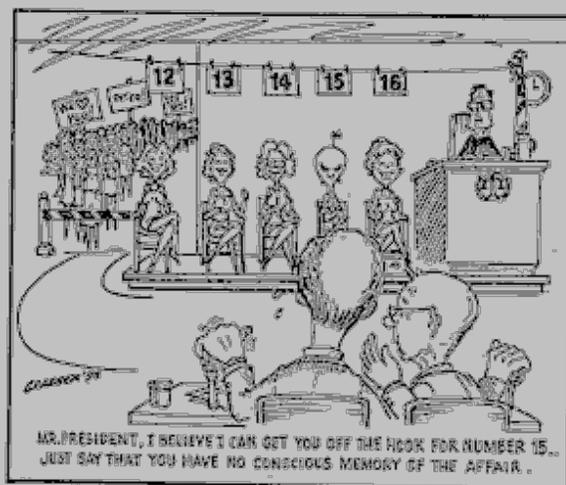
- The following item is taken verbatim from an Internet posting by someone named Ted Oliphant III. It was sent to us by Tom Benson. There is a great deal more detail that Space does not allow us to print. See also the headline story in the Jan./Feb. 1998 issue of "American UFO Newsletter", edited by Bob Teets (P.O. Box 52, Terra Alta, W.Va. 26764).

MUFON, The Church of Scientology & The Federal Bureau Of Investigation.

Recently, the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) has garnered a lot of attention due to the arrest of its Puerto Rican Director on firearms charges. It's all the more interesting because the gentleman in question is also an employee of the F.B.I. Many people complained about the appointment of this man by MUFON Chief, Walt Andrus. Long before this recent scandal for MUFON, many Puerto Rican MUFON members were disturbed that an "outsider" not from the island was forcibly placed in this position by Mr. Andrus. What seems like a one of kind, embarrassing fluke for MUFON, is actually the result of an on-going situation created by Walt. That is, the apparently cavalier appointment of persons with highly questionable backgrounds at the top of many MUFON organizations. It happened before in 1994 in Tennessee where the principle players became entangled in politics, Scientology, espionage, a death and an F.B.I. investigation that led to the silencing of a law enforcement officer.

HOT FLASHES:

- The February 1998 issue of the MUFON Journal confirms [our "scoop"](#) in the Feb. 15th "Smear", to the effect that, in the event of the death or resignation of Walt Andrus, the Directorship of MUFON would pass to John Schuessler, who is Deputy Director of Administration....
- We are reliably informed that Jaime Shandera, a long-time co-worker of Bill Moore in the Los Angeles area, has disappeared mysteriously. Both Moore and Shandera have been involved in the highly controversial MJ-12 documents....
- This is a "P.S." to [our article in the last issue](#) about the video "Alien Abduction: Incident in Lake County". There is a Lake County, Minnesota, but there is no record of a family named McPherson there. If they were abducted by aliens, as the video shows, then it must have happened many years ago. (Yea, sure!)....
- The Winter 1997-98 issue of the International UFO Reporter (IUR) contains a long & interesting article by physicist Bruce Maccabee, describing his flirtation with channeled UFO material. The article is called "My Mission from the Ashtar Command". In the end, Maccabee rejected the material in spite of his curiosity & fascination with the messages.
- Here's a very odd item we picked up from "Ohio UFO Notebook #15": David Morehouse, author of "Psychic Warrior", has been authorized to give a three-day course in Remote Viewing, as part of a training program at the University of Houston (Texas) for law enforcement officers! His instruction will include "police applications of remote viewing", including "accessing a suspect's mind/mental state"...
- Famed debunker Phil Klass now has difficulty walking as well as talking, as a result of a less-than-successful upper spinal surgery last year. However, he definitely has not been Silenced, & has a letter-to-the-editor further along in this issue.



BOOKS TO KEEP YOUR BONFIRE BURNING BRIGHTLY:

- "Millennium VII" is the latest book by Dr. Frank E. Stranges, Ph.D., and its main concern is the soon-to-be-forthcoming year 2000 (or 2001?), which, according to the author, will bring forth a thousand years of peace on Earth. Stranges' interpretation of the Millennium is basically positive with prophets who claim that "new coastlines will appear (in the U.S.) and waterfront property will go on sale in desert states such as Nevada and Arizona".

Religion is complex at best, and Stranges' little (75 pages) book leaves us confused. UFOs are not

mentioned much therein, but the author states that "the Millennium will not only directly touch every living person on Earth, but it will also affect every sphere in the entire Universe that sustains life as we know it."

This book can be obtained from the author by writing to: P.O. Box 73, Van Nuys, California 91408. The price is not given..

- Another new book (which unfortunately we don't have a copy of) takes a much more negative view of the Millennium. It is written by A. Vodben and is called "After Nostradamus: Great Prophecies for the Future of Mankind". The publisher is The Citadel Press. According to this, spacemen will rescue a "chosen few" from Earth, as fire destroys our world some time very shortly after the year 2000. Then comes the thousand years of good times. Wheeee!...
- Next comes "Around and About the Saucer World", by our olde friend Rick Hilberg of Cleveland. This is a large-sized 40-page soft-cover tome, reprinting the best sightings, etc. from the many years that Rick has been publishing various UFO zines. Some of the material is sensational, and some less so; but all of it is just as presented at the time - without the embellishments one might expect from a less cautious, conservative researcher. Available for a mere \$9.95 from: UAPA, P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134....
- We should mention that Jerry Clark's famed three-volume "UFO Encyclopedia is about to come out in a revised and updated two volume edition, containing a total of 1,180 pages: This is indeed a heavy Work, but there is little doubt that scholars of the future will be poring over it for generations to come. References to your "Smear" editor and his Great Contributions abound therein! Price: (gasp!) \$125.00. Available from Omnigraphics, Inc; Penobscot Building, Detroit, Michigan 48226....
- Finally, prolific author Robert Anton ("Bob") Wilson has a new book coming out called "Everything is Under Control: Conspiracies, Cults, and Cover-Ups". Writes Wilson: "It has about 3 or 4 references to you or to `Saucer Smear'. I'll send you a copy when it comes out in July, with those passages marked, so you don't have to read the whole thing."

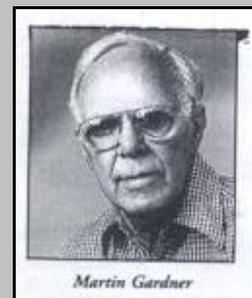
If only Jerry Clark were as thoughtful as this!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- MARTIN GARDNER, a Founding Fellow of CSICOP, writes:

"You can save yourself some postage by taking me off the mailing list for `Saucer Smear', I've stopped reading it, on the grounds that the whole UFO scene is too boring for me even to try to keep up with the garbage that seems endless. I'll let Phil Klass do the keeping up. It surprises me that you still find the UFO mania of interest.

"Speaking of aliens, I've written a new Oz book called `Visitors from Oz'. St. Martin's will publish it this year. It's all about Dorothy, Scarecrow, and Tin Man visiting the U.S. They get here not by UFOs, but by sliding through a Klein Bottle from a higher space dimension..."



We admire Martin Gardner & his many wonderful writings, and we are sorry that his Vision, though great, is not wide enough to see that there is some sort of Reality behind the saucer mystery! - Editor.

- WILLIAM (BILL) MOORE writes as follows:

"...With respect to Mr. Klass' [undoubtedly well-meant suggestion](#) that I release certain photos, etc. (`Smear', Jan. 10th, 1998), I can only respond by noting that the material in question has

been circulating around the outer fringes of ufo-dumb for several years..."

- The above-mentioned PHIL KLASS writes:

"Dear Capt. Jim Moseley:

"Some of my `political enemies' are circulating the rumor that Monica Lewinsky and I were abducted by a UFO and forced to engage in group sex. That is absolutely false. My `abduction-mate' was Hillary Rodham. Details will be revealed in the next issue of SUN, IF Independent Counsel Starr removes the `gag-order'."

- PROF. CHARLES MOORE (no relation to William Moore, above) writes:

"...I am enclosing a book review on the `UFO Crash at Roswell - The Genesis of a Modern Myth' that appeared in the January 30th issue of SCIENCE (the American Association for the Advancement of Science publication). Other than a few misspellings. . .it's a good, perceptive review. I think we received the Establishment's seal of approval (such as it is). We have not heard yet from the Roswell authorities and we eagerly await their judgment. "We trust that you were not washed away by the recent global warming eruption, but perhaps your UFO files were cleansed suitably.

- ROB SWIATEK of the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) writes:

"In your [Vol. 44, No. 10 non-scheduled newsletter](#)... you make note of a rumor that has Dick Hall both retiring from FUFOR and leaving the Washington, D.C. area. Your informant was fifty percent correct, being in the right city but the wrong ballpark, so to speak. As a member of the Fund's executive committee, I can confirm that Dick Hall has indeed resigned as Fund chairman. Don Berliner now has the conn.

"As for Dick leaving the Washington, D.C. environs, that's sheer fantasy. For the time being he plans to stay put and has no immediate intentions of moving. Since he's still on the executive committee, he'll be integral to our daily operations and involved in all important decision-making. Rest assured he will continue to make life miserable for various ufological bilge-spouters, garbage meisters, fuzzy-edged thinkers, and related cenobites.

I guess we were just indulging in wishful thinking! - Editor.

- JOHN ALEXANDER, whom we almost but not quite met (again) at the convention in Laughlin, writes as follows:

"Dear One Who Searches for Truth (Which is out there):

"Returned herewith is your copy of Phil Klass' newsletter. Actually, he and I have many of the same questions. In fact, I sent (Col.) Phil Corso a seven page letter containing similar questions. I do not plan to make that public.

"Please note: In my responses to you and others, I have only vouched for the validity of Corso's background. I have not, nor do I plan to, enter the fray about the validity of his claims.

"(signed) Your semi-mysterious servant"

- TIM BRIGHAM writes:

"Regarding your recent renewed interest in my theories on the Gulf Breeze case: The case holds little interest for me anymore. My main interest was always in the `red light UFO', and I've always felt that the most likely explanation for it was some sort of psychological warfare test or operation conducted by local military. I, of course, may be wrong, but nevertheless it's my opinion that whatever the red light is, it is not relevant to genuine UFO phenomena, and only interesting as a side note - which brings up the question of whether the military would deliberately hoax UFO events for any of a variety of reasons.

"This quote taken from the Hurlburt Field web page (an Air Force base right next to Pensacola/Gulf Breeze) pretty much speaks for itself: `AFSOC (Air Force Specialized Operations Command) with Headquarters based in Hurlburt Field, Florida, is a step ahead in a changing world, delivering special operations combat power anytime, anywhere. The command is responsible for - Unconventional warfare - Psychological operations - Direct action - Special reconnaissance - Counterterrorism..."

"The document goes on to say that Eglin AFB (another large AFB in the area, known for testing advanced weaponry) is also crucial in the AF's `psyops' program.

"On another subject: Recently I've been concentrating more on the internet version of `The Devil's Advocate' than on the print version, and this emphasis will probably continue to increase over time. . .The internet is a more efficient method for one such as myself to distribute information. However, I'm still sending out print-outs via snail mail to anyone who needs them..."

- CHRISTOPHER ALLAN, from beyond the Pond, writes as follows:

"Karl Pflock has slightly misread Phil Klass' book regarding the case of [the `Twining memo'](#). From the context it is clear Phil was saying that the famous memo was not published in full in a pro-Roswell book until 1994, having first seen the light of day in the Condon Report 25 years earlier..."

"Speaking of the Roswell myth - the Ziegler, Saler & Moore book (as you indicate) is certainly scholarly, and a welcome change from the nuts & bolts stuff. The CUFOS reviewer, predictably, had no time for the book and dismissed it as `the mushiest that soft science can get'. But the two prime authors show that the makings of the myth are all there, and Charles Moore does an excellent job of showing how the Mogul balloon drifted to the very place it was located!..."

- Researcher SHEILA FRANKLIN writes:

"I and six compatriots recently returned from a UFO research jaunt to Brazil. We were warmly greeted and met with many researchers in various parts of the country. We came away with an incredible awe at the abundance of experience. As evidenced in Bob Pratt's book, most of it is terrifying and physically debilitating. But on rare occasions, it is somewhat similar to contacts taking place elsewhere. I am enclosing a story about one of the abductees we met..."

DAILY NEWS, Anchorage, AK, Dec 3, 1997 CR J. & L. Nicholson

Female body mysteriously falls from sky

The Associated Press

MIAMI - A woman who police believe amy have fallen out of an airplane was killed after hitting a garden wall in an apartment complex Tuesday.

Police have no idea who she is or exactly how she fell. Nobody saw her fall.

Residents heard a loud bang and went outside to find that a woman's body had landed on a garden wall and was ripped in half, Moss said.

Police said she could not have fallen from a nearby 20-story apartment building, the tallest structure in the area. The condition of her body indicates she fell from a much higher point, Moss said.

Animal

"A Lady came up to me on the street and pointed at my suede jacket. `You know a cow was

murdered for that jacket?' she sneered. I replied in a psychotic tone, 'I didn't know there were any witnesses. Now I'll have to kill you too.'"

-comic Jake Johansen, biting back.



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THE DREADED CIA BARES ITS SOUL (IF ANY):

We do indeed live in strange times. Not only has the Air Force tried to "come clean" regarding the Roswell Incident, but we now learn that the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has its own Web page! Curtis Peebles, author of a skeptical UFO book called "Watch the Skies", has been kind enough to send us the complete text therein, from which recent newspaper stories were taken. (See also Peebles' letter to the editor, further along in this issue.)

The article is called "CIA's Role in the Study of UFOs, 1947-90", and is written by Gerald K. Haines, a historian at the National Reconnaissance Office, which is the intelligence agency that builds and runs our spy satellites. There are twelve pages of text, followed by eight pages of detailed explanations of sources for the text.

The press focused on the CIA's admission that they lied to the public about many sightings of high-flying U.S. spy planes in the 1950s and 1960s, falsely attributing these sightings to natural phenomena, etc. (No doubt some kind of misdirection still goes on regarding currently secret planes!) But "Smear" was much more interested in some of the other details in the document.

For instance, for a long time the CIA fiercely resisted releasing the text of the report by the 1953 Robertson Panel, or even admitting that the panel was indeed convened by the CIA. One member of that panel was long-time "Smear" non-subscriber Thornton Page, who died quite recently. Says the present CIA Report, "The (Robertson) panel concluded unanimously that there was no evidence of a direct threat to national security in

the UFO sightings, nor could the panel find any evidence that the objects sighted might be extraterrestrial". Die-hard UFO believers still think that the panel was lying or else not aware of all the evidence!

Also interesting is the admission that "at the height of McCarthyism in the early 1950s, the Robertson panel recommended that two civilian UFO clubs be monitored for possible subversive activities. These were Civilian Saucer Intelligence (CSI) of Los Angeles - not to be confused with CSI of New York, which was organized a little later; and APRO, then located in Wisconsin. (Interestingly, William Moore admits that, in a later period, he reported to the Government on the activities of APRO, which by then had moved to New Mexico and finally Arizona.)

Another intriguing aspect of the CIA Report is the admission that they were truly troubled by the efforts of Major Donald Keyhoe of NICAP, who expended endless energy trying to force the Air Force to release UFO information to the public. NICAP and Keyhoe are long gone, but another former thorn in their side lives on in the person of Dr. Leon Davidson of White Plains, New York. In the 1950s and 1960s, Davidson wrote many persistent letters, including to then CIA Director Allen Dulles, demanding UFO information and getting, as now admitted, nothing more than a deliberate run-around.

Davidson believed, and continues to believe, that UFOs are merely a CIA plot or hoax of some sort, rather than interplanetary vehicles. Davidson wrote many articles for our "Saucer News" zine in those early days, and continues as a loyal "Smear" non-subscriber.

As usual our Space is limited, so we will leave you with this very intriguing statement near the end of the present CIA Report (Page 19-20):

"...There is a CIA Psychic Center and the NSA studies parapsychology, that branch of psychology that deals with the investigation of such psychic phenomena as clairvoyance, extrasensory perception, and telepathy. The CIA reportedly is also a member of an Incident Response Team to investigate UFO landings, if one should occur. This team has never met. The lack of solid CIA documentation on Agency UFO-related activities in the 1980s leaves the entire issue somewhat murky for this period..."

Just what is Gerald Haines trying to say (or trying not to say???)

The study on unidentified objects is available on the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/97unclas>



The above photo shows, left to right, Roswell witnesses Walter Haut and Glenn Dennis, at a news conference during the recent Roswell Festival.

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH THE SEMI-MYSTERIOUS SGT. RICHARD DOTY:

While in New Mexico recently, we telephoned former Sergeant Richard Doty, who, before retiring from the Air

Force, worked for several years in their Office of Special Investigations (OSI). It was during that period, in the 1980s, that he knew William (Bill) Moore, and some say that he helped Moore and Jaime Shandera forge the notorious MJ-12 documents.

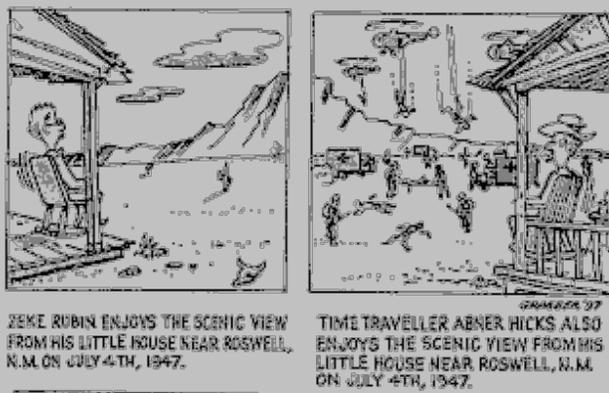
Doty, who is now with the New Mexico State Police, told us that he was investigated by the FBI in 1987, which would be very shortly after Moore first made the "Presidential Briefing Document" public. Obviously, Doty was a suspect. He took and passed a lie detector test, he says.

Doty is far from being a UFO skeptic. He believes that there was an MJ-12, perhaps under a different name, and that the information in the MJ-12 documents is generally true even if they are not authentic. Doty believes also that there were two UFO crashes in New Mexico in 1947, and that alien bodies were involved. He does not accept the two recent Air Force reports about the Roswell Incident, and as for Santilli's recent alien autopsy video, he feels that the film shows "non-humans but not aliens", whatever that means.

On the other hand, Doty does not believe in abductions. He says that he investigated 17 abduction cases in New Mexico around 1981, and found that they were all hoaxes, except for one case that impressed him somewhat favorably.

We did not ask Doty enough about his relationship with Bill Moore, and we have been trying to call him back for more information. He told us that he has known Moore since about 1980, but has been out of touch with him for several years. Originally, he was called upon to investigate Moore for the OSI. Moore later became a source or conduit, but was "terminated" as a source in 1986. Doty did not say why.

Rumor has it that, while in the Service, Doty got into trouble regarding other questionable documents - not just the MJ-12 series, and it is known that before the end of his enlistment, he was reassigned out of Intelligence into the commissary (= food). As a New Mexico State Policeman, he seems to be doing well. We do hope to talk to him again...



TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- One of the unfortunate sidelights of the recent Roswell Festival is the fact that a promoter named Jeffrey Immediato stuck various businesses in town with bad checks totaling more than \$92,000. His company, called Newport Entertainment, Inc., apparently did not exist. It is not clear whether this is the same promoter who left time traveller Al Bielek and other speakers stranded at the Roswell Inn, as reported in our last issue....
- Long-time ufologist Larry Bryant of Alexandria, Ma. has written to Col. Philip Corso, in care of his publisher, asking him to cooperate in a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit regarding the allegations that Corso made in his recent book, "The Day After Roswell". Bryant asks Corso to write a formal "UFO Coverup Deathbed Confession" emphasizing specific points that are to be used in the lawsuit. Will Corso actually do this? Somehow, we doubt it!...

"Smear" has received a solicitation letter from the James Randi Educational Foundation, asking for memberships and donations. Randi, who compares himself therein to "such luminaries as Benjamin Franklin, Harry Houdini and Isaac Asimov", now claims to have pledges totaling over one million dollars, that will be given to anyone who successfully proves paranormal claims. Of course the ultimate authority on the validity of such claims is Randi himself. No self-respecting Spirit is likely to cooperate!

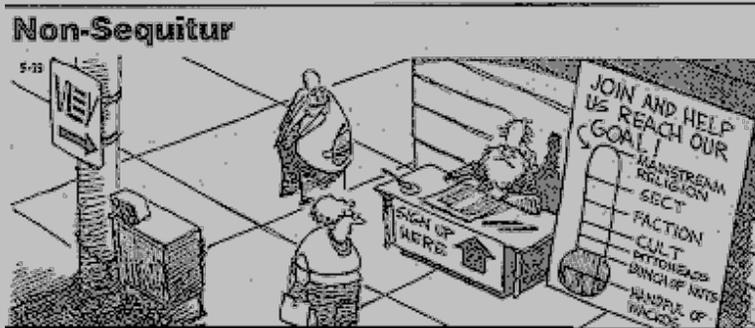
- **I hope you'll agree that it's time to stop wallowing in this unpleasant mess of pseudo-science, fantasy, and accounts of perverted behaviour, and to start investigating the entire alien abduction mythos with the level of energy and enthusiasm which a matter as nasty, thretnening and dangerous as the alleged abduction and abuse of people - and particularly children - demands.**

... The above paragraph is lifted from a new British UFO magazine called "Abduction Watch", published monthly by a no-nonsense researcher named Kevin McClure. If interested, send a few bucks to McClure at: #3 Claremont Grove, Leeds LS3 IAX, England...

- Some of you may remember Robert Spencer Carr, who achieved notoriety in 1974 with a story about dead aliens at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Your "Smear" editor interviewed Carr at his Florida home in 1984, and found him to be unreliable, though a pleasant gentleman. Now, in the July/August 1997 issue of CSICOP's Skeptical Inquirer, Carr's own son confirms our opinion, and quotes from the article we wrote in "Smear" about his father shortly after his death...
- On the evening of July 28th, the Fox TV Network had another one hour "Special" about flying saucers, called "UFOs - The Best Evidence Ever Caught on Tape". There were at least a couple of dozen videos from around the world, and a few of them were impressive. There were also interviews with a host of UFO luminaries, including Ed Walters, Bruce Maccabee, George Knapp, Bob Oechsler, Colin Andrews (re crop circles), and retired admiral Bobby Ray Inman - who states, however, that he thinks the saucers are not interplanetary. (Inman has been wildly misquoted by Oechler in the past.) We were pleased to see Maccabee giving one of his extremely rare negative opinions about the validity of UFO evidence...
- Two science articles sent to us recently by non-subscriber Denis Corey seem to lead to opposite conclusions regarding secure computer codes. An experiment at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, showed that two photons of light seven miles apart responded simultaneously to a stimulus applied to just one of them. This could lead to the creation of a "completely secure code", according to a physicist at the University.

But in another milestone in quantum physics, at the National Institute of Standards in Boulder, Colorado, a single beryllium atom was divided into two distinct states of existence and these two states were then separated in space. This, in a very complicated way, could lead to a quantum computer so fast that it could break any code!

The most interesting thing here is that the world of quantum physics is strange and mysterious, and contrary to everyday common sense. Albert Einstein sneered at quantum physics, and to this extent he was wrong!



BOOK REVIEWS:

- We have received from Bishop Allen Greenfield of Atlanta, Ga. a quaint & scholarly booklet of only 75 pages, called "The True Quest for the Holy Grail - The Western Sex Magick Tradition". Herein Greenfield writes under the name of Frater (Brother) 171, QBLH, and acknowledges help from several other Fraters and Sorors. The book is a "revised and edited" edition of an earlier Work.

What can we say about this booklet? It is, as the name implies, a scholarly sex book, and even has a few interesting illustrations. However, the sexual rituals described therein are supposedly for Spiritual Enlightenment, not for mere Gross Physical Pleasure. The only conceivable connection to the UFO Field is that years ago, Greenfield used to be a UFO & Fortean researcher. As recently as 1995 he and two co-workers hosted our annual National UFO Conference at a hotel in Atlanta. We have known Greenfield for a very long time, and consider him to be an enigmatic sort of Truth Seeker. We wish him well.

We doubt if his latest Work is for sale. Our copy is hand-numbered "9". Egads!...

- Next we have a 220-page soft-cover tome called "Casebook on the Men in Black, by Jim Keith, who has written several earlier books about various alleged conspiracies. The current fictional movie "Men in Black" has obviously renewed public interest in the subject of Mysterious Visitations, and naturally there are writers ready and willing to use this situation to their financial advantage. (There is nothing wrong with that!)

Among the many MIB situations that Keith discusses is the famous "hush-up" in 1953 of Albert K. Bender, the founder of the International Flying Saucer Bureau (IFSB) Keith then goes on to relate some of the American MIB-type incidents of the 1960s, involving in very complicated ways various UFO researchers of that era, including John Keel, Gray Barker, Timothy Green Beckley, John J. Robinson, yours truly, and several others. There were several hoaxes involved, some of which still have not been Revealed! (More info on this will appear in our own hopefully forthcoming book with Karl Pflock.)

Keith does his best to sift through the evidence, but it is a somewhat hopeless job, since he has no way of knowing whom to believe! And maybe some of the incidents were real, for all we know!

All in all, Keith does a credible job in trying to sort out a very difficult, perplexing subject. There is no index in the book, but your editor is mentioned in the "Special thanks to..." list, and we are also mentioned here & there throughout the text! Bravo!

The book is available for \$14.95 from IllumiNet Press, P.O.Box 2808, Lilburn, Georgia 30226...

- Finally, we must mention the emergence of still another Roswell book this one called "UFO Crash at Roswell - The Genesis of a Modern Myth," written by Benson Saler, Charles Ziegler, and our friend Charles Moore of Mogul Balloon fame. We have not seen the book yet, but it is available for a mere \$28.45, including postage & handling, from the Smithsonian Institution Press, P.O. Box 960, Herndon, Va. 20172. (See also Prof. Moore's letter to "Smear" [later in this issue.](#))

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Aviation/UFO writer CURTIS PEEBLES writes:

"You have no doubt heard about the CIA Report on UFOs and the false Air Force explanations of U-2 and A-12 Oxcart (= SR-71) sightings. As the press reports were confused and you don't have Internet access, I am sending you a printout of the Report from the CIA's own Web Page.

"I suspect that the statement on Page 6, that more than half of all UFO sightings made between the late 1950s and the 1960s were from the U-2 and A-12, is incorrect. I do believe that they were the cause of a large number of airliner pilot and radar sightings, however. My own research indicates that there were between 20 and 30 A-12 sightings by airliner pilots between 1962 and 1964. A large number of Air Force pilots at Nellis AFB (near Groom Lake) also made sightings during this same period. I have no specific information on U-2 sightings, but the total number of U-2 and A-12 sightings could easily be several hundred. This does support [Jim Oberg's comments](#) about UFO sightings and secret operations."

- England's CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes:

"Marvelous how the supersecret CIA can even make any pronouncement on UFOs, seeing that nobody believes a single thing they say. And if nobody believes their revelations on other subjects, why should anyone (even the skeptics like you and me) believe them about UFOs?"

"They would be far more credible if they had picked out, say, four or five specific cases and explained how these were related to their spy planes, instead of trying to tell us that about half the sightings of the 50s and 60s were due to these planes!"

"This is a case of muddying the waters of ufology still further! And you may be sure the Area 51 fanatics will be more vocal than ever after this!"

"I have not seen the USAF 'Roswell bodies' report yet, but I do expect that one to contain some basis for truth, unlike the CIA waffle!..."

- Researcher KARL PFLOCK writes as follows:

"...I'm shocked (as in 'Shockingly Close to the Truth', our forthcoming masterwork) to discover a couple of slight distortions of the truth in the latest 'Smear':"

"First, yes, in league with Fred Whiting, I helped set the stage for Congressman Schiff's Roswell inquiries, but the 1992 meeting you mentioned was with members of the congressman's personal and Government Operations Committee staff, just staff. I doubt the congressman knew of it at the time. It was Hill-lobbyist SOP: Create staff interest so future initiatives or inquiries will be taken seriously. Thus, months later, when Mr. Schiff began receiving numerous requests from constituents to look into Roswell, the queries weren't brushed off. The rest is history (and all too often hysterical).

"Second, yes, I have a not-yet-published book about Roswell, but don't forget my 'Roswell in Perspective', a published (1994) book-length monograph, praised by Roswell believers and skeptics alike as a significant contribution to the literature. A Fund for UFO Research best seller, it's still available from the Fund or, autographed/inscribed from Yours Truly (\$25 postpaid, POB 93338, Albuquerque N.M. 87199)..."

"By the way, has anyone noticed the name of the Air National Guard program under which the Maryland ANG planes apparently responsible for at least most of the stimulus for the Phoenix Lights hoopla were in Arizona?: Operation Snowbird ('X-Files' theme swells in background!)"

- Famed Roswell author and science fiction writer KEVIN RANDLE writes:

"Good to have a chance to see you down in Roswell..."

"Since you believe it is a foregone conclusion that Jesse Marcel Sr. was a liar of the first magnitude, I thought I'd pass the enclosed material on to you and see if it appears in 'Smear'. It is another take on what the record says. As I mentioned to you, I have found that Marcel's record was neither complete nor accurate. There are enough problems with it that I don't believe it fair to label Marcel a liar.

"I've also enclosed some responses to the Project Mogul idea. And I find it interesting that

Mogul officials were required to provide high density air traffic areas with information about the launches of the balloons. In other words, the pilots and others at Roswell were aware of the balloon arrays because the FAA demanded that the launches be announced. Just some food for thought..."

Randle has kindly sent us a printout of a very lengthy Internet debate between Karl Pflock and one David Rudiak, on the subject of the Roswell Incident. The debate goes over the same old ground, and is too long to summarize here. - Editor.

- JERRY CLARK writes:

I liked the tone of Kent Jeffrey's piece in the MUFON Journal, even if in the end (as Kevin Randle demonstrates) his arguments are less than compelling. I also like the fact that - unlike, say, you - he felt no compulsion to trash Jesse Marcel Sr., and actually ended up debunking the trashers. As I remarked in an e-mail posting yesterday, Jeffrey has set a standard for how the debate ought to be conducted: with civility, respect, and reasonableness."

- Researcher JOHN SHIRLEY writes:

"...I want people to know that Derrel Sims, who supposedly is the next big thing in ufology, along with Corso, is an incredibly shady guy!



Derrel Sims: He says he's fought alien warlords and retrieved implants. But where's the proof?

The Alien Hunter

Here's a guy who starts by claiming he had combat with an alien named 'Mondo', and this is the guy we're supposed to take seriously as he brings out the alleged Roswell crash fragment for testing - which is probably an exotic piece of material from some exotic materials lab where unusual arrays of elements are commonplace (new materials like this are developed every day). The guy claims he learned to be a black belt in karate literally overnight because of his special holographic learning technique. Here's a classic bullshit artist - and do we notice a pattern? Ufology has always had them, but now they're infiltrating it bigtime, because they see big money there - or think they do..."

- DR. BRUCE MACCABEE writes as follows:

"Philip J. Klass' comments about gullibility of UFO investigators, in your last issue, brought to mind his explanation (SUN #46, July 1997) for the Kenneth Arnold sighting of June 24th, 1947. Klass proposes that Arnold saw 'glowing meteor-fireball fragments'. This is the first time so far as I know, that anyone has suggested glowing meteors to explain Arnold's sighting....

"This prompts me to enunciate the Two Rules of Credulous Skeptic Debunking (CSD). The first CSD rule is 'Any explanation is better than none' (even if the explanation makes no sense). The second CSD rule is 'The probability that a given sighting is explained increases with the number of proposed explanations' (even if NONE of the explanations makes sense). The second rule is adhered to by gullible skeptics even though the rule itself makes little sense. It is nonsensical because any particular sighting has one and only one correct explanation...

"The First Rule of CSD has recently been applied by the Air Force in an attempt to explain the reputed Roswell alien bodies as 'crash dummies' dropped from high altitude balloons. The Air Force has publicly acknowledged the fact that this explanation requires a 'time warp' of at least 6 years, the time between the alleged Roswell crash and the first dummy drop. However, not known to most people... is the fact that there is also a 'space warp'. The Air Force report includes a map of dummy landing locations and Roswell crash locations. The first dummies fell in 1954 at locations more than 70 miles from any Roswell crash site. The closest dummy landing location to a Roswell crash location is between 10 and 20 miles away, and that particular dummy crashed in 1957. All other locations are more than 20 miles away and many are more than 100 miles away. Are we then, to believe that the witnesses not only missed the date by 6 or more years, but also the location by several tens of miles?..."

- LOUISE BRAISTED of Stuart, Florida, writes:

"You are still the only ufologist in all ufoland that I take seriously. (Are you surprised that anyone takes you seriously?) One by one, all others have fallen into that dark but obviously happy hole of gullibility!"

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August 4, 1997

Dear Jim:

This is my belated response to your request about retired Lt. Col. Corso's book that allegedly was based on his experiences associated with the "Roswell Incident". I have not read the book but have two comments that are based on the advanced information that you sent me.

First. It is highly unlikely that any shipment of recovered debris being transferred to Wright Field from New Mexico would have passed through Fort Riley, Kansas; it is far more likely that the debris, if it had any value, would have transported by air. The transport planes available to the USAAF in 1947 included the C-54 which could carry 10 ton or heavier loads. Further, Fort Riley is several hundred miles north of the direct highway route from Roswell or from Fort Worth to Dayton. For ground transportation, old US 66 would have been the highway of choice with stopovers at Tinker Army Air Field in OK City and Scott Army Air Field near St. Louis. There is no way that the Army Air Forces would have used the Army Ground Forces for the transport of such allegedly interesting debris and it is equally improbable that Fort Riley would have been on the route used.

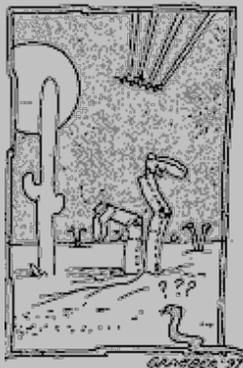
Second. I understand Corso claimed that much of our modern technology is based on knowledge derived from analysis of the "alien" debris. As a physicist, I have not seen any acknowledgments to such sources in the original papers describing the discovery of transistors or in the development of fiber optic technology or in any of the scientific and technological advances that have been made in my life time. However, acknowledgment of the sources of ideas is an essential in science; it is highly unethical to report on a discovery without crediting the earlier work on which the advance was based or from which it derived. I can count on one hand the few breaches of this ethic that I have encountered in my career. There is no way that the major advances that been made since World War II could have been initiated by leaked alien information without some credit being given to the source yet, there have been no such acknowledgments. This translates into the realization that there were no alien sources for these human achievements.

Since Corso's story is not consistent with the accounts of what probably happened around Roswell in 1947, and, since I have not purchased nor read this obvious fraud, I have no other comments worth making. My apologies for the time it has taken for you to extract my opinion.

With best regards,
Sincerely,

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YOUR EDITOR ATTENDS THE ROSWELL FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL:

Luckily for the Roswell Police Department, the rock concert for "less than 150,000 people" never materialized. William Shattner of Star Trek canceled, and in general the crowds were somewhat smaller than anticipated - in spite of millions of dollars worth of free nationwide publicity. (We never thought we'd see an alien on the cover of Time Magazine.) But those who did show up were treated to a town where nearly every business joined in the light-hearted alien motif.

There was much confusion in regard to where various events were to take place. Some were at the two UFO museums, some at the convention center, some at an auditorium in the New Mexico Military Institute, and some were right at the Roswell Inn, where your humble "Smear" editor was staying. Of course, many events were held simultaneously, so it was not possible to cover everything. But we came away with over one hundred good pictures, a few of which are reproduced [herein](#).



The speakers on the list at the [top right photo](#) are those sponsored by the main museum in town, called the International UFO Museum & Research Center, where a tall young lady named Deon Crosby holds sway. Some famous ufologists are on the list, but who the hell is Lance Strong Eagle Crawford?

Second-string speakers, including Karl Pflock, Kevin Randle, and cinematographer Russ Estes spoke at the Roswell Inn and another nearby motel, sponsored by the second-string museum, called The UFO Enigma Museum. This is owned by one John Price, who is being run out of business by one Max Littell, a local Wheel who by strange co-incidence is connected with the International UFO Museum. Enigma may soon be taken over by Clifford Stone, a local man who is a published UFO author.

There were also third-string speakers, in a group of eight from the East, who spoke to pitifully small crowds at the Roswell Inn on Sunday, July 6th, which was the last day of the Festival. We ran into time traveler Al Bielek having breakfast at the Inn (SHOCKING!) with esoteric teacher Chelsea Flor of New Jersey. Bielek told us that their sponsor had gone broke and they were stuck in Roswell till they could raise the money to get out! We don't know what happened after that.

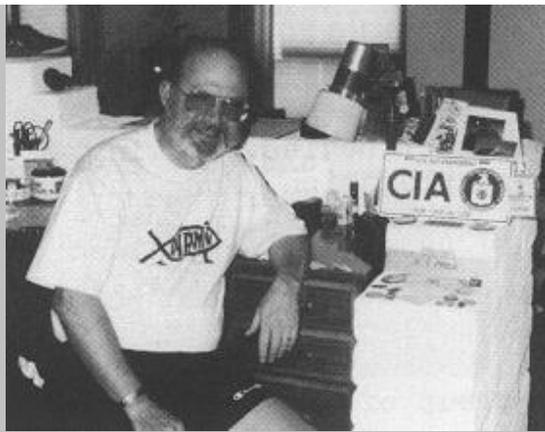
A highlight of the Festival was the debate between Karl Pflock and Kevin Randle, on the question of whether the Roswell Incident was an extraterrestrial event or merely a Mogul balloon. We agreed with Pflock and his Mogul explanation, but mean old Randle won the debate by dramatically ripping up several sheets of balloon-like material from his pocket, and throwing the pieces up into the air like confetti. Ain't science grand!

Another highlight was a presentation in which TV producer Paul Davids, notorious ufologist Derrell Sims & several others, came forth with still another "authentic" Roswell metal fragment. After the lecture all the principals except Davids left hurriedly before the press could ask questions. We are told that they literally ran out the door and jumped into a car that was waiting for them in the parking lot with the motor running! (Science on the run!)

Still another great event, which we also missed, was a July 4th dinner-lecture by Whitley Strieber, which was interrupted by a very loud and violent thunderstorm. Some say that the famous crash near Roswell occurred at that same time of day, on July 4th exactly fifty years earlier. Others say this theory is nonsense. We say it really doesn't matter. The Roswell Incident is a legend that will never die!

(Left, below) An unusual and thought-provoking sign at a Roswell church (Middle) There are four suggested crash sites, re the Roswell Incident, plus the well-known "debris field". This sign refers to one of these four sites, where a crude shrine has recently been erected, (Right) Lt. Col. Philip J. Corso (Long Retired), co-author of "The Day After Roswell", at a Festival press conference. We asked him why he apparently believes in time machines, and he gave a rambling reply about the infamous Philadelphia Experiment.





(Left, above) Karl Pflock at his "Headquarters" near Albuquerque, New Mexico. (Right) Kevin Randle lecturing at the Roswell Festival.

(Photos by OISEAU.)

AIR FORCE DUMMIES RELEASE A SECOND REPORT ON THE ROSWELL INCIDENT:

On June 24th (the precise 50th anniversary of the Kenneth Arnold sighting!) the U.S. Air Force held a press conference, carried live on CNN television, in which one Col. John Haynes attempted to explain the new Air Force release concerning the famed Roswell Incident. It is called "The Roswell Report - Case Closed", and runs about 230 pages, with many important illustrations.

The press conference was a disaster, as Col. Haynes was nervous, arrogant, and ill-informed. (It turns out he had not read the Report!) When someone from the press asked, "How do you explain the fact that these dummies were dropped several years after the Roswell Incident" Col. Haynes snarled, "I don't explain it."

And yet, the Report is well worth reading. Only 600 copies were printed (a major miscalculation of demand!), and it was sold out before we could order a copy. However, through Karl Pflock we were able to contact the author, Captain Jim McAndrew, USAF Reserve, who was kind enough to send us a free autographed copy.

Space does not permit us to do justice to the Report here, but there are two important areas: First, the story told by retired mortician Glenn Dennis, who is considered to be the most important living Roswell witness, is actually a combination of events from a 1956 aircraft accident that killed 11 crewmen (3 of whom were autopsied at the funeral home where Dennis worked), and a 1959 manned balloon accident in which 3 crewmen were injured. Obviously Dennis, who didn't start talking till about 1990, deliberately pushed these events back into the 1947 Roswell time-frame.

Secondly, there were hundreds of Air Force tests during the 1950s in which anthropomorphic (= human-looking) dummies were released from balloons and Air Force personnel were sent out to recover them. Some people may have misjudged the time-frame, in telling their stories, many years later, of weird bodies on the desert; or, like Glenn Dennis, some may have deliberately twisted the facts to suit themselves.

The 1997 Air Force Report was written mainly because the earlier 1994 Report on Roswell did not deal with the question of bodies. Having solved the Roswell Incident with the Mogul Balloon explanation for the "debris field", where no bodies were found, the Air Force naively expected that would be the end of it. Now, having finally (somewhat) explained the bodies, they naively hope that they have satisfied the True Believers. Little chance of that!

It is interesting to note that there would be no Air Force reports on Roswell, and thus no solution to this



SURE, I CAN EXPLAIN HOW THE 1947 CRASH WITNESSES SAW THE 1953 CRASH DUMMIES NEAR THE ILL-FATED FUGO BALLOON WITH JUST TWO WORDS... EH... "REMOTE VIEWING"...

persistent mystery, were it not for a fortunate combination of circumstances. Mary Martinek, wife of UFO researcher Karl Pflock, happens to be the office chief of staff for Congressman Steven Schiff of New Mexico, who is a senior member of the Congressional committee that oversees the General Accounting Office (GAO). In late 1992, Pflock arranged a meeting in Washington, D.C., composed of himself, Jesse Marcel Jr., Stanton Friedman and others from the Fund for UFO Research. This meeting succeeded in interesting Schiff in the Roswell case. Thereafter Schiff tried in vain to get information on Roswell from various branches of the government. After his requests for information were ignored, he finally contacted the GAO, and this eventually led to the nearly 1,000 page 1994 government report on Roswell, which in turn led to the present report. Pflock and the Fund, working through the System (not wildly, like Ed Komarek!), are responsible for the fact that, like it or not, the Roswell Incident is finally solved.

Pflock is the author of an unpublished book about Roswell, and is co-author, together with your "Smear" editor, of a hopefully forthcoming book called "Shockingly Close to the Truth".



.. HIS ARTISTIC EXPRESSION WAS SUPERB. BUT, I'M AFRAID THAT THE LANDING IS GONNA COST A FEW POINTS.

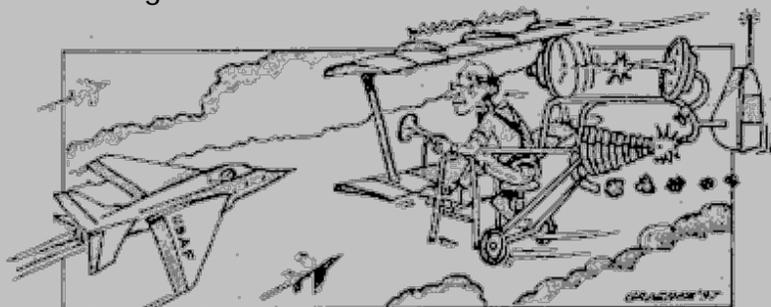
MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- We again call your attention to the excellent article by Kent Jeffrey, called "Roswell - Anatomy of a Myth", in the June 1997 issue of the Mutual UFO Network UFO Journal. The advance copy we referred to [in our last issue](#) of "Smear" was only about half as long as the final version, for some reason. A mediocre article of refutation, written by Kevin Randle, appears in the July issue of the same magazine. ...
- The advance information about the new Air Force Roswell Report, [printed in our last issue](#), and credited to a "semi-reliable source", turned out to be unreliable and inaccurate. Sorry!...
- In a press release dated June 12th, Prometheus Books (the publishing arm of the dreaded CSICOP organization) discusses a threatened lawsuit from Ray Santilli's organization in England. The subject, of course, is the infamous alien autopsy video, stills from which were used in Kal K. Korff's recent book for Prometheus, called "The Roswell UFO Crash: What They Don't Want You to Know".

Says Dr. Paul Kurtz of CSICOP: "The promoters of the alien autopsy film are claiming copyright infringement. However, if their footage is authentic as they claim, then there can be no copyright violation because the film belongs to the United States government and the American people. You can't copyright government property."

- On the weekend of June 14th, your "Smear" editor joined researchers Karl Pflock and Tom Benson as speakers at a mini-convention at the library in Clarksburg, West Virginia, where the late Gray Barker's books & papers are kept for posterity. There were also two showings of "Whispers from Space", [the weird documentary about Barker's life](#), which was filmed a couple of years ago by Hollywood lighting expert Ralph Coon. Coon was not present, but we ran into him at the Roswell Festival. ...

- Senator Strom Thurmond, who wrote a glowing introduction for Lt.Col. Philip Corso's book "The Day After Roswell", has made a strong statement claiming that he was not informed that the book would be about UFOs, and that he does not believe in UFOs, etc., etc. The publisher has promised to eliminate the introduction from future editions. All this leaves Corso looking rather ridiculous!...
- Sightings of what might have been a huge V-formation of UFOs were made throughout Arizona last March 13th, but did not become national news until they were somehow linked with the Roswell Festival in July! Some of the sightings apparently were of flares, but others remain unsolved...
- The current movie "Men in Black" is rather silly in our opinion, but it is based on real ufological legends. Few remember Gray Barker's 1956 book "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers", or the legendary "hush-up" of Albert K. Bender, which inspired it. The July 22nd, 1997 issue of the tabloid magazine "Examiner" correctly states that in 1967, a highly-placed Air Force general issued an official statement admitting the fact that UFO sighters were being threatened & frightened by unknown individuals pretending to be from the Air Force or other government agencies. This legitimate mystery was never solved, as far as we know.
- Dr. Steven Greer of CSETI has sent out a weird letter, claiming that both he and his female research director have contracted cancer at the same time. The implication is that this is no mere coincidence. Greer asks for Donations to tide him over these troubled times....
- Shiela Franklin, author of "[The Excyles](#)", informs us that FBI agent Jordan Perez, who played a large part in her book and in her life, has committed suicide. It is not clear whether Jordan Perez is his real name, but Ms. Franklin claims he used to work at the Fort Lauderdale, Florida FBI office, and this is something that someone could check out. Perez's last words on the phone to Ms. Franklin were, "I can no longer tell the good guys from the bad." (Shudder!)
- From John Schuessler of MUFON we learn that a mysterious object with no mass, traveling at almost the speed of light, was videotaped last December as it streaked across the sky in Kansas. Scientists involved in the case are baffled. ...
- On the weekend of June 21st/22nd, UFO publisher Tim Beckley held a small convention at "Beckley Manor", a large house he owns in Colorado. The flier reads, "Cookout - Skywatch - Music - Come Party Your Alien Ass Off". This year Beckley has stopped sponsoring large UFO conventions in various western cities, as he was starting to lose a lot of money at it...



"IT'S O.K. FELLAS, I'VE GOT A VIGIL ON THAT BOGEY.. IT'S JUST OUR OLE BUDDY COL. CORSO TESTING HIS TIME MACHINE AGAIN."

BOOK REVIEW:

"THE RANDLE REPORT - UFOs IN THE `90s"

by Kevin Randle

This is another interesting book by former Air Force Captain Kevin Randle, who has moved to the forefront of UFO research through quantity if not through quality of output, mainly on the subject of Roswell.

Randle has come a long way toward UFO Belief since his "Position Statement" in Ronald Story's UFO Encyclopedia (1980), where Randle states in part: "As a science fiction writer, there is almost nothing I would rather see than a UFO land at the river entrance of the Pentagon.. but until something comes along to convince me, I must say that I don't think UFOs are spaceships."

"UFOs in the `90s" mainly concerns cases that occurred considerably before the `90s. It was obviously written in haste, but is a fair presentation of several well-known cases, going all the way back to the Roswell Incident.

Randle has lost Faith in Roswell witness Jim Ragsdale, and even has a chapter entitled "The Decline and Fall of Roswell". Yet his Belief persists, due to other witnesses and other evidence. He rejects the Mogul Balloon explanation, of course, but he also mercifully rejects the alien autopsy film as well as the MJ-12 documents. Randle is apparently trying to be objective, and he even apologizes for the fact that his book contains so many negative conclusions.

At this stage of his research, Randle is inclined to disbelieve the complex Travis Walton abduction case, as well as the Ed Walters/Gulf Breeze scenario, as well as the tales of chupacabras. He is undecided about the 1996 Brazil landing, and looks favorably on the STS-48 case as well as the little-known Shag Harbor, Nova Scotia (Canada) crash of 196?.

Randle erroneously believes that UFO research has improved in the 1990s, as compared to previous eras. If it has improved at all, it is because of a few objective professionals from outside the field, of whom he is not one. We do appreciate the free review copy of "UFOs in the'90s" that Randle personally sent us, and we forgive him for the fact that neither "Moseley" nor "Saucer Smear" appears in the index even once!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- The semi-mysterious WILLIAM (BILL) MOORE writes as follows:

"...As for [the continuing phony document controversy](#), it is my opinion that the various assertions which have been made are interesting but inconclusive. Unfortunately I am unable to shed any further light on the matter, having already told those involved all that I can. I reiterate however, that IF they are fabrications, I am not the one responsible...

"With respect to the course of recent events, controversies, etc. there are several things of importance about which a few comments would appear to be in order:

"First, I completely agree with Jim Oberg's recent letter ([as published in the last `Smear'](#)), [especially his last two paragraphs](#), and I am glad somebody in a position of importance has finally come out and said it. As Mr. Oberg has indicated, there are a lot of stories hidden under that particular rug which would serve to illuminate many present myster ies.

"Second, after deep and careful consideration of recent developments concerning Roswell, and because my name continues to be connected with this story, I wish to advise anyone who might be interested that I no longer am of the opinion that the extraterrestrial explanation is the best explanation for this event. I concede that it remains in the running as a possible explanation...

"And finally, with respect to [Kal Korff's recent book](#) wherein I figure somewhat prominently, I wish to say that I find it an interesting mixture of truth, half-truth, exaggeration, speculation, and a few just plain honest mistakes. I have always had a high degree of respect for Kal and his efforts to tell truth as he sees it. ...

"All things considered, Korff is a far better skeptic than Phil Klass will ever be. Could it possibly be that in this intelligent young man we finally have an heir apparent to that mean-spirited crusty old fart?"

- JEROME CLARK, writing not to us but to John Rimmer of the English magazine "Magonia", has this to say:

"...After reading [your letter in the latest Moseley newsletter](#), I have to say that Budd Hopkins was entirely in his rights to choose not to share a platform with Phil Klass. Hopkins was not objecting to any critic but to a particular one, notorious for irrational excess, character assassination, and double-dealing. To share a platform (or, for that matter, to make the inexplicable decision to invite Klass to speak at the UnConvention) is to give legitimacy to

Klass' extremism. If Klass were pro-UFO, he would be universally recognized as a crank and treated accordingly. Budd was right to do what he did, and to the extent that audience members disapproved, they were wrong...

- The above-mentioned PHIL KLASS writes:

"...I was most interested to learn of [Bruce Maccabee's](#) First Law of UFO Investigation, 'Proof that a picture could be faked is not the same as proof that it was faked.' This prompts me to propose Klass' First Law of UFO Investigation: 'Proof that Bruce Maccabee could be the world's most credulous and gullible UFO investigator is not the same as proof that he is the world's most credulous and gullible UFO investigator.'"

- UFO researcher ROBERT TODD writes:

"Debris from a New York University (NYU) balloon train, launched in support of Project Mogul, was THE complete explanation for what W.W. 'Mac' Brazel found on the Foster Ranch on June 14th, 194?, and which he subsequently turned over to Major Jesse A. Marcel."

Short and to the point! - Editor

- ERICH AGGEN, JR., editor & publisher of "C-COM", writes;

"I wanted to thank you for sending the copy of 'UFO 1947-1997: Fifty Years of Flying Saucers' by Evans and Stacy. I continue to find 'Smear' interesting and unique as always. Your rather iconoclastic viewpoints are one of a kind. In this regard you remind me very much of Ray Palmer, or 'Rap', as he liked to be called.

We hope we don't remind anyone too much of Ray Palmer, though we found him to be a very bright, interesting guy. - Editor

- Cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"In response to [K. E. Sackett's 'shockingly close to the truth' remarks](#) (in the last 'Smear') concerning we aging, lower middle class 'ufoologists' of modest attainments, I say - why not tell us something we don't already know, Sackett! I mean, can't we under-achievers have a little bit of fun? Besides, K. E., don't you know that nobody likes a smarty pants!?"

- Researcher REX SALISBERRY writes:

"After reading the new Walters/Maccabee book, it seems to me to be 'deja vu all over again', to borrow a trite phrase. Mr. Ed (Walters) makes some pictures, writes a story about them, and sends them to Maccabee (otherwise known as Dr. Edsez). Dr. Edsez states that the photos are valid and the story true because he believes Mr. Ed. Mr. Ed then gloats that his pictures and stories have been validated by Dr. Edsez, and the circle is complete. They both then giggle all the way to the bank!

"It should be noted that several nationally recognized professional photo analysts have offered definitive proof that Mr. Ed's photos are hoaxed. Nonetheless, the True Believers will probably sop up every word as if it were gospel, and the hard core skeptics will probably become more skeptical, if that is possible. Hopefully, the more objective reader will recognize this as another apparent work of fiction and move on to more important issues. The anecdotes in the book from other sources do make somewhat interesting reading and can be evaluated on their own merits. However, they do not validate Mr. Ed's claims in my opinion.

"Coincidentally, the same weekend that I read the book, I received a phone call from one of Mr. Ed's old neighbors, when he lived on Silverthorn. I told the neighbor about the new book, and he repeated a story that he had told me before, a few years ago. It seems that between about 4:30 and 6:00 P.M. on Nov. 11th, 1987, the neighbor and two local sales persons were in the neighbor's front yard negotiating some work to be done. The area in front of Mr. Ed's

house where the UFO was supposedly lurking was in plain view to the three of them, the entire time. None of the three saw any UFOs or blue beams. For that matter, they didn't even see Mr. Ed in front of his house with trusty camera in hand!..."

- Researcher HERBERT TAYLOR writes as follows:

"The [statement by James Oberg in `Smear'](#) whets my appetite to know more. The implications are incredible. If Oberg is accurate, then much of UFO history is artificial, and not real! We must learn more!..."

- GREG BISHOP, editor of `The Excluded Middle', writes:

"...I have noticed that if I mention you somewhere in the magazine, I get a plug. In the future, you will always have a home in the pages of `The Excluded Middle', even if it's only your name on a page with no explanation at all. Perhaps I could use that picture of yourself in volume two of Jerome Clark's `UFO Encyclopedia'. Have you gotten around to suing him for that yet?..."

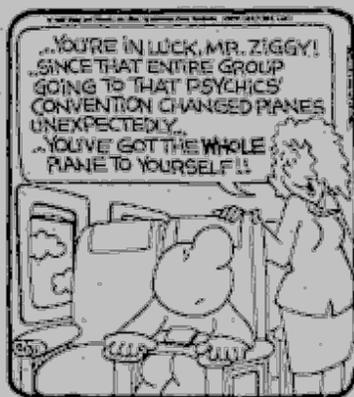
"How dare [Richard Hall](#) call some of the contactees authors of `the ten worst UFO books of all time'. Once more the insecurity~of the 'mainstream' (?) Ufologists rears its ugly head! Scientific respectability (such as it is) is unattainable for UFO researchers under our present rules of `truth' and evidence. To my mind, the contactees tales are just as believable as the abductees. The friends of the space brothers just had different filters for their experience. Same strange force, different cultural bias. The new scientific revolution is going on right now, but it isn't covered by the media - except in `The Excluded Middle', of course!"

- Author ROB MacGREGOR writes as follows:

"...I have come across both you and Phil Klass in `Alien Agenda', a newly published UFO book by journalist Jim Marrs (suspicious last name!)

"I found your name on Page 193. Here's the reference: `There is no doubt that on at least one occasion Adamski was set up as the object of a hoax. long after his death, two writers - James W. Moseley and Gray Barker - admitted that, as a joke, they had concocted a letter implying an endorsement of Adamski's views on a State Department letterhead. Adamski had widely publicized the fraudulent letter from a nonexistent official named `R.E. Straith'. The two writers decided not to reveal the joke at the time because federal agents were investigating this apparent misuse of official letterhead stationery.

"Very tricky, Jim!..."



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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

"Smear" has obtained an advance copy of Kent Jeffrey's long-awaited article about the Roswell Incident, which will appear in the forthcoming June issue of the MUFON UFO Journal under the title "Roswell - Anatomy of a Myth". (Jeffrey is the author of the famed "Roswell Declaration".) In this article Jeffrey explains that, although he still believes in the possibility of interplanetary saucers, he is now 100% sure that no such craft crashed at Roswell, with or without alien bodies aboard.

Much of Jeffrey's evidence is new, and does not duplicate previous research. It is mainly in three categories:

1. As a U.S. commercial airline pilot for 26 years, Jeffrey is aware of the near-impossibility of a crash by a perfected vehicle such as an alien spaceship.
2. The release of formerly highly classified documents, such as the one we quote in our next story, below.
3. Jeffrey's recent personal association on a social level with many survivors of the 509th Bomb Group, which was based in Roswell at the time of the alleged 1947 UFO crash and which dropped the two atomic bombs on Japan in 1945.

For all the fascinating details, read the June issue of the MUFON Journal!...

- "Smear" has obtained still another letter written by [Colonel H. M. McCoy](#) in 1948 regarding the non-existence of crashed saucers. McCoy's proper title at that time was Chief of (Air Force) Intelligence, Air Materiel Command (at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base). In writing a then-Secret letter to the CIA, dated October 7th, 1948, McCoy stated in part:

"This Headquarters is currently engaged in an intelligence investigation of all reported unidentified aerial phenomena. To date, no concrete evidence as to the exact identity of any of the reported objects has been received. Similarly, the origin of the so-called 'flying discs' remains obscure, The possibility exists that some of the sighted objects are of domestic origin... Your cooperation... might greatly assist in identifying our own domestic developments from possible inimical foreign achievements."

Note that the interplanetary hypothesis is not even mentioned!...

- From a semi-reliable source we have learned that the Air Force's Capt. James McAndrew is bringing out a second official report on the Roswell Incident. This was due in April but was delayed because of Colonel Corso's forthcoming UFO book, [previously discussed in "Smear"](#). Apparently the Air Force wanted to know just what Corso is saying before issuing their final report.

Most interesting is the fact that apparently Project Mogul may not be the complete solution to the Roswell Incident after all! We are told that the Air Force may discuss the crash of an experimental modified B-29 aircraft which was carrying nuclear material. This was a then top-secret back-up plan, in case our atomic bombs did not work properly. Plutonium could be sprinkled over an area, contaminating the water supply and/or the countryside in general. At the crash site, fear of contamination from radiation was the primary concern, we are told.

An alternative rumor regarding the new AF document (modestly called "The Roswell Report: Case Solved") is that it pertains to a modified Japanese Fugo Balloon. This Fugo story will also be in the July issue of "Popular Mechanics", we are told.

Ultimately, to know the true facts, we will just have to wait for the AF Report to appear. It will be out very shortly, available to all for a mere \$52. The ISBN number (whatever the hell that is!) is 99979-11156....

- Finally, here's a "Comic Relief" item: In what was sarcastically called "the past-life defense", a former teacher in New Mexico defended his sexual relationship with a 14-year-old girl by saying that in a former life in Tibet, in the year 640 A.D., the girl had sacrificed her life for him. This was the basis for their love, he said; but the judge disagreed, and sentenced the man to 1 1/2 years in prison for having sex with a minor.



SKEPTIC JIM OBERG MAKES A VERY IMPORTANT STATEMENT:

After the recent semi-public meeting held in Washington, D.C. by Dr. Steven Greer's CSETI organization, well-known UFO skeptic & space expert Jim Oberg of Dickinson, Texas released the following open letter to Dr. Greer. Please read this letter very carefully, especially the final two paragraphs. Here we see strong hints about some currently classified matters that could shed a great amount of light on the real UFO Mystery. Says Oberg:

"...I am a lifelong UFO buff, a founding fellow of CSICOP, and long time associate of Phil Klass, as well as a colleague and friend of J. A. Hynek from Northwestern days. I am fascinated with the folklore aspects of the UFO beliefs in our culture, and am a specialist in spaceflight operations, both American and Russian...

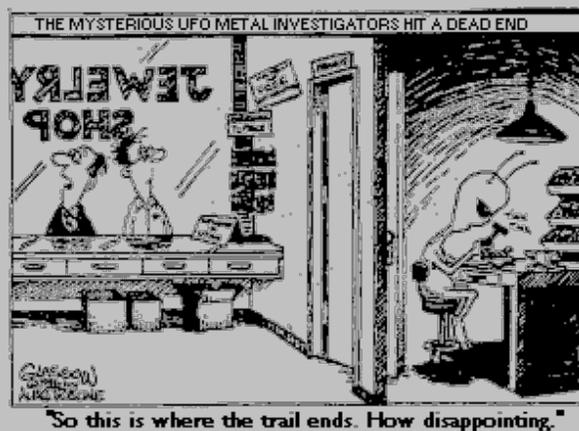
"I applaud CSETI's efforts to strip away the 'government secrets prosecution' barrier to the disclosure of people's stories about UFO experiences and I fully support the call for a government declaration that all legal constraints against disclosure be dissolved. I've always felt that claims of fear of such prosecution, as an excuse by people not to 'go public', was often merely a gimmick not to have to take responsibility for the authenticity of such stories. As far as I've been able to tell... nobody has ever been arrested or charged - much less convicted and sentenced - for actually doing so.

"But don't stop merely with legalizing disclosure of all - if any - government secrets about 'real UFOs'. I believe there is a far more valuable body of 'secrets' that will help understand the decades of UFO phenomena that the world has experienced. This deals with government-related activities which directly or indirectly led to public perceptions that UFOs might be real when they weren't. Sometimes these actions were carefully orchestrated in advance; sometimes they were localized impromptu ad hoc damage-limitation tactics. But from my own experience, they seem to have played a tremendous and widely unappreciated role in inciting and enflaming public interest in UFOs while deflecting public attention from real highly-classified government activities.

"I'm referring to situations where government representatives - officials, military officers, etc. - used 'UFO' as a convenient camouflage for other official classified activities (such as retrieval of crashed aircraft or nuclear weapons or other objects), or used artificial 'UFO stories' (in oral, written, photographic, film, etc. form) as 'tracers' in studying the function of security safeguards and personnel psychological responses; or used 'UFO' as an excuse (either intended or accidental) to cover up improper, forbidden, or diplomatically delicate activities (such as aviation incidents involving dangerous accidental or deliberate close passes or intercepts of civilian airliners; or overseas excursions of agents on intelligence missions where deflection of local perceptions was useful; or to conceal from the country of origin the possession of foreign military hardware); or played pranks and jokes on intended or accidental targets; or any other activity that the government - or any part of it - wanted to keep hidden, knowing that having it thought of as 'UFO-related' would consign it to the never-never-land of myth and nuttiness, thus keeping mainstream media attention to a minimum. And it has worked!

"Please include such 'UFO secrets' in your list of disclosure demands, and ask that any government personnel involved in the use (or misuse or abuse) of such practices be immune from any government prosecution for the actions which led them to take such measures. Once such immunity is verifiably granted, I have my own list of people who have privately talked to me over the years and who were involved in government activities leading to a number of well-known 'UFO cases', which can be released and which can help the public understand where and how much of today's UFO mythology originated.

"This is a serious proposal deserving of serious consideration, and promises immensely fruitful results."



BOOK REVIEWS:

- "Smear" readers hopefully remember the [long letter from researcher Kal K. Korff in our last issue](#), wherein he discussed, among other things, his brand new book called "The Roswell UFO Crash - What They Don't Want You to Know". (Korff's other major book was a 1995 expose of the infamous Billy Meier case.)

It seems that after about twenty years of hype and bullshit by authors such as William Moore (not Charles), Stanton Friedman and Kevin Randle, the real facts about the "Roswell Incident" have emerged just in time to put a damper on the giant 50th anniversary Roswell Festival scheduled for early next month. (We stated this fact in a recent contribution to FATE Magazine, which, amazingly, was published!)

Korff comes to the conclusion that the "mysterious" object that landed near Roswell in June/July 1947 was merely a then-classified Mogul Balloon. In this conclusion he is in agreement with Phil Klass and Karl Pflock, each of whom has written a forthcoming book on this subject. Others who support this very unpopular conclusion include Professor Charles Moore, Robert Todd, and Barry Greenwood of "CAUS" - and of course, the entire staff of "Saucer Smear"!

Incidentally, it won't be the Mogul Balloon hypothesis that gets Korff and his publisher (Prometheus Books) into trouble, but the chapter on the notorious Alien Autopsy Film. We are told that Ray Santilli's organization in England has threatened to sue Prometheus for unauthorized use of stills from this video, plus the use of a picture of the alleged photographer. The caption with the picture boldly states, "A reward has been posted for the arrest and prosecution of those behind the alien autopsy hoax."

Korff's book, already in its second printing, can be obtained (at least till banned or burned!) from Prometheus Books, 59 John Glenn Drive, Amherst, N.Y. 14228-2197.

Incidentally, both "Smear" and its editor are mentioned twice in Korff's index, clearly showing the high quality of his research!...

- Next we have another major book, but with a weird cover, called "Why People Believe Weird Things". This is by Michael Shermer, director of the Skeptics Society in California, which is a West Coast milder version of the dreaded CSICOP organization. "Smear" receives their excellent "Skeptic" Magazine on an exchange basis. (We regret their unholy admiration for James "The Amusing" Randi, however.)

Shermer's book deals not only with UFOs but also with several politically sensitive subjects, such as Creationism and the Holocaust. Regarding UFO abductions, Shermer tells of his own experience when, due to sleep deprivation, he himself imagined that he was abducted by aliens on a lonely rural highway, while competing in an ultra-marathon bicycle race. His subsequent discussion of the modern abduction phenomenon is reasonable and low-keyed, in contrast to the shrill debunking overstatements one often gets from CSICOP. This is a book worth reading, available for \$22.95 from W.H. Freeman and Company, New York...

Next comes "The UFO Silencers - Mystery of the Men in Black", by Timothy Green Beckley of Inner Light Publications. This tome, with a menacing man in a Lone Ranger type face mask on its cover, was first published in 1990 in a different format. It is re-issued now, by coincidence or otherwise, at the same time that IllumiNet Press has re-issued Gray Barker's classic book on the same subject, "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers". Here again is an insipid introduction by folklorist John Keel, and there are several references to your humble "Smear" editor. 160 pages with large easy-to-read type, available from Inner Light, Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903. Free catalogue upon request:...

- Next we have "CoEvolution", the supposedly true story of a New Zealand man taken for ten days to an extraterrestrial civilization in 1989. The publisher is Nexus Magazine of Australia, which "Smear" receives by exchange. We have found Nexus to be somewhat gullible, conspiratorial, and paranoid in their approach to UPOs as well as other subjects, so we do not have high hopes for the authenticity of this story. The address for Nexus Publishing is: P.O. Box 30, Mapleton, Queensland 4560, Australia.
- "Psychic Discoveries" (John White, American Literary Agent) is apparently another re-issue, written by Sheila Ostrander and Lynn Schroeder, with an introduction by famed psychic (or magician) Uri Geller. This book is, quite expectedly, mainly about psychic research, though there is one chapter about UFOs in

Russia. Published by Marlowe & Co., New York.

-Finally comes a book of admitted fiction, called "The Conspiracy Quartet", written by "Smear" non-subscriber David Clewell. The book is an interesting mixture of prose and poetry, fact and fantasy - and it can be purchased for a mere \$12 from Garlic Press, 606 Rosewood, St. Louis, Missouri 63122

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Physicist DR. BRUCE MACCABEE, co-author of the new Ed Walters book "UFOs Are Real: Here's the Proof", has written us a 6+ page single-spaced typewritten letter defending the book and Walters' famed Gulf Breeze photographs. Lack of Space prevents us from reproducing the letter here; but below is a small portion of it, relating to Rex Salisbury - the man originally commissioned by MUFON to "investigate" Ed's claims. Salisbury eventually reached negative conclusions rather than positive conclusions, and he has written a [long unpublished manuscript](#) concerning his detailed investigation of the case.

DR. MACCABEE writes us as follows:

"...Regarding Rex Salisbury, I don't know what his motive was. I think he got bad information and ran with it. The bottom line...is this: Proof that a picture could be faked is not the same as proof that it was faked. And, furthermore, he didn't prove any picture had been faked. His strongest case was the famous 'road shot', with the lack of reflection in the hood of the truck. This implied a SDE (simple double exposure) fake. I knew about the implications of the lack of a reflection, in the summer of 1988 - two years before Salisbury came at me with an 'axe'. I discovered the explanation: The truck hood had been bent in an accident. It wasn't much of a bend, but enough, when combined with weight in the back of the truck (cement blocks Ed was hauling) to prevent the UFO lights (bottom or top) from reflecting in the hood. (Oddly enough, the explanation was already contained within the imagery in this picture, but it took several years for me to realize that.)

"Regarding Salisbury's statements, if 'common sense' tells you that 'most of his information is true', then I guess you had better find some 'uncommon sense'.

"I will keep my eyes on the skies! ...

- TIM BRIGHAM, editor of "The Devil's Advocate" (Box 10853, Pensacola, Florida 32524) writes as follows:

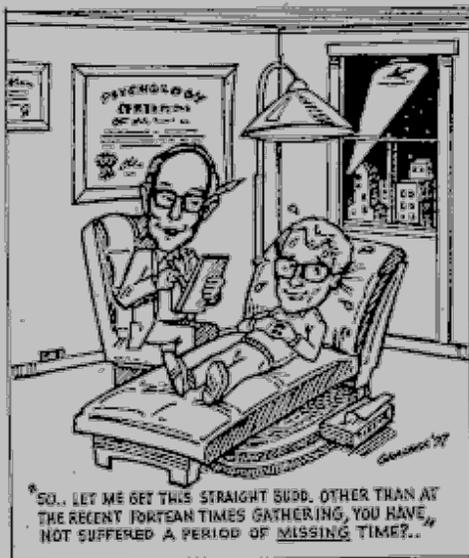
"Just a note to keep the whole 'uncovered government documents' debate in perspective: Brian Boldman and I went up to the National Archives in College Park (where the UFO files are kept) about two years ago. The security in that place is a complete joke. To get into the file area, we merely had to open the folders we were carrying for the security guard, who didn't even bother to look through anything inside them. We also noticed that many members of the staff had obvious disabilities, many of the mental type, and (how shall I say this?) definitely wouldn't be trusted to an area where anything of importance would be kept, and it would be highly unlikely that they would catch on if anyone decided to sneak documents in!

"We were usually left alone when in the room where the UFO documents are kept, and we could have easily placed anything in the boxes of documents or taken anything out and merely walked away with it. We were able to wander freely around parts of the building that I don't think we were even supposed to be in, and no one even asked us who we were. When we left, no one looked through our copies and papers to see if we had taken anything out!

"Take care, and remember, 'THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE', though at this rate I don't think we'll find it for a long time!"

Fascinating!- Editor

- JOHN RIMMER, editor of England's marvelously philosophical zine called "Magonia", writes as follows - not directly to us but to our friend, cartoonist Matt Graeber:



"...Jim Moseley may have told you about the response dear old Budd Hopkins got from those terribly skeptical British types at [the Fortean Times `UnConvention`](#). They weren't impressed. he spent about half of his talk on the great Linda N. (sorry, Linda C.), just giving a potted history of abductions, and skipped over the weird stuff in about ten minutes at the end. Some nasty people thought this was because he had been warned that a Fortean Times audience would not be the fawning pushover he was used to at MUFON meets!

"Hopkins was billed to appear in a panel discussion on the second day of the convention along with Supreme Commander Moseley, lovable old Phil Klass and Dennis Stacy, but he pulled out at the last minute. He had been careful to mention in his `talk` that he was just sooooo eager to look around the London art galleries. His place on the platform was taken by a rubber model of an alien head, and the FT master of ceremonies read out a statement from Budd saying something like that if he was forced to be in the same room as Phil Klass he would come out in spots, or his head would fall off, or something. This display of temperament did not go down well with a British audience, and the statement was greeted with jeers and derisive laughter

- FRANK SPAETH, Associate Editor of FATE Magazine, writes:

"We here at FATE are so happy that we are on your mailing list (or is it your `non-mailing' list?). All of us enjoy reading your publication. It is probably one of the best UFO related things to get circulated around here. We also appreciate the help you gave us on our `50 Years of UFOs' article (FATE, July 1997).

"I do have a point of clarification for you regarding [something you wrote in your May 20, 1997](#) issue of `Saucer Smear': You mentioned that Fortean Times' `circulation is about 60,000 - far higher than any similar magazine on either side of the Pond'. I just wanted to let you know that FATE's latest figures.. show us with 66,000 subscribers as well as 8,000 + newsstand buyers. Even more important to us is the loyalty of those readers. Now I'm just a young buck, but many of our subscribers have been loyal FATE readers for longer than I've been alive. As FATE approaches its 50-year anniversary (Spring, 1998), some of our readers approach their 50th year with FATE! That's something we take pride in. Just wanted to let you know that there is at least one other big fish in the paranormal magazine `pond'.

- In everything we have read about Remote Viewing (RV), the only person who is consistently mentioned favorably as a genuine pioneer in this fascinating field is INGO SWANN, who writes us as follows:

"I received the most recent copy of your `zine' today. I took it with me into my hot bath and was as amused as ever - and so I thought I should write and say thanks for your consideration.

"As I once wrote to you, I always thought your zine output more or less was a study and archive of the sociology of UFOdom - and in this recent issue I see that one Jerry Lucci gives somewhat the same meaningful appraisal. Of course, I think you are the Noel Coward of UFO observerdom. You may be the only person who has any wit about the `Field' - WIT of course meaning humor, irony, sarcasm, satire, repartee, as well as the art of slinging deserved amounts of merde del toro in disguise....

- Famed UFO historian JEROME CLARK writes:

"I got a big chuckle out of [Patrick Huyghe's tongue-in-cheek assertion](#) that 'Robert Todd is the best researcher in the entire UFO field bar none'. But Huyghe's joke did get me to do some serious thinking on what American researchers have most impressed me, and four names came to mind: Allan Hendry, Brad Sparks, Walter Webb, and William Weitzel. Three of them, alas, have long been inactive, and Webb is ailing..."

Unfortunately, Jerry, Huyghe was not being facetious in his praise of Robert Todd! - Editor.

- ROBERT ANTON ("Bob") WILSON writes:

"...I'm glad you enjoyed [the Fortcon in England](#). I can't afford to go. If I accepted their kind of fee, everybody else would expect me to work for the same, and I need my lecture fees to tide us over between royalty checks..."

"I won't be writing you much during the next month. I have to finish my latest book for Harper Collins. My latest book for New Falcon has just been published. It's called 'The Walls Came Tumbling Down', and deals with UFO abduction, reincarnation, and other spooky stuff seemingly happening to a member of a group called Scientific Skeptics (SS). Any resemblance to CSICOP is purely coincidental!"

- CHRIS ROTH is an anthropologist & a former radio talk show host who interviewed four Heaven's Gate members back in 1994. He writes:

"...I've been disgusted with the media handling of the whole Heaven's Gate affair. I dislike the press's emphasis on the irrationality of the members, especially in a country where most people harbor equally ridiculous beliefs - that a Hebrew deity created the Universe over a 14-hour period approximately 6,000 years ago last Tuesday; that the Virgin Mary appears in tortillas; that O.J. Simpson is innocent; or that spending billions of dollars on nuclear weapons makes us safer. In such a context, I think the members of Heaven's Gate were no less clear-thinking than most people. Besides, the ones I met were intelligent and kind, and I'm sorry to see them go..."

Amen!- Editor.

- KARL FFLOCK, co-author of the hopefully forthcoming book "Shockingly Close to the Truth!", writes:

"[David Huggins' shocking](#) (More! More!) rendering of his liaison with the space seductress should be of considerable interest to those delving, as it were, into the mysteries of alien anatomy. Note that the woman's vagina (can I use this word in 'Smear'? If not, substitute 'v----a') seems to be situated approximately where earth women keep their belly buttons. Of course, Huggins' penis ('p---s') seems to be similarly situated! Or perhaps in their passionate abandon, our interplanetary trysters impaled themselves on one of those abdominal probes which are ubiquitous in abduction encounters! [Ouch!](#)"

- Researcher RICK HILBERG of Cleveland writes:

"I really loved the tidbit in your latest 'Smear' about 'George', [the London fellow who tosses-off with his Austin Metro car](#). At least he's not having an affair with a Morris Minor, as I imagine a well-known American magician might do!..."

- Researcher DENIS COREY writes as follows:

"...Now, Jim, [even though you were dumped as MUFON's Monroe County \(Florida\) Section Director](#), it's still your responsibility to protect your fellow citizens from any and all alien threats from beyond! Somebody has to do it, and you're certainly most qualified!..."

- K. E. SACKETT of Wayne State University in Detroit, writes:

"...I think `Saucer Smear' is a valuable archive on the UFO phenomenon in the U.S. I hope you've taken steps to conserve all your back issues. Someday they will be of great use to researchers studying the history of this strange longing.

"I say `longing' deliberately. Like you - like everybody! - I wish it were all true; I wish the universe was full of flying saucers and advanced beings; I wish there were giant structures on Mars; I can even wish Roswell was true, sinister government cover-up and all. It would make life exciting in flashy, easily-grasped ways.

"The reason I don't believe a particle of it is the numbing lack of imagination the UFO faithful display. When they try to picture beings from another planet, they come up with ludicrously humanoid creatures with four? six? fingers and a technology that looks a helluva lot like `30's pulp magazine cover art. Any bright 15-year-old could do better, and I think it's significant that bright adolescents don't seem to be much drawn to this stuff!

"Ufoology (great coinage!) appears to belong to a congeries of aging lower-middle-class folks of very modest attainments, exploited by a handful of untalented charlatans competing for the few dollars of buying power these people command!..."

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"SMEAR" EDITOR HOPS ACROSS THE "POND" TO LONDON'S FOURTH ANNUAL "UNCONVENTION":

On the weekend of April 19th & 20th, your humble editor attended the 4th annual "Unconvention", held at the Institute of Education in downtown London, England. The reason for our invitation was apparently "50 years of UFOlogy", as no one can deny that "Saucer Smear", under one title or another, has been around for most of those fifty years!

The event was sponsored by England's Fortean Times, a beautifully printed 64-page monthly newsstand magazine edited by Bob Rickard and Paul Sieveking. Circulation is about 60,000 - far higher than any similar magazine on either side of the "Pond"

The other ufological speakers at the UnConvention were Phil Klass of CSICOP; American science writer Patrick Huyghe; British researcher Hilary Evans; prolific UFO author Jenny Randles; and (ugh!) abduction researcher Budd Hopkins. Each gave an individual lecture, and then on Sunday afternoon, all were invited to participate in a UFO panel discussion.

Unfortunately, Budd Hopkins left a written message explaining why he is unwilling to ever appear in public with Phil Klass, so Hopkins did not appear. In the top left photo, [below](#), we see a styrofoam alien head (similar to the head seen in the notorious alien autopsy video), which was placed in the empty seat next to Klass. This was done in full view of hundreds of people in the live audience, and naturally was the cause of some highly refined chuckling.

Ian Simmons, who also gave a lecture on circus freaks, was the moderator of the UFO panel. At the end of it, he gave a blistering condemnation of Hopkins' antics, which brought cheers from the audience. We don't think Hopkins will sell many copies of "Witnessed" (the Linda [Napolitano](#) abduction story) in England!

The top right photo shows Phil Klass kissing the alien head, in the press room, following the panel discussion. Note that he wears a button with "abductee" written on it.

Klass was a hit at the UnConvention, but in our presentation we tried to distance ourselves from his totally negative viewpoint. We spoke concerning half a dozen or so unexplainable experiences we have had over the years, both in the UFO and psychic fields. We then went to questions but time ran out, and we did not have the chance to lambast all of the American researchers who deserve it! Maybe next time.

In the bottom left photo, we see (left to right) MUFON's Dennis Stacy (who was not on the program this year) and Hilary Evans. They just happen to be co-editors of a brand new anthology published by Fortean Times and called "UFO - 1947-1997 - Fifty Years of Flying Saucers", which contains a contribution by your "Smear" editor. (More details about this book [further along](#) in this issue.)

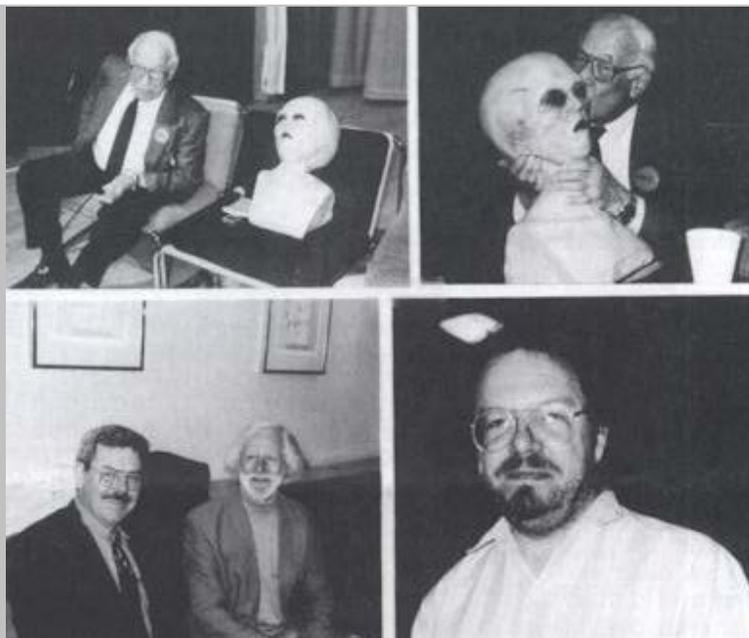
The bottom right photo shows Bob Rickard of Fortean Times, posing under a saucer-shaped UFO. In an Internet text written just after the close of the UnConvention, Rickard wrote: "...Phil Klass, the great ogre of ufology, came across as a charming and witty man, and we enjoyed his company. Jim Moseley was a real cracker too..." Now, if we only knew what "cracker" means in British slang!

We should emphasize that most of the speakers at the UnConvention delved into topics other than flying saucers, as Fortean research includes just about everything & anything that is peculiar. Among the topics: The Indian Rope Trick; crop circles; The Creeping Coffins of Barbados; lake monsters; the Green Children of Woolpet (a weird 12th century chronicle); Satanic abuse cults; Remote Viewing; Who Really Wrote Shakespeare's Plays & Poems?; Earth Lights; Haunted Heads and Screaming Skulls; Cold Fusion; and Conspiracies.

We heard few of the lectures other than our own, as it was just too cozy to sit in the spacious press room, where one could drink endless coffee, smoke cigarettes, and give interviews to the many real and semi-real press representatives who were there.

On the Thursday before the UnConvention, Patrick Huyghe and your "Smear" editor sat in one London location all day and did nearly twenty radio interviews that had been set up for us by the Fortean Times' publicist. One interview had to be canceled at the last minute because the IRA had just set off a bomb in the town (Leeds) where the radio station was located!

All in all, the UnConvention was a well-attended (about 1500 people) and extremely well organized event. Our compliments to the chefs!



Following the UnConvention, we spent three days sightseeing in southern England, hosted by Paul Fuller, editor of "The Crop Watcher" and co-author with Jenny Randles of a 1990 book entitled "Crop Circles - A Mystery Solved". Our sincere thanks to Paul Fuller for his kind hospitality!

POSSIBLE INTERPLANETARY SPACESHIP IN SKY NEAR KEY WEST, FLORIDA!

On April 15th, a mysterious unidentified object was seen in broad daylight making strange maneuvers in the sky over Big Coppitt Key, just a few miles from your editor's home in Key West. It was observed by several people driving on U.S. Route One, and was photographed for our local newspaper. The picture, too faint to reproduce here, shows a round object in the sky; but "experts" at the newspaper claimed the blue dot on the film is "most likely a film defect". But how can a film defect be seen in the sky, we wonder!?

Several years ago, your "Smear" editor was appointed by MUFON to be their Section Director for Monroe County, Florida, where Key West is located. We made a vow to ourselves that during our tenure in this high post, the Monroe County skies would be safe from all interplanetary intruders - and as far as we know, this was the case. Then we were fired from our high post by the Florida State Director, for not doing enough to help their Cause. Now that we are merely a "Journal Subscriber" (J.S.) in MUFON, we no longer have any obligation to keep the skies here safe from invasion, and thus you really don't know what terrible things may appear in the Monroe County skies in the future! (Shudder!!)



TIDBITS OF TRASH

- Again we hear, [as previously reported](#) in "Smear", that pilot Kent Jeffrey, author of the "Roswell Declaration", has changed his opinion completely and now believes that the Roswell Incident was definitely not an interplanetary event. His change of heart will be described in detail in a future issue of the MUFON Journal...
- We knew this would be an outstanding issue of "Smear" when we came across the story of the levitating frog! Ain't science grand!? In mid-April, British and Dutch scientists succeeded in floating a small frog in midair, by using a magnetic field a million times stronger than that of the Earth. Plants, grasshoppers and fish have also been made to float, and these scientists say it is possible with a human being, as well. Anti gravity is finally upon us. Wheee!...
- The latest issue (#7) of Greg Bishop's zine "The Excluded Middle" has some really good stuff in it, including a mostly favorable review of the Gray Barker documentary "Whispers from Space". There is also a fascinating article about UMMO. UMMO was the longest, most complex hoax in UFO history, centering in Spain and France in the 1960s and 1970s. We have long been intrigued with this case, and we urge you to send for this zine at: P.O. Box 481077, Los Angeles, Ca. 90048...
- The Heaven's Gate cult mass suicide apparently has put a damper on plans for the Roswell (N.M.) Festival, planned for the first week of July. An all-night rock concert and a two-hour television special are now both in doubt, due to the fact that potential sponsors incorrectly connect the cult suicides with UFO study in general. The Festival will go right on, however, and your humble "Smear" editor will be there!...
- Perhaps it was the shadow of Heaven's Gate that also put a damper on Dr. Steven Greer's Washington, D.C. conclave, last April 9th & 10th, in which he attempted to present to the carefully-screened press a parade of pro-UFO witnesses, in hopes of bringing about Congressional hearings on the subject. By "carefully-screened", we refer to the fact that Phil Klass, whose press credentials are far more authentic than most peoples', was physically barred from the press conference. What madness on the part of Greer and his followers! As if a hostile word from Klass could send our interplanetary visitors scurrying back to their home planet!

INTERPLANETARY LOVE, AMERICAN STYLE:

At the right you see a black & white drawing by artist and abductee/interplanetary lover David Huggins. [In our March 20th issue](#), we tried to reproduce a Huggins painting that did not have enough contrast for proper photo offset reproduction. This time, the basic subject of the drawing is abundantly clear, we feel. In fact, perhaps children under 40 years of age should be warned against reading this issue of "Smear".

Regarding the drawing, Huggins writes:

"...While I was in the country this woman showed up (at night). I was not totally `out'. I was allowed some control in the situation. We made love. (We) heated up the bed a few degrees. I remember feeling my climax. After we were finished, we stood looking at each other. She was at least a head taller than me... A month and a half went by and one night there was the woman and she was holding a baby!..."



Huggins has several showings of his interplanetary paintings scheduled during the next few months.

YE OLDE BOOK BAG:

- In this the Year of the Saucer, nearly everyone in the Field has a book just out or a book about to come out. Who is going to read all this stuff, we ask! **Our own book**, co-authored with Karl Pflock, is called "Shockingly Close to the Truth!", and should be available some time early next year (hopefully).

In the meanwhile, there is the new book already referred to, "UFO - 1947-1997 - Fifty Years of Flying Saucers", with contributions by James Moseley; Karl Pflock; Jerome Clark; Michael Swords; Jacques Vallee; John Rimmer of England's "Magonia" magazine; Raymond Fowler; Richard Haines; Patrick Huyghe; (ugh!) Richard Hall; Robert Durant; Jenny Randles; Hilary Evans; and several others. Just published by John Brown Publishing Ltd., London...



- Next, "The Field Guide to Extraterrestrials - A Complete Overview of Alien Lifeforms - Based on Actual Accounts and Sightings". Written by science writer Patrick Huyghe and published by Avon Books (see illustration at the left). Says Huyghe, "I have done the same thing for aliens as other people have done for birds." Right On!...
- Next, Kal K. Korff comes forth with another book from Prometheus Books, the publishing arm of the dreaded CSICOP organization. (Last year they published Korff's expose on contactee Billy Meier.) This new tome by Korff is called "The Roswell UFO Crash - What They Don't Want You to Know". It will be followed later this year by a somewhat similar anti-Roswell book by Phil Klass, from the same publisher.
- Finally, a re-issue of Gray Barker's 1956 classic "They Know Too Much About Flying Saucers", with an insipid new introduction by John Keel. Of course, your humble "Smear" editor is one of the main characters in this fascinating semi-fictional book, and we urge you all to read it! Published by IllumiNet Press, P.O. Box 2808, Lilburn, Ga. 30226...

There are still more new UFO & related books here at our Headquarters, but no more Space to write about them till next time!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- KAL K. KORFF writes as follows:

Just a short note to share a few things with you: I have a new book that just came out called "The Roswell UFO Crash: What They Don't Want You to Know" and it represents 16 years worth of research. For the first time ever the true nature of what was recovered near Roswell is DEFINITELY proven, the book is loaded with "smoking guns."

The book breaks my silence on many issues that I have held inside me for 16 years, remember, people like Stanton Friedman and Bill Moore USED to be mentors of mine. Now, for the first time ever, I reveal new insights into their methods and claims, the details of which will shock many people. I really wish Friedman, for example would quit DUCKING the research of Robert Todd, whose conclusions are independently VERIFIED and VINDICATED in my new book. Also Friedman has called me a "Johnny come lately to Roswell" on his WEB page. I expect Friedman to APOLOGIZE and CORRECT this mistake because he KNOWS BETTER! (I first started investigating Roswell when I used to visit Friedman at his home in Union City when I was in high school, a fact Friedman conveniently "forgets"!)

My new book also corrects the numerous errors in other Roswell UFO books, especially the up-and-coming hilarious tome panted by Michael Hesemann and Philip Mantle. While they call their work "Beyond Roswell," a more accurate title for it should be "Beyond Gullibility."

Speaking of Hesemann, I am reminded of Eduard "Billy" Meier. Hesemann is licking his wounds here too, since yes it is TRUE that Kalliope Meier (Meier's Greek wife) has DIVORCED him now and has told the Swiss courts UNDER OATH that she NEVER BELIEVED her husband's claims of "Pleiadian" contact! She's even ADMITTED to the courts of helping her husband LIE about

them and FAKE material and photos! Of course, NONE of this has detoured either Heseemann or Wendelle Stevens, the latter of whom has remained curiously SILENT about the Meier case ever since my expose book came out last year.

Back to Roswell, I interviewed everyone from the Mayor of Roswell to the late Dr. Donald Menzel's widow and daughter for my new book (so yes, it even addresses MJ-12). The inside "scoop" is also presented on Bill Moore being a "disinformation" agent' and there's a chapter on alien autopsies and some behind-the-scenes info there.

The book is in hardcover format, has dozens of photos in it, some of which have never been published before and has hundreds of footnotes. It is available in bookstores across the country or from services like Arcturus, and has already been mentioned on MSNBC and in U.S. News & World Report magazine. The book's ISBN number (if anyone wishes to order a copy) is: 1573921270. Ofcourse, Supreme One, you are mentioned in the book and in the index as well.

Editor's Note: A long, bitter blast from [Billy Meier's Web page](#) attempts to refute Kalliope's statements against Billy.

- ROBERT TODD writes as follows:

"Thanks for your recent postcard, and for all of your kindness (and especially your tolerance) over the past several years. Enclosed please find \$10.00 in cash to renew and/or extend my non-subscription to `Saucer Smear, perhaps the best publication in the UFO field.

"I am - finally - winding down my operations, with the hope of being out of the UFO field in the very near future."

- Author & researcher PATRICK HUYGHE writes;

"Robert Todd is the best researcher in the entire UFO field - bar none. But I don't believe for a second that he `can't wait to be finished with the UFO subject', as he states in [his last letter to you](#). I've known him for almost two decades, and he's always threatened to quit the UFO field. Trouble is, he's hooked. As you and I well know, UFOs are a drug.

"In the same vein, Todd says he's waiting for the fat lady to sing at the Roswell opera house. I think he's in for a long wait. The day Roswell gets an opera house is the day aliens will land on the White House lawn (to get a presidential injunction against fat ladies singing at....)

- Roswell star KEVIN RANDLE writes as follows:

"Enclosed is a page from Don Schmitt's most recent issue of `Roswell Reporter' (though dated Summer 1996, it was actually just published). Also enclosed is a copy of a brief letter that I sent on to Stanton Friedman about this. I find it interesting that Schmitt is publishing a letter today that was sent to him more than six years ago. If you read it carefully, you will see that it had to be sent before the publication of my first Roswell book. And, as you can see, there is no date on the letter, so the impression can be left that it is something that Friedman just recently sent to him!

"Given [what we now know about Schmitt](#), I'm not surprised by this tactic. I find it interesting that he is using praise from six or seven years ago to bolster his position today. What does that tell us about the man? Why not ask Stan Friedman for a new letter about how he feels today? How would Stan address the issues of Schmitt denying he worked at the post office when he does, and his claim that he holds academic degrees when he not?"

- PHIL KLASS, the hottest vaudeville star in London, writes:

"This letter is prompted by [Bill Moore's denial](#) that he might have created a counterfeit General Schulgen Draft Collection Memo (SDCM). IF it is counterfeit, as Robert Todd's rigorous analysis indicates, let Moore study Todd's analysis and issue a statement as to whether he agrees that the SDCM he first made public in 1986 is indeed counterfeit. Then we can consider who might have created the counterfeit document.

"My own list of possible suspects includes the following; Dolly Parton, Sgt. Richard Doty, Richard Nixon, Bill Moore, Pope John Paul, Boris Yeltsin, Sir Edmund Hillary, and you. I did not visit the National Archives from mid-1976 until mid-1987 (following release of the MJ-12 papers), which disqualifies me as a suspect...

"Jean Sider ought to check the facts before he pontificates about debunkers. This debunker `emerged' more than three years before the USAF shut down Project Blue Book, not afterwards as Sider claims."

- JEFFREY KING writes:

"Does Bill Moore expect anyone to take seriously [his wild accusations](#) regarding who faked the Schulgen draft collection memorandum that he published? If Moore is really interested in getting to the bottom of the mystery, why doesn't he accept Robert Todd's challenge in `The Spot Report' and name the source for his copy of the document? This would at least allow an independent check of Moore's sources..."

- Roswell Researcher JERRY LUCCI writes:

"...Let me start by complimenting you on another great non-issue of `Smear'. I think your latest non-issue proves beyond any shadow of a doubt that Ufology has become the study and research of the individuals who claim they study and research UFOs. As a matter of fact, perhaps the two greatest sources of information are `Smear' and `SUN'. (Would anyone have believed thirty years ago that in 1997 Moseley and Klass would provide the major forums for the truth?)

"I'm sure that by now you have heard or seen `The Alien Interview'. Just in case you haven't, there is a video allegedly taken at Area 51 showing a live alien, Grey type. I have seen about thirty seconds of footage, and while it is very impressive, it's nothing we haven't seen on the `X-files' or `Independence Day'. However, Whitley Strieber, famous fiction writer and abductee, has endorsed this as showing one of his beloved `visitors'. In any event, we will be hearing lots more about this in coming months. "By the way, just what is Bill Moore doing or not doing these days? And have you heard anything from our old friend Todd Zechel?"

Zechel is apparently in well-deserved ufological retirement. Moore writes us that he will be traveling semi-mysteriously for the next few weeks. - Ed

- KARL PFLOCK, co-author of the forthcoming book "Shockingly Close to the Truth!", writes as follows:

"[John Alexander's letter](#) (in the April 20th `Smear') re Lt. Colonel Phillip Corso is interesting both for what it does and does not say: Taking the latter first, in a March 24th telephone conversation, John told me he not only had checked out Corso's military career but had extensively researched the histories of earthly technologies (e.g., transistors, computer chips, lasers) which Corso claims are the spawn of alien artifacts recovered from (which?) one of the many alleged Roswell `crash' sites and provided to American industry by himself and his conveniently late boss General Arthur Trudeau, beginning circa 1961.

"John told me his investigations confirmed what he (and I) thought to be true: (1) The historical record of these technologies is clear, complete, and unambiguous, establishing without a doubt that they are products of good ol' homo sap skull sweat, with no help of any sort from alien know-how; and (2) Some were developed before Corso claimed he and Trudeau gave American industry a jump start with alien goodies. Why John didn't include this information in his letter, along with his 'character reference' for Corso, only he can tell us.

"As for Corso`s alleged heroic exposure of sordid and secret Cold War activities concerning POWs and decades of U.S. incursions into Soviet airspace with significant losses of aircraft and aircrews - baloney! Most of what Corso had to say to Congress was old news, and much of the rest was highly questionable. And Project Horizon, the Army's moon-base plan? Anyone who has paid any serious attention to U.S. space programs since the 50s has known about it for decades. I think I first heard of it from the late science-fiction great Robert Heinlein in the mid-60s, and somewhere in a box in my garage, I have a fairly lengthy, unclassified summary of the Army plan.

"And as for Corso being a `fine gentleman' and `no bullshit artist', well, I guess we all have our own standards. In January 1993, my wife and I had the `pleasure' of spending several hours with the good colonel in and around Roswell, and, as I noted in an earlier missive in `Smear', at best he's Frank Kaufmann with credentials!

"A final thought: If Corso was such a big deal, why is it he retired from the Army as a dime-a-dozen lieutenant colonel after only 20 years of service?"

- And, DR. BRUCE MACCABEE writes:

"Thank you for giving [the book by Ed Walters and me](#) the most valuable endorsement: `Buy this book!' However, your comment, `We are astounded that Dr. Maccabee has signed on as co-author, though his reputation for scientific objectivity is not likely to decrease any further than it already has', puts into doubt your 'scientific objectivity'. It indicates to me that you still don't `get it'.

"Perhaps this is because you didn't read the book before you made your comments, or perhaps you didn't believe what you read, or perhaps your mind is made up and you don't want to take the chance that your opinion might be swayed by the analyses presented therein. I have carefully described the controversy over some of Ed's photos and demonstrated how they are not simple double exposure hoaxes, as loudly claimed by the skeptics. In 1988 the skeptics, which included me, were quite correct in proposing the double exposure method as a potential explanation for Ed's photos. However, since 1988, photographic evidence and analyses have shown that there are photos which could not have been made by this method. Moreover, any other more complex method (Hollywood-level techniques) would be far beyond Ed's capacity. In other words, there are photos which are definitely not hoaxes!

"And then there are hundreds of other sightings. Of the photo/video cases, 25 are from Gulf Breeze (including 9 non-Ed cases) and 9 are from other states and countries. There are a total of 91 Gulf Breeze sightings (only 25 by Ed) which include my sighting and your sighting. Of the 91, 33 are analyzed in detail. 45 non-Gulf Breeze sightings are also presented.

"I can be reached by E-mail at: 72326.3625@compuserve.com.

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800 666 6666-- the toll-free number
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London's Institute of Psychiatry has been treating "George", a shy 20-year-old who fell in love with his Austin Metro. Its front end reminded him of a smiling child and its rear aroused him; he would crouch by its smoking exhaust and masturbate. The Institute is trying `orgasmic reconditioning', encouraging "George" to masturbate with photos of cars, switching at the last moment to pictures of naked women.



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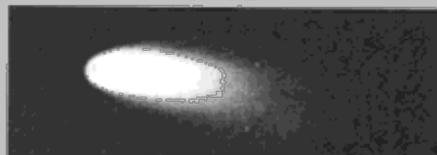
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ANOTHER AMAZING ROSWELL-RELATED STORY!

[As mentioned previously](#), a retired Army officer named Lt. Col. Phillip Corso has written a book called "The Day After Roswell", which will have its debut (naturally!) at the forthcoming Roswell Festival in early July.

"Smear" has obtained a "revised chapter outline and synopsis" of this book, and it is quite fantastic. MJ-12, the Roswell alien autopsy video, and other well-known matters related to the alleged Roswell crash are mentioned in passing. However, Corso's main thrust is the fact that, beginning in 1961, under his direction and that of other highly placed officers, the alien artifacts obtained at Roswell were made available to American private industry, resulting in a gigantic advantage to our country in many fields of technology. These include today's miniature electric circuits & components used in our computers and in our space probes; laser technology, including "Star Wars"; fiber optics; and several other areas of research & development.

It is not explained why the military waited till 1961, and why the Russians didn't benefit from similar UFO crashes (if any) in their territory. However, this is intriguing material from an officer said to have an impeccable background, and we need someone with a similar background who is capable of confirming or refuting Corso's claims. More on this in our next issue.

HALE-BOPP'S "SLO" LEADS TO DISASTER!

In a dramatic example of how religion can go astray, 39 members of a religious cult called Higher Source were found dead in a rented mansion near San Diego last March 26th. They had committed suicide en masse, to join the spaceship ("Saturn-Like Object" = SLO) that they believed was following the comet Hale-Bopp.

The leader of the cult is believed to be a man named Marshall Applewhite, who founded a similar cult in about 1975, together with a woman named Bonnie Nettles, who later died of natural causes. In those days, they were called Bo and Peep, or "The Two". Now they are called Do and Ti, for some reason. We of "Smear" remember "The Two" from the 1970s. They wore matching uniforms and were supposed to be highly evolved space beings of some sort.

Public belief in the existence of a "SLO" following Hale-Bopp came about in recent months in a complex way, involving "remote viewing" and a misleading photograph of a supposed mystery object in the sky near the comet. The object, which was actually a star, was thought by a great many Internet fans to be a spaceship! [We have commented on this](#) in past issues of our zine. (Higher Source has a website called "[Heaven's Gate](#)", but the comet was also discussed on many other websites.)

At the recent Gulf Breeze convention, UFO lecturer Courtney Brown explained to his audience that his latest remote viewing shows that the SLO is no longer following Hale-Bopp, but is now in another part of the sky, behind the sun. If the cult members had known this soon enough, they might still be alive! (Our thanks to Tim Brigham for some of this material.)

WHAT WILL MUFON DO IF & WHEN THE UNTHINKABLE HAPPENS???

The question that no one in MUFON apparently dares to ask is - What will happen if and when their highly esteemed International Director Walt Andrus moves on to a Higher Plane? Is there anything set up in the MUFON by-laws to cover this eventuality? As far as we have been able to ascertain, there is no plan, unless it is something known only to MUFON's mysterious 5-man Executive Committee.

It is human nature to consider oneself immortal, even if one isn't. Walt Andrus, who has been called "the Saddam Hussein of the UFO Field", faces the same problem that every great leader of the past and present faces - the fact of his own mortality. The super-hero called The Phantom solved the problem by having his successors dress in the same mask and costume, thus fooling the ignorant natives into thinking he was the same guy over a period of hundreds of years. But would anyone want to look at a clone of Walt Andrus over that long a period of time? We think not!

More seriously - many of the irreplaceable files of both APRO and NICAP, in the ufological past, were lost forever when their respective leaders left the scene. This obviously was because of lack of planning. We would hate to see the same thing happen to MUFON, and we sincerely hope that it does not.

"PROJECT AWARENESS" DOES IT AGAIN:

On the weekend of March 21st-23rd, your editor attended the 5th annual Gulf Breeze (Florida) UFO Conference. It looked like about 450 people attended, down a little from the past, but still a lot more people than most UFO conventions can muster. Perhaps the organization should have pushed the Hale-Bopp angle in their publicity. The comet could be seen with the naked eye during that period, early in the evening; and on the night of March 23rd, there was a rare near-total eclipse of the Moon.

Speakers included Travis Walton and Mike Rogers, two of the seven witnesses to Walton's famous 1975 alleged abduction by a low-flying saucer. We had never met Walton before, and we never read his book, though we did see the movie. Everyone agrees that the movie scenes aboard the spacecraft are purely imaginary - deliberately made different from other abduction stories, just to be different! But what we hadn't realized till now was how much was seen of the Walton abduction by the other six men. IF this is true, there may be a

stronger case here than in the better-known Betty & Barney Hill abduction. The Walton story is said to have convinced a CSICOP-type skeptic named Jerry Black of its authenticity. We don't know if this is true or not.

Mike Rogers spoke very well, and seemed comfortable with his story. Travis Walton was somewhat ill at ease, and obviously not pleased at having to cater to the public, as in his book-signing obligation photographed at the right. In the picture, Walton is on the left and Rogers is at the right.



Another speaker whom we heard for the first time was pseudo-astronaut Doctor Brian O'Leary, who came across as a typically spacy New Ager. Still another first for us was England's Nick Pope - he being a middle-level bureaucrat with the British Ministry of Defence who spent three years at their "saucer desk", and acquired a moderately sane interest in the UFO phenomenon.

Most of all, we wanted to hear Dr. Courtney Brown, whom [we have "trashed"](#) in our past two issues. He did not foam at the mouth, but his Scientific Remote Viewing still does not impress us favorably. (Says Brown, "I may be deluded, but I'm working hard at it!") As stated earlier in this issue, Brown could have done us all a favor by not taking so long to abandon his belief that a spaceship is following Hale-Bopp!

The other speakers included Stanton Friedman (= same old thing!), Whitley Strieber (= moderately interesting), and Larry Warren of Bentwaters fame, together with his co-author Peter Robbins. Larry Warren was actually pleased with [the somewhat unfavorable review](#) we gave his book in our last issue, and he presented us with a free autographed copy of the hardcover edition. (We had seen only the "proofs" till then.) What a guy!

Our thanks to Tim Brigham of "The Devil's Advocate" for free psychological and spiritual counseling during the Convention!

"I don't know if I'm on the track of alien contact or not. I don't even care. I know that I'm on the trail of something unknown that's important because it has to do with the human mind and the way we view ourselves."

Whitley Strieber

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- Our apologies for the poor quality of [our reproduction](#) of David Huggins' alien-related painting in our last issue. In the next issue we will publish a sexier and hopefully clearer new black & white alien-oriented drawing by Huggins....
- Here are two unusually bizarre UFO-related items:

One, from the March 6th Boston Herald, concerns an elderly woman from Colebrook, New Hampshire, who claims she was visited by twelve aliens who sat at her table, took notes, whispered among themselves, and wouldn't leave until 3:30 a.m., in spite of polite requests to do so. "I just want to forget about it. It was very disturbing", said the 73-year-old woman, who is not named in the article.

The other item is from the Israeli newspaper "Maariv", dated around Jan. 19th. On the night of Dec. 29th, 1996, Daoud Ahmad was asleep in his bedroom at the Nur-a-Shamat camp on the West Bank. When he awoke and tried to get out of bed, two creatures about two feet tall jumped on him and beat him up! The creatures had only one eye, large heads, and a single stripe of hair across their bald heads. Ahmad was taken to a local hospital, where he was treated for seven severe bruises to his face! (Our thanks to Bill LaParl)....

- A man named John Akinson has come up with a novel criticism of psychic Uri Geller. Says he, "Geller goes

too far in claiming to be psychic. If he is psychic, and metal bends spontaneously when he is around, then he shouldn't be allowed near an aircraft, or a hospital for that matter. If he is not psychic, then he should not be selling his Mind Power Kit, as it would be a criminal deception..."

- John Ford of Long Island, N.Y., president of the Long Island UFO Network, is [still languishing in prison](#), unable to come up with bail money in the amount of \$350,000. This is in regard to his alleged attempt last June to physically harm certain elected public officials in his area. Steve Iavarone, vice president of the group, is trying to hold things together while at the same time trying to spring his Leader from prison. Club meetings and investigations have been suspended. ...
- [The Roswell \(N.M.\) Festival](#), which we have mentioned several times before, will run through the whole first week of July, with numerous UFO lectures and miscellaneous events of all kinds. On Wednesday July 2nd, Karl Pflock will debate fellow Roswell expert Kevin Randle concerning various disputed details of the Roswell Incident. This event will occur at the UFO Enigma Museum, 6108 S. Main St., in Roswell. The debate will begin at 8 pm. That same day, starting at 1 p.m., Pflock will be available at the Museum to autograph his various literary works and to chew the fat with interested parties.

BOOKS TO KEEP YOUR CAMPFIRE GLOWING:

- We actually had to buy, at the recent Gulf Breeze Convention, the new book co-authored by Ed Walters and Dr. Bruce Maccabee - though we later received a free review copy. Ironically, a video slanted against the authenticity of Ed's famous UFO photos was playing continuously in the same vending room where his book, among hundreds of others, was being sold. For some reason Ed does not associate with the Project Awareness people at all, and he was nowhere to be seen during the convention.

The book, called "UFOs Are Real: Here's the Proof", is an Avon paperback, and is Ed's third published work. We are astounded that Dr. Maccabee has signed on as co-author, though his reputation for scientific objectivity is not likely to decrease any further than it already has.

All that know us are aware of the fact that, though we like Ed Walters, we have never believed that his Gulf Breeze photos and videos are genuine. Apparently Bruce Maccabee is of the opposite opinion. The book includes photos and sighting reports up to the present time, from Gulf Breeze and elsewhere, as reported by many people other than Ed. In this regard the book provides an interesting historical record. Buy this book!...

- Also available is a re-issue of Dr. J. Allen Hynek's 1977 tome, "The Hynek UFO Report", with a new foreword by famed UFO author/philosopher Jacques Vallee. This is published by Barnes & Noble of New York, and is a must for the serious flying saucer researcher!...
- We have also been provided with a 400 page soft-cover book called "When Cosmic Cultures Meet", which is the proceedings of an international conference presented in May, 1995 at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C., by the Human Potential Foundation, headed by the somewhat mysterious C.B. Scott Jones, Ph.D. Of the 23 "papers" presented several were by people well-known in UFO circles - Michael Hesemann, James Deardoff, Richard Boylan, Leo Sprinkle, Zecharia Sitchin, Donald Ware, and John Mack.

We haven't had time to read all of this, but it looks very interesting, and can be obtained from the Human Potential Foundation, P.O. Box 6, Falls Church, Va. 22040-0006....

- Next, we have a small soft-cover book called "Of Heaven and Earth", edited by Zecharia Sitchin and consisting of essays by six notables including our friend Antonio Hunneus. The publisher is The Book Tree of Escondido, California. Space does not permit us to give further details, unfortunately....
- Finally cometh "Northern Ohio UFO Casebook", written by our olde pal Rick Hilberg of Cleveland. This is a collection of 38 outstanding UFO reports, mostly from the 1960s and 1970s, when UFO activity in Ohio

was high and there were several active research groups there to record what was going on. One sighting is from the year 1938! - Available for a mere five dollars from UAPA, P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134.

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

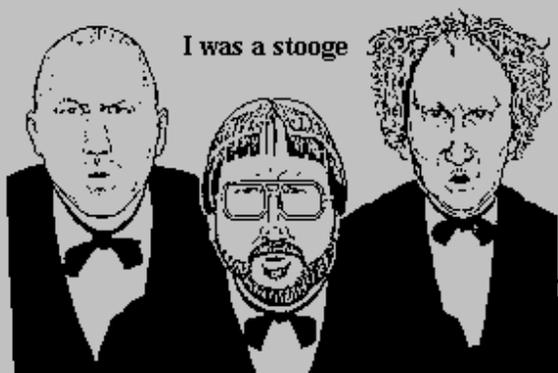
- WILLIAM MOORE of Roswell fame writes us an important letter, as follows:

"Thank you for offering to print any response I might have to [the latest Todd/Klass tempest in a teapot](#). This thing has all the earmarks of yet another of their famous hatchet jobs, since neither made any effort whatsoever to contact me for information or comment while in the process of writing their material. Typical.

"All I can say is that I am growing weary of these seemingly incessant and generally vicious attempts to get me to confess to something which I DID NOT DO and about which I know very little more than my esteemed, howbeit self-anointed critics. If - and I emphasize IE - any of the UFO-related documents cited by me in past writings are fabrications (a matter which I have always conceded to be within the bounds of possibility), then I was just as much taken in and used as anyone else if not more.

"With respect to this latest controversy (a 1947 draft of a data collection memorandum associated with General Schulgen), I cannot imagine why anyone would want to take the trouble to fabricate such a document, since it proves absolutely nothing with respect to Roswell and since what little suggestive material it does contain can so easily be interpreted in an entirely different context, i.e., Mogul, etc. Had I indeed fabricated this document, does it not seem strange that I would then bother to cite it only once in all of my writings (in a 1986 paper replying to certain allegations by Klass) and then never make reference to it again?

"IF indeed this particular document is a fabrication (again please stress IE), then the list of those potentially responsible is rather short. Aside from myself, this would include Jaime Shandera, Stanton Friedman, Bruce Maccabee, Edwin Reece (sp?) of the National Archives, Richard Doty and his superiors, and possibly even Robert Todd himself or one (some?) of his confederates. Effective arguments could certainly be made in each and every case.



"Given the above, those who allege that documents have been fabricated should give careful consideration as to why anyone would do such a thing and who, among those listed above, has made the most use of this controversial material over the years for purposes of personal gain.

"In closing, the only thing I am convinced of is that IF there is a guilty party, it certainly isn't me. Indeed, perhaps the most likely suspect in this whole brouhaha is one other than Bob Todd's best friend, Mr. Al K. Hall, who has been the eminence grise behind similar outbursts in the past."

- JOHN ALEXANDER of the National Institute for Discovery Science, writes as follows:

"This is another one I can't let go by: [For Bill Moore to put Phil Corso in the same category as Al Bielek or Bill Cooper](#) is utter nonsense. He obviously has not taken even the most cursory look at Corso's background. I have. In depth. Phil Corso is exactly who he says he is. Unlike the others previously mentioned, Corso has come forward twice before and told remarkable tales. Both proved to be true. These were not presented in some bullshit publication. Rather,

he presented the evidence before the U.S. Congress.

"His testimony in both 1993 and 1996 was covered by major media (network TV, U.S. News & World Report, Newsweek, etc.) Face it - in round one he exposed a war that had gone on for decades, but almost no one knew about it. The second was an extensive POW exploitation effort conducted by the KGB for almost 50 years. Also note that it was Corso who provided the outside world with information about 'Project Horizon'. It seems that NASA used a classified U.S. Army plan that already existed to put men on the moon. Phil Corso got that declassified and released. (Have Bielek or Cooper done anything approaching what Corso has proven?)

"I have conducted an extensive background check on Corso. He holds together at above 95%. That does not prove his story to be true. I agree with George Knapp, through whom I met Corso, that it will be very difficult to confirm or deny what he has to say about UFOs. I have tried. Very senior officers say he should not be dismissed. However, they state they cannot (NOT **WILL NOT**) confirm his story about crash material, even though some should have been in a position to do so. As anyone who has met Phil will agree, he is a fine gentleman. In his 80's, his mind is sharp as a tack. While we need confirmation of the events he reports, Phil Corso has proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that he is no "bullshit artist"

- And, KARL PFLOCK writes:

"In regard to [Bill Moore's characterization of my views on Col. \(Lt. Col.\) Corso](#), while there's no doubt- in my mind that Corso is lying through his teeth about his knowledge of and daring do concerning Roswell, alien technologies, etc., I wouldn't put him in the same class as Al Bielek or Bill Cooper, each of whom is in a class by himself.

"My investigations and those of others leave no doubt Corso held the military and National Security Council positions he has claimed, was stationed when and where he says he was, etc, It's the other, far more interesting stuff that's bogus.

"Corso is Frank Kaufmann or Bob Dean with credentials."

We can't wait till the Corso book comes out! - Editor

- The notorious ROBERT TODD writes as follows:

"Thanks very much for your kind words, which, as you well know, are richly undeserved.

"I can't wait to be finished with the UFO subject. Right now, I'm just waiting for the fat lady to sing at the Roswell opera house."

- CHRISTOPHER ALLAN of England writes:

"All praise to Bob Todd for his [first-class expose](#) of the fake Schulgen 'Collection Memorandum' documents of late 1947. It is a pity it was not done years ago, but we should all be grateful that he has done it at all.

"Apart from FUFOR, who certainly ought to have red faces after Todd's devastating demolition job (Fancy submitting phoney documents to Congress to bolster their case for Congressional hearings, even if it was done in good faith!), there are others who will have some egg on their faces as well. These include Timothy Good, in both his tomes; Stan Friedman (of course); Bruce Maccabee, who had a lot to say about the documents in FUFOR's 1987 collection of papers; and also Michael D. Swords, who contributed a 30-page paper to the 1991 CUFOS publication 'The Roswell Report'. This paper was centered around the Schulgen Memo.

"Perhaps Todd's expose will finally kill off the idea constantly floated about by Roswell believers that the USAF was seriously interested in the ETH angle as early as October 1947. After all, it was this theme (the supposed AF interest in ETH) that was advanced to back up

the dotty idea that the USAF had actually recovered a crashed saucer at Roswell but were carefully concealing the fact, whilst dropping ever so subtle hints in certain documents about it! The whole thesis is now shown to be totally baseless!...

"Let Roswell enjoy its Festival. Then perhaps we can (thankfully) let the whole affair die in peace. All the recent evidence indicates that its death cannot be long delayed now."

- JEAN SIDER of far-away France writes as follows:

"American ufology is very odd. Many years ago, when no important evidence about UFOs had yet surfaced, debunkers did not exist, except those in the U.S. Government. Then, after the USAF closed Project Blue Book, several UFO debunkers appeared as if by magic, such as Klass and others, in particular with the coming of UFO abduction reports.

"Some years later, when the Roswell Incident was known, a veritable gang of UFO debunkers rose from nothing, and from a dunghill for at least one of them, who is living in cowflop.

"Now there are several so-called UFO bulletins which have become the spokesmen for these UFO debunkers. Indeed, they prefer dishonesty and insults to bona fide information, such as that obtained from the Russian scientist Dr. Valery Burdakov regarding Joseph Stalin, who was informed about the bodies found in the crash at Roswell in 1947. (I have a video K7 with his statement.)

"All this is rather sad, Jim, particularly coming from you. .."

- UFO researcher COLMAN VONKEVICZKY writes as follows:

"Dear Friend (?) Jim:

"Since I became a `black lamb' and was expelled from your `Saucer Smear', I lost my control on your frustrating UFO memory on my 3 decades long activity with the Member Nations within the United Nations Secretariat. In your January 10th, 1997 issue, [you were qualified my activity at the United Nations Secretariat as a private picture-hunter photographer](#), somewhere in the basement - near to the mens room, where the `great' UFO researchers referred to the cleaning woman, how the Secretary General should solve the UFO global problem.

"Upon the enclosed copies of original as evidences, I am requesting your IMMEDIATE ATTENTION FOR PUBLIC CORRECTION in your next issue, that over three years I was a Staff Member of the United Nations Secretariat, Office of Public Information, Radio and Audio Visual Division, Photo-Exhibit and Archives Department. The Chef de Cabinet C.V. Narasimhan's letter on May 12, 1966 proves without any doubt that I was assigned personally by Secretary General U Thant to elaborate the first UN-UFO Project!! - Regarding our 'endless petitions' slightly positive results', we hit your `Saucer Smear' Commandership with the U.S. National Security Council and President Bill Clinton's super positive confirmations and acceptance of our activity!!

"Finally I am very very sorry to mention that on November 1992, the NEW Hungarian Republic's Ministry of Defense Rehabilitation Committee - represented by 16 members of Parliamentary Parties - in consideration of my four decades of SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITY as Military Scientist in the Intergalactic Forces analytical research, granted me as a former Royal Hungarian Major, the rank of Retired COLONEL...."

Editor's Note: There are two major issues here:

1. Did Colman VonKeviczky work as a photographer for the United Nations or only as an employee of private commercial photo shops? It turns out that Colman is correct in saying that he spent three years with the U.N. as a photographer. We were unaware of this. He also apparently worked in one or more private photo shops during other periods.
2. Is Colman a retired major or a retired colonel? He was apparently promoted to colonel in 1992,

many years after his retirement and long after we stopped following his career.

So Colman is correct on both these points, and we apologize. He is not a "black lamb" or even (more correctly) a "black sheep", in our opinion. Colman has made a unique contribution to ufology over the years, and we wish him well!

- Skeptic MICHAEL LENNETT writes as follows:

"I just received the most recent issue of `Saucer Smear', I see that [George Earley thinks](#) we should send in our picks for best and worst UFO books of all time. My subjective picks:

- "Best UFO book: `UFOs Explained', by Klass.
- "Worst UFO book: `The UFO Controversy in America', by Jacobs.
- "Best UFO fiction book: `The Mothman Prophecies', by Keel.
- "Worst UFO fiction: `Chariots of the Gods', by Daniken..."

- Researcher SHEILA FRANKLIN writes:

"Just a note to tell you how much I enjoyed your latest non-issue of `Smear'. I wish you well on your forthcoming book; Even without seeing it, I know you will raise a lot of blood pressures. ...

Hopefully! - editor

Psychiatrist Faces Malpractice Suit

Appleton, Wis.(AP)-- A woman is suing her former psychiatrist for malpractice, claiming he convinced her she had 120 personalities - and then charged her insurance company for group therapy.

Nadean Kool testified Monday that the \$300,000 treatment by Dr. Kenneth Olson left her suicidal and haunted by false memories. Her supposed personalities included a duck, Satan and angels who talked to God.



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"SMEAR" EDITOR SOARS TO AUTHORDOM - HOPEFULLY!

As mentioned previously, your "Smear" editor is in the process of writing a major UFO book together with noted Roswell expert Karl Pflock. There will also be cartoons by ace "Smear" cartoonist Matt Graeber. A contract has been signed, and work proceeds. The tentative title of the book is "Shockingly Close to the Truth", and we hope for publication before the end of the year, as this is The Year of the Saucer!

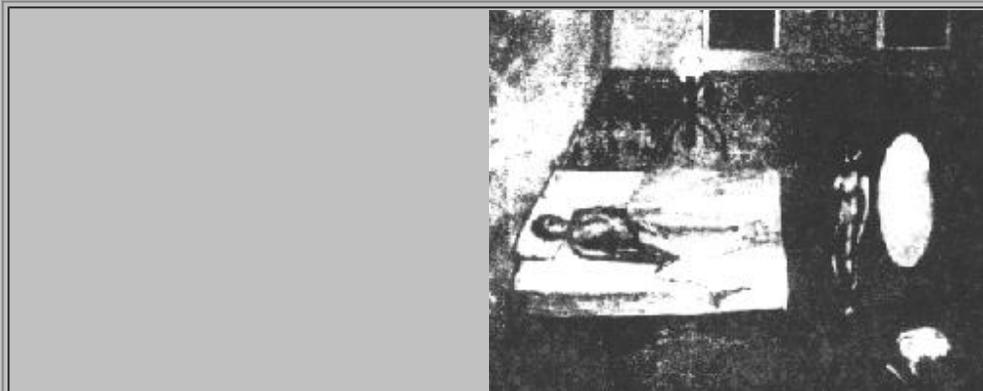
MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- UFO researcher Robert Todd has published a series of seven rather technical tracts, mostly on the subject of the Roswell Incident and MJ-12. His tracts are usually mailed out together with Barry Greenwood's "Just Cause", which has a relatively small circulation in the UFO Field. Because of this, and because of Todd's deliberately abrasive personality, and because Roswell/MJ-12 Believers do not want to publicize anything contradicting their views, the Todd tracts have never received the attention they deserve.

Todd's latest effort is called "The Spot Report: Bill Moore and the Roswell Incident: The True Believers Deceived". It pertains to 3 fake government documents from the 1947 era which have been publicized by the Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR) and by Bill Moore, who is suspected of being the forger. They are

also endorsed by Stanton Friedman, who is suspected of being a dupe. The story is extremely detailed and complex, - thus beyond the humble scope of "Smear". We strongly urge our readers to send to Robert Todd for this and the earlier tracts in his series. The price on #7 is \$2.50. Robert Todd can be reached at: 2528 Belmont Ave., Ardmore, Pa. 19003-2617....

- We have come upon an interesting tidbit concerning Stanton Friedman's [current UFO book "TOP SECRET/MAJIC"](#). In it he talks about an alleged MJ-12 Operations Manual, called "Extraterrestrial Entities and Technology Recovery and Disposal". Therein reference is made to Area 51 in Nevada, which did not exist until about 1960 - whereas the Manual was supposedly written in 1954. We therefore ask: Did the military people who wrote the Manual have some uncanny ability to look accurately into the future? Remote Viewing, maybe???



DAVID HUGGINS

The Opening

An opening would appear in the room and they would come through it. I would be paralyzed by the insect-like beings and engaged sexually by the female. They would leave the same way through the opening in the room.

Ufological contactee/artist David Huggins of Hoboken, New Jersey, will be exhibiting his wares in a series of art showings in New York and California during the next several months. Above is a black & white rendition of one of his latest works. Inquiries about these paintings should be sent to Arne Anton, American Primitive Gallery, 594 Broadway, #205, New York, N.Y. 10012 ...

- In 1994, Kent Jeffrey was the author of "The Roswell Declaration", which was a petition attempting to induce the government to admit that the Roswell Incident was of extraterrestrial origin. Now, rumor has it that Jeffrey has "recanted", and no longer believes in the premise of his own declaration. We wish we had more details about this, but they will shortly appear either in the MUFON Journal or in Phil Klass' SUN Newsletter, or both ...
- Dr. Steven Greer of CSETI (Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence) continues to rave about the fact that, not having heard anything back from his many letters to various government officials & agencies, he is going ahead with his plan to have a conclave of knowledgeable UFO witnesses who will testify in public about their experiences. This will be "in the early Spring of 1997". These people - unnamed - are free to violate their security oaths or anything else, as far as Greer is concerned. Sounds interesting. ...
- We hear that James Randi and other magicians are currently horrified and enraged because a magician named Herbert Becker is going on talk shows to expose the secrets of their professional magic tricks! This apparently is in revenge for magicians' refusal to believe in the psychic or take it seriously!

COURTNEY BROWN SCOLDED BY HIS PEERS!

There is a fascinating critique of remote viewer Courtney Brown in a January 25th item on the [Emory University Web Site](#). Brown, as our hard-core readers know, is the author of "Cosmic Voyage", reviewed in our last issue. He is also a tenured professor at Emory University in Atlanta. The critique is written by Scott Lilienfeld, an assistant professor in Emory's Department of Psychology. After vigorously defending Brown's right to exercise his academic freedom (as we would do also), Lilienfeld goes on to say:

"...Brown's book is remarkable for its virtually complete absence of any data that would qualify as scientific by even the most liberal evidential standards. His `findings' consist entirely of unverified subjective experiences, and the reader searches in vain for anything vaguely resembling a controlled experiment. Brown neglects to mention either the results of a recent government-appointed scientific panel on remote viewing, which concluded that `evidence for the operational value of remote viewing is not available, even after a decade of attempts', or the critiques by Ray Hyman, a psychologist at the University of Oregon, who has shown that the scientific evidence in support of remote viewing is seriously flawed. Philosopher David Hume maintained that extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence; Brown's evidence is, to be charitable, singularly unimpressive.

"In light of Brown's claims, I recently challenged him to a test of his alleged psychic abilities. I proposed that he appear at a meeting of my undergraduate seminar on Science and Pseudoscience in Psychology, where my students and I would subject him to a simple controlled experiment examining his capacity to remotely view stimuli in an adjacent room, I assured him that he would have considerable input regarding the selection of stimulus materials, and agreed to publicize the results of this test in both Emory newspapers, regardless of its outcome.

"But Brown categorically refused. His reasoning was curious: In his e-mail response to me, he asserted that `tests of the type you have talked about are very old hat' and that the current status of remote viewing goes light years beyond that which your letter suggests'. But if Brown's psychic powers are as advanced as he claims, shouldn't he be able to pass an elementary test of these powers with flying colors?

"Brown also declined my offer on the grounds that he did `not want to drag Emory into my other activities' and that he is `rigorous about not mixing what I do elsewhere with what I do at Emory'. This rationale seems disingenuous at best. If Brown did not wish to involve Emory in his exploits, why did he list his academic affiliation with Emory in his book and on his web site? Brown apparently wants to have it both ways: He publicizes his association with Emory when it might afford him the imprimatur of academic legitimacy, but refuses to submit to scientific tests by Emory colleagues on the grounds that he does not wish to `drag Emory' into a firestorm of controversy. But it is too late: Emory's reputation has already been besmirched. As George Armelagos of the Department of Anthropology notes, `Brown is naive if he believes his fantasies do not affect the image of the University'"



UPBEAT UPDATES ON UPCOMING CONVENTIONS:

- We are pleased to (finally!) be able to announce the date and location of this year's National UFO Conference (NUFOC). This series of annual events was begun in Cleveland, Ohio, way back in 1964, and has been held each year since then, in various parts of the country.

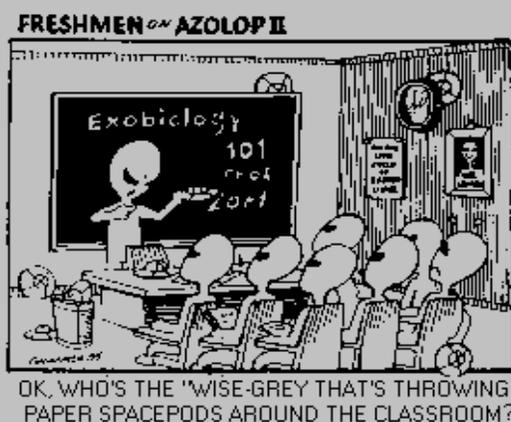
We are back in Ohio again this year. The town is Springfield, the date is September 6th, and the local co-sponsors are Don Weatherby and Wendy Ban. More details will be forthcoming as time goes by.

The NUFOC is governed by a semi-mythical Board called the Permanent Organizing Committee, the members of which are as follows: James Moseley, Permanent Chairman; Rick Hilberg; Al Manak; William Moore; Curt Sutherly (replacing Ed Komarek); Antonio Huneeus; Tom Benson; Timothy Green Beckley; and Allen Greenfield....

- The 50th anniversary Festival at Roswell, New Mexico, will run from July 1st through July 6th, and your editor will be there. We now have a tentative schedule of events, and we have gone to the extreme of actually joining the International UFO Museum & Research Center at Roswell, which is one of the sponsors of the event. Anyone wanting this schedule, plus a wealth (?) of other material, can obtain it free by writing to the Museum at P.O. Box 2221, Roswell, N.M. 88202.

One event not on the schedule is a debate that will take place between Roswell experts Karl Pflock and Kevin Randle, some time during the Festival week. Since these two gentlemen are out of favor with the International Museum, their debate will be sponsored by the rival museum in Roswell, called the UFO Enigma Museum, of which John Price is Director. We met Price during [our pilgrimage to Roswell](#) in 1995....

- As for the "[Unconvention](#)" in London, England, in April - we have learned that Phil Klass and (ugh!) Budd Hopkins have been added to the list of speakers from the U.S.A. We are pleased about this, except that their names have been placed above ours on the list, which is the kind of thing that can be very disturbing to an egomaniac. But we intend to keep a stiff upper lip about It!



BOOKS WORTH BROWSING:

Finally cometh, after many years of semi-mysterious delay, the definitive work on the late 1980 series of alleged UFO incidents at Bentwaters, England, also called the RendleSHAM Case in earlier issues of "Saucer Smear". The authors are Larry Warren, a former U.S. serviceman stationed in England, and his friend Peter Robbins, a long-time UFO investigator. The exact title of the book is: "Left at East Gate - A First-Hand Account of the Bentwaters-Woodbridge UFO Incident, its Cover-Up and Investigation". The publisher is Marlowe & Co. of 632 Broadway, New York City, and the book is boldly listed as non-fiction. We have an advance copy of "Uncorrected Proofs". The real book is due out in May.

Larry Warren's story is somewhat unbelievable. As a military policeman, he was sent on the night of Dec. 28th, 1980 to be one of many military witnesses to a landed UFO near the base. It had three weird beings inside it.

A couple of days later, Larry was ordered to a secret place underneath the base, where an ET of some sort gave him an outline of the continuing contact between their civilization and ours, going all the way back to World War II.

The usual question arises: Since Warren had no "need to know", why was he informed of all these secret things? That is what invalidates the whole story, as far as we are concerned!

We do believe one part of the book: On New Year's Eve, which started just a few hours after his long meeting with the ET, Larry got drunk and deliberately locked himself inside a refrigerator at a party (P. 63). He then crashed through a girl friend's window on the way home, and passed out on the floor!

It is true that Larry Warren is a party animal. Now a civilian, he lectured at one of Tim Beckley's colorful conventions in Phoenix, Arizona a couple of years ago. Late one night, he was seen loudly cavorting naked with a couple of naked women in the motel sauna. The police were called, and eventually a police helicopter flew low over the motel courtyard, shining its searchlight down, just as a UFO might do. Your editor had already gone to bed, and thus missed all the fun & excitement! We are not knocking Larry; In our mad youth we would have been right out there with him!

Conclusion: Larry Warren is a great guy, but his book badly needs a shot of truth serum!



"Accompany you to your space ship and submit to a physical exam with the possibility of being impregnated with alien sperm while under a state of hypnosis? Sounds enticing... throw in dinner and a bottle of Jim Beam and I'm yours..."

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- RICHARD ELKIN, Co-Director of "Hoosier UFO Forum", writes:

"...In the last `Smear', I read with great interest [your comments regarding Courtney Brown and his remote viewing techniques](#) as they pertain to UFO/extraterrestrial studies. I had the (dis)pleasure of attending one of Dr. Brown's lectures last October in Chicago. By the time he had finished a lengthy tirade about racism and a self-aggrandizing recap of his lifetime's scholarly achievements, he finally got around to Scientific Remote Viewing.

"If he was trying to present SRV as a valuable tool for UFO research, he failed miserably, spinning tales of psychically following UFO occupants to their home worlds to observe them having sex, and how Star Trek's Federation of Planets is based upon a real life `Galactic Federation' witnessed through SRV.

"Even if Brown had not presented such ridiculous scenarios as examples of his SRV experiences, it would seem that the technique is of little or no value to UFO research on the simple basis that it is unverifiable. No photos or physical evidence can be brought back from a

SRV session, so the viewer's account has only as much credibility as we are willing to give the viewers themselves..."

- Researcher JEFFREY KING of Houston, Texas, writes:

"I thought you might like a follow-up on scientific' remote viewer Dr. Courtney Brown. Dr. Brown is one of many people supporting the story that Comet Hale-Bopp is being accompanied by a large Saturn-Like-Object (SLO), first `discovered' by a Houston conspiracy aficionado. Late last year, Dr. Brown was a guest several times on the Art Bell radio show and claimed that a noted astrophysicist from a top-ten university was going to confirm the existence of the SLO and provide photographic proof. Finally, on another appearance on Bell's show, Dr. Brown presented the `photographic proof', though he still failed to identify the `noted astrophysicist'. Bell and Whitley Strieber promptly endorsed the photo and each posted it on his web site.

"Later, Dr. David Tholen of the University of Hawaii identified the photo as a doctored copy of one he took of Hale-Bopp on September 1st, 1995. Reportedly, Bell and Strieber now both agree that Dr. Brown's photo is a fake. So, why didn't Dr. Brown's powers warn him about this??"

- Poetess GAIL AGGEN of Kansas City writes as follows:

"With all the hoopla on TV lately about asteroids, one begins to wonder - do the Powers that Be - the NSA, Majestic 12, the Trilateral Commission, the Pillsbury Dough Boy, etc. - have `the inside track' on `the Big One' oozing in from Outer Space? You know, the San Diego-sized chunk of ice, or perhaps the alien-hollowed-out job accompanying Hale-Bopp?... The Bible, in Revelations, says that during `The Tribulation' (the bad times before Jesus comes back to gather his saints to himself in the air), that `something like a great mountain burning with fire.. will be... thrown into the sea'. (Revelations 8:8). As far back as I've been a Christian, that verse always smelled like an asteroid to me. ...

- Jovial old PHIL KLASS writes:

"Two questions:

1. "Is `Saucer Smear' getting better and more interesting, or is old age taking its toll on my mental faculties?"
2. "If `SS' is indeed getting better, could the explanation be that its editor is trying (desperately) to make `SS' the best UFO newsletter in the world? (If so, it is a hopeless objective because `SS' can never hope to overtake SUN Newsletter.)"

"...In reference to [your remote viewing item](#), I would like to sign up for a course in `remote viewing' with Ingo Swann, providing he can guarantee that I will be able to `remote view' the photography session for the `Victoria's Secret' catalog where all those curvacious young ladies show off their wares ...

- England's CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes as follows:

"Here I am again, this time to correct you, and possibly to create a controversy: [The third millenium](#) does not start on Jan. 1st, 2001, nor does it start on Jan. 1st, 2000. Our Christian Calendar is due to a 6th century monk named Dionysius Exiguus who was asked by the Pope to prepare a new Christian chronology choosing Christ's birth as the starting date. Previously the Roman calendar had been used.

"Unfortunately Dionysius, using the so-called Victorian Cycle (which I won't go into), miscalculated Christ's birth by several years, resulting in a false date for the start of the new calendar. This has long been realized by the Christian Church.

"Most theologians now accept that Christ was born between 7 and 4 B.C. Therefore, if we are reckoning from this date, the new millenium has already started, and the 2000 or 2001 dates

mean nothing - nothing at all!... The critical date has gone by without anyone noticing!"

- GEORGE KNAPP, famed TV personality & UFO lecturer, writes as follows:

...I noticed [your recent comments and speculation about Colonel Phillip Corso](#) and thought I might share with you some of my own impressions:

"I first met Col. Corso in 1992; Another journalist who specializes in military issues introduced us. I interviewed him by phone a number of times, and made arrangements for a videotaped interview as well. Corso changed his mind at the last minute, at the urging of a literary agent. However, in preparation for that ill-fated interview, I was able to do some cursory investigation into Corso's background, and was very impressed, as were some colleagues and contacts who assisted with the background check.

"It would be a mistake to label Col. Corso as another 'bullshit artist'. After re-establishing contact with him in 1996, I was able to videotape several hours of his testimony, both in his home state and during a trip he made to Las Vegas. Some associates of mine (names you would know) went to great lengths to once again verify Corso's claimed background. They succeeded in doing so.

"As Corso's story unfolds in the coming months, the public will find him to be one of the highest ranking military officers to ever speak openly about this subject, - certainly one of the few UFO whistleblowers who ever worked at the White House. His credentials are impeccable. Everyone who knows him or served with him has very high regard for his abilities and honesty.

"However, the claims he is preparing to make will be difficult to prove. By any standard, they are fantastic, and I fear we will be left with little more than Col. Corso's formidable memory as verification. But to call him a 'bullshit artist' is far too premature."

We called Col. Corso a highly-evolved bullshit artist! - editor

- Famed Roswell authority BILL MOORE writes:

"Thanks for the postal card. My opinion of Col. Corso is essentially the same as that expressed to you by Karl Pflock. He's just another opportunist in the Al Bielek or Bill Cooper vein; and with that in mind, ufology should be overjoyed at having yet another kook to fawn over. After all, every circus needs a new act once in a while just to make sure the folks keep on coming!

"With respect to Roswell's 50th anniversary - None of the powers that be (other than yourself, of course) have yet asked me whether I will attend, nor have I made any plans to do so. For Roswell's (the city's) sake, I certainly hope the event proves successful. There are a lot of good people there."

- Roswell researcher HERBERT TAYLOR writes:

"...It now appears that the last nail has been driven into the Roswell coffin by virtue of [Karl Pflock's critical re-evaluation of the Glenn Dennis](#) story. This intriguing tale was the last stumbling block to disposing of Roswell with absolute finality. With the removal of the Dennis story from active and serious consideration, there now remains absolutely NO credible witness testimony to support the existence of a so-called Impact Site. No alien bodies, no spacecraft, no government cover-up of the Ultimate Secret, just a Great Myth of the Space Age, spawned fifty years ago when 'Mac' Brazel came upon a field of Mogul balloon debris on the Foster Ranch. So much time, effort, and money has been wasted on this fiasco. Yet the nonsense continues. What a pity!

"Jim, by this time I guess you've noted the typo on Page One of the current 'Smear', where the non-existent nurse Naomi Selff is misspelled Naomi Sekff. Tch, tch! Also, you state that

Glenn Dennis is apparently the last major living civilian Roswell witness. Huh? What about Jesse Marcel Jr. and Frankie Rowe? Regardless of what value one places on their stories, don't they fall into the same category as Dennis?

Yes, they do fall into the same category - though they are both unreliable people in our opinion. We goofed on that, as well as the spelling of Selff. - editor

- TIM BRIGHAM of Gulf Breeze, Florida, writes:

"I note that in the last `Smear' [you exploited the title of my publication](#) `The Devil's Advocate' (which, by the way, can be purchased by sending \$2 cash to Box 10853, Pensacola, Fl. 32524). I demand that you cease and desist using this copyrighted phrase in the future without prior written consent from me (which can also be obtained by sending \$2 cash to Box 10853, Pensacola, Fl. 32524).

"While doing a web search for `Saucer Smear' and `Jim Moseley' on the internet, we bumped into a listing called the `Gay Guide to Key West', where we found Rose Lane Gardens listed under businesses which are `either gay owned and operated or gay friendly'. Out of respect for your privacy, I will not ask which.

"The interview our staff conducted with you which we printed way back in 1995 can be found on the new Devil's Advocate web site, along with other highly important information, tidbits of wisdom, universal truths, and a whole bunch of steamy sex stuff (hey, we need all the help we can get!) at: [.www.pen.net/~devilsad/index.htm](http://www.pen.net/~devilsad/index.htm).

Perhaps James ("The Amusing") Randi can answer your implied question about privacy. - editor

- Noted UFO writer GEORGE EARLEY writes as follows:

"I enjoyed, and largely concur with [Dick Hall's list](#) (in `UFO Magazine') of bad UFO books, but I would note that you err in saying that his list `of the ten worst UFO books of all time' only contains nine books. What Dick said in his Reality Check column was that `so many bad UFO books have been written... that it is impossible to narrow it down to the `Top Ten'. Why doesn't `Smear' run a contest, asking readers to submit their candidates for the Ten Best and Ten Worst UFO books of all time? First Prize could be the worst UFO book in your library!"

- Psychic researcher GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"You should be aware of the new book by Larry Kettelkamp entitled `ETs and UFOS: Are They Real?', which is published by Morrow for junior readers. Undoubtedly this will make its way into many libraries and give countless children their first introduction to serious ufology. The book covers Roswell, Cash-Landrum, Buff Ledge, Bentwaters, Allagash, and a number of other cases. At the end of the volume, three organizations are helpfully listed as providing additional information: MUFON, CUFOS, and Pat Marcattilio's `UFO/ET World Traveling Museum and Library of Scientific Anomalies'. In fact, the entire book is dedicated to Marcattilio.

"Certainly, very few ufologists have had books dedicated to them, and this is a long overdue honor for Pat. Now that he has garnered this recognition, hopefully Walt Andrus will see fit to grant Marcattilio his justly earned Ufoologist of the Year Award. And of course, `Smear' will have to start spelling Pat's last name correctly!"

Hardly! - Editor

ON UFOs, HOW TO IDENTIFY:

They had the letters "UFO" on the side.

woman interviewee on NBC-TV, when asked by John Chancellor how she could be sure the flying objects she had seen were unidentified



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"I don't believe we have been visited by extraterrestrials. I haven't seen the evidence for it yet. So we say the question is very much open and should be studied carefully..."
- MARK RODEGHIER, a major contributing editor to CUFOS's "International UFO Reporter", as stated on the premiere episode of A&E's "The Unexplained", January 2nd, 1997.

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ROSWELL UPDATE

Next summer's Roswell (N.M.) Festival is shaping up in a big way, as the item [below](#), from "New Age Journal", clearly indicates. Already, the International UFO Museum at Roswell has moved to new and larger quarters - from 406 Main St. all the way down to 114 Main St. The husband of the Museum's Publicity Director, Deon Crosby, is named Stan Crosby, and he is in charge of another organization involved with the Festival. His group is called "UFO Encounter". Mr. Crosby has given us some rather startling information:

William Shatner of "Star Trek" fame is expected to be on the Program, together with one Don Schmitt, who quite frankly has disgraced himself in the UFO field by [repeatedly lying about his place of employment](#) (which is "merely" the U.S. Postal Service). Other speakers will probably include Budd Hopkins, Whitley Strieber, Stanton Friedman, Linda Howe, John Mack, Bob Dean, and a host of lesser-known figures. Long-time Roswell researchers Karl Pflock and Kevin Randle appear to be on the Crosbys' "Shit List", as they have expressed concern about the obvious bias and commercialism of the Festival. Neither of them will be on the Program. Jesse Marcel Jr., son of [controversial Roswell witness Jesse Marcel Sr.](#), will be present at the Festival but not lecturing, we are told.

Another very interesting thing that Pflock and Randle have in common is that they have both recently abandoned belief in the story told by mortician Glenn Dennis, about a nurse named Naomi Sekff who saw dead alien bodies at the Base hospital. Glenn Dennis is apparently the last major living civilian Roswell witness. Although Randle still believes in an extraterrestrial explanation for the Roswell Incident, he has told us that he has another UFO book coming out later this year, with a chapter called "The Decline and Fall of Roswell". Good title!

Says Pflock, in an E-mail letter to Glenn Dennis and others:

"Based on my research and that of others, I'm as certain as it's possible to be without absolute proof, that no flying saucer or saucers crashed in the general vicinity of Roswell or on the Plains of San Agustin in 1947. The debris found by Mac Brazel and brought to the Roswell air base by Brazel Major Marcel, and others, was the remains of something very earthly - all but certainly something from the top Secret Project Mogul.

"The recollections of the real Roswell witnesses and those involved with Mogul and the 1947 press accounts, official records having to do with Mogul, and weather data from the time, all support the conclusion that what Brazel found was from Mogul and that he found it in mid-June, not early July. The formerly highly classified record of correspondence and discussions among top Air Force officials who were responsible for cracking the flying saucer mystery from the mid-1940s through the early 1950s makes it crystal clear not only that they didn't have any crashed-saucer wreckage or bodies of saucer crews, but that they were desperate to have such evidence and were tearing their hair out because they didn't..."

Kevin Randle is coming to the Festival to film a documentary, but our friend Pflock is so disillusioned that he may not show up at all, though he lives relatively nearby. However, we still enjoy the Roswell Incident greatly as a Marvelous Modern Myth (M.M.M.), and we are eagerly looking forward to attending said Festival, together with several like-minded friends.

For Roswell die-hards, there is new hope in the form of one Colonel Philip J. Corso, who after fifty years of Silence, has come forth with a book called "The Day After Roswell" - just in time to publicize it at the Festival! The publisher is Pocket Books, a division of Simon & Schuster, and their publicity blurb reads in part as follows:

"Backed by newly declassified documents, Col. Corso (Ret.) reveals his personal stewardship of alien artifacts from the crash, how these items changed the course of 20th Century history, and the U.S Government's astonishing role in covering up the incident..."

Funny, but the recently declassified documents we have seen, such as the one quoted on the masthead of the [June 1st, 1996 "Smear"](#), point to the fact that as of 1948 - the year after the alleged Roswell Incident - the Air Force knew of no UFO crashes at Roswell or anywhere else!

Through two Secret Sources, we learn that Corso's distinguished military background is authentic but that nevertheless he may well be a highly-evolved Bullshit Artist. The above-mentioned blurb says that "Corso will walk the media through the (Roswell) crash site", at the time of the Festival; but one wonders which of several rival crash sites he will favor!

TIDBITS OF MISCELLANEOUS TRASH

- MUFON's John Schuessler writes that he is finally doing a book about the classic 1980 (?) Cash-Landrum UFO case, in which two Texas ladies and the young nephew of one of them, were frightened and physically harmed by a very unusual UFO that came down very low near the highway. About 23 helicopters were also seen! In this sighting, the medical records of the ladies - before and after the event - are crucial to proving whether or not the event was real and significant. Schuessler, who has been at the core of this case's investigation since the beginning, has never chosen to release these records - and we sincerely hope that he is doing so now.

We have always felt that the object in question was in all probability a U.S.-made radioactive rocket device of some sort, which had gone horribly astray. The women sued the Government for damages, and lost. Naturally the Government had no intention of admitting this terrible accident...

- The mystery surrounding the supposed face(s) on Mars will probably be settled late this year, when several new unmanned probes reach the Red Planet. Our guess is that the faces will "go away" when new pictures (50 times sharper than the 1976 ones) are taken, just as the Martian "canals" disappeared years ago. Supposedly the new pictures will be posted on the Internet as soon as they are available.

Researcher Erik Beckjord admits that the faces will turn out to be due to erosion over a period of millions of years, but he claims it was "guided erosion" - a colorful phrase he has dreamed up, meaning that Unseen Forces were behind it. Way to go, Erik! (Beckjord's offbeat Museum is still open daily, 1 to 6 pm., at 709 Union St., San Francisco, California.)

- We have learned that Mimi Hynek, widow of the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek, died of a heart attack in October of 1996. Dr. Hynek, who died in 1986, was the founder of CUFOS (Center for UFO Studies), which publishes the International UFO Reporter (IUR). We met Mimi Hynek only a very few times, but we know that she was dedicated to the ufological Cause, as noted in a recent IUR obituary...
- We have still another confirmation of Uri Geller's apparent ability to make a spoon bend to a 90 degree angle, after he has finished touching it. In other words, the spoon continues to bend by itself without any further encouragement. This is exactly what Geller did in the presence of your humble "Smear" editor at a private meeting in Miami in 1992. The present story is written by one Leslie Katz, in an Internet item from last Dec. 13th..
- Another interesting recent death is that of Clyde Tombaugh, 90, the astronomer who discovered the planet Pluto back in 1930. Long forgotten is the fact that Tombaugh had an excellent UFO sighting at his home in New Mexico in 1952, which was written up in a then-famous article in Life Magazine. We interviewed Tombaugh in person in 1953, and he told us of the cylindrical object with apparent lighted portholes which glided silently low over his home one night. He said he had no idea what it was, and neither do we!...
- **It only recently occurred to us that people who write to our Internet address can't ever receive a reply from "Smear" Headquarters unless they include their "snail mail" address. If they do include it, they will eventually receive an answer.**

We have finally actually seen "Smear" on an Internet screen, and we see that [Steve Mansee](#), the kindly gentleman in Chicago who has put "Smear" "on line", has already taken [steps to correct this problem](#). In general, he has done a beautiful job with "Smear" and we appreciate it.

- We know that the Internet is the Wave of the (shudder!) Future, and we do want to Get With It. Here we again print our access code, or whatever the hell it is. All comments on any subject from our readers will be most appreciated.

For World Wide Web users, the address is <http://www.mcs.com/~kvg/smear.htm>

- We turn to Phil Klass' "Skeptics UFO Newsletter" (SUN) for the following item: Former U.N. Secretary-General Javier de Cuellar has flatly denied in writing, the claim by Budd Hopkins that [he \(de Cuellar\) has been abducted by aliens](#), as alleged in the Linda [Napolitano](#) abduction story. Says de Cuellar:

"I cannot but strongly deny the claim that I have had an abduction experience at any time. On several occasions, when questioned about that matter, I reiterated that these allegations were completely false, and I hope that this statement will definitely put an end to these unfounded rumors."

But as "Devil's Advocate" (no reference to [the magazine of that name](#)), we have to add that de Cuellar is not denying the possibility that he sat in an automobile near New York City's Brooklyn Bridge and simply watched Linda being abducted, without being abducted himself. Wheee!....

- We just can't get very excited over all the speculation about the newly-discovered comet named Hale-Bopp. Even the name sounds like a new kind of teenaged dance! Some people believe that a large object is following along close to this comet, and that it may be an alien mother ship or an angel from God. Actually, the conservative view is that there is no second object at all; but this statement leads some to engage in further speculation of an extreme kind. Like with anything else, time will tell what the correct answer is!...
- Does anyone out there know (or care) that the last remnant of the George Adamski contactee movement of the 1950s is still churning along, in the form of an occasional newsletter called "Update!", published in deep obscurity by one Jim Wales (7803 Ruanne Ct., Pasadena, Md. 21122.) Wales' pro-contactee zine is based on the writings/teachings of Adamski (1891-1965) and Laura Mundo (1913-1989), who long carried on George's work Wales goes in for, as Laura did, such things as the menace of sunspots and the menace of the Money System. All very well intentioned, but....
- Remember that the third millennium of the Christian era will begin on Jan. 1st, 2001, not on Jan. 1st, 2000. This fact should be easy to comprehend, but we imagine that many celebrations will be one year early!...

YE OLDE BOOK BAG: A JAUNDICED VIEW OF "SCIENTIFIC" REMOTE VIEWING:

Abduction research is becoming repetitive and tiresome to read about, so what new Kick can ufologists turn to, to keep the pot boiling? The answer, in our opinion, is Scientific Remote Viewing (SRV), and the guru of this dark art is Courtney Brown, Ph.D., a young but tenured professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. We have actually bought (and partially read) Brown's book on SRV, called "Cosmic Voyage". It was published in hardcover last year by Dutton Books, (Penguin). Interestingly, this tome was recommended to us for "comic relief" by arch-skeptic Martin Gardner of CSICOP, whom we know slightly.



COURTNEY BROWN, Ph.D.

Brown begins with a vague account of Remote Viewing as practiced by the U.S. Military, though he fails to explain why, after many years of experimentation, the Military basically gave up on RV as being too unreliable even as a "back up" to conventional sources of Intelligence data. Without naming names, Brown tells us how a few former military men (known to be Ed Dames, Albert Stubblebine, Joe MoMoneagle, and a few others) decided to go into the Remote Viewing business for themselves - solving problems for corporate and other clients at a hefty fee, and teaching students such as himself.

Brown never reveals who the "Master" was who taught him his own present RV skills (though we have learned it was Ed Dames); but he insists over and over that RV is scientific, in that the results can be duplicated by any sufficiently trained Remote Viewer. We wonder about this! As suggested by Gary Hemphill in [a letter further along in this issue](#), a good test would be for Brown to remotely view a football game, giving the play-by-play description, and then we would compare his results with those of someone actually watching the game! Why doesn't Brown try something like this?

In any case, Brown has contacted mainly two races of extraterrestrials. One is the Martians, who already have an underground base underneath Santa Fe Baldy Mountain in New Mexico, though most of them still live on their environmentally threatened planet. The other group is the Grays, who seem to live all over the place. Then there is, of course, the Galactic Federation, which includes beings both in physical and "subspace" (non-physical) form. In all three cases, it is we humans who must make the first move in establishing communication for mutual benefit, through the President of the U.S., the United Nations, etc.

In our humble opinion, there is something to Remote Viewing. Like other forms of the psychic, it is amazingly

accurate occasionally, but not often enough to be of any practical value as yet. The only Remote Viewer actually named by Brown is [Ingo Swann](#), who, by every estimate we have read, is the most skilled of all who have tried this approach to knowledge. It is Swann who developed the 7-step training program that Brown describes in his book. Your editor once met Swann briefly, but neglected to question him about this most intriguing aspect of his career. (Swann is mainly an artist and New Age writer.)

"Cosmic Voyage" has glowing endorsements from Whitley Strieber and Dr. John Mack on the back cover. Strieber and Brown will both be speaking, together with several others, at the "Project Awareness" conference in Gulf Breeze this coming March, and your editor intends to be there to nag, nag, nag!

YE OLDE MAIL BAG:

- Famed UFO author WHITLEY STRIEBER informs Internet readers as follows:

"Please let Jim Moseley know that I've listed `Saucer Smear' as the Best of the Best among UFO Researcher pages on my website. He can examine his listing by going to <http://www.strieber.com> and then clicking on web resources. It's at the top of the list of researchers pages, which is near the bottom of the overall site.

"I love his work and enjoy `Saucer Smear' a lot. I hope, incidentally, that he takes up my challenge to solve the MJ-12 controversy once and for all by having a Macarena contest with Stanton (Friedman)."

- Pine Bush (N.Y.) researcher DR. ELLEN CRYSTALL writes:

"I'm finding out that Bruce Cornet was hired to speak on Pine Bush for Lou Farish's conference in the spring of 1995. I knew he spoke at Don Ecker's conference in January 1995. I didn't realize what was going on until I was sent the tape of the Farish conference this past week. Cornet illegally used all my material for the lecture - my research - including my copyrighted videotapes and photographs. First, this is a blatant case of sex discrimination against a female! I'm doing all the work on Pine Bush; why on earth would someone hire another person to speak on it? Second, Cornet signed an agreement with me in May of 1993 that he would not talk on Pine Bush in public without prior written permission from me, and I certainly don't allow anyone to use my material for any reason without prior written permission, and I would never allow my videos to be used by anyone for any reason..."

Good point! - Editor.

- ROBERT ANTON ("BOB") WILSON writes:

"...I was revolted by the paragraph in `Smear' about Earl Curley and James Randi. Frankly, I don't give a damn about [Randi's sex life](#), or anybody else's sex life, except my own, and this kind of character assassination reminds me of the gutter attacks that CSICOP generally employs against people they don't like - or scientists whose lab results they don't like. If the enemies of CSICOP must sink as low as CSICOP, I say `A curse on both their houses'.

"As I wrote somewhere else about a similar issue, if it were proven beyond doubt that Darwin was an ax murderer and Einstein was a pig-sodomizer, this would not refute either evolution or relativity, which stand or fall on scientific evidence, not on [fliegendekindersheisse](#) of this sort..."

- Fortean researcher, archaeologist, and Man Around Town CHRIS ROTH writes as follows:

...I was saddened to read.. .about [the death of Carl Sagan](#). My grief will no doubt be shared by too few people in the ufological community. His level-headed criticisms of the abduction scenario have made him nearly as vilified as Phil Klass. I know one ufological researcher who

is now saying that Sagan's mysteriously young death may be connected with the fact that he was about to go public with a less critical attitude toward the UFO phenomenon. You know, NASA rents those CIA cancer ray-guns just like you or I might rent a carpet-shampooer!...

"A friend of mine who is a journalist in Portland, Oregon, followed Uri Geller around for a week during a recent promotional tour there. He said that Geller was very charismatic; but after a few demonstrations he began to see how it was done (i.e., the spoon-bending, that is - not [the clairvoyance about air disasters](#))..."

- The semi-mysterious JOHN ALEXANDER writes:

"Dear Jim:

"In response to [the latest `Smear' comment](#): We are not being secretive at all. You and everyone else can read about the National Institute for Discovery Science on our web site. Please post it: <http://www.accessnv.com/nids>. This comes complete with mission statements and some interesting reports.

"Your semi-mysterious expert, John"

- JEROME CLARK writes as follows:

"...I liked [Dick Hall's piece](#) (in 'UFO Magazine') on the lousiest UFO books, though I don't necessarily agree with all of his judgments. I actually have a soft spot in my head for the books by Adamski and Barker, though probably if I came from `50s ufology like Dick, I'd feel otherwise."

- Researcher DON WEBB writes:

"...I have a new book out, a study of the Magical Papyri of Thebes and their related curse tablets. It focuses on the figure of Set-Typhon, and the meaning of this archtypical figure for the postmodern magician. - `The Seven Faces of Darkness: Practical Typhonian Magic' by Don Webb can be ordered by any bookstore that carries Weiser Books, or you can get it direct from the publisher for \$16.00 + \$1.50 P&H. It's published by Runa Raven Books, POB 557, Smithville, Texas 78957.

"The cover says: 'This book penetrates to the core of the Typhonian current active in the world today - and does so by returning to the very fountainheads of Setian philosophy. Never before has anyone made the true Typhonian current more plain and objective, in practice or theory, than Don Webb does in `The Seven Faces of Darkness'

This book is a must for all fans of the Magical Papyri of Thebes, and we feel assured that all of you out there will want to read it! - Editor.

- Hard-core non-subscriber GARY HEMPHILL writes:

"...As hard as I've tried, I've not seen any UFOs. I know a couple of women in this area who are reading Courtney Brown's book called `Cosmic Voyage'. It must be an inspiring book because they spent a Saturday trying to make contact with Martians. I assume they are talking about the planet and not the small city near here of the same name. I sense the ghost of George Adamski near!

"Instead of going for rides in flying saucers piloted by Venusians, we now have this guy Courtney Brown who has made contact with Martians through the convenience of remote viewing. Too bad he couldn't have been content to view a football game and call the play-by-play, while someone else completely removed from him recorded the same game. His remote viewing prowess could thus be checked a bit more accurately! We would know for sure to quit our day jobs if Murray the Martian told us so!...

- Researcher JOHN SHIRLEY writes as follows:

"...I heard CSETI's Stephen Greer speak a few months ago about the `protocols' of `vectoring in' flying saucers with `remote viewing' (the latest hot-button word in the field). He claimed success in summoning down UFOs. My conclusion: He's an excellent speaker, very convincing, in fact one of the best prevaricators I've ever heard. He calls UFOs almost at will, he says, but apparently never quite remembers to have a video or still camera going, despite the fact that he is expecting an interplanetary spaceship to arrive.

"Though he offered no documentary evidence, he did offer courses in `vectoring' at more than \$300 per seminar. I was just wondering what you think of his latest gambit - he's given notice through official letters and the media that he's got a group of government-connected UFO experiencers who are about to Come Out about the whole thing; so the government, Greer warns, had better cough up its extraterrestrials before he lets the cat out of the subspace bag!..."

- MONTY CANTSIN, after a brief but well-deserved absence from our pages, writes:

"...Re [`Guardian'](#): You ignored him when he was trying to get attention. Now that he too has disappeared, quite possibly to another planet, you show interest! And then you skeptics claim you can't get any hard data! Not if you wait till your informants move to Andromeda before you decide to take an interest in their case. ...

"Of course it makes sense that the aliens make their most serious attempts to colonize Earth in the most out-of-the-way places, like [the Amazon jungle](#)..."

"[Mr. Robert Todd](#) is wrong. As in other fields, so in ufology: Only the worst writers can get published. You don't get trash like this by accident, as we blacklisted decent writers well know!

...

"You can always tell when [Ms. Tilton](#) has gone too long without being fucked by an alien..."

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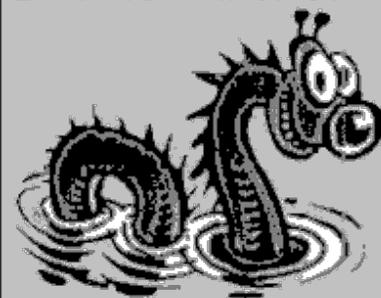
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50 Years of Ufology

Patrick Huyghe
(Co-editor, The Anomalist)
50 Years of Alien Encounters

Hilary Evans
Changing Patterns in Abduction Experiences

Jenny Randles
A History of British UFO Research

We are also pleased to present:

Lionel Fanthorpe
The Creeping Coffins of Barbados

Duncan Lunan
The Green Children of Woolpit

Jonathon Dowries
The Unidentified Wallaby Slasher of Newquay

Sherill Mulhern
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".... (UFOs) are no more (and no less) than one manifestation of a Reality that has many manifestations. It is this reality to which New Ufology must turn its attention. Those who hold to the Saucer Cult, who have taken to UFO buffery to escape the problems of this world, will find this idea distasteful and offensive, but let them, for they have nothing to offer us or anyone. The rest of us, our attention long on the distant stars, must now draw our attention slowly earthward, where the answers are and always have been."

JEROME CLARK, writing in England's "Flying Saucer Review" in 1969 (as quoted in a recent issue of "Magonia".)

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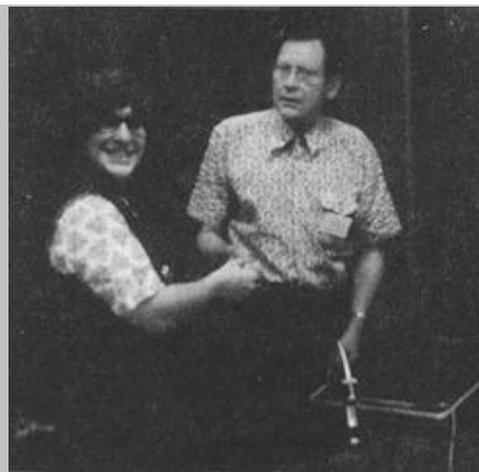
MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- We are pleased to report that a 105-minute documentary film about the life & times of the late ufologist Gray Barker is now available to the public on video tape. Single copies cost about \$38, and can be ordered from an outfit called Videoactive Releasing. The phone number there is: 800-666-2627.

The name of this epic is "Whispers from Space". It had [its world premiere](#) in Charleston, West Virginia in March of 1995. Your humble "Smear" editor is seen prominently in the film, and was present at the world premiere. Gray Barker was one of our best friends, and although he is portrayed in the film as something of an eccentric (which he was), true fans of the history of ufology will certainly want to see this

unique presentation. The film was made by a Hollywood lighting expert named Ralph Coon.

Coon also publishes an artsy zine called "The Last Prom". It was just a couple of years ago, while researching a UFO-related story for his zine, that Coon first heard of Gray Barker. Now he has a new issue coming out shortly, which will be mainly about William Fuld, the man who invented the ouija board in 1894.



This time Coon says that the research is easy, because all the information is coming to him through his Board! Coon can be reached at 120 S. San Fernando Blvd., #243, Burbank, Ca. 91502.

In the picture above, Gray Barker (right) is shown with ufologist Allen Greenfield, at a UFO convention many years ago...

- Just when we thought that Ray Santilli's alien autopsy film could finally be buried, we read an article by Michael Hesemann in the Oct.-Nov. 1996 issue of "Nexus" Magazine, from Australia. Hesemann, a well-known European UFO researcher, tries to make a case supporting the authenticity of the film, though he admits it is from some saucer crash other than the alleged crash at Roswell.

Hesemann makes many mistakes in the article, but the worst one, to our personal knowledge, is in considering New York City's Colman VonKeviczky as a photographic expert. He promotes VonKeviczky from Major to Colonel, and then calls him, among other things, "a member of the audio-visual department of the United Nations in New York". Unfortunately Colman was never more than an employee of a photographic firm in the United Nations building. He has petitioned the U.N. endlessly over the years on the subject of UFOs, with slightly positive results at times, but this is his only connection with that august body - though obviously the confusion pleases him. ...

- James ("The Amusing") Randi is fighting it out on the Internet again with his old enemy "Riley G", an alleged retired New York City cop & psychic detective, and also with a new enemy named Earl Curley, who is a Canadian psychic. Someone recently sent Curley, anonymously, the infamous "blackmail tape" that Randi has been trying for years to suppress. Says Curley, "I listened to the tape recordings which many have heard and which have been transcribed and distributed around the world, with James Randi soliciting sexual favors from young boys, some not even out of high school yet". This, of course, is Curley's interpretation of the tape, not ours. Randi claims, among other things, that he made the tape at the request of local police and the phone company. He also is suing Curley. - More on this in our next issue.

Earl Curley has put the first part of the "blackmail tape" verbatim on the Internet - something that has never been done before. We have two slightly different versions of the transcript of this tape, and Curley's offering matches one of them almost perfectly.

Meanwhile, another Internet item seems to endorse the alleged supernatural powers of Randi's arch-enemy, psychic Uri Geller of England. A man named William Scanlan-Murphy spent eight years and over a million pounds searching for a certain sunken submarine, rather than follow a clue given him by Geller. It turns out that Geller marked a map within four or five meters of where the submarine was eventually found, but Scanlan-Murphy preferred to search by conventional means, and now is embarrassed at the results!

Made bold by the above apparent success, Geller now claims to know the exact location of a missing fuel pump which might solve the mysterious crash of TWA Flight 800. Geller also claims that Flight 800 was

brought down by a bomb placed in an overhead compartment, and he gives other specifics. Gosh, maybe the guy really does have psychic powers! (Our thanks to several shadowy figures for contributing the above items.)

- ...We are fascinated by the story, [mentioned briefly in our last issue](#), of a "haunted ranch" near Fort Duchesne, Utah. The former owner, named Terry Sherman, claims that during the 18 months he was there, he saw several types of UFOs, witnessed lights emerging from circular "doorways" in midair, had three cows mutilated and several others disappear, and found unusual soil impressions and circles in flattened grass in a pasture.

When millionaire Fortean investigator Robert Bigelow of Las Vegas, Nevada heard about this, he met with the Shermans and negotiated to buy the ranch for about \$200,000, for investigation by his newly-formed National Institute of Discovery Science. Some people believe that the ranch may be a "window" area into another dimension - sort of like Gulf Breeze, Florida; Pine Bush, New York; and Sedona, Arizona.

One of the people involved with Bigelow in this venture is our old pal John Alexander, the semi-mysterious non-lethal weapons expert. He now has some sort of shadowy role in the Bigelow organization, but neither he nor Bigelow are willing to give out details of just what they are up to. Stay tuned!...



- Ed Walters of Gulf Breeze fame, author of two UFO books about his own experiences, is about to burst forth with a third effort called "UFOs Are Real: Here's the Proof". This softcover tome will be available from Avon about January 15th. Dr. Bruce Maccabee, who wrote the introduction for Walters' first book, will now be a full co-author. The book contains a Gulf Breeze update as well as the best of the UFO photos sent to Ed by various people over the years. Maccabee will contribute some technical stuff.

Ed phoned us personally to tell us all this, and says that "Smear" was the first to be informed. We wish Ed & Bruce well, though we remain riveted to our position of benign skepticism....

- Your "Smear" editor usually goes to two or three UFO conventions every year, but we can't possibly cover all of them. That's why we are happy that our co-worker, ace cartoonist Matt Graeber, attended a major convention in Philadelphia recently, and sent us a report on it.

The sponsor was a new organization called CIRAEP (Council of Investigation & Research on Aerial/Earth Phenomena) (CRAP??), headed by an instructor at Temple University named Robert (Bob) Eure. Interestingly, another instructor there - sociologist & abduction researcher David Jacobs - was the most prominent detractor of the event. Sibling rivalry, or somt such thing!

Graeber writes us that whereas about one thousand attendees were needed to break even financially, only 300 to 400 people showed up during the three-day event (Nov. 15th-17th, 1996). Among the better-known speakers were: Zecharia Sitchin; Travis Walton; Guy Kirkwood (alias Mel Noel); Richard Boylan (former psychologist, recently "defrocked"); and Al Bielek of Philadelphia Experiment fame.

Says Graeber: "Of what I did hear and learn at the gathering, UFO `truth' can be objective, subjective, spiritual, or quite esoteric in nature - and Mr. Eure (unlike his counterpart at Temple University) is open-minded and conscientious enough to understand that it would be a truly boring world indeed if everyone marched to the beat of a `dogmatic drummer".

- ... We were both disturbed and amused by Richard Hall's "Reality Check" column in the Nov.-Dec. 1996

issue of California's "UFO Magazine". Mr. Hall, now a wheel in FUFOR (Fund for UFO Research) has been a rather arrogant member of the ufological elite for a vast number of years.

In his current column, Hall lists his version of the ten worst UFO books of all time. (Actually, he only lists nine!) Heading the list is George Adamski's "Flying Saucers Have Landed", which of course was exposed by yours truly in "Saucer News", many years ago.

Second worst is Gray Barker's "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers". Hall calls Barker "a pure opportunist who engaged in hoaxes, fake feuds with James Moseley and other game playing, while he milked every dollar he could out of `flying saucers'". Other books on the list include John Keel's "Operation Trojan Horse" which he calls "Large doses of fiction mixed with occasional alleged fact", Howard Menger's "From Outer Space to You", published by Barker's Saucerian Press, which Hall calls "Moon potatoes and alien music brought to you by that entrepreneur of UFO trash, Gray Barker"; Frank Scully's "Behind the Flying Saucers", which he calls "Largely fiction overlarded with speculation"; and "The Reverend' (hallelujah!) Frank E. Stranges' `Stranger at the Pentagon ..Venusians at the Pentagon, et al. Proven fraud and convicted drug runner. Pure fiction".

Extremely harsh talk from the arrogant Mr. Hall! We agree that most of these books suffer from an unfortunate amount of fictional content, but as ufological history, they are all superb! Pity that Hall does not have a more tolerant outlook on the UFO subject!...

- "Smear" has become intrigued with a story we didn't bother to print at the time, about a 18-wheel truck driver named Devin Williams who disappeared mysteriously in May of 1995, at a location only five miles from the spot in Arizona where Travis Walton was allegedly abducted in the 1970s.

Williams drove his 18-wheeler off the main highway onto a winding unpaved road in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, and when it got stuck, he abandoned it there. Campers who saw Williams asked him why he had driven into this dense wilderness, and he replied, "I didn't do it. They did it", but he did not elaborate. The next day he was seen again, barefoot, disoriented, and "talking to a tree". That is the last time he was ever seen, and he is presumed dead. "Unsolved Mysteries" ran the story, MUFON investigated it, and two psychics tried their talents; but as of this writing, no one knows what really happened to this unfortunate driver!...

- Below is a rare or possibly unique photograph of the entity known as Guardian, who will be remembered for his weird, paranoid writings which were part of the Carp, Ontario (Canada) UFO landing case a few years ago. Dr. Bruce Maccabee, [writing in "Smear" and elsewhere](#), found reasons to endorse the Carp landing video, but he carefully ignored Guardian's strange writings which were an integral part of that case!



In the photo, Clark Schmidt is on the left, and Guardian, whose real name is Richard Gerrick, is on the right. Schmidt is co-director of the Celestial Visions School of Metaphysical Arts in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where your "Smear" editor lectured recently. Guardian was photographed when he spoke there, a year or two ago.

Your editor will be lecturing at Celestial Visions again on Saturday, Jan. 18th, in the afternoon and again that same evening. The address is 6021 N.W. 31st Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Phone: 954-979-0303.

TIDBITS OF TRASH

- We have learned the source of [the ridiculous rumor](#) that abductionist Budd Hopkins was going to marry Linda Cortile (= Napolitano). It all started with an ambiguous sentence that Bob Shell of "Shutterbug" Magazine put on the Internet. Actually, Hopkins recently married a woman named Carol Rainey.... (Our thanks to MUFON's "Houston Sky" for this item.)

- Bigfootologist Erik Beckjord has printed a new business card which says, simply, "Erik Beckjord, M.B.A. - A legend in his own mind" We couldn't have said it better ourselves. Beckjord's mailing address is: P.O. Box 9502, Berkeley, Ca. 94709....
- Famed astronomer & science proponent Carl Sagan died on Dec. 20th after a long bout with cancer. Sagan was a brilliant scientist and an excellent speaker (we heard him once), but his opinions about UFOs were shallow and ill-informed....
- In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the modern UFO era, John White's Omega Communications will present "The UFO Event of the Year" during the weekend of June 21st-22nd, 1997. Stanton Friedman and John Mack of Harvard University are among the invited speakers. Write to: P.O. Box 2051, Cheshire, Ct. 06410-5051.

Your "Smear" editor will not be there, because we want to attend the Roswell 50th anniversary celebration, in Roswell, N.M. during the first week of July.

BOOKS TO WATCH OUT FOR:

- This issue, the most important new book we want to mention is "UFO Danger Zone - Terror and Death in Brazil - Where Next?". This is written by Bob Pratt, a ufologically-oriented newsman whom we have known for many years. There is a foreward by famed UFO expert Jacques Vallee, and a glowing endorsement on the back cover from Prof. C. Cope Schellhorn. Says Schellhorn: "Absolutely the best UFO casebook I have read". Perhaps, but Schellhorn is the driving force behind Horus House Press, Inc., the publisher of the book, and therefore his opinion is likely to be biased!

If we are to believe Vallee, Pratt and others who have actually interviewed UFO witnesses in the back areas of Brazil, the UFO game is not as light-hearted there as it is in most other countries. Instead of benevolent Space Brothers, we have strange entities which have often led to injury or even death. Whatever is behind these weird incidents is something that cannot and should not be ignored. We highly recommend this book. (So does Prof. Schellhorn!) Write to Horus House Press, Inc., P.O. Box 55185, Madison, Wisconsin 53705....

- Then there is "TOP SECRET/MAJIC" by Stanton Friedman, [which we have already picked apart](#) in our past two issues or so. We erred in thinking it is a soft cover book, because we were sent an "uncorrected proof" rather than the Real Thing. Pity, because "Smear" is usually kinder to books which add something nice to our non-existent library. ...
- Next, we have received a new edition of John Keel's "Operation Trojan Horse", originally published in 1970 - one of the ten worst saucer books of all time, according to Richard Hall! The present edition is published by IllumiNet Press, P.O. Box 2808, Lilburn, Ga. 30226.
- Then there are two contactee sort of books, kindly sent to us by Tim Beckley of Global Communications (Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903). They are: "Alien Magic: UFO Crashes - Abductions - Underground Bases", by William Hamilton III; and "Earth Changes Bible" by Diane Tessman...
- Next we must mention a book which we have not seen, but from the propaganda we have received it does sound very interesting. The title is "UFO Healing", and the author is Preston Dennett. Here we find extraterrestrials who have quite a different attitude from their Brazilian counterparts, apparently, because we are told that these ETs have cured diseases ranging all the way from the common cold to cancer! The publisher is Blue Water Printing, Inc., P.O. Box 2875, Rapid City, S.D. 57709....
- Finally, there is a booklet just out whose contents & purpose are given in the title: "UFO and Paranormal

Phenomena Sourcebook of Old, Rare and Out of Print Magazines and Publications". This is available from: UAPA, Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134.

MAIL BAG:

- PHIL KLASS writes:

"In his [letter in the last `Smear'](#), Stan Friedman fails to give the names of 'several leading American Ufologists who (allegedly) accept some of the Majestic 12 documents as genuine'. Why does he also withhold the identity of those MJ-12 papers which they consider to be counterfeit?..."

- And, kind-hearted ROBERT TODD chimes in with:

"...Friedman's `new' book on his paranoid MJ-12 phantasm proves that anybody can get published in the UFO field, Loaded with distortions, misrepresentations, half-truths and various and sundry other falsehoods, it's largely a rehash of his previously published bunkum, and is without a doubt the single most boring, poorly written pile of crap I've ever read! As Christopher Allan observed, a whole book or two could be written to destroy the twaddle Friedman feeds the ignorant and the gullible. He must get his 'science' out of comic books!..."

So - Todd obviously didn't like the book. But will he like the movie?- Ed.

- Famed author & abductee CHRISTA TILTON writes as follows:

"...The All-Knowing Guru William Moore has come down from his Holy Mountain long enough to pass on to his most devout followers [his instructions on how to survive the UFO mystery and come out spotless!](#) According to Master Moore, money grubbers such as Stanton Friedman only perpetuate confusion in the field by trying to make a few End Time survival dollars. Moore claims Friedman has lost all respectability.

"One wonders how quickly Moore would trade places with `Money Bags' Friedman if the shoe were on the other foot?"

"Please excuse me as I must continue studying Master Moore's `Universal Truths'. ON! OM! OM! OMMMMMMM!"

- Researcher PAUL FISHER writes:

"In a previous issue of `Saucer Smear' you quoted from [a Nov. 3, 1948 document by a Colonel McCoy](#) that `so far, no physical evidence of the existence of the unidentified sightings has been obtained'. You also stated that he was `Chief of Air Force Intelligence'. You mentioned the above as evidence that no physical evidence of a UFO was recovered at Roswell.

"First of all, Col. McCoy was not `Chief of Air Force Intelligence'. He was a ranking Intelligence officer of the Air Materiel Command. Secondly, his statement...is not correct. In a 1947 memo by General Schulgen, officers were told to be alert for material like `metal foils' and `balsa wood or similar material' when searching for UFO debris. This was the same description Major Marcel gave of the Roswell debris. This indicates that physical evidence recovered at Roswell was considered evidence of an `unidentified' flying object.

"Finally, what is so amazing about a colonel not having a need to know?..."

- JEROME CLARK writes as follows:

"A belated note to say it was nice to see you at the convention in Minneapolis a couple of months ago and to thank you for your role in securing for me the prestigious Ufologist of the Year Award, which has enriched my life immeasurably and given it new meaning and direction.



"`The UFO Encyclopedia', second edition, is finished and will be published, probably in two volumes, in June. There's lots of new stuff in it, and I do hope that those who don't suffer severe back injury trying to lift it will find it useful. Now I'm off to work on new projects, about which more anon.

"I understand that our close mutual friend John Keel is saying all kinds of wild things about you, though so far he hasn't charged you (as he has me) with being a mental-hospital regular, and I don't think he's accusing you of complicity in the Kennedy assassination. No doubt, however, you've heard the rumor - this one not from Keel as far as I know - that you are currently drooling away in a nursing home. What would uf ufogists talk about if it weren't for each other? UFOs?"

- Long-time researcher ALEXANDER MEBANE writes:

"...For the second time I have told FUFOR (Fund for UFO Research) that their Isabel Davis Award for services to Ufology ought certainly to go to Phil Klass, who (with you and Robert Todd) has obviously contributed the most to real knowledge in the past few years. Perhaps even Isabel herself would have endorsed that recognition.

"It is too bad about Hopkins' `Witnessed'. Much as I admire his good sense, I simply can't believe that the subsequent ramifications of this case could possibly be authentic, and I am forced to agree with you (and Klass) that this has got to be a successful con job by a very plausible Munchauseness. I didn't mind seeing John Mack get taken by an impostress, because his credibility deserved what it got, but I am really sorry to see Hopkins in a similar position..."

- ROBERT ANTON WILSON writes:

"I enjoyed the latest `Saucer Smear' as much as usual....

"As I work on my book on conspiracy theories, I find that all of the really weird and kooky ones include UFOs somewhere in their interlocking phalanx of Evil Forces. In fact, I could almost generalize: The more rational conspiracy theories do not involve UFOs and the less rational ones always involve UFOs - and, usually, demons and Satan as well. As Nietzsche said, we are all greater artists than we realize. Every `nut' has created an interesting work of weird art and the nuttiness consists only in offering it as science instead of as literature or poetry."

- The semi-mysterious KARL PFLOCK writes as follows:

"I fear [your claim to have topped Pat Marcatileo by calling yourself `Professor UFO'](#) is baseless, like so much else in UFOdumb. Now if the Celestial Visions School of Metaphysical Arts had not merely conferred upon you a doctorate of philosophy but had also appointed you to a professorship on its esteemed faculty, you'd have the right to call yourself `Professor'. Sadly, Marcatileo* is still king of the hill of bogus honorifics. Sorry to be the bearer of such deflating news. (Gee, does this mean our book deal is off?)

*This is your spelling in `Smear'. Is it correct?"

No. - Editor

- JOHN MERRELL writes as follows:

"Matt Graeber's work has persuaded me to renew my non-subscription. All else in your rag remains highly questionable. Only his work remains above the level of `Smear's' bottomless sinkhole of journalism. So keep it coming! Sink even lower in `97!"

- Long-time researcher ANN DRUFFEL writes:

"The time of the dreaded `X' has come around again, so please accept my enclosed Love Offering so I may be assured of continued non-membership for `Saucer Smear'. It is one publication I read immediately `cover to cover' the same day received. In fact, sometimes I read it before opening the rest of my mail! The info contained therein is useful in a negative sort of way, perhaps, but in the UFO field negative info (on sightings, implant claims, etc.) is often just as valuable as `positive' info."

- BILL HOWARD, editor of "The New Herald", writes as follows:

"Glad you liked the latest issue of `The New Herald'. I had fun researching it. All fun aside, [something did happen down in Varginha, Brazil](#). The real question is what....I am of the opinion that it was a super secret, burn-before-reading, experimental aircraft that the USAF flew out of Argentina... I have sufficient e-mail telling me that the U.S. Military is active in Argentina to believe that they are up to something down there!..."

"South America is Ufologically active, if not sexually active. It must have something to do with the water. If you continue to make fun of the `space aliens' in Brazil, I have it on good authority that they will break into your apartment some night and steal all your Night Train!"

- Mad publicist GENE BUCK of Seattle has sent us a long treatise called "Was Aaron Burr a Gray?", and it begins as follows:

"Astonishing new evidence unearthed by the Aaron Burr Accord leads to the strong possibility that our nation's third Vice President was sired by alien seed in Outer Space. No 18th century American boasted a more distinguished ancestry than Aaron Burr. This fact, and his lineage of brilliant scholars and government leaders attracted the grays to the Burr family, and to the remarkable Esther Edwards Burr, Aaron's mother. ... Viewing the Burr-Edwards family as the ideal environment for the birth of the first gray on earth, the grays, in June of 1755, abducted Mrs.Burr, and impregnated her with alien seed from a gene bank of highly developed intellectualism and individualism.

"The successful birth of a healthy child of the Burrs made conceivable the scheme to have Aaron Burr educate himself, distinguish himself intellectually and militarily, win the presidency of a new nation and, eventually, conquer the world (or most of it) for the grays. No family would have been more ideal for this scheme!..."

Alien Abduction Insurance

The London insurance brokerage Goodfellow, Rebecca, Ingrams, Pearson announced in August it would begin to offer policies to cover people worried about alien abduction. A premium of about \$155 a year would pay off about \$160,000 to an abductee (provided the abductor was not from Earth) and double that if the insured is impregnated during the abduction. Since alien powers are unknown, men can purchase the impregnation rider, also. Said Goodfellow director Simon Burgess, "I personally would not buy this policy."



Pray the Gray Away



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Please note that letters for Smear editor James Moseley should be snail-mailed to PO Box 1709, Key West, FL 33041, insofar as "Prof." Moseley is computer-illiterate and determined to stay that way.

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RE-HASH OF THE 33RD ANNUAL NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE HELD IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, OCTOBER 5TH & 6TH

As most of our hard-core readers know, the National UFO Conference (NUFOC) has been holding conventions in various parts of the country annually since 1964, when the organization was begun by a small group of UFO enthusiasts in Cleveland, Ohio. Your humble "Smear" editor has been Permanent Chairman ("President-for-Life"?) since 1970. This year the local chairman was Prof. Cope Sohellhorn, an author & publisher who is an expert on some of the more bizarre aspects of the Unknown (i.e., the Chupacabras, weird UFO events in Brazil, etc.) Although Schellhorn lives in Wisconsin, the location chosen for the convention was Minneapolis.

An outstanding group of speakers was obtained by Schellhorn, including all three of the current socially-acceptable experts on the infamous Roswell Incident - Stanton Friedman, Karl Pflock, and Capt. Kevin Randle (Ret.) - in alphabetical order. Unfortunately, none of the three focused his convention lecture on Roswell, having perhaps "run out of steam" on this controversial subject. Friedman spoke on "Deceit in Ufology", and gave an unusually interesting presentation in which he knocked contactee Mel Noel (alias Guy Kirkwood); Bob Lazar; Don Schmitt (who now claims to be a fulltime agent of the DEA!); Phil Klass; Carl Sagan, and inevitably, the U.S. Government's alleged UFO secrecy policy.

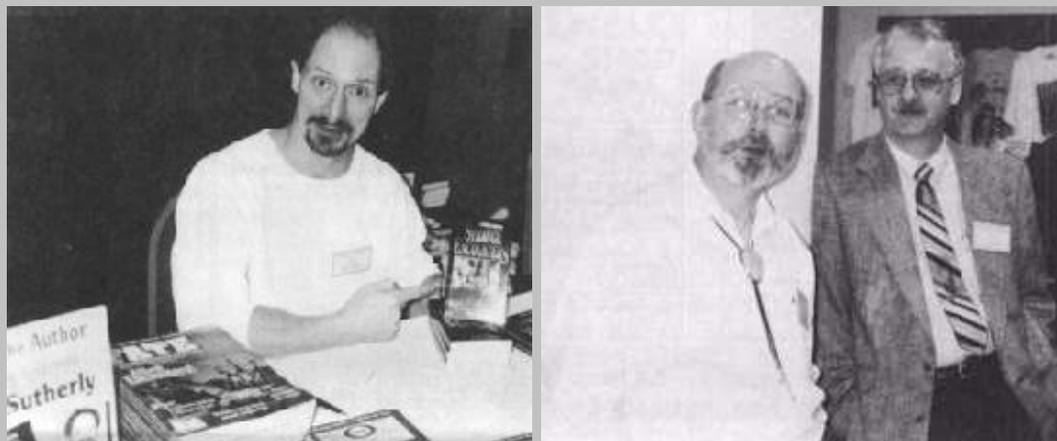
Pflock, carefully avoiding mention of the Mogul Balloon project that probably explains the Roswell Incident, talked about several well-known and lesser-known early UFO cases, roughly from 1947 to 1960. And Randle's topic was "Cultural and Folkloric Traditions of Abduction by Creatures of the Night". This kind of thing doesn't

really go over any better than Project Mogul at a gathering of hard-core UFO believers. (but we enjoyed it!)

UFO historian Jerome Clark lives in Minnesota, and was therefore persuaded to make one of his relatively rare public appearances. He spoke well, in regard to various historical details of ufology, but some people wanted something more sensational. At the banquet dinner, Clark was given the NUFOC's coveted Ufologist of the Year Award, and veteran UFO/psychic author Brad Steiger was given our Lifetime Achievement Award. Speakers at the dinner were Steiger and your humble "Smear" editor, raving about various UFO & psychic experiences we have had in the course of a lifetime.

Abductionist Budd Hopkins was another of our speakers. His new book "Witnessed", about the famed Linda Napolitano (not Linda Cortile!) abduction case, is just out, after an unexplained delay of several years. In the course of the convention, Mr. Hopkins was gentlemanly enough to shake hands with your editor, with an offer to "bury the hatchet" regarding our well-known posture of not speaking to each other at all. Thus, in the interests of detente, we will not review "Witnessed" herein. We have bought it (\$23 plus tax!) and although we have not actually read it, we fear that we will be no more likely to believe the Linda story now than in the past. The publisher is Pocket Books, a division of Simon & Schuster - a prestigious outfit indeed.

Another major speaker was Colin Andrews, a leading expert on England's continuing wave of crop circles, which get more and more complex in their designs as time goes by. Interestingly, Andrews stated that quite a number of people claim to have seen crop circles actually being formed, but they all give different descriptions of what is seen and heard. There is a video that has been made, showing the actual formation of a crop circle at Marlboro, England, on July 12th of this year. However, this wonderful-if-real video has come under serious question, and some in the field, including Erik Beckjord, believe it to be a fake.



Other speakers included: Curt Sutherly (shown at left, above), author of the just-published book "Strange Encounters - UFOs, Aliens & Monsters Among Us"; Col. Wendelle Stevens of Pleiadean fame; Robyn Quail, abduction researcher from Atlanta, Ga; Dr. Frank Stranges, lifetime pal of the space entity Val Thor; Prof. Cope Schellhorn; Randolph Winters, another devotee of the Pleiades; Al Bielek, a time-traveler from the Philadelphia Experiment; and someone named James Courant. Our friend Tim Beckley was present but did not lecture, although he was on our Abduction Panel briefly.

In all, the 1996 NUFOC went off quite well, and Prof. Schellhorn is to be congratulated. The hotel was very nice, the crowd was larger than expected, and nothing went terribly wrong. As for next year's NUFOC, we do not yet have a local host or a city picked out, although we have received several "bids".

Finally, the photo at the right, above, shows Karl Pflock with Kevin Randle. If all goes well, your editor may be co-authoring a UFO book with Pflock in the near future. More details about this anon...

REVOLT OF THE MUFONites - CONTINUED ONCE AGAIN!

Well, [Kelly and Henry Owens](#), MUFON co-directors for the state of Georgia, have resigned their high posts, but the former MUFON hard core in that state, which had resigned in protest over the Owens, still has not returned

to the fold. Their new organization, called ISUR, will use the Internet to immediately post UFO cases in a way that all can have access to them. This, of course is in contrast to MUFON, where the persistent complaint is that information goes in but is often not seen or heard about again!

There is a lot more to be said about ISUR - short for International Society for UFO Research. For further information write to: P.O.Box 52491, Atlanta, Ga. 30355. The web site address is: www.isur.com.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS

- Here's an update on [last issue's lead story about the Penthouse Magazine alien photos](#). We have heard again from Jun-Ichi Takanashi of the Japan UFO Science Society, who provided us with information about the true origin of the pictures. The flaw in his "expose" was that the date on these alien photos, taken at the International UFO Museum at Roswell by another Japanese named Takano, was Jan. 1st, 1990 - long before the Museum ever opened. It turns out that the incorrect date was caused by a flaw in Takano's camera's dating mechanism. The correct date is now known to be June 18th, 1995.

Takano claims he didn't try to fool anyone. Three pictures he took of the alien dummy were picked up by various media, but a 4th picture - clearly showing Takano standing next to the dummy and the stuffed doctor which goes with the dummy, at the Museum - was not picked up by anyone! Takanashi has kindly sent us a copy of this 4th picture, but it is too dark to reproduce here.

Still mysterious is how these pictures fell into the hands of Bob Guccione of Penthouse.

Incidentally, Mr. Takanashi is the MUFON Director for Japan. It would be a wonderful thing if all state and national MUFON directors were as open-minded and as interested in the truth about UFOs as Mr. Takanashi obviously is!...

- Here's another Roswell follow-up: The copper & silver alleged UFO fragment [described in our April 25th "Smear"](#) has now been carefully studied by the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, N.M. To make a long story short, this isotopic analysis fell within the normal range, meaning that the fragment has no unusual characteristics to suggest it was not manufactured on Earth.

Also, the specific origin of the fragment has now been determined. It is a metal scrap from a jewelry shop in St. George, Utah. Its unusual appearance is the result of an ancient Japanese metalworking technique which is rarely seen in this country. When the artist, named Randy Fullbright, originally tried to tell the International UFO Museum people the truth about the fragment, he was rebuffed, he claims. Now the Museum's Board of Directors has agreed to accept this prosaic explanation, but the fragment will still be displayed there, along with the story of the work that went into debunking it - as a testament to the institution's research skills. (HA! - Editor.)

Our thanks to Prof. Charles Moore of Socorro, N.M., for most of this information. Prof. Moore, of Mogul Balloon fame, had a hand in the isotopic analysis of the fragment. ...

- David Huggins of Hoboken, New Jersey is an artist who was "discovered" by Linda Moulton Howe, lambasted by Dr. Rima Laibow, and then rescued from ufological oblivion by "Saucer Smear". We have featured his paintings in past issues, and invited him to speak at a couple of our NUPOC conventions.

Now David is among the artists whose ufologically-oriented paintings are featured (Sept. 12th to Oct. 26th) in an art show in New York City called "Visions of Space & UFOs in Art". He is possibly the only artist anywhere who paints realistic scenes from his own abduction experiences.

The prestigious New York Times had this to say about Huggins' work, in their Sept. 12th issue: "...David Huggins, another self-described abductee, paints graphic and disturbing images from a lifetime of supposed encounters, including babies he fathered with alien mothers. The women have the bodies of Playboy centerfolds and the familiar gray alien heads with sloe eyes..."

So - paintings that would have been offered for a couple of hundred dollars not so long ago are now priced in the "couple of thousand" range. Ufology moves on, ever Onward & Upward!...

- We know a psychic lady in Key West named Lea Boldt, whom we have mentioned in this zine previously. She can bend forks, letter openers, etc. into weird "swirls" and such, using psychic power which she says flows out through her fingers for very short periods of time. We tried to interest James ("The Amusing") Randi in Lea's Powers, with an eye on the \$740,000 which the Randi Foundation supposedly has lined up in the form of pledges, in case anyone ever proves psychic powers to the Foundation's satisfaction. To make a long story short (again), Randi has forced us to reluctantly admit that such "swirls", etc. can be made by normal physical strength alone. So we'll have to think of some other way to grab that award! (Our sincere thanks to Dr. Gary Posner of the Tampa Bay Skeptics for much help in regard to the above matter.)...



TIDBITS OF TRASH

- Erik Beckjord of crop circle fame has just opened a "UFO, Bigfoot & Loch Ness Monster" museum at 709 Union St. in North Beach, San Francisco. Appropriately, the Grand Opening was on Hallowe'en!...
- Elaine Douglass of "Operation Right to Know" and some other ufologists are on a campaign to help John Ford, the Long Island (N.Y.) researcher who was recently jailed for plotting against public officials in his county. These helpful people think that Ford may have been "framed" because he Knew Too Much...
- Well, Timothy Green Beckley is "Mr. UFO", Pat Marcatileo of New Jersey has declared himself to be "Dr. UFO", and now your "Smear" editor proclaims himself to be PROFESSOR UFO, topping these other two clowns. We have, you see, just been awarded a PhD by the Celestial Visions School of Metaphysical Arts of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Certificate available for inspection on demand!...
- A British UFO zine reports erroneously that Budd Hopkins is about to marry his abductee friend Linda Cortile (alias Napolitano). This is not likely to happen, as both are currently married to other people!...
- From famed Roswell pioneer Bill Moore we learn that Ruth Norman, also known as "Spaceship Ruthie", has died at the age of 92. She was the co-founder of the Unarius Society of El Cajon, California. Also departed is Carl Allen, alias Carlos Allende, who for years went around the country raving about the Philadelphia Experiment. (We met him once with Gray Barker.)...
- Millionaire Las Vegas businessman John Bigelow has bought a mysteriously "haunted" 480 acre ranch in Utah, on behalf of his new research organization called The National Institute for Discovery Science. Our olde pal John Alexander of non-lethal weapons fame is also involved in this venture. Details in our next issue.

BOOK REVIEWS:

- We have here a fascinating little-known book, just out, called "FSR - Flying Saucer Review, 1955-1994 - An Index", compiled by Edward G. Stewart. Flying Saucer Review is a leading British UFO zine which has been around almost as long as "Saucer Smear", and this index, over 600 pages long, is a monumental task for which Stewart should be sincerely complimented. His address is: 3624 Jonathan Way, North Highlands, Ca. 95660.
- Just at press-time, Ed Stewart has sent us another monumental work, entitled: "Mutual UFO Network's MUFON UFO Journal & Skylook, 1967-1996 - An Index".
- Several other interesting UFO books have crossed our desk since the last issue of "Smear", but we have No Space to review them until next time.

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- STANTON FRIEDMAN - who needs no introduction - writes as follows:

"...Thank you for [the plug for my book](#) and for what I presume were intentional misstatements of fact, to test the powers of observation of your readers - some of whom, like me, are getting on in years. It was even more clever to use the word facts mixed in with the false statements.

1. TOP SECRET/MAJIC is only available at this time in hardcover, not soft cover. The price is indeed \$22.95.
2. The best place to buy it is not Marlowe and Co., 632 Broadway, 7th Floor, NY, NY 10012 (an incomplete address was given.) Try Barnes and Noble, Borders, etc. For those who want to order an autographed volume by mail, send \$25.00 to UFORI, POB 958, Houlton, Maine 04730-0958. This includes postage and handling.
3. Since I know several leading American ufologists who accept some of the Majestic 12 documents as genuine... and since a number of participants in an unscientific poll being conducted by an Internet UFO interest group also think some are genuine, I know you have no data to support your strange (obviously intentionally false) claim that I am the only one who thinks some are genuine. Of course you were clever enough not to define 'leading'. Perhaps you meant all those who reject the MJ-12 Documents, such as those who take Just Cause, which has been carrying false claims about the documents for years??..."

- CHRISTOPHER ALLAN of England writes as follows:

"...I have read Stan Friedman's TOP SECRET/MAJIC. Let's give him credit for being a truly dedicated man. Unfortunately he is dedicated to a completely lost cause (in fact two lost causes - Roswell and MJ-12).

"His Appendix C about 'Insider Information' looks convincing to a newcomer. Yet each & every item therein can be decisively refuted by anyone who cares enough. A whole book could be produced to knock Stan's points down one by one; but such a book would not sell a single copy!...

"Stan constantly parades Blue Book Special Report 14's statistics as proof of ETH, but never mentions Allan Hendry's decisive refutation of them 15 years ago.

"Research on the hilarious 'Group Operations Manual', we are told, 'awaits funding'. Which sucker is going to be the benefactor this time?"

- Famed researcher BILL MOORE writes:

"...I am not a 'fan' of the MJ-12 documents and never have been. I know little more about them today than I knew when Shandera and I wrote our report on the subject six years ago, and my opinion concerning them remains the same as it was then - i.e., I still consider the matter an open question. As for Friedman, I think he is in this thing way over his head, and I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see him get badly burned by it. It troubles me greatly to see the money-grubbing showman side of him dominating his once respectable scientific acumen.

"I have said it before (most notably at Las Vegas back in '89) and I'll say it again: Most of those who dominate ufology today do not seek to SOLVE the mystery, but rather to PERPETUATE it; because once the ultimate answer is found, they're all out of business. My sincere advice to those few who are truly seeking answers: Stay away from the circus. It will only take up your time and distract your attention. (In case you haven't noticed, I've been assiduously following my own advice these past several years.)"

- DR. ELLEN CRYSTALL, author of "Silent Invasion" (about Pine Bush, New York) writes as follows:

"I wasn't going to write you again, but since Lee Walsh made [the crack about me making money from](#)

[UFOs](#), I couldn't help responding. I've made the equivalent of maybe two months of a good salary from all these 20+ years of doing UFO research. Only books that go Hollywood and turn into movies make money, and even then sometimes not..."

- TONY LOREDO of Snellville, Georgia, writes:

"[Kelly and Henry Owens](#) are two of the nicest people I've ever met. They host the monthly MUFON meetings at their home. Kelly prints the Ga. Skywatch newsletter at her own expense. They have resurrected a group that had been moribund for a long time. All of this on top of the fact that they own two businesses and have four children.

"This is the first I've heard of these slanderous allegations, and I find them very difficult to believe..."

Kelly & Henry Owens have now resigned, as mentioned [earlier in this issue](#). - Editor.

- Researcher BILL KNEEL, who has a long-standing feud with John Ford of Long Island, writes as follows:

"In your [Vol. 43, No. 6 issue of your publication `Saucer Smear'](#) you printed a number of slanderous and libelous statements against me. I am not a `gun nut' and was not arrested for selling `unlicensed handguns'.

"In addition, it might interest you to know that Mr. Ford never filed any lawsuit of any type against me. He sent me a letter from a lawyer. He had it delivered to the house that I was renting, after my family and I had already moved to Florida. He did this on purpose, hoping that no one would find the papers and he would win by default.... After checking all branches of all civil courts in Suffolk County, the Clerk wrote back to me saying that `no suit was on file in Suffolk County and no judgments had been entered against you by anyone'....

"Ford shot out the back glass on my mother's car in New York shortly after I moved here to Florida. Witnesses saw him and my mother identified him; but he has so many other charges against him I doubt that will come up unless it has to..."

- TOM HACKNEY, who gave us [the meteorite story in our last issue](#), writes:

"...You didn't mention the other reason that the owner of the car was picked to receive her valuable prize. October 12th was her birthday, too. Like all the rest of the `coincidences' surrounding this event (about 25 in all!), this made perfect sense (too) because it helped underscore the crucial flaw in NASA's choice of SETI launch date..."

- PROF. ALVIN LAWSON, known for his "birth trauma" theory about UFO abductions, writes:

"...You are the same as you were, but I hereby pronounce that you are no longer a mere boil on the ufological yonderparts; rather, an ageless force still erupting in volcanoes of common sense, vicious good humor, and literate prose. Part Chomsky, part Kafka, part Momma Teresa - perhaps ufology's Mark Twain. But I wish you'd stop inhaling. The miserable and - as one of your correspondents put it nicely - fratricidal UFO gang needs you more than it knows!"

- KRESKIN, who calls himself the world's foremost mentalist, writes:

"Just a brief note to tell you I am really delighted to receive your `Saucer Smear'. I liked the fact that, as you said, you are really not into extremes; you remain open minded regarding saucers, the paranormal, etc; you are not gullible and you oppose the extremists in both the `pro' and `anti' camps. ... I really love the use of humor. It is a weapon that seems to have disappeared amongst the `elite' in the saucer area and also in the parapsychological area probably, because the people in both areas have simply taken themselves too seriously, and I am not sure anybody is in a position to do that..."

- ROBERT ANTON WILSON writes:

"I found the latest `Smear' amusing, as usual, and also as usual, the most hilarious letters come from the people with the least sense of humor or intent to make me laugh.

"First law of Ufology: Since anybody with enough know-how can doctor a photo, photos prove nothing, unless they can seem to support your Belief System (B.S.) or to refute somebody else's Belief System (B.S).

"First law of ley hunting: Any group of ancient megaliths and/or medieval churches will form a symbol of some sort if you use a small enough map and a thick enough pencil.

"First law of debate: Those who shout loudest that they represent objectivity and rationality generally prove to be the most subjective and pig-headed..."

- ED STEWART, author of [the two Indexes reviewed briefly in this issue](#), writes:

"...I enjoy `Saucer Smear' - the lines and the in-between lines, the cartoons, and the insights. It helps to put things into context when we are able to laugh at ourselves. `Smear' may well be one of the most important UFO publications around from a sociological point of view, especially if one is willing to consider that the sociological aspects of UFO phenomena may well turn out to be the most important aspect of this puzzle, if we ever get to a future stage where real answers may become available."

- Researcher CHRIS ROTH writes:

"Thanks for the last `Smear'. First Bob Guccione attempting ufological journalism, and now you running [that photo of Simone Mendez](#) - are `Penthouse' and `Saucer Smear' slowly converging? Maybe in the next issue your front-page quote from John Keel about being `a boil on the ass of ufology' will be accompanied by an illustrative photo! ...

- GENE BUCK, a mad publicist from Seattle, Washington, writes as follows:

"...I had to have two teeth ripped out of my head last Monday. I think they took out the one (#28) that had the C.I.A. transmitter inserted in it, while I was in the Navy, in Honolulu, back in `ought-52! Actually, I think it was a sending AND receiving device. I'm going to miss the messages from Headquarters. And, hell! THEY are going to have to start renting videos to take the place of my daily ravings!..."

- DICK FREEMAN, editor of "Batteries Not Included", writes:

"...If Bob Guccione is willing to pay \$200,000 for a pig in the poke, I think he might pay me some upfront money to sneak onto Wright Patterson AFB & get into that Hangar (or meat locker, whichever) for some photos of what the USAF has hidden....

**THE GOLDEN YEARS HAVE COME AT LAST
I CANNOT SEE, I CANNOT PEE
I CANNOT CHEW, I CANNOT SCREW.
MY MEMORY SHRINKS, MY HEARING STINKS.
NO SENSE OF SMELL, I LOOK LIKE HELL
MY BODY'S DROOPING: GOT TROUBLE POOPING.
THE GOLDEN YEARS HAVE COME AT LAST.
THE GOLDEN YEARS CAN KISS MY ASS!**



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BOB GUCCIONE OF "PENTHOUSE" MAGAZINE MAKES A FOOL OF HIMSELF OVER ALIEN PHOTOGRAPHS!

Bob Guccione, editor & publisher of several newsstand magazines including "Penthouse" and "Omni", has featured three alleged alien photos in the September issue of "Penthouse". On pages 150-153 of that issue, following many pictures of lesbian love, and just preceding "The Penis Page" (P. 154), one finds three sensational photos of what "Smear" readers might assume to be an alien. Unfortunately, "Smear" has learned that these are actually pictures of the publicly-displayed alien model on view at the International UFO Museum in Roswell, New Mexico. This is a display that anyone who comes to the Museum can see and photograph, just as your editor did in May of last year. Yet Guccione is said to have paid \$50,000 to \$200,000 for these pictures.

Our interest in this situation became intense after reading an expose printed in the July 14th, 1996 issue of an English language Japanese UFO Magazine published by Jun-Ichi Takanashi (C.P.O. Box No. 1437, Osaka 530-91, Japan). Takanashi traces a group of "Chinese Alien Photos" which appeared on the World Wide Web in late 1995, and which were originally published in a Hong Kong weekly newspaper, where the caption in Chinese implied that the alien had been found by a Japanese professor in 1970. Then Paul Davids, producer of the 1994 movie "Roswell", identified this alien as one of four "props" that had been made for his film. One of these "props" had been sent to the International UFO Museum, where it is now displayed lying on a hospital bed.

Takanashi explains in detail why he believes the pictures were actually taken by a Japanese UFO researcher named Takano, on a visit to the Roswell Museum on January 1st, 1990. However, this is impossible, as the

Museum did not open until 1993, and did not receive the alien on loan until the following year. Thus there seems to be a serious flaw in this expose!

However, Takanashi's little magazine includes 2 of the 3 photos that are in "Penthouse", and they are identical down to the last detail. Furthermore, Deon Crosby, newly-appointed Director of the Roswell Museum, confirms to "Smear" that Guccione does indeed have "their" alien in his magazine! She points out that even the slats of the hospital bed are visible in the background of one "Penthouse" picture; and sure enough, they are there!

In the "Penthouse" write-up, Guccione modestly states, "The three extraordinary images published here may well be the most important pictures in the history of photography. A photograph of Jesus Christ might be comparable to the first real photo of an extraterrestrial. Otherwise, there's nothing that compares to this..."

Guccione goes on about how the U.S. Government would never want such pictures printed, and then explains that "the pictures belonged to the daughter of a German scientist who escaped to America at the outset of World War II. In this country the scientist worked with Einstein and Oppenheimer, and was also involved in top-secret government research endeavors, including the infamous Philadelphia Experiment (1943 - Ed.) and the investigation of the crash of a mysterious spaceship at Roswell, New Mexico, in the late 1940s." The implication is that these still pictures are from a movie film, but not from Ray Santilli's Roswell alien video film, which Guccione apparently thinks is a fake!

The irony here is that Guccione's "Omni" Magazine has a policy of taking a sober, scientific, skeptical view of UFO reports, and recently published three articles in one issue which, taken together, pretty well discredit the Roswell Incident as an interplanetary event - as pointed out in "Smear" at the time. Now here's the same publisher allowing pure garbage to be attached to his name in another magazine of his publishing empire. We can only suggest the obvious - that in UFO research anything goes, as long as it makes a buck!

We get the feeling that the people at the International UFO Museum are delighted by the added publicity they have received because of the Guccione fiasco. Adding to the impression of money-grubbing in the town of Roswell is the fact that a model saucer is now being marketed, based on the description of the craft by one of the alleged crash witnesses (Frank Kaufmann).

We of "Smear" keep trying to get off the Roswell kick and go on to something else, but humorous material about the famed 1947 incident keeps coming in to our Headquarters. Now there's an article from the July 15th, 1996 issue of "Forbes" Magazine, which begins, "P.T. Barnum is alive and apparently living in Roswell, N.M.... UNIDENTIFIED FLYING DOLLARS.. The story gets better in the retelling".

The "Forbes" article goes on to tell how the current mayor of Roswell, Thomas Jennings, has all sorts of saucer memorabilia in his office. Because of the recent renewed interest in the alleged 1947 crash, employment in Roswell has gone up, motel occupancy has increased, and the town is buzzing with new cottage industries related to UFOs. The biggest event in this revival will be next year's 50th Anniversary Celebration, which will take place on July 2nd-5th, according to recent information we have obtained. The little town will be jammed, so your humble "Smear" editor already has his reservation - where else but at the Roswell Inn!...

On a more serious note, "Smear" has obtained a copy of another formerly classified document, dated Nov. 3rd, 1948 and signed by Howard M. McCoy, Colonel, USAF; Chief, Intelligence Department. This is the same Col. McCoy whose earlier statement (March 17th, 1948) was quoted in small part at the top of Page One in [our June 1st, 1996 issue](#) of "Smear".

The 4-page Nov. 1948 document is titled "Flying Object Incidents in the United States". Key quotes, proving that nothing mysterious crashed at Roswell, are as follows: "... There remains a certain number of reports for which no reasonable everyday explanation is available. So far, no physical evidence of the existence of the unidentified sightings has been obtained..."

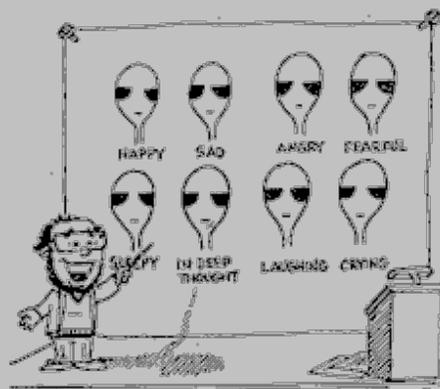
Another quote from the same document: "... The possibility that the reported objects are vehicles from another planet has not been ignored. However, tangible evidence to support conclusions about such a possibility are



completely lacking... It appears that similar phenomena have been noted and reported for the past century or more..."

Final quote: "... Although it is obvious that some types of flying objects have been sighted, the exact nature of those objects cannot be established UNTIL PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, SUCH AS THAT WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM A CRASH, HAS BEEN OBTAINED! (emphasis added).

Die-hard Roswell believers insist that either McCoy was lying to fellow officers in a classified document (which would be absurd!) or that he was ignorant of the Roswell crash. But he was Chief of Air Force Intelligence! How could he be kept in the dark, and why would he lie when he had no way of knowing that the public would ever read his words? We rest our case!



ALTHOUGH PROFESSOR OWEN WAS CERTAIN HE HAD DISCOVERED "THE MEANINGFULNESS OF THE ALIENS' EMOTIONLESS, NON-EXPRESSIVENESS", HIS COLLEAGUES AND STUDENTS SEEMED TO BE UNIMPRESSED WITH HIS PRESENTATION.



"Here comes Nan . . . Whatever you do, don't get her started on UFOs."

REVOLT OF THE MUFONites - CONTINUED:

In [our last issue](#) we told you how a number of leading southeastern members of MUFON have drawn up a list of complaints about how that organization is being run. Now we learn that in the state of Georgia, the situation is completely out of hand!

A married couple named Kelly and Henry Owens were recently appointed as co-Directors for Georgia by MUFON czar Walt Andrus. Unfortunately, Henry Owens (whom we do not know personally) turns out to be an overbearing sort, who has made threats to members who don't follow his orders. Worse, he has a swastika tattooed on one arm, which is visible whenever he wears a short-sleeved shirt: On one occasion he used the MUFON name in connection with a sheet of racist jokes that he sent to another MUFON member - leading people to believe he is indeed a racist. MUFON Headquarters was informed of all this, but did nothing.

Thereupon at least seven key members of Georgia MUFON resigned in order to form their own independent group, called the International Society for UFO Research (ISUR). The most important improvement over MUFON is that all UFO sighting data will be put on the Internet, where it can be read immediately by anyone who wants to read it, whereas MUFON has an outdated system in which all information is sent to Headquarters and sometimes not heard about again. If ISUR catches on as an organization, this could be the death of MUFON, which is already losing membership because of a recent increase in the annual dues.

We will have a lot more to say about all this in future issues!

A NEW KIND OF CONTACT CASE?

A New York writer we know, named Tom Hackney, has been steamed up for several years about a very unusual event which



occurred on the night of Oct. 9th, 1992. That evening, a rare green meteor estimated to weigh over a ton before it broke up into many pieces, was photographed and seen by thousands of people from North Carolina to the Great Lakes, as it plunged toward Earth. One piece weighing 27 pounds hit a young woman's car parked at her home in Peekskill, New York (See photo). The parent meteor is the first ever filmed from which a meteorite has actually been recovered.

Although it is not unique for a meteorite to hit a car or a home, Hackney sees deep-cosmic significance in the subtle details of this particular event. His strange thesis is that the event was a deliberate attempt at communication by an extraterrestrial intelligence - though he does not believe in UFOs as interplanetary vehicles.

Hackney points out such things as:

1. Peekskill divides into "peek" and "skill"
2. The second half of the license plate number, 933, is significant in several ways, including the fact that the car owner's telephone number ends in 933, and the fact that just **3** days later, on Oct. 12, 1992, NASA began the first truly large scale, Congressionally funded all-sky SETI Project in search of extraterrestrial life.
3. The SETI Project was (and still is) at the Aimes Research Center (Mountain View, Ca.), and the meteor hit only the right side of the car, in an amazingly precise manner. **Right aim**, get it?

Was this meteorite deliberately sent to Peekskill to tell us something? We do know that it brought good luck, not bad, to the car owner. She eventually sold the car, a 1980 Chevrolet, for \$25,000 because of the meteor impact, and she sold the meteorite itself for about \$50,000!

There's a lot more detail to this story that we just don't have Space for. If you want further information, contact Tom Hackney at the Center for Extraterrestrial Understanding, 164-20 Highland Ave., Jamaica, N.Y. 11432.

ANOTHER BIGFOOT HOAX?

The so-called Patterson film, taken in 1967, is generally considered to be the only Bigfoot film that is certain to be authentic. It shows a female ape-like creature running with a gait that is so unusual that it is in all probability not a human in a costume - or so researchers have assumed.

Now a man named Harry Kembali confesses that he was present when Patterson and his friends put together their Bigfoot hoax on 16 mm film. According to Kembali, they all laughed and joked about the rental of the gorilla costume and the construction of the Big Feet. One of Kembali's extra tall buddies played the role of Bigfoot. Patterson and his crew carefully chose muddy ground so that the footprints would expand. They added a shaky camera zoom with the right amount of "out of focus" to complete the deception.

According to an in-depth article in the current issue of "Strange" Magazine (#17), the ape costume was probably created by ace ape-suit-maker John Chambers, who is a famous professional in that line of work.

YE OLDE BOOK BAG:

- Well, we thought we'd take another crack at Stanton Friedman's new book, "TOP SECRET/MAJIC", about his extremely biased search for the Truth about the notorious "MJ-12" documents.

The back cover informs us that Friedman's positive opinion about the documents is largely influenced by what he learned about the "double life" of the late Harvard University astronomer & UFO debunker, Dr. Donald Menzel. However, your "Smear" editor knew Menzel personally (Friedman did not); your editor bought paintings of whimsical Martians from Menzel; and he talked in detail with Menzel's widow and with Dr. Ernest Taves, a psychiatrist who was a very close friend of Menzel and co-author of a couple of Menzel's books; and the outcome of all this is the fact that Menzel did not lead a "double life". He was genuinely a rather disagreeable & sometimes irrational UFO skeptic, with a whimsical obsession for mythical Martians. He also wrote science fiction. He could not have been a member of "MJ-12", if it ever existed. None of Menzel's classified work that Friedman found out about had anything whatever to do with UFOs. We have printed all this in past "Smears" and pointed the facts out to Friedman, but to no avail!

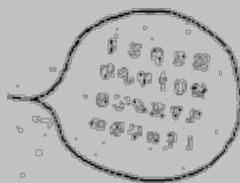
In the August 1996 MUFON Journal, one Robert Bletchman becomes downright lyrical in reviewing Friedman's book. Says he: "It appears that Friedman is a driven man. He is driven to help make this world a better place for his and other children. He's driven by the wide-eyed innocence of a child's imagination that this can be done. He's driven by a belief born of the seasoning of a 62-year-old mainstream scientist that ETs are here and humans' proper place must be in the galactic community..."

This doesn't sound much like the Stan Friedman we've known for 25 years! Isn't he also driven by **money**? And, by the way, Robert Bletchman just happens to be the **Director of Public Relations** for MUFON! We think Dennis Stacy, esteemed editor of the MUFON Journal, could well have written a much more objective review, had he chosen to do so...

- Also, someone has just sent us a review copy of "Forbidden Science - Journals 1957-1969" by famed UFO writer & scientist Jacques Vallee. This was originally published in 1992, and is a fascinating diary of Vallee's investigations. Your "Smear" editor is mentioned on Page 163. Available from Marlowe & Co. Price not given.
- Then there's a new book that we have mentioned before, written by our friend Curt Sutherly. It is called "Strange Encounters", and is put out by Liewellyn Publications, who are also the publishers of FATE Magazine. Sutherly's effort consists of 15 gripping stories that run the gamut of the bizarre, from monster sightings to UFO cover-ups. Your "Smear" editor is mentioned on pages 86-88, 94, 96, 230, and 232. Buy this book!...
- Finally, we should mention that Kal K. Korff, author of a current book exposing the Billy Meier UFO contact claims, has a book coming out in early 1997 exposing the true origins of Ray Santilli's alien autopsy film. This should be very interesting!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

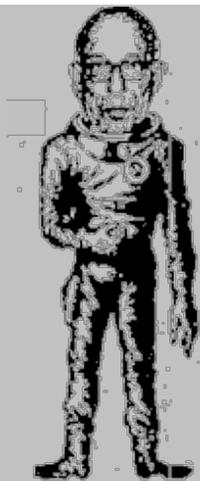
- Lovable old PHIL KLASS writes:



"Dear Mr. Moseley:

"If you do not immediately stop publishing items critical of my dear, dear (and respected) (and beloved) friend Jerome Clark, I shall be forced to create the `Spare Jerry Clark Defense Fund`. And when the fund has accumulated \$100,000,000,000,000 to underwrite legal costs, I will sue you and `Saucer Smear` for slandering poor Jerry.

"(As perhaps you know, Jerry is my illegitimate son, born of a liason with a nurse named Naomi Selff during a brief visit to the Roswell Army Air Field in early July of 1947.)



"Be forewarned..."

PHIL KLAS

"P.S: `Smear' gets more interesting with every issue. Keep up the good work. No wonder Ufologists refer to `Smear' as `the National Enquirer version of

`SUN'"

- DR. ELLEN CRYSTALL, author of "Silent Invasion", writes:

If someone has an AC/DC name like `Lee' (**Walsh - Ed.**) you would think they would preface their name with a Mr. or Ms., so there's no confusion! How would anyone know? Now that I'm thinking about [what the idiot wrote](#), who cares. She probably never ever went out on the streets in Pine Bush, talking to the hundreds of people observing. ... Sightings go back to at least the 1950s. There have been continuous newspaper articles about close encounters long before I ever showed up. And then of course there are the 1500 photos I've taken in Pine Bush, the hundreds of photos others have taken, and the many dozens of video tapes many people have also taken. Real photos can't be faked. The fake ones can be faked. If you read my book, you'll see what I mean.

- And, the above-mentioned LEE WALSH has this to say:

"Well, UFOs in Pine Bush - what can I say, aside from the fact that I really don't give a crapola. BUT I was in and around Pine Bush for probably 30 or more years before Ellen Crystall was born. The `hundreds of sightings by hundreds of people' are exactly what I was telling you about. These `morons' come from miles around to *sight'. The long-time residents are pissed off, to put it mildly. Probably some people see something, sometimes. Who doesn't? I'm hard pressed to believe that, like Billy Meier, anyone can just go with a camera, at any time, and take endless photos of UFO/aliens. It ain't gonna happen! But, THAT is her thing and she makes money from it. THIS is my thing and I don't. Maybe there is really something to that Collective Unconscious these New Agers are always talking about. You have to be unconscious to collect all this garbage that is going around!

"Lots of people think Lee Walsh is male and that's the way I intended it to be, right from the beginning, many years ago. You've been into this thing for a long time, Jim, and how many women do you know who were in the UFO field during the `golden era of the flying saucer'? I found that I didn't get any material published at all, but when I started using the `nickname' Lee, everyone assumed (because of the spelling) that I was male, and I had many articles published in various magazines, newsletters & newspapers, in the U.S., Canada, Japan, Denmark, & Scotland, because I was assumed to be male. I still get lots of `good stuff' addressed to Mr. Lee Walsh but things are different now. I explain that I am female and it doesn't make any difference these days.

- DR. GARY POSNER, M.D. of the Tampa Bay Septios writes as follows:

"I couldn't help but notice your reference to [`real M.D.' Roger Leir](#), cohort of Derrel `Mr. Credibility' Sims, in your Aug. 20th issue. From what I've read of Dr. Leir, he is not a `M.D.' but rather a `D.P.M.' (podiatrist).

"Congratulations on breaking the news that [Budd Hopkins](#) is 'hopelessly humorless'...

"And finally: In light of the recent NASA news conference, any thoughts on the contrast between NASA's scientific quest to prove the existence (past, if not present) of life on another planet, versus the Ufologists' efforts to prove same?"

No. - Editor.

- ROB MacGREGOR, author of the current non-ufological Avon Book called "The Phantom", writes:

"[Tampa Bay Septics](#)! I love it. Tanks for the joke, intended or not. "I've seen Uri Geller perform several times, and have seen spoons bend in the audience when Geller was nowhere nearby, and never touched the spoons. I suppose it could be mass (spoon-bending) hysteria!"

- Notorious Roswell critic ROBERT TODD writes as follows:

"Thanks for your recent note and your sage advice that I 'loosen up'. The fact is, now that I'm 'officially' out of UFO 'research', I'm quite loose. I've found an almost-perfect solution to getting rid of my voluminous files. I'm eating them, one box at a time. The high fiber content (not to mention the toxic chemicals) tend to make me a little too loose. - But then I'm sure this is more detail than you need or want.

"I still have some FOIA requests out there in limbo. Except for these pending requests, it is my sincere hope that my letter to Boreass will be the last battle I fight in ufology. Ufoology will continue on its merry way, oblivious to the nonsense and lies. It's hopeless. Ufoology will forever be nothing more than a hobby club. They might as well collect stamps for all the good they're doing!

"Unless the ufological scum-of-the-earth start attacking me in public, I have no plans to resurrect 'The Cowflop Quarterly'. If they do start attacking me, I'll come out of retirement with a vengeance. It will be no more 'Mr. Nice Guy' then!..."

"I'd like nothing better than to get drunk with you in Roswell on the 50th anniversary of the 'Roswell alien spaceship crash'. It would be a dream come true! If I'm able to get away, I'll be there!..."

- SHEILA FRANKLIN, author of "The Excyles", writes:

"...Apropos to [Erik Beckjord's info](#) about the crop formation across from Stonehenge, the enclosed photo will show you the perspective. I recently returned from a trip to England and Scotland to do UFO/crop circle research... I had the privilege of experiencing this and other spectacular formations. Odin Andrews was there with us and described the genesis of the formation. It formed in the daytime in front of thousands of Stonehenge visitors. No one saw anything! A sightseeing plane flew over the area at the time and then returned over the area. The window of 'creative opportunity' was a maximum of 45 minutes. The formation is indeed huge!..

According to Andrews, there was a full investigation, with the help of the Ministry of Defense. The pattern is the spiraling Julia set, a mathematical construct representing a collection of points expanding at the same rate as described in fractal chaos theory. (I have no idea what that means, but it is supposed to be something important!)"

- ROBERT ANTON WILSON writes:

I was down to Los Angeles several times in the last month, during Tim Leary's transmigration, and then again afterwards, for a memorial service in an airplane hangar and an Irish wake at his house. Very emotionally and physically exhausting.

"Tim managed about 98% of his Designer Death I would say, and the minor failures (memory loss) did not distract from the beauty of what he did. He raised all of us, friends and family, to a level beyond simple grief, to a level of triumph which is very hard to explain if you weren't there. He didn't just die bravely, he died celebrating and partying up to the last two days, and then just slept most of the time until he slipped away, asking `Why not?'..."

"I received an e-mail from Tim Leary about a month after his death. It wished me well and assured me he was happy in his new habitat, but it was a little too crowded over there. This didn't surprise me at all. I had a hunch he had something of that sort planned. I have no idea how many more such messages will be released, or on what schedule, or who will receive them; but I suspect they will go on for at least a decade and get sent to (a) friends (b) critics (c) politicians (d) mass media (e) places I can't guess because I don't have Tim's mixture of humor and desire to experiment on society as a whole..."



"I've never met a cigarette that didn't make me do that anyway. I thought that's what they were for."

Albany, N.Y., smoker Chris Edwards, ignoring the recall of defective Philip Morris cigarettes that could cause dizziness, coughing, wheezing, and eye, nose and throat irritation



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"You are....a boil on the ass of ufology."

- JOHN KEEL, writing in the March 25th, 1977 issue of "Saucer Glues" (one of the former names of "Saucer Smear")

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REVOLT OF THE MUFONites!

This past June, a group of prominent southeastern members of MUFON drew up a list of 36 comments and recommended improvements in the way that organization conducts its UFO research. This list was sent to all who receive the "National UFO News", which is the new, confusing title of the newsletter published by the Florida MUFON organization. Most of the members in all other states were left in the dark!

Leaders of this in-house revolt include Charles Flannigan, Florida State Director, as well as the State Directors for Louisiana and Alabama, and Tim Brigham, editor of the highly influential "Devil's Advocate" which is published in Gulf Breeze, Florida.

Many of the suggestions would involve increased paperwork by MUFON officials. Among the other comments and recommended changes:

- Provide a current list of Executive Committee members and their addresses to State Directors, and copies of the MUFON by-laws
- Delete all advertising in the MUFON Journal
- Address potential lawsuits against state leaders and subordinates

- Remove membership status from individuals who have their own agenda and operate outside of MUFON's objectives
- Relocate MUFON International Headquarters from a residential subdivision (i.e., Walt Andrus' home) to a commercial office
- Eliminate carnival atmosphere at MUFON symposium exhibit rooms, specifically New Age, Voodoo, shirt & coffee mug vendors (***We've never seen Voodoo there!*** - Editor) and -
- MUFON appears to have similar problems that led to the demise of APRO and NICAP, etc.

To our way of thinking, the most severe problem at MUFON, re the last item mentioned above, is the Cult of Personality, in that there is no process set up, as far as anyone knows, to replace International Czar Walt Andrus should he ever move on to a Higher Plane.

When we asked Walt recently what he thinks of the list of criticisms, he seemed unenthusiastic about it. As a mere Journal Subscriber (J.S.) in the vast MUFON organization, we do not know what, if anything, has been done or will be done to implement the items on the list. We would have a few rather severe recommendations of our own, were anyone to ever ask!...

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1996 MUFON CONVENTION:

This year's MUFON conclave was held July 5th-7th in a **very** nice convention center in Greensboro, North Carolina, enabling your "Smear" editor to attend the festivities and also visit with grandchildren who live nearby.

Perhaps MUFON's biggest problem is its habit of accepting pro-UFO evidence which does not even remotely meet scientific standards. A case in point is that of artist Budd Hopkins, who has **finally** obtained a publisher for his "Case of the Century" (1989), involving Linda Napolitano of New York City - whom he still insists on calling Linda Cortile. This notorious case, in which Linda was actually floated out her apartment window by aliens late one night, is now one of the subjects of a book just out by Hopkins, called "Witnessed".

Hopkins' speech at the Convention was called "The Sixth Witness", referring to a recently-discovered woman who saw the alleged abduction while driving her car on the night in question. Her name is said to be Cathy Turner. The other five witnesses apparently are: Linda; pseudo-government agents Dan and Rick, whom no one has met; "the woman on the Brooklyn Bridge", who has since died; and Perez de Cuellar, who was at that time the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Perez de Cuellar was once interviewed and denied any knowledge of the incident; but in his lecture Hopkins claimed to have a letter from the man, negating this denial. We'd sure like to see that letter!

The tragedy is that Cathy Turner has **also** died, and thus would be difficult to interview. The only witness readily available is Linda herself, and indeed, she was at the podium with Hopkins, answering questions. As time passes, Hopkins has become increasingly bitter at those who simply cannot swallow this story!

Another questionable lecture at the Convention was "Medical and Surgical Aspects of the UFO Abduction Phenomenon", given by a real M.D. named Dr. Roger Leir. We might have given Leir the benefit of the doubt, had he not mentioned that he works closely with Derrel Sims of the Houston (Texas) DEC Network (HUFON). We have been provided with an in-depth expose of Sims published in the May 30th, 1996 issue of "Houston Press". The gist of this article is that Sims has the credibility of a snake oil salesman. (We will lend this long article to selected "Smear" non-subscribers if asked to do so.)

The most enjoyable lecture, in a purely non-scientific way, was the one by A. J. Gevaerd, MUFON National Director for Brazil. This centered around an alleged UFO landing in Brazil this past January (discussed further on in this issue). Though the evidence for this landing is purely anecdotal, Gevaerd expressed great enthusiasm, and even your sour "Smear" editor was swept up by enthusiasm (not belief). John Carpenter, MUFON Director of Abduction Research, calls it "a damn good case, equal to Roswell", and Harvard psychiatrist John Mack says he would stake his career and license on the story being true. Both Carpenter and Mack were speakers at this year's MUFON Convention.

If Geveard's talk was the most popular, the **least** popular "paper" was the one given by famed Roswell researcher Kevin Randle. Though he told us in private conversation that he still swears by the Roswell case, he mysteriously chose to give his talk on the subject: "Does Pop Culture Affect our Views?" The implied answer is **yes** and Randle went on to show that prototypes for various forms of aliens may well come from science-fiction. Of course no one wants to hear **that**, as it is "negative". Amusingly, since MUFON convention speeches are published in advance, and since Randle happened to be the first on the Convention program, several other speakers included emotional rebuttals in **their** speeches!

Other "papers" included one by Philip Mantle of England, an excellent speaker (whom we largely disagree with), who admitted that the famous alien autopsy video is **not** connected with the Roswell crash, as the date is wrong.

The program was rounded out by: Our friend Antonio Huneus, MUFON International Coordinator; Carlos Rojas of Mexico; Chris Styles of Canada; Jeffrey Sainic; Vincent DePietro; John White; and Dr. Bruce Maccabee of Gulf Breeze fame. Nuclear Physicist Stanton Friedman was conspicuous by his absence.

There were no Voodoo items for sale at the Convention, but we did buy lovely "grey" alien dolls for two of our scientifically-minded grandchildren, aged 4 and 8.

Our most enjoyable experience was infiltrating the private party that Walt Andrus gave on Saturday evening for the lecturers and other "Inner Circle" people. We tried hard to behave, but we couldn't resist saying hello to Richard Hall of FUFOR, with whom we have not been speaking for well over thirty years. (Long story there!) [We now know that Hopkins is hopelessly humorless](#), so we didn't even try to talk to him. Walt Andrus was pleasant to all. He may not be a scientist, but he **is** a gentleman.



ABOVE, LEFT: First available photo of your humble editor receiving the "Lifetime Achievement" Award at last year's NUFON convention in Atlanta, GA. (Photo thanks to Mark Asmus) - ABOVE, RIGHT: Book seller Jim Greenen pushes a supposed replica of the real "Area 51" warning sign at the 1996 MUFON convention in Greensboro, NC (Photo by OISEAU)

A HOT TIME IN OLD BRAZIL:

Throughout the years, Brazil has been a country that, for whatever reason, has had UFO events that are more utterly bizarre than those occurring anywhere else. We are thinking of abductions, attempted abductions, **deaths** apparently caused by UFOs, etc. These strange happenings have been documented in the writings of Jacques Vallee, Bob Pratt, and others who have taken the trouble to go to primitive areas of Brazil to make first-hand interviews.

Now we have a landing story said by some to equal the Roswell case, as described in the June 28th Wall St. Journal & elsewhere: In a rather tongue-in-cheek manner, the Journal recounts how, last Jan. 20th, 3 young women in the town of Varginha spotted a creature with oily brown skin, "rubbery limbs", and three rounded protrusions spousing from an oversized head. Just like this story, one ghastly whiff of the creature was enough

to weaken the knees!

The women ran off in panic, and that should have been the end of it. But somehow, largely due to the efforts of a local UFO investigator, the sighting became linked to unusual military activity in Varginha that occurred at about the same time. **No** UFO was seen when the creature was encountered, but because of Brazilian paranoia about their armed forces, it is now believed that a flying saucer was retrieved, plus several alien bodies, and that the United States military intervened to make sure the evidence was sent to our country so that the eternal cover-up can continue!

By co-incidence, an international UFO conference took place in Brazil this past June, with John Carpenter, Stanton Friedman, and other leading MUFONites in attendance. John Mack of Harvard made a separate trip to Brazil at his own expense. All this plus the MUFON conference in July means that the Varginha case will take its place as a classic item in UFO lore. More on this in forthcoming issues.

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- Your "Smear" editor will be MOVING in the next few weeks, to a new location here in Key West, Florida. The mailing address and phone number (for those of you clever enough to call Information) will remain the same. We have sold our beautiful guest house, Rose Lane Gardens, which a handful of you have been lucky enough to visit. We are now going into something of a Retirement Phase, though we will continue to publish this glorious rag into the foreseeable future...



- We don't have much of a "follow-up" to [our story in the last issue](#) about the arrest of John Ford, President of the Long Island (N.Y.) UFO Network, together with a co-worker named Joseph Mazzuchelli. Both are accused of plotting to kill several local government officials by poisoning them with radium and by other means.

Now a third member of the group named Edward Zabo has also been arrested. He was an electrical inspector at Northrop Grumman on Long Island and is suspected of stealing radium and other material from Grumman, possibly to pay a federal tax debt plus local fines for drunk driving. Mazzuchelli also has a criminal record. All three are being held without bail.

Can this mean that the next issue of John Ford's UFO newsletter will be unavoidably delayed for an indefinite period of time???

- The [cute little animal on our masthead](#) is apparently the dreaded **chupacabras**, who migrated from Puerto Rico into Spanish-speaking areas of American cities, and now seems to be causing a whole lot of trouble in Mexico. According to the May 11th Washington D.C. Post, the creature "has the fangs of a vampire, the wings of a bat, and the personality of an extraterrestrial", whatever that means. Egads!...
- According to a rather amazing item in the July 25th Philadelphia Inquirer, Bob Guccione has forked over between \$50,000 and \$200,000 for "the first photos of an actual space alien" which will be published in the September issue of Penthouse Magazine. Says Guccione: "I am absolutely convinced of their authenticity", and he compares his literary coup to that of obtaining "an actual photograph of Jesus Christ hanging on the cross". Apparently he is strung out on some of the still pictures taken from Ray Santilli's alien autopsy video of recent fame. ...
- From Erik Beckjord (remember him?) we learn of a spectacular crop circle formation that appeared on July 7th almost instantaneously in a field adjacent to Stonehenge in England. This is not one but an intricate pattern of 151 circles of various sizes! It is not clear, however, whether this peculiar occurrence happened in daylight or at night. In any case, the crop circle phenomenon is obviously getting weirder as time goes by!

Beckjord can be reached at - UFObfmuseum@value.net....

- I guess it's inevitable that we at least mention the movie "Independence Day", the modern update on "War of the Worlds". The old virus with which we earthlings destroyed the invading aliens has now been replaced with a computer virus, which is a cute twist. Amusingly, we found a very favorable response to the movie in Louis Farrakhan's weekly magazine, "The Final Call". Anything - even fictional - that threatens to wipe out the white man's civilization is good news to the Nation of Islam! ...
- Cattle mutilation guru Linda Moulton Howe has been ejected from MUFON's Board of Directors for failing to show up at Board meetings and failure to take any interest in same...
- We neglected to mention it at the time, but an article by your editor entitled "The Dawn of the Flying Saucer Era" appeared in the Spring 1996 issue of Tim Beckley's "UFO Universe". It was, if we do say so ourselves, a nice rundown of events in the far western U.S. in the 1953-1954 period, and involves interviews we had with many of the leading voices in ufology of that era (*none* of whom ever mentioned the Roswell Incident, by the way!) The article was originally offered to FATE Magazine, but was turned down for obscure reasons....



MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- DR. CARY POSNER of the Tampa Bay (Fl.) Septics, writes:

"Dear Reliable Observer:

"[As pre-announced in your June 1st issue](#), I had the great honor of roaming the State University of New York at Buffalo campus (packing a large bent spoon in my pocket) during CSICOP's June 20-23 World Skeptics Congress, in search of an explanation of how Uri Geller could have caused the spoon to, in your words, 'bend on its own for . . . perhaps thirty seconds without being further touched'....

"I did show the deformed utensil to several 'magical' CSICOPpers for their expert opinions. They included Chip Denman, Ray Hyman, Jerry Andrus, Joe Nickell, and James Randi. None of the aforementioned magicians could come up with any explanation for how the spoon could possibly have continued to bend on its own, as you believe you witnessed. None was aware of any metallurgic technique that could have been employed. All believed that, with Celler's expert guidance, your eyes/brain had deceived you. A couple of them mentioned some weird substance (it sounded something like 'alk-uh-hawl') that could have somehow been involved but, not being a magician myself, I couldn't quite follow..."

We are amazed that the Learned Elders of CSICOP can't even admit that ther~ could be a trick they are unfamiliar with. Total Knowledge must be a boring state of mind! - Editor.

- DR. BRUCE MACCABEE writes as follows:

"In your last 'Smear' you published [my letter](#) in which I had mentioned that Col. McCoy (chief Intelligence officer at ATIC in 1947-1949) had said that, as of March 1948, there were 'over 300' sightings by 'very competent people' which had not been publicized in the news media. This number by itself is interesting, but it is not the point I wanted to make.

"A look at the Blue Book file shows that the AF had collected a paltry 135 or so sightings by that time.. The implication of McCoy's statement combined with the Blue Book record is that over 160 sightings never made it to the Blue Book file. The natural questions which arise are - why aren't they in the BB file, who were these witnesses, and what did they see?

"Assuming McCoy was telling the truth when he stated his wish for one to crash, which implies that none had crashed (or at least that he wasn't aware of a crash), then he was probably also telling the truth when he provided an approximate number ('over 300') of sighting reports. McCoy's statement provides the first quantitative evidence that the Air Force withheld sightings from the Project Blue Book file."

- Roswell researcher HERBERT TAYLOR writes:

"I finally did it! After 22 years I just couldn't take CUFOS and it's IUR ('International UFO Reporter') outlet any more, so I quit. Enclosed is my CUFOS resignation letter and Jerry Clark's response to it. His remarks show that he just doesn't get it! Jerry, et al, simply refuse to face the real issues re Roswell. It's a damn shame. The pro-Roswell articles in IUR are pure garbage. The circus rolls on!"

- And, Roswell researcher KARL PFLOCK writes:

"Unfortunately, in quoting [my remarks in 'The Jim Ragsdale Story'](#) about the two versions of Roswell 'witness' Jim Ragsdale's tale, you blended them together in such a way as to confuse what I actually wrote about what. It was the story as originally reported by Randle and Schmitt which I found 'internally contradictory', with 'all the earmarks of barroom tall tales', and situated in a most unlikely place for a tryst - the desolate high desert 35 miles NNW of Roswell. As for what Ragsdale told me on Sept. 9th, 1994, **this** is what I wrote in the book:

'While in some respects (e.g. the location) the story is more plausible than that originally attributed to him, in many others it is equally suspect or more so.. The Jim Ragsdale story, as interesting and entertaining as it is, remains just that, an interesting and entertaining story and nothing more.'"

- The semi-mysterious JOHN ALEXANDER writes:

"Sorry, but I can't let this one go by unchallenged. [George Hansen's remarks](#) (in 'Smear') about my mentor need addressing, and I'll throw in a few of my own:

"Elisabeth Kubler-Ross did have a brief relationship with the Barhams but distanced herself as soon as she learned the facts. The fact is, the entire hospice movement in America was brought about by her efforts. She is internationally renowned for her work in helping people through extremely difficult transitions. As a result of my work with her, I was involved with Ann Dailey in establishing Children's Hospice International, dedicated to helping children facing life-threatening illness and their families. Thor that work President Reagan awarded me a National Award for Volunteerism. (I'm sure GH has similar ones!)

"As for my non-contributions to science, Aviation Week did make me an Aerospace Laureate, and last year the Department of Energy presented an Award of Excellence for contribution to specific programs. (Surely GH has similar recognition.)

"I do note that Walden University, a fully-accredited institution, advertises as stated. Of course

that's alongside schools such as Penn State. Unfortunately, I was tied up on other matters for thirty-some years and didn't have time to devote exclusive effort to school. (Again, GH doesn't seem to have done so, either. Also, I didn't find him listed in my copy of `Who's Who'.)

"GH comments about `those in the know'. Here an old saying applies, `He who knows not, but knows not that he knows not, is a fool. Shun him.'"

- And the above-mentioned GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"Many thanks for publishing my letter on Alexander. A number of people are pleased that you didn't chicken out! I've received some very positive feedback on it.

"By the way, a small point: I am not a psychologist. Some of those who are would probably become extremely irate if I didn't write you to set the record straight."

- Publisher TIMOTHY GREEN BECKLEY ("Mr. UFO") writes as follows:

"I think that Jerry Clark shows shades of envy in the Summer issue of IUR when he condemns Carl Sagan for reading `Timothy Green Beckley's collected works'. Since I started editing `UFO Universe' and `Unsolved UFO Sightings' in 1988, we have presented every angle of this mystery, often pro and con.

"Perhaps it was easier for Dr. Sagan to find my `collected works', since our publications have a readership of 50,000 as opposed to the less than 1,000 copies of IUR that get into circulation. Of course, FATE Magazine had tons of subscribers (way into the tens of thousands) and boasted a wide newsstand circulation before Jerry's editorship. By the time he left the job, FATE's readership had declined considerably. Perhaps it had something to do with the fact that he was so busy attacking skeptics with features like the 23-page `Starbaby' article he ran, that he didn't realize that FATE readers might be more interested in true ghost stories and exciting close encounters, and eventually might seek out other sources for their information.

"Jerry seems to have plenty of time to make snide comments about me - and others! - in print, but he fails to mention his `roots', which were at the feet of the `Master'. Back in the 1960s he was the assistant editor of my `Interplanetary News Service Report', his `job' being to type the stencils of the first publication I published (which, by the way, later merged with SAUCER NEWS.)

"Now our dear friend doesn't want to `dirty his hands' and fails to mention me in the text of his rather one-sided self opinionated `encyclopedia'. Mind you, I'm not in the index of the third volume, but in plenty of the footnotes, when he chooses to use my source material in his `collected works' to fill in the blanks.

"Frankly, I don't care what J.C. (does he perhaps take these initials too seriously?) thinks of my `collected works'. He doesn't pay my bills. Ironically, I've published books by some of the authors he likes to praise so highly (i.e. Jenny Randles, Kevin Randle). I don't believe I've ever attacked anyone in print; it's not my style. I've always been one for wanting to see the field progress. Perhaps we'd all get somewhere in our 'search' if we cut back on the name calling and spent our time in a more progressive manner.

"It's funny that a lot of the Ufological matters that used to occupy so much of Jerry's time (including some rather mystifying Men in Black activities around his own home) he likes to sweep under the rug in order to give his `collected works' a more scientific appearance. But where exactly are his degrees? I have just as many as he does - NONE!

"As far as I'm concerned, J.C. can take all those stones and sticks he likes to toss about and -
- You get the picture!"

- DR. ELLEN CRYSTALL, author of "Silent Invasion", writes:

"...An author has no control over how a publisher decides to print a book. If they want to do a [lousy photo section](#) in a book - defeating the purpose of concise information - they have the right. ... I would have wanted a color photo section, since my photos are clear and in brilliant color (as are many of the hundreds of other photographs taken by other people at Pine Bush)...

"The reason why I didn't buy a quartz or plastic lens should be obvious - money! A quartz lens costs close to \$2,000; a plastic lens would have to be made up specially by Kodak, and we were once quoted an approximate price of \$600. If anyone would like to give me the money I'd be glad to acquire these lenses...

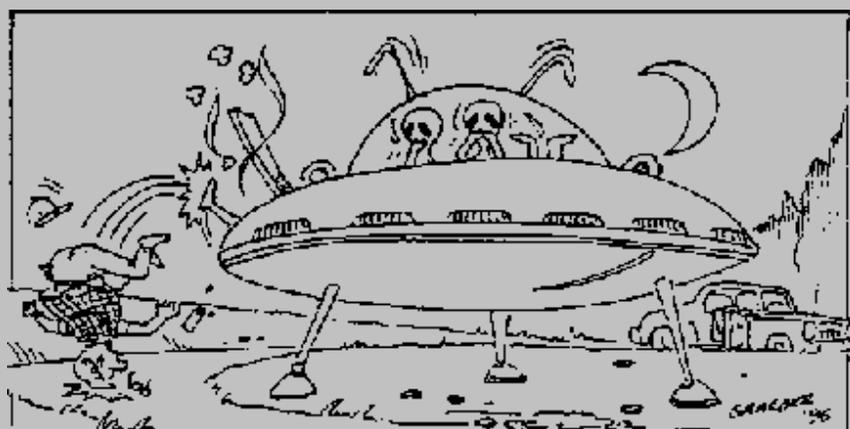
"If you would have read the literature on 'Silent Invasion', you would know that as of Jan. 1st, 1966, the book was put out of print by Marlowe & Co., to make way for the mass paperback coming this Fall from St. Martin's Press, with a redesigned cover. People can get the book from me at 1442 Hemlock Farms, Hawley, Pa. 18428..."

A VERY BRIEF BOOK REVIEW:

Long-time UFO researcher Stanton Friedman has finally hit us with his long-awaited new book, "TOP SECRET/MAJIC", published by Marlowe & Co. - a publishing house that apparently has a weakness for UFO books (see above). We have an "uncorrected proof" here at "Smear" Headquarters - but never mind, we've had no time to read it as yet.

All we know for sure is that **Friedman alone** among current leading American ufologists chooses to accept the validity of the notorious "MJ-12" documents, which are the subject of this book. (Of course, Stan is now Canadian.) His legitimate background in Nuclear Physics makes his credulity all the more amazing! In our next issue we'll have more to say about all this. In the meanwhile, let's get to the really important facts: The book is available, soft cover, for \$22.95 from Marlowe & Co., 632 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

THE 53RD ANNUAL NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE (NUFOC) will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on October 5th and 6th. For details WRITE: P.O. Box 55185 Madison, Wi. 53705 or PHONE: 608-537-2383. Speakers include James Moseley,, Stanton Friedman, Kevin Randle, Karl Pflock, Jerry Clark and many others.



STANLEY DIDN'T KNOW IT AT THE TIME, BUT THAT PEPPERONI PIZZA AND TWO EXTRA BREWSKIS HAD SPARED HIM FROM AN ON BOARD ORDEAL.



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"Why Not?.... Yeah!"

- Purported last words of 1960s hippie guru DR. TIMOTHY LEARY, who died of cancer at his Los Angeles home on Nay 31st, 1996, surrounded by his friends. He was also interested in UFOs. See photo & story [further on in this issue](#).

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PRESS-TIME BULLETIN: JOHN FORD OF THE LONG ISLAND UFO NETWORK BECOMES "RADIOACTIVE MAN" IN A BIZARRE DEATH PLOT!

Once again *Saucer Smear* "scoops" the UFO press, this time with the story of John Ford, a retired Long Island, N.Y. court officer who for several years has been president of the Long Island UFO Network.

In a recent undated bulletin, which at the time we chose to ignore, Ford complains that a co-worker named Mazzuchelli was severely beaten by "four muscular men" while driving a truck borrowed from Ford. Ford says he believes that the attack was intended for him, and that a plot involving "newspaper sources, county, state and federal officials" is trying to suppress his information about two alleged UFO landings on Long Island. (Other ufologists say that these landings are not authentic in the first place.)

With this background, it is easier to understand an article in the June 14th issue of the New York Post, which tells of the arrest of Ford and Mazzuchelli. Both were charged with plotting to kill key Long Island officials in a

scheme involving the use of radioactive material, i.e., radium. Police seized from Ford's home a number of radioactive canisters, plus a huge cache of weapons, a mine detector and a gas mask. Ford admitted that he had been stalking one county official with a high-powered rifle equipped with a telescopic sight!

Literature of the notorious Freeman, going back to 1990, was found in Ford's home. Officials say they do not believe Ford was connected to that group, but Ford's above-mentioned Bulletin ends with the word "VERITAS" (Latin for "Truth"), which is the name of Bill Cooper's pro-Militia magazine.

Recently Ford filed a multimillion dollar lawsuit against a rival Long Island UFO researcher & lecturer named Bill Knell, which drove Knell out of New York State to some new location in Florida. Knell too is a gun nut, having been arrested several years ago for selling unlicensed handguns. Knell has also made written death threats against your **Saucer Smear** editor!



Such is the sorry state of ufoology! See also **Smear** [Vol. 42, No. 7, Page 5](#), and [Vol. 42, No. 9, Page 4](#). More details about John Ford in our next issue.

Photo, above left, shows the Bellport home where cops seized cannisters of radium, weapons, and Freeman literature. (Photo by Mary McLaughlin, New York Post)

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- Researcher Karl Pflock has called our attention to a newly-discovered "flaw" in Ray Santilli's notorious alien abduction film, re the Roswell Incident. The original film reel-can labels bear a stamp (= seal) as well as some handwritten identification and developing records. The stamp appears to have been applied before the cameraman wrote his instructions. The design of the stamp has now been clearly identified as that of the National Military Establishment, and research shows that this stamp was not introduced until October 1947 at the earliest. Unfortunately the Roswell Incident occurred in late June or early July, 1947 - depending on which expert one listens to. ...
- We have two interesting follow-ups on [our item in the last Smear about Uri Geller's spoon bending](#). One, sent to us by anti-CSICOP skeptic Marcello Truzzi, is from a British music magazine's write-up about Geller, which tells how the reporter witnessed the following:

"He (Geller) takes the spoon and, with his index finger, gently rubs the handle and - my eyes are not one foot away, as close as yours, dear readers, are to this very page -- **the damn thing begins to curl!** Yes, it bends until it's all of a right angle. I'm shocked. If this is a trick, it's a damn good one..."

Then, Dr. Bruce Maccabee of ufological fame writes us about the time in 1980 when the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek told him and a friend about an experience he (Hynek) had with a spoon bender, presumably Geller. Says Maccabee:

"The man took a spoon from the table, gently rubbed it, and then it seemed to soften and start to bend. The man then put the spoon on the table. What happened next is clearly what impressed Hynek so much that he was willing to tell this story in spite of the expected disbelief of his listeners. Hynek was adamant that the **spoon continued to bend after the man removed his hand**. According to Allen the man's hand was nowhere near the spoon as it continued to bend while lying on the table. It was clear to me that Hynek was shaken by what he had seen, since he could see no way in which sleight-of-hand could account for the continued bending..."

These two experiences parallel the one that your **Smear** editor had with Geller in Miami in 1992, as described in our last issue. Once again we tell you that we don't believe this was a psychic feat, but it does demand an explanation. ...

- Also from Marcello Truzzi and the Internet we learn of the newly-formed James Randi Educational Foundation, a tax-exempt organization devoted to debunking claims of the paranormal, etc. We can't see any purpose for this, other than a tax dodge, since it goes without saying that anyone willing to work with Randi must be already 102% convinced that the paranormal is just one aspect of "pseudoscience, superstition, quackery, nonsense and misinformation", to quote Randi's release.

In college we learned that science is a systematic search for truth, rather than a rigid belief system which angrily rejects any challenge from new information. But Randi is happy in his supreme arrogance, and has even had an asteroid named after him, quite recently, by scientists sympathetic to his viewpoint.

Incidentally, Randi states that "the Foundation is generously funded by a sponsor in Washington, D.C. who wishes, at this point in time, to "remain anonymous". We can see why!...

- Dr. Timothy Leary (far right, below), who told young people to "Turn On, Tune In, Drop Out", died recently at his California home at the age of 75. We met him once in New York City, long after the golden age of the 1960s was over. He mentioned something about having become interested in UFOs during his time in prison.

Robert Anton Wilson is a noted writer & humorist, a close friend of Tim Leary's, and a loyal **Saucer Smear** non-subscriber. He is shown in the picture (2nd from left) at a gathering at Leary's home this past April, together with Leary; psychologist Frank Baron (far left); and Buddhist Matthew Brenner (second from right).



Of Leary, Robert Anton Wilson writes to us as follows:

"I've seen Tim Leary twice recently and he remains a marvel - absolutely the funniest and happiest dying man I ever saw. This, I think, is only partially due to his high hopes on the cryonic gamble (having his head preserved for future identity reconstruction). Partly, I think it's just Tim. Either he was born with special genes or he has learned to use LSD more positively than any other researcher, criminal or heretic on the planet. (In the dark ages, like now, `researcher, criminal or heretic' all mean roughly the same.) He stayed high and happy all through his prison years, too. In both prison and dying, he has cheered me up more than I have cheered him up."

- ... Even though **Smear** is not exactly a scientific journal (pause for laughter!), we want to pass along to you a fascinating item from a recent issue of the New York Times. It seems that a team of physicists has finally proven that an entire atom can exist simultaneously in two widely separated places. If this sounds like a violation of common sense, it is; but such is the world of quantum physics, where things routinely happen that would make no sense in the "real" world. Details about this new breakthrough can be found

in the current (June) issue of "Science", which is, we must admit, somewhat more authoritative than **Smear**....

- Once again we wish to call your attention to the 33rd running of the annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC), this year to be held on the weekend of October 5th & 6th in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. Ours will be the first convention to feature all three of the currently-recognized experts on the Roswell Incident, namely Karl Pflock, Stanton Friedman, and Kevin Randle. Dr. Frank Stranges has recently been added to the program, and will act as Master of Ceremonies. James Moseley and Brad Steiger will be the speakers at the banquet on Saturday night.

The National UFO Conference is sponsored by a group called "The Permanent Organizing Committee of the NUFOC", consisting of: James Moseley, Permanent Chairman; Rick Hilberg; Al Manak; Antonio Huneus; Tom Benson; Tim Beckley; Al Greenfield; Ed Komarek; and Bill Moore. Unfortunately, we have lost touch with Moore for the past several months, and are hoping to re-establish contact. ...

- Two notes, in closing: Your editor will be out of town for most of July, at the Greensboro, N.C. MUFON Conference and elsewhere, so THERE WILL BE NO NEW **Smear** UNTIL SOME TIME IN AUGUST. **Do not panic!**

And, we have just learned that we are invited to lecture in London, England, in April of 1997, at a convention sponsored by "Fortean Times" - a wonderfully professional British zine which seems to be well financed (unlike **Smear**!) More details later.

YE OLDE BOOK BAG:

- Your **Smear** editor had a prejudice against "The Jim Ragsdale Story" even before reading the book, because a strange thing happened: We expected a free review copy from the publisher, which is the International UFO Museum and Research Center (P.O.Box 2221, Roswell, N.M. 88202), but instead of that, we received and paid a bill of \$17.45 for this 40-page soft-cover tome. As if that weren't bad enough, our copy of the book disappeared mysteriously from our files (no shit!), so we ended up paying for a second copy: \$35 for this little item is indeed stiff!

Jim Ragsdale is one of the legendary Roswell witnesses, who died of cancer in 1995. Just five days before his death he made a video tape, which not surprisingly is available from the Museum for \$29.50. A Ragsdale T-shirt is also available for a mere \$13.95.

In briefest outline, Ragsdale and a girl friend were camped out in a desolate area near Roswell on the night of July 4th, 1947, when they saw a 20-foot-diameter flying saucer crash very nearby. At the time of the crash they were "lying in the back of my pickup truck, buck naked, drinking beer and having a good ole time", according to Ragsdale. The name of the young lady is for some reason not given in the book, but is known to be Trudy Truelove. Does this sound like a joke? Well, it's not supposed to be!

Both Jim and Trudy scooped up and kept fragments from the crash site, but both eventually lost these treasures. So did the late Walter Whitmore, who collected material from another supposed Roswell crash site. He put it in a large brown envelope, put the envelope in his safe, and then eventually took the envelope out of the safe and lost it. These guys had as bad a run of luck with their fragments as we have had with their book!

Ragsdale claims to have seen the bodies of four aliens inside the craft. All were dead, and were less than four feet tall - thus contradicting the body sizes given in Ray Santilli's autopsy video and elsewhere. Jim Ragsdale also claims to have tried in vain to pull the helmet off one of the bodies. Not mentioned in the book is his tall tale of having buried about a dozen golden helmets from the craft somewhere nearby on the desert. This gives his unique version of the Roswell crash site an added allure, to say the least!

Besides Jim Ragsdale and Walter Whitmore, there is testimony in this little book from several other Roswell witnesses and investigators. Stanton Friedman interviewed Ragsdale previous to the video being

made, and states, "He was believable". Karl Pflock also did an interview, and amazingly his negative remarks are included in the book. Says he:

"...Mr. Ragsdale's reported trysting place 35 or so miles north-northwest of Roswell was more than a little unlikely - better suited for coyote and rattlesnake rendezvous than human ones. The account of what took place was internally contradictory, and claims of various mysterious post-incident events had all the earmarks of bar room tall tales. ... Jim Ragsdale's story, as interesting and entertaining as it is, remains just that - an interesting and entertaining story - one more such in a rich mind and funnybone tickling New Mexico tradition."

We'll go along with Pflock on this one. The only good thing we can say about this book is that the illustrations are top quality. No shit!



- Also due out at any minute is "Strange Encounters - UFOs, Aliens & Monsters Among Us", written by **Smear** non-subscriber and long-time UFO researcher Curt Sutherly. This book is published by Llewellyn, who also publish "Fate" and other magazines. The book includes "fifteen gripping stories", according to the advance publicity, which goes on to inform us: "If you want the truth about these mysterious sightings and who's attempting to cover them up, then this book will wholly engross you." 272 pages, softbound, selling for a mere \$5.99. The mailing address of Llewellyn is P.O. Box 64383, St. Paul, Mn. 55164.

Sutherly has kindly put us in touch with the Celestial Visions School of Metaphysical Arts of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he and your **Smear** editor have been booked to give lectures on the off-beat on September 21st of this year. Sutherly will discuss his book, and your editor will talk about some of his personal UFO and psychic experiences, and will answer questions about some of the leading ufologists he has known through the past 42 years...

- Finally, there is another book by MUFON's medical researcher, John F. Schuessler. This one is called "UFO-Related Human Psychological Effects". It is not available yet, either, but will sell for \$15 plus postage & handling. Schuessler's address is: P.O. Box 58485, Houston, Texas 77258-8485.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

- Researcher ROBERT TODD has a novel letterhead, which reads: "Roswell UFO Rehab Center - Home of the Magestic 12 Step Roswell UFO Recovery Program". He writes to us as follows:

"`Ufology' most certainly is a religion, and Roswell True Believers are an especially fanatical sect of that religion. To bastardize an old adage, you can always tell a true believer, but you can't tell him much. Only an idiot would engage in a `dialogue' with true believers. My only

hope is to get another side of the story on the record, where objective third parties might be able to find it.

"Have you noticed how the major UFO publications have made no mention whatsoever of (my magazine) `Cowflop'? Doesn't anybody find that the least bit curious? With only certain exceptions, which can be counted on one hand with room to spare, the UFO `press' is nothing more than a propaganda machine. It's responsible for more misinformation and outright lies about UFOs and the supposed government `cover-up' than all the government agencies combined!.."

"As for Col. Howard McCoy, at the time of the Roswell Incident, he headed the technical intelligence department at Wright Field. There is absolutely no question that, had an alien spacecraft really crashed in New Mexico, McCoy would have been informed of it. He was the Deputy Commanding General, T-2, Air Materiel Command, and it is a virtual certainty that he or his people prepared General Twining's Sept. 23, 1947 letter expressing AMC's opinion on flying discs, for General Twining's signature. But that letter also denies the existence of crash-recovered exhibits, as does the 1947 companion study prepared within the office of the Air Force Director of Intelligence in the Pentagon.

"This is exactly what I was talking about in [that portion of my letter you quoted in the current edition of Smear](#). The supposed `experts' invent one ridiculous rationalization after another to explain away the documents that prove to any rational human being that the Roswell Incident did NOT involve one or more alien spacecraft, but resulted from mythomaniacal Major Marcel's misidentification of weather balloons, and the metallic radar targets they carried, as debris from an alien spacecraft!.."

- TOM CAREY, who has quite a different slant on the Roswell case, has this to say:

"...I met Dr. Jesse Marcel Jr. the last time that I was down in Roswell, and a nicer, clearer-thinking straighter-shooting person there cannot be. If Todd has provoked him to fire off a nasty letter in response to one of Todd's endless inquiries...it is more a reflection of Todd than of Marcel. So Jesse Marcel Sr. overstated-how many air medals he received or the number of flying hours he had under his belt. So what? I believe the term is called `splitting hairs'. Two air medals - not five!! WOW. That's good enough for me!.."

"Roswell `losing ground year by year'? By whose measure? Debunkers, I have concluded, will accept no amount of evidence as proof of anything. There will always be an unattainable threshold which can never be met.... Based upon the facts at hand regarding Roswell, the `pro' position is the more reasonable position, while the `anti' position is based more on a faith that it can't be, therefore it isn't, irregardless of what the facts indicate. Sorry, Mogul just does not fit the known facts of the case, but to some it doesn't matter'

- DR. BRUCE MACCABEE honors us with:

"In your most recent `Smear' you mentioned [my `diatribe' about Col. McCoy's statement](#) made during the Air Force Science Advisory Board (AFSAB) meeting on March 17-18, 1948. You mentioned only the part of my `diatribe' which discussed McCoy's wish that a saucer would crash. However, your aging vision (I presume) failed to notice the OTHER thing McCoy said, referring to the saucer sightings during the summer of 1947: `This can't be laughed off. We have over 300 reports which haven't been publicized in the papers, from very competent personnel (including).. Air Force, Airline people with broad experience.

"...In closing, I would like to comment on [the A&E special TV show](#) which portrayed me as a careful, critical scientist rather than a `hard core Believer'. I demonstrated to them some careful, critical analysis which proves some UFOs are real and also some analysis which proves that many photo/video sightings can be explained. The whole slant of the show was toward the idea that UFOs are a myth, perhaps generated by the likes of Ray Palmer and the contactees. Therefore, to avoid contradicting their own opinion about UFOs and sightings, they

used only the portion of my interview which would appear to the viewer as being critical of the UFO subject."

Dr. Maccabee can't have it both ways: If he believes the part of McCoy's statement about the "over 300 reports", he has to accept the part that clearly implies that no spacecraft debris was found at Roswell! - Editor.

- Psychologist GEORGE HANSEN delights us with:

"In your last issue you mentioned [Robert Bigelow's National Institute for Discovery Science](#) and lamented the lack of information from John Alexander, who is connected with it. 'Science' Magazine's help wanted ad for the Institute noted the involvement of a 'world-class science advisory board'. This may provoke a few chuckles from those in the know.

"An interview of Bigelow by Michael Lindemann was posted on electronic networks, and in it Bigelow was quoted as saying 'John Alexander's background is perfect to act as a liason between the Institute and people in the science community'. A bit of background may put this in perspective: Alexander obtained his 'doctoral' degree from Walden 'University', a school that describes itself as 'non-traditional' and which advertises in the back of airline magazines. It turns out that his degree is in something called 'thanatology', the study of death (an odd topic for someone developing 'non-lethal' weaponry).

"The details are amusing. His Ph.D. was obtained under the direction of Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, who had established Shanti Nilaya, a healing and growth center in southern California. One of her closest associates was Jay Barham, a spirit medium known for making sexual advances during seances. At one seance, the light was turned on and everyone, including Kubler-Ross, could see Barham naked. The medium was defended by claiming that an entity had cloned Barham's body (a detailed expose appeared in New West Magazine, July 30, 1979). Not long after, John Alexander began his 'academic' work under Kubler-Ross. Needless to say, the now 'Doctor' Alexander is not known for his scientific contributions.

"Those who have already dealt with Bigelow's Institute will probably agree that Alexander is an ideal liason. Even a brief contact with him should alert a 'world class' scientist to the Institute's real status."

- Researcher LEE WALSH writes as follows:

"...I didn't know that [Ellen Crystall's book](#) had gone into a second printing. I may have mentioned this to you before, but I was raised in a small town called Maybrook, N.Y., only a few miles from Pine Bush. It was the Sunday School picnic place, a very tiny place. At no time were there any UFO reports coming from that town! There was nothing there in 1974, when I returned for 4 months, and as far as I can tell, there is nothing there now... I have read Ellen Crystall's 'Silent Invasion'. I know Pine Bush. It was part of my everyday life for over 30 years. There is no UFO/alien story there. Period!"

- And, [SHEILA FRANKLIN \(alias MIA ADAMS\)](#) writes:

"...I hope you are doing well. I am sure the interest in me will wane when Budd Hopkins comes out with his new book about Linda (Napolitano). It takes more than a few critical assholes to get me down. Remember that I have been through the rings of fire and remained in tact, if not better."

- And Roswell researcher KARL PFLOCK writes:

"I'm cut to the quick that [Sheila/Mia Franklin/Adams doesn't know who I am](#). I thought my infamy had penetrated every nook and cranny of UFOdumb! On the other hand, perhaps it's par for the course for someone who seems not to know who **she** is - Mia/Sheila Adams/Franklin? (Just poking fun, as I was in my earlier missive. But why the nom de plume if

you're going to `out' yourself almost before the ink is dry on your book?)..."

- Famed UFO abductee CHRISTA TILTON writes:

"...I enjoyed the June 1st `Smear', as always, although I found the letter I received from Monty Cantsin more amusing! It's my bad Karma coming back to haunt me, because of my letter to Bill Moore! Of course, Bill knew I was ribbing him, plus flirting as I always did with him. Mr. Cantsin's letter to me (enlosed) is much different. I have to wonder who in the UFO community gives this Sicko any credit? He obviously lives in an insane asylum - if not a physical one, a mental one in his mind! Anyway, read, print, or throw his letter to me away. And while you're at it, why not drop his missives from `Smear'? No one really cares what he thinks or who he is..."

"What do you really think of Mia Adams and her story?..."

RADIO GAGA

Astronomers using the radio telescope at Parkes Observatory in Australia thought they had important evidence of alien life when they picked up a distinctive radio signal at 2.3 to 2.4 gigahertz every evening at about dinner time. They later discovered that the signal was coming from the microwave oven downstairs.



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"I CAN'T EVEN TELL YOU HOW MUCH WE WOULD GIVE TO HAVE ONE OF THOSE (UFOs) CRASH IN AN AREA SO THAT WE COULD RECOVER WHATEVER THEY ARE."

- U.S. Air Force COL. HOWARD McCOY, March 17th, 1948.

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-Skeptic ROBERT SHEAFFER, writing in his "Psychic Vibrations" column in the May/June 1996 issue of "Skeptical Inquirer"

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MORE ROSWELL FRAGMENTS!

On April 18th an anonymous letter was sent to radio personality Art Bell, together with "several" Roswell fragments. It is not clear whether the sender is associated with the better-known Roswell fragment sent to the International UFO Museum on March 24th, as detailed in our previous issue.

This anonymous letter to Bell has been put on the Internet, and alleges that a spaceman who survived the Roswell UFO crash later told military investigators the following:

"The (crashed) disc was a `probeship' dispatched from a `launchship' that was stationed at the dimensional gateway to the Terran Solar System, 32 light years from Terra. They had been conducting operations on Terra for over 100 years. Another group was exploring Mars... The disc that crashed had collided with a meteor in orbit of Terra, and was attempting to compensate its flight vector, but because of the collision, the inter-atmospheric propulsion system malfunctioned, and the occupants sent out a distress signal to their companions on Mars. The `launchship'

commander made the decision to authorize an attempted soft landing on the New Mexican desert..."

These ravings go on at some length, and a spokesman for the Museum admits that some portions are "too wild to be credible". Amen!

We have no information as to whether or not these fragments will be analyzed. They are said to be made of "pure extract aluminum", whatever that means. (Our thanks to researcher Jerry Lucci for this item.)

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- We have received a long diatribe from Dr. Bruce Maccabee of FUFOR, explaining how Col. Howard McCoy must have been either misinformed or uninformed regarding UFO crashes, when he stated at a SECRET Air Force meeting in 1948 that there had been no UFO crashes at that point in time. This refers to [our lead story in the April 1st, 1996 issue of Smear](#), in which we quoted Col. McCoy's exact words from the transcript of that meeting, as supplied to us by Bill LaParl. McCoy's statement is also reprinted on the masthead of this issue.

A more detailed rebuttal of Maccabee's point of view can be found on Pages 1 through 3 of the May 1996 issue of Phil Kiass' "Skeptics UFO Newsletter" (SUN). Though sometimes "scooped" by **Smear**, SUN does an excellent job in its own unique way...

- We have a fascinating item supplied to us by the Miami UFO Center, which gives (from the Internet) Bill Cooper's opinion on Don Ecker and Vicki Cooper of California's "UFO Magazine". Bill Cooper states that, contrary to Don Ecker's claims, he was not an officer in the Army, he was never in Special Forces, and never in Viet Nam. He was awarded no metals, and was never in U.S. Army Intelligence. After his period in military service, Don "had a problem with alcohol", and got into several difficulties. As for Don's wife Vicki Cooper (no relation to Bill), she used to work for "The Mayflower Madam" in various positions, according to Bill Cooper (not us!)

The most interesting thing is that Bill Cooper himself also "has a problem with alcohol", as we have seen personally, when he and Erik Beckjord grappled with each other physically at a private party at a UFO convention awhile back, and sent most attendees screaming from the room. Bill is a leading light in the current Militia movement, host of "One Hour of the Time" (a right-wing shortwave radio program), and editor of "Veritas", a pro-Militia newspaper-style magazine. Thus, could Bill's attack on the editors of "UFO Magazine" be a case of "the pot calling the kettle black"? Quite possibly...

- Another fascinating feud has been going on recently between UFO researcher Robert Todd, editor of "Cowflop Quarterly" and Dr. Jesse Marcel, Jr., son of Major Jesse Marcel, who quite literally was a major witness to the Roswell Incident. Marcel Jr. is obviously an ardent defender not only of his father's memory but of the interplanetary authenticity of the Roswell Incident.

Todd's letters to Marcel were repetitiously probing but were not insulting in any way. We have seen all of this correspondence, which degenerates to the point where, in the final paragraph of his last blast at Todd, the good doctor has this to say:

"In the meantime asshole, why don't you get a bottle of booze, hide under your mommies (sic) bed and get drunk. As it turns out todd, you are nothing but a fucking whacko, so GO FUCK YOURSELF!"

Ain't ufoology grand??...

- Here's a follow-up on [our Page One story in our April 1st issue](#), entitled "Shameful Government Conduct at `Area 51'": From Glenn Campbell's racy newsletter, "The Groom Lake Desert Rat", we learn that the lawsuit against the Government has been completely dismissed by a federal judge on national security grounds. An appeal to the federal court in San Francisco is planned by the plaintiffs...
- According to two different articles in the May/June issue of "UFO Magazine", Richard Hoagland's March

21st news conference re artificial Moon structures was something of a Bomb. Even reporters who hoped to be convinced, were disappointed by Hoagland's long-winded presentation and the poor quality of the NASA photos he showed, in that these photos did not show anything at all conclusive...

- Now we hear that a new alleged cameraman, re the notorious Roswell autopsy video, has been found and has actually made a TV interview for an outfit called Caveat Productions, which is somehow in league with Ray Santilli of England. This cameraman's name is Jack Snow, and he lives in the vicinity of Orlando, Florida. Various TV networks are said to be bidding for the interview, and sooner or later we will all see it on our TV tubes...
- Timothy Good of England has come out with another book, called "Beyond Top Secret" - a sequel to "Above Top Secret". But since there is really nothing (in the U.S.A., anyway) above or beyond Top Secret, this book must be filled with blank pages! (We haven't seen it as yet.)

And we are informed, quite seriously, that Good is already working on a third book whose tentative title is "Way Above and Beyond Top Secret." Wheee!!...

- On April 9th, 1992, your humble **Smear** editor met the famous psychic (?) Uri Geller and family, at a posh hotel in Miami, to discuss our mutual troubles with James ("The Amusing") Randi and other matters. We were all sitting having "tea" at a table in their spacious tea room, when Geller suddenly picked up the spoon from his place setting, and walked your editor over to the nearest wall. There he touched the spoon very lightly near its middle, whereupon the spoon started to bend on its own for a period of perhaps thirty seconds without being further touched by Geller or anyone else. Afterwards he autographed the spoon, now bent at a 90 degree angle, and let us keep it.

There are many more details to the story, but that is the gist. We are of the strong opinion that the spoon was somehow chemically "pre-programmed" to do just what it did. Thus this feat was a trick in our opinion, but a very sophisticated one which would be hard to duplicate.

We called this matter to the attention of arch-skeptic Phil Klass, but he showed no interest at all. Finally, four years later, we called it to the attention of Klass' most devoted follower, Dr. Gary Posner of the Tampa Bay (Fl.) Skeptics. He did show an interest, so we have mailed him the spoon together with a detailed account of our recollection of what happened. Posner has promised to show the spoon & our account of it, to the learned gentlemen of CSICOP, when they gather in late June for their annual convention. We are told that Randi himself (though he has been eased out of CSICOP) will probably be there. Let's see what comes of this, if anything.

Our position is that though Geller (and others, including your **Smear** editor himself) may well have psychic abilities at times, what we saw was a trick - but a very amazing one indeed...

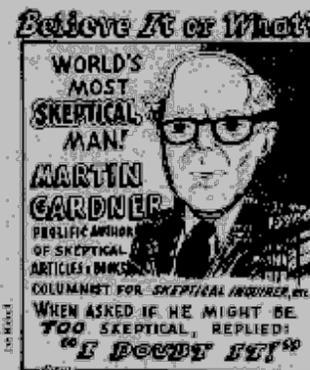
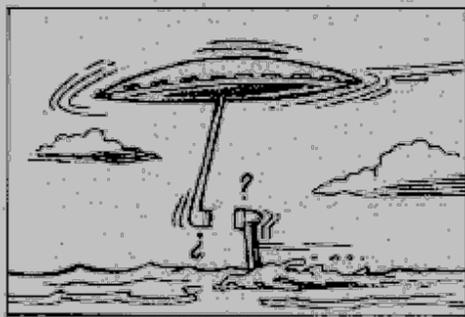
- The dreaded "chupacabras" (goatsucker in Spanish) has now migrated to the United States from Puerto Rico, somehow, and has appeared in Miami, Los Angeles, San Antonio, and other cities where the Spanish language is prevalent. This mysterious animal, whatever it is, kills goats and other farm animals, and sucks their blood. Egads! (Thanks to the Miami UFO Center for this one.)...
- Note the display ad elsewhere for the glorious 33rd running of the annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC), this year to be held on the weekend of October 5th and 6th in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. Rick Hilberg of Cleveland had to cancel out and has been replaced by Karl Pflock of Roswell fame. We also have Stanton Friedman and Kevin Randle, making this the very first UFO convention on this Planet to feature **all three** of the current socially-acceptable Roswell "experts". And your **Smear** editor will be one of two banquet speakers on Saturday evening!
- Your editor will also be attending the MUFON conference in Greensboro, North Carolina on July 4th weekend, and on the corresponding weekend next year, we will be in the Holy Land (Roswell) for the 50th anniversary celebration there. It is amusing how ufology now counts back to the Roswell Incident rather than to the once-famous Kenneth Arnold sighting. These events were just weeks apart, back in 1947...

- On May 10th we watched a 2-hour UFO "special" on the Arts & Entertainment TV Network, which made a gallant & largely successful effort to give a balanced history of the UFO saga. Most of the material was "old hat" to us, however.

First there was the 1938 Orsen Welles "War of the Worlds" fiasco, followed by Kenneth Arnold; Roswell (starring Kevin Randle, Jesse Marcel Jr. and others); Project Bluebook; Ray Palmer & FATE Magazine; George Adamski & the other contemporary contactees; "Area 51"; abductions - starring Betty Hill, the inevitable Budd Hopkins, Dr. David Jacobs and others); Dr. Michael Persinger, who has created fake abduction-like hallucinations in the laboratory; Crop Circles with Colin Andrews; S.E.T.I.; and a brief historical survey of demons, angels, etc. from the distant past. The closing sentence of the commentary was the best: "Perhaps what we are seeing is a reflection of ourselves". **Well put!**

We were amused to see Dr. Bruce Maccabee presented as a careful, critical scientist rather than the hardcore True Believer he has become. There were few other surprises. **Smear** non-subscriber and aviation historian Curtis Peebles of California made an appearance as skeptic-of-the-day, replacing timeworn Phil Kiass. There was even a sop for your **Smear** editor: A brief viewing of an infamous paid advertisement that appeared on the back cover of the **Saucer News** (predecessor to **Smear**) Special Convention Issue in 1967, which starts out with the screaming headline "FORCED INTO SEX ABOARD A FLYING SAUCER!" Gosh, we wish it could really happen to us!...

- Please recall that back issues of "Saucer Smear" 1991-1996 are still available at our Headquarters. Earlier issues, all the way back to 1954 are available from: Tom Benson, P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606



YE OLDE BOOK BAG:

Hark! The long-awaited third tome of Jerome Clark's history of ufology has finally seen the light of day. It is called "The UFO Encyclopedia, Volume 3: High Strangeness: UFOs from 1960 through 1979". (The volumes were not written in chronological order.) The cost without any discount is \$95, which is as heavy as the book itself! Here we have almost 800 pages, including a cumulative index in which your editor appears several times, only one of which pertains to the present volume, however. (Apparently our activities were relatively unnoteworthy during those two decades.)

But all kidding aside, this is a monumental work, and there is no denying the fact that Jerome Clark - as imperfect as he well may be - is ufology's ace historian and always will be, as long as alleged spaceships continue to haunt our skies and as long as Jerry is there to record them. **Buy** this book, or try to freeload a copy, like we did. It's worth reading, and we do intend to read it someday...

Next we have a book called "Silent Invasion", written by a contactee named Ellen Crystall, who is also editor of a newsletter called "Contactee". This 190-page soft cover book details a vast number of UFO sightings that Ellen has had in various places over the years - many of them in a "window" area of New York State in the vicinity of a small town named Pine Bush. In most of these sighting incidents she was accompanied by various

friends - including the late Harry Lebelson, whose obituary appeared in our last issue.

Ms. Crystall writes well and is decent enough to admit that she is confused about what it all means. (Aren't we all!?) She features a number of black & white photographs in her book; but if these are the best of hundreds of pictures she has taken, god help us! She explains that "clear photographs of the ships aren't possible with glass-lensed cameras", and that a quartz or plastic lens is needed. **So why didn't she get one?** And worst of all, WHY do these "ships" apparently only appear at night? If even one picture showed a close-up UFO in daylight, we'd really have something!

"Silent Invasion" is available for \$12.95 from: Marlowe & Co., 632 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10012. It is now in its second printing...

Finally, we had a "Blast from the Past" the other day when we received a rather strange partial book "plot outline" from one Peter Gersten, a lawyer who in the late 1970s was one of the founders of "Just Cause", the anti-Government-secrecy pro-UFO outfit which is still in existence today. (Other key figures in "Just Cause" are or were Bill Spaulding of GSW; Todd Zechel; Larry Bryant; and Barry Greenwood.)

What we have now from Gersten are the first two parts of a three-part outline of a novel called "The Ultimate Secret", which takes place in the year 1997. The outline is laced with the names of real people in the UFO field, in roles other than themselves from real life - if that makes any sense. Somewhere in the text your **Smear** editor appears as a judge, which is rather unbelievable in itself!

According to Gersten's Preface, "The Ultimate Secret" is a plan so diabolical and terrifying that it has existed, virtually unstoppable, for the past fifty years. What is this plan, you ask? We don't know yet, because Part Three is deliberately missing from the manuscript, and the page on which it would begin, were it there, is marked "Classified". Whee!....

No Social Security For UFOs

According to a poll conducted by Third Millennium, a nonpartisan organization founded by so-called Generation Xers, only 26% of 18-34 year olds believe that Social Security will exist when they reach retirement age, while 46% of these same people believe in UFOs. Unfortunately, their skepticism may not be unfounded. According to a House subcommittee on Social Security, when the generation of people born between 1946 and 1964 reach retirement age, annual benefits will exceed receipts and the funds will be exhausted by 2029.

THE READERS STRIKE BACK:

- Roswell researcher TOM CAREY writes as follows:

"[You criticize Stan Friedman](#) for not being specific enough in his recent comments concerning the nasty and bizarre anti-Roswell armchair debunker Robert Todd. Yet, on at least two prior occasions when I submitted **specific point-by-point** refutations of Todd's 'droppings' to your esteemed publication which clearly exposed Todd's tortured conclusions that turn logic and reasoning on their respective heads (to gain the best perspective, Todd's 'plops' are best read upside down), you refused to publish any of it, stating in defense of your decision that your readers were growing tired of controversy.

"But, here we are again. What you and other anti-Roswellian editors, like Dennis Stacy of the MUFON UFO Journal and Barry Greenwood of "Just Cause" really mean is any 'flopping', belch or even a fart that issues forth from a closed-minded partisan like Todd will find a home in your pages because it serves your purpose. By refusing to publish timely rebuttal arguments with which you do not agree, your readers are then left with the mistaken impression that there are none. I believe that this editorial technique is called 'spiking'..."

It sure looks like we can't please everyone! - Editor.

- And, the above-mentioned ROBERT TODD has this to say:

.... The only claim I make about myself is that I have spent twenty-three years researching the government's involvement with UFOs. During that time, I uncovered literally thousands of pages of previously unreleased UFO-related documents, including the first authentic top-secret U.S. document ever released to the public. When I started out, I was absolutely convinced that the government was engaged in a massive cover-up. But twenty-three years of research has proven otherwise.

"A number of the documents I uncovered make specific mention of the fact that the government hasn't recovered wreckage from flying saucers, yet these documents are ignored by self-styled `experts' like Friedman, who concoct asinine reasons for why we shouldn't believe the documents mean what they say.

"The documentary proof that Roswell didn't involve a crashed alien spaceship **does exist**, but is rejected by the self-appointed `experts' who have a financial stake in the alien spaceship explanation, and whose very `expertise' exists only so long as they can keep the Roswell myth alive. **The Roswell case has been solved!** It just isn't in the best interests of certain ufologically influential parties to accept the solution. Their reputations, and in some cases their livelihoods, depend on the perpetuation of the Roswell/MJ-12 myth!..."

- CHRISTOPHER ALLAN of England writes:

" [Stan Friedman writes](#) that an FBI memo of the late 1940s stated that the USAF considered UFOs top secret. He is referring to an FBI memo from San Antonio in January 1948 entitled `Protection of Vital Installations'. This FBI agent had little understanding of UFOs and was writing chiefly about the green fireball phenomena then rampant in the southwest...

"Two months later this same agent expounded again on the subject but this time dropped the `top secret' designation. UFOs, he asserted, are only considered `secret'. Furthermore, a Los Alamos conference to discuss the matter was only classified `secret'. Therefore, if this agent is to be believed, UFOs were downgraded between January and March. He concludes on the lines of UFOs being `secret U.S. experiments'.

"I write this to illustrate how you can take excerpts and quotes from official `waffle' to prove anything you like. Selective quoting from such documents (including the Bolender memo) is useless, as Stan Friedman should know. So why does he do it?..."

"In reply to Betty Kill: If Wilbert Smith ever worked closely with the CIA, then my aunt was the Pope!"

- And, ROBERT ANTON WILSON writes:

"Roswell, like Dracula, always rises again, no matter how often it gets buried. Elvis continues to appear to those with ardent vision, also, and a major new Bigfoot sighting before Christmas seems as sure as a new presidential election within that time period..."

"My favorite piece on Roswell, by John Keel, appeared in FATE about three or four years ago. He listed the number of eye witnesses in each major expose from 194? to the time of his article, and by damn they multiplied faster than rabbits! More eye witnesses in each expose. Reminds me of the story of the Texan about to be tried for murder, who hired a Philadelphia lawyer by telegraph. Back came the answer: ARRIVING ON NOON TRAIN TOMORROW WITH FIVE EYE WITNESSES..."

- DICK FREEMAN, editor of the porn zine "Batteries Not Included" writes:

"Enough of this poverty crap! You make zilch publishing your **Saucer Smear** & I make zilch doing BNI. It's time we really go into business together. On your next trip to Roswell, why not rent some earth moving equipment, drive out to where that damn thing crashed, & take about

50 tons of topsoil home with you. We can strain it through tea strainers, & sell what we can't use for \$10 a box + S/H. There is money to be made in Roswell, and why shouldn't we be the ones making it? What have we to lose, our reputations?"

- [SHIELA FRANKLIN](#), author of "The Excyles" (see [paid ad](#)), writes as follows:

"...Who the Pflock is Karl Pflock? He must be another book title psychic, omnisciently evaluating the content and the author's character and veracity without ever reading the book or knowing the author! I never met him and he hasn't read my book, yet he so unhesitatingly states that [`he wonders why I make up stories about alien/FBI lovers?'](#) I know he hasn't read the book because there is nothing in it about my making love with aliens. (Yuck!!) And (much to your chagrin) the sexy part with the agent was kept tastefully marginal. Now, why does Karl find it so unbelievable that FBI agents like to be romantic? They don't work for the Eunuch Bureau of Information!"

- The dreaded PHIL KLASS writes:

"...Yes, with your monthly publication schedule you do `scoop' SUN on occasion with the `head' of the UFO news; but SUN offers its readers a penetrating look at what is behind the headline - and its real significance."

- The even more dreaded JOHN ALEXANDER of non-lethal weapons fame, writes as follows regarding NIDS (National Institute of Discovery Science), a new psychic research group that he and philanthropist Robert Bigelow of Las Vegas (and others) are associated with:

["Saw your comment in *Smear*](#). Not snubbing, just very busy, since I'm handling multiple jobs. NIDS is just one of the things I do. You may have seen that I chaired the second major nonlethal weapons conference in March. I did the first one in November 1993. Then there have been a couple of trips to Europe for my NATO work.

"Since you mentioned it, enclosed is a copy of our NIDS statement. There really is not much more to mention, as the organization is just getting on its feet. When appropriate, we plan to make reports available through science journals. Too much material is written about research that is at best mediocre, usually by people who don't have adequate experience in the fields they are investigating. While there are a few exceptions, we don't want to repeat that mistake."

There is extremely little additional information in the short statement that John Alexander enclosed with his letter. - Editor.

- Researcher CHRIS ROTH, alias "Little Red Rooster", writes:

"I very much liked the `Aviary' expose by Richard Boylan, [as summarized in the Feb. 20th *Saucer Smear*](#). I think that a ufological parlor game could be developed out of this, revolving around trying to guess what different ufologists' avian code names should be. For example, you should be Mockingbird, not Bill Moore. Moore should instead be Stool-Pigeon. Invite your readers to take part!

"I've been amused by Budd Hopkins' angry responses, in the MUFON UFO Journal and elsewhere, to the way he was portrayed on NOVA. It shows he's more and more losing his grip with ordinary reality. Now there's someone who hasn't allowed his ideas to develop for the past fifteen years!..."

- And, MONTY CANTSIN confuses us with:

"...The aliens are either aliens, gods, or angels. Of course the beings that pagans interpret as gods are the same beings that Jews and Christians interpret as angels. Both of these types of beings (aliens and gods/ angels) exist. Materialists interpret both as aliens. Spiritualists

interpret both as angels. Only real scientists like myself are able to distinguish between the two...

"Note that [Wilbert Smith claimed that the 3,000 pound metallic object was of extraterrestrial origin](#). Note that meteors are of extraterrestrial origin, while foundry waste is not. One would think that a 3,000 pound meteor would be of interest to a science museum, and that scientists would at least take the trouble to analyze it. But in these days of Jewish pseudo-science, I suppose that's too much to expect, even in Canada, which provides us with many of our Jewish media people..."

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

IN A MAY column, film critic Roger Ebert reported on the popular Japanese animated film "Pompoko," which features a family of cute badger-like animals, but said the film would not likely be successful in America. The badgers' secret weapon is an ability to make their testicles grow large so that they can crush opponents. Said a Japanese film fan, "The Japanese are more open about bodily parts." He said kids in Japan find the secret weapon "hilarious".



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THE STAKE THROUGH THE HEART DIDN'T WORK: "THE ROSWELL INCIDENT" RIDES AGAIN:

On March 24th of this year, a small metal fragment was delivered to the International UFO Museum in Roswell, New Mexico, by a man whose identity has not been made public. This person claimed it is a remnant of debris that a soldier picked up from a UFO crash site near Roswell, in July of 1947. On or about March 27th, 1996, a public announcement was made concerning the fragment, by Max Littell, who is a spokesman for the Museum. The story was then carried on TV and in various newspapers.

When *Smear* heard of this sensational new development, we contacted several people including [Professor Charles Moore](#) of Socorro, N.M., who is remembered as having been the project engineer on the 1947 balloon project now known to the world as Project Mogul. Prof. Moore, though he would not call himself a UFO researcher, has taken a keen interest in the probable link between Project Mogul and the Roswell crash. He has also investigated the 1964 alleged UFO landing in Socorro; and when he heard about this newly-discovered fragment, he took pictures and he also became involved in a scientific analysis of the item.

Thus it was that Moore, Littell, a retired industrial designer named Miller Johnson, and the Roswell city police chief met on March 29th at the State Bureau of Mines in Socorro, for the purpose of making an analysis.

The fragment is triangular, about 63 millimeters in length, with a base width of about 36 mm. The metal is very thin, being no more than 1/4 mm in thickness. As [the pictures](#) show, the fragment has been mounted in a

frame, and one can see two rectangular clamps, each with a hole in it.

The front side of the fragment appears to be copper with a curious fuzzy silver-like pattern plated on it, somewhat like a poor printed circuit with fuzzy edges to the thick curved lines. (No circuit elements were apparent, however.) There are creases extending the length of the object, much as though this were part of a metal diaphragm with planned creases bent in the thin sheet for easy flexure. The outer edges of the fragment are irregular and appear to be torn.

The back side is all silvery with no copper showing. There is no tarnish on the silver surfaces to be seen on either side of the fragment. The back side in particular appears to be bright, untarnished metal.

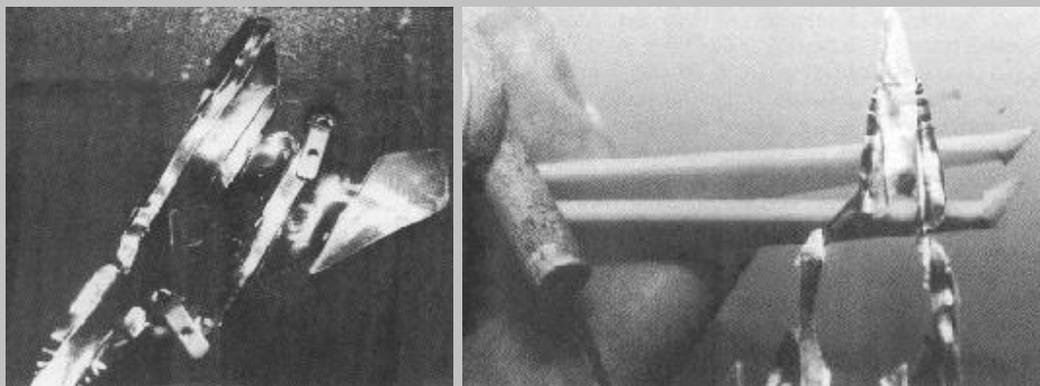
The analysis showed a mixture of copper and silver, with other trace elements. Someone suggested to the group that a further analysis be done, to determine the isotopes in the copper. For complicated reasons, this would determine - with probability, not certainty - whether or not this particular copper comes from our solar system. Such a test, unlike the one already done, would destroy a tiny portion of the fragment, and would thus require permission of the owner(s). But sure enough, we don't yet know just who these owners are or where they are - or at least this is the situation as we go to press. (Sounds a little like the alien autopsy video story, doesn't it!)

The big question is: Could this fragment be associated with the then-secret balloons launched in 1947 by the New York University (NYU) group, now known as Mogul? The answer is probably not, according to Moore, who says: "The fragment clearly is not related to one of the radar targets or any of the other equipment used by the NYU group. Such a diaphragm may have been in the microphone section of the sonobucys that we flew, but if this were the case, there is the question as to how it became exposed so that the alleged GI could have pocketed it..."

Thus Moore believes that the fragment is probably part of an unknown terrestrial technical device of some sort, but he is very interested in having the above-mentioned copper test done, in hopes of learning further information.

Amazingly, we know of two other supposed Roswell fragments that have turned up in the past few weeks. Antonio Huneeus tells us of one which has been acquired by the Space & UFO Museum in Hakui City, Japan, which is due to open to the public on July 1st of this year. It too is being analyzed. And from another source we hear of a Los Angeles TV station which has purchased a 2-foot-long piece of metallic debris, all but the tip preserved in beeswax! The station bought it from the widow of a Los Alamos physicist. This one, however, has already been analyzed and found to be a common steel alloy used in aircraft construction.

How odd, indeed, that Roswell fragments are showing up an incredible 49 years after the supposed UFO crash. But there's always a chance that one of them is real! (Our very sincere thanks to Charles Moore, Karl Pflock, Antonio Huneeus, and others.)



Photos courtesy of Prof. Charles Moore

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- On March 15th-17th, your editor attended the Fourth Annual Gulf Breeze (Florida) UFO Conference, held this time in a resort hotel on Pensacola Beach, near Gulf Breeze. Once again "Mr. Ed" Walters, who started it all, was not on the program (by his own choice) or even present, though we spoke to him by phone.

Present were seven worthwhile speakers, including Dr. John Mack, whom we met for the first time. He seemed haggard and [under some kind of strain or pressure](#). Once again, his talk made us feel that he projects his own world view onto the aliens.

Whitley Strieber was friendly, [as when we met him at the Mobile, Alabama convention](#) last Fall. He told us in informal conversation that he has indeed lost the "cabin" he had in New York State, where many of his weird experiences occurred. The bank took it over in a most peculiar way, according to Strieber, who now lives in San Antonio, Texas. He said he is almost broke, having lost a great deal of money by investing in the movie version of "Communion", which was apparently not very successful. His next book will be called "The Secret School", based on childhood experiences.

Interestingly, your editor had dinner one evening with a group which included abductee Judy Veltidi. She is the woman whose children were shown in the recent NOVA abduction TV production. She told of how upset Budd Hopkins had been regarding the content and slant of the show. But when Ms. Veltidi realized that your editor is a semi-skeptic, she suddenly became very hostile, and we wisely avoided further conversation with her for the rest of the meal.

For us the high point of the convention came near the start of the "Speakers' Panel" Friday evening, when we confronted Stanton Friedman with the information about Roswell contained in [our lead article in the last Smear](#). No one catches old Stan off guard, and we didn't expect to. He said, in effect, "That 1948 document was only classified SECRET, so it is irrelevant to Roswell". Good answer, but not good enough, in our opinion.

Other speakers included Dr. Michael Grosso, a superb philosopher; Dr. Barry Downing, who insists on believing in angels; Michael Lindemann, who was simplistic in his approach and used slides of highly questionable UFO cases; and Dr. Edith Fiore, whom we did not hear at all.

In reality, we learned more from hanging out with a few friends than we did from the speakers. These friends included ex-MUFONite Rex Salisbury; Tim Brigham of "The Devil's Advocate"; and authoress (?) [Mia Adams](#), whose book "[The Excyles](#)" has been grossly maligned in two consecutive issues of Bob Girard's Arcturus Books catalogue, even though Bob has undoubtedly never read the book!

We can sum up the Spirit of the convention by quoting the strange contents of a pink printed sheet handed to us by someone named Patricia Ann Zavoda. Says she: "Philosophy of Life: As I place my lips on the balls of the bull, I work my way up to his ear and whisper, 'I Love You.'" Way to go, Patricia!

- Moving on to other matters - The subject of possible artificial structures on the Moon has come up again, and the idea appears to be gaining momentum. An item on Fox TV News on March 21st played the story straight, whereas an article we have from the March 27th Washington Post is utterly hostile to the idea. The headline reads "Green Cheese and Baloney", and Richard Hoagland of Moon-structure fame is called "a New Jersey author and noted pseudo-scientist." On that date Hoagland held a press conference and showed selected NASA photos to a crowd of about 50 reporters from major media.

The whole controversy centers around pictures which suggest rather than show artificial structures. We call it Subliminal Vision, a talent which Erik Beckjord has made famous with his highly questionable photos of Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster, and god-knows-what-else.

And yet, who can say for sure that some of these photo interpretations may not be valid! We have a recent article from a Palm Beach (Fl.) newspaper with the screaming headline "EXTRATERRESTRIAL LANDING BASE FOUND ON MOON; Hubble Telescope sights craft, hangar near Tranquility Base". Unfortunately the date on the newspaper is April 1st, 1996...

- Roswell researcher Capt. Kevin Randle (Ret.) has written an interesting article in the Spring 1996 issue of

the International UFO Reporter, entitled "The MJ-12 Operations Manual: Another Forgery?" This article concerns a newly-discovered MJ-12 type of document quite similar to the ones which surfaced mysteriously back in 1987. The present incarnation of MJ-12 is called "Extraterrestrial Entities and Technological Recovery and Disposal", subtitled "Majestic-12 Group Special Operations Manual". It is dated April 1954.

Smear readers should recall that Randle has always opposed the authenticity of the MJ-12 documents, whereas his fellow Roswell expert Stanton Friedman has always taken the opposite view vigorously, and continues to do so.

In summarizing his 2-page article in IUR, Randle states:

"...The MJ-12 Operations Manual, like the rest of the MJ-12 documents, is a fake for these reasons: It does not conform to the regulations; it contains inaccurate information, and it is incomplete. We have no provenance for it, we can't find independent verification of it from other government agencies, and no evidence for its validity has ever been offered."

Way to go, Captain Kevin!...

- We have the following gem from a transcript of a Pensacola, Florida radio talk show called "Terra Nova". On March 31st of this year Stanton Friedman was the guest of the evening, and one of the listeners who called in was Tim Brigham of "The Devil's Advocate". Brigham's question was: ***"I was wondering if Stanton could comment on the research that Robert Todd has done on [Jesse Marcel and his military record](#). It seemed very damaging (to Marcel) and I wonder if he's heard about that."***

Friedman's reply is both nasty and unduly personal in regard to Todd, and reads in part as follows:

"...Oh, of course I've heard about it, and I've been aware of Mr. Todd's antics for many, many years. He's an interesting individual, Bob Todd. This latest thing is in keeping. He often wrote very nasty letters. He's filed over 1,000 FOIA requests, some of them with very nasty letters. I'm going back at least 20 years, I guess. Bob lives at home with his parents. He's in his 40s or 50s I guess. He's never had a job. He's never had a security clearance, and he's never visited an archive. He leaps to conclusions. He did apparently get a copy of Major Jesse Marcel's military records. But if you read what he wrote, he wrote a really nasty piece on it, viciously attacking Kevin Randle as `Mr. Wrongway', and I don't know where that one comes from.

"But, uh, whenever Bob is thwarted by people who don't agree with him, he gets mad at them. If you look carefully at what he says, he'll say, `Roswell researchers say'. He doesn't say who, he doesn't say where, he doesn't say what; his broad brush treatment. He also implies that military records are 100% accurate and complete..."

Unfortunately, Friedman does not really deal with any of the **specifics** of Todd's criticisms of Marcel, as detailed in our January 10th, 1996 issue...

- Although we correspond occasionally with PSI/TECH veteran John Alexander and his wife Victoria, who are closely associated with philanthropist Robert Bigelow of Las Vegas, they have never chosen to tell us even publicly-known information about Bigelow's new psychically-oriented foundation. Now we see in the March 1st issue of Science Magazine an advertisement for specifically-trained PhDs to fill positions in the National Institute of Discovery Science. This, then, is the name of Bigelow's new group. The ad asks for managers who are ***"capable of employing accepted scientific methods to novel or unconventional observations or theories, while maintaining the highest ethical and quality standards"***. Alexander has some position with this group, though he is not in charge of it. Las Vegas newsman & UFO lecturer George Knapp is also involved.

Robert Bigelow is the same man who last year abruptly ended his financial association with the "UFO Research Coalition" consisting of CUFOS, FUFOR, and MUFON. (Our thanks to ace investigator Bill LaParl for this one)...

- We have received a rather bizarre obituary on saucer researcher Harry Lebelson, who around 1981 was the UFO editor for OMNI Magazine. UFO contactee Ellen Crystall, writing in her newsletter "Contactee", has this to say, in part:

"Harry passed away Nov. 9th, 1995, of congestive heart failure at age 58... His passing was kept secret by his girlfriend for 4 months, though she could have easily notified people. Harry lived a reclusive life even when he lived in New Jersey (before he moved to Miami Beach, Florida). He didn't trust anyone in the UFO field, and after seeing the (space) ships with me in Pine Bush in 1980, he wouldn't deal with anyone in the UFO community. In Florida he never installed a phone..."

All the above is true. We knew Harry when he lived in the same **block** with us in Guttenberg, New Jersey, years ago, and he never invited us to his apartment, though he visited ours occasionally. On Miami Beach, he would meet with us at a hotel near where he lived, but never at his place, for which we never even had the address!

Harry apparently worked for the Miami Herald newspaper, and wrote free-lance articles with his married (to someone else) girlfriend on the side. A UFO book of his was published in Spanish a couple of years ago, but there was never an English edition. For several years he wrote frequently for the now-defunct "Pursuit" UFO magazine. He was a **Smear** non-subscriber for a long time, until we eased him off the mailing list awhile back. It seems highly unlikely at this point that he will ever renew his non-subscription.

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- **Smear** has learned of a now-declassified "SECRET" letter written to a General by Colonel McCoy in late 1948 which confirms his remark described in the [lead story in the last Smear](#). Col. McCoy was at that time Chief of Intelligence, Air Materiel Command. His remark (which has obvious implications re the Roswell Incident), was as follows (as quoted in **Smear**):

"I CAN'T EVEN TELL YOU HOW MUCH WE WOULD GIVE TO HAVE ONE OF THESE CRASH IN AN AREA SO THAT WE COULD RECOVER WHATEVER THEY ARE? (Emphasis added.)...."

- In spite of our skeptical attitude toward the Roswell Incident, we have already made a reservation at the charming Roswell Inn for July 4th weekend, **1997**, to attend the 50th Anniversary Convention. That should be the Big One, with all the surviving Roswell witnesses and self-appointed experts expounding their various beliefs. Hope to see you-all there!...

Lest We Forget:

Recent back issues of Smear (going back to 1991) are available for a mere one dollar each from our Headquarters, and those before 1991 can be purchased for various prices from: Tom Benson, P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606. These go all the way back to 1954, under various titles.

Also for sale is our own book (ghost-written by the late Gray Barker) called, "UFO Crash Secrets at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base". Only \$10.00, or \$9.00 autographed - by Moseley, not Barker,...

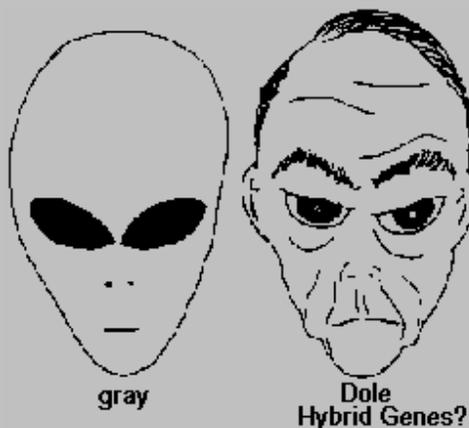
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- Your humble **Smear** editor will be attending the forthcoming MUFON conclave in Greensboro, North Carolina, on the first weekend in July, followed by our own National UFO Conference (NUFOC) in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, on the first weekend of October. After that we may make it to Tim Beckley's annual bash in Phoenix, Arizona, on the weekend of Oct. 18th- 21st.

Other conventions in the next few months include "The 7th Great UFO/ ET Alien & Abduction Congress" in Bordentown, New Jersey, on April 19th- 21st; and the Great Plains UFO Conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on July 27th and 28th, which will feature lectures by famed abductee Christa Tilton, John Mack,

and others. Wish we could be there for that one!...

- Our friend Gene Buck, a publicist in Seattle, Washington, is running for President on a pro-UFO sort of ticket. His announcement states: "PRESIDENT BUCK TO OPEN `AREA 51' AND EXPOSE ALL UFO SECRET FILES; Little green and gray men will be open to scrutiny, as well as old films of alien autopsies; recent sightings of crop circles; alien capture in outer space; files of a sensitive nature having to do with possible infiltration of our society by alien beings; sightings of UFO craft; interviews of alien beings by our interrogators in the military; and any and all `secret files' of any sort, having to do with UFOs..."

Sounds like a good deal to us!



Note in the drawings above that Serious Presidential Candidate Bob Dole may well be an alien hybrid! For more information, write to Gene Buck at P.O.Box 4644, Seattle, Wa. 98104...

YE OLDE BOOK BAG:

This time we have only three new books to call to your attention.

- The first is a small, 24-page effort by British **Smear** non-subscriber Kevin McClure, who describes himself as "specializing in investigating the boundaries between history, religion, and the experience of apparently supernatural events". The booklet is called "Visions of Angels and Tales of Bowmen", and it describes several categories of alleged religious visions seen by Allied troops in Europe during World War One. The tome is scholarly and well-written, but it offers proof of absolutely nothing, except the fact that soldiers under stress sometimes claim to have strange and unexplainable experiences.

The McClure book is available from the author for five dollars (cash only) at: 23 Strawberrydale Avenue, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG1 5EA, England.

- The second book, which has been highly recommended to us but which we have never actually seen, is called "Unconventional Flying Objects". It is written by a former NASA scientist named Paul Hill, recently deceased. For 25 years Hill acted as an unofficial clearing house at NASA for reports of UFOs. His findings are that UFOs "obey, not defy, the laws of physics, and that "UFO technology is not only explainable but attainable."

Does he believe that any of these objects come from other planets? The book jacket does not make this clear. Therefore for the answer to that question, you will need to send \$16 to Hampton Roads Publishing, Inc., 134 Burgess Lane, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

- Last but not least, scientist & famed UFO author Jacques Vallee has soared forth with a new **fictional** book called "Fastwalker", featuring an utterly ruthless cold warrior from a super-secret organization that has been trying to capture a flying saucer since the earliest days of the UFO mystery. He is pitted against

a "dedicated journalist struggling to keep his integrity" (aren't we all!?) The hype/rumor-mill has it that this book contains material that Vallee dares not present as non-fiction. The book, which we have not yet seen, is available for \$14.95 plus \$2.50 for shipping & handling, from: North Atlantic Books, P.O. Box 12327, Berkeley (where else??), California 94712. Way to go, Jacques!



YE OLDE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

- Famed abductee, author, lecturer, etc. BETTY HILL writes as follows:

"This is in reference to the comments made by Christopher Allan from England regarding Dr. Wilbert B. Smith.

"I never had the honor of meeting Wilbert Smith, known to his friends as Webb. He was the official scientist for the Canadian government in their investigation of UFOs. He worked closely with our CIA as well as agencies in other countries. He was well known for his statement: 'We Are Not Alone'.

"I did have the honor of meeting his widow Merle soon after his death. They were close personal friends to Admiral Herbert Knowles and Commander Darrah, U.S. Navy. Barney and I met frequently with Merle and Canadian military officers at the Admiral's home. Merle was the official social secretary of the Canadian government. Sometimes Barney and I visited them in Ottawa.

"As for the '[foundry waste](#)', this huge object came down from the sky in flames. After several days of cooling, attempts were made to examine it. This was impossible, as it could not be opened, could not be cut, hammered, or broken apart, although some small pieces were chiseled off. Some were given to a U.S. UFO organization, where they were promptly lost and never found again. However, the main body of this object still exists. It has been examined by many scientists, and today it is still an unknown."

We know of many extraterrestrial objects that fall to Earth steaming hot and eventually cool off. They are called meteors. - Editor.

- Researcher KARL PFLOCK writes as follows:

"...I have a couple of items for your new regular feature, 'Screw-Ups' in the Last Issue:

1. "[The first 'R' in my title](#) stands for 'Reviled', not 'Revered'.
2. "Whatever else he may be, [John Schuessler](#) is not an MD. He holds an undergraduate engineering degree (electrical engineering, I think) and a master's (MS) in 'Studies of the Future, Technology Forecasting' from the University of Houston, Clear Lake... He 'administers the MUFON Medical Committee, composed of consultants with medical degrees' (official MUFON words). This may be the source of your confusion.

"My, my - [Mia Adams/Shiela Franklin looks like a hot babe](#). I wonder why she has to make up stories about alien/FBI lovers?..."

- Researcher STANTON FRIEDMAN gives us a long explanation of the military's security classification system, and then states:

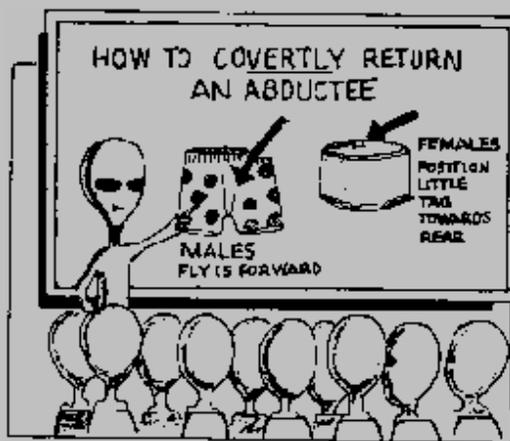
"An FBI memo of the late 1940s stated that the Army and Air Force considered UFOs TOP SECRET. To date I know of only two TOP SECRET Air Force UFO documents, and could find none in the released Blue Book files. The very nature of the security classification would mean there was a national security involvement. As General Bolender noted in 1969, 'Reports which could affect National Security. are NOT part of the Blue Book System'. Clearly there are lots of TOP SECRET UFO documents in government possession somewhere..."

- And, Gulf Breeze enthusiast BRIAN BOLDMAN writes as follows:

"...Regarding Whitley Strieber, there is a definite progression of weirdness from 'Communion' to 'Breakthrough'. I guess he needs the money, and weird sells. In one sense Strieber and his wife seem like normal, everyday people, but at the same time I get the impression that he's just in it for a buck. I mean, he writes what they want to hear, and he was out of ufology until he went broke. And of course, he wrote imaginative books before 'Communion',

"I have saved the best for last. This is a quote from the tapes of Strieber's Class at the Pensacola UFO Conference:

'I was meditating out in the woods, and I noticed a kind of breeze sorta fool around with my balls, to be perfectly crude. (Tape 2, side 1, counter 185)"



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THE FINAL DEATH BLOW TO THE ROSWELL INCIDENT, ONCE MORE, ALL OVER AGAIN:

From one of our Secret Informants we have just received the following:

On March 17th and 18th, 1948, there was a conference at the Pentagon of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board. According to the minutes of this meeting, Colonel McCoy, Chief of the Intelligence Department, Air Materiel Command, had this to say, among many other things:

"We have a new project - Project SIGN - which may surprise you, as a development from the so-called mass hysteria of the past Summer, when we had all the unidentified flying objects or discs. This can't be laughed off. We have over 500 reports which haven't been publicized in the papers, from very competent personnel... We are running down every report. I CAN'T EVEN TELL YOU HOW MUCH WE WOULD GIVE TO HAVE ONE OF THESE CRASH IN AN AREA SO THAT WE COULD RECOVER WHATEVER THEY ARE." (Emphasis added.)

We will have more details about this in our next issue.

SHAMEFUL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT AT "AREA 51":

Whether or not there is really any interplanetary technology at Nevada's famous Area 51, some disgraceful conduct by the U.S. government is definitely going on there!

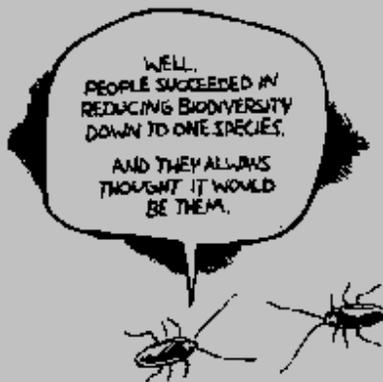
According to the lead front page article in the February 8th Wall Street Journal, two **widows** and four former civilian workers at Area 51 are suing the Defense Department in a citizens' lawsuit. These people contend that the government violated federal hazardous-waste laws by repeatedly burning ordinary chemicals as well as highly toxic classified materials at open pits at the supposedly non-existent base, located about 125 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada.

The workers, who say their exposure to toxic fumes throughout the 1980s caused cancer and other diseases, are seeking classified information to facilitate medical treatment and help with medical bills. The government is asking the U.S. District Court judge in Las Vegas to dismiss the lawsuit on the grounds that almost any disclosure about Area 51 could pose a "serious risk" to national security. This strategy is startling, according to the Wall Street Journal, because the government apparently has **never before** invoked the national-security privilege in a case in which the effect is to shield itself from criminal liability! The case may ultimately go to the Supreme Court.

Says a lawyer for the plaintiffs, "The government claims that revealing any information about Area 51 would jeopardize American lives. But the only American lives lost so far are those of their own workers." These workers contend that when they asked the Air Force for protective gear, they were told that they could either buy their own masks or else just quit their jobs if they were dissatisfied!

As published previously in **Smear**, President Clinton himself has helped the government's "stonewalling" effort by signing an Executive Order exempting the government from making public a recent environmental report on Area 51. Clinton's memo said that keeping the report secret was in the nation's "paramount interest".

On a lighter note, a 92-mile stretch of desolate Nevada state route 375 has been officially renamed the Extraterrestrial Highway. This is the road nearest to the base, and it runs through the tiny town of Rachel, Nevada, home of the Lil'Alien Inn. Obviously, tourism is the motive here - as is the case with the town of Roswell, New Mexico.



MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- We don't usually print sightings of **anything**, but we have an unusually good crop circle story from Arlington, Iowa. The incident occurred in August of last year, but is written up in the Feb. 6th, 1996 issue of the Oelwein, Iowa Daily Register. The anomaly was found in a field of corn, and was an almost perfectly-formed circle about 55 feet in diameter. Mercifully, there were no complex geometric figures involved - just one circle. The news got out gradually, and a number of people visited the site, including people who sent samples to laboratories which found a number of significant differences between corn and soil from the center of the circle, versus "control" samples from outside it. The article concludes by stating that "a hoax has been ruled out". Egads! (Our thanks to Rex Salisbury for this one.)

- On February 27th, the TV show NOVA had a documentary called "Kidnapped by UFOs", devoted mainly to the abduction research that has been done by artist Budd Hopkins and Harvard psychiatrist John Mack. According to the Feb. 24th Boston Globe (Page 66), the volatile Mr. Hopkins was displeased with an advance viewing of the program, and as stated in the "Names and Faces" column in that newspaper, "A seething Hopkins has ripped off a letter accusing the producers of 'mangling the truth', 'tampering with evidence', and sensationalizing the results to score rating points." John Mack made his own separate rebuttal to the program.

We saw the NOVA show, and it didn't look all that biased to us. The majority of time in the hour-long program was devoted to pro-abduction material, but Carl Sagan was there too, in short negative statements, and worst of all for the True Believers, Donna Bassett recounted her story (as told in Time Magazine awhile back) of having convinced John Mack that she was aboard a flying saucer with John Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev during the Cuban missile crisis in 1962.

The low point of the NOVA program was a scene of Hopkins showing a drawing of an alien to a four-year-old boy, apparently hoping to make something positive out of the child's ambiguous response. Hopkins claims this scene was unfairly portrayed, and he may well be right.

Our only complaint against the abduction researchers is their apparent belief that a science show should blindly accept their alien abduction hypothesis, without at least mentioning that there are alternative explanations that make sense. By over-stating their case, Hopkins and Mack alienate the fence-sitters. ...

- On a more positive note, we have an undated Scripps Howard News Service story about alleged alien implants removed recently from the bodies of two people who claim to have been (separately) abducted. The doctor who performed these operations insists on remaining anonymous, for fear of ridicule, etc. According to the article, the objects removed from these people consisted of tiny, highly magnetic pieces of a shiny black metal. Various scientific tests are now being conducted in Houston, Texas, apparently under the direction of John Schuessler, a medical doctor who has been a Deputy Director of MUFON for many years. We will let our readers know if we hear anything further about this...
- According to a report from KCRA-TV in Sacramento, California, a Superior Court judge has ruled that UFO abduction researcher Dr. Richard Boylan will never get back his license to practice psychology. Boylan [lost his license](#) last August on seven counts of gross misconduct. The judge said that Boylan's conduct was outrageous, but that his UFO story was simply ply irrelevant.

Boylan, however, still has a lot to say in his own defense. In a recent press release, he claims that "an out-of-town remote viewer passed on to him information that the judge had received various telephone calls from Intelligence (Cover-Up) officials in Washington, D.C., hostile to his Appeal". With hard evidence like this, Boylan may finally prevail!...

- Research by Roswell investigator Stanton Friedman (with much help from others) seems to show that neither of the two men suspected of being the American alien autopsy cameraman back in 1947, could actually have been the one (if there **was** one). Men named Jack S. Barnett and Jack D. Barnett were the suspects, but neither of these fills the bill.

However, as long as Friedman continues to endorse the notorious MJ-12 presidential briefing documents (which are to be the subject of his next book), we cannot take his research as seriously as we would like to. An anonymous semi-humorous document now circulating in the UFO field, beginning "Attention Nuclear Physicists - real and imagined", seems to have Friedman in mind, but since "Smear" is a family magazine, we won't quote further from it! ...

- Apparently Philip Mantle, Director of Investigations for BUFORA (a British UFO organization) has had a change of heart regarding [his previous endorsement](#) of the famed alien autopsy film. Now he is quoted as saying, "New data suggests that the bodies in that film were definitely human. I understand these were connected with germ warfare and that the bodies were humans who died following experiments."

Mantle was one of the chief organizers of the BUFORA conference in England last August 19th, where a

sold-out house was assured by the fact that the autopsy film would have its first public showing there. At that time cynics said that Mantle's favorable attitude toward the film was influenced by the deal he made with Ray Santilli, who was the one who gave permission for the showing. ...

- The infamous "blackmail tape" which [James \("The Amusing"\) Randi](#) has fought so hard to suppress, has been brought up again in print, in a very complicated context. In the February 11th column by one Michele Landsberg, the prestigious Toronto (Canada) Star states: "The colorful Randi has been involved in a number of lawsuits. Part of the evidence brought against Randi was a tape of his telephone conversations, of explicit sexual content, with teenaged boys. Randi has at different times claimed that the tape was a hoax made by his enemies to blackmail him, that he made the tape himself, and that the police asked him to make it..."

Randi has threatened to sue the Toronto Star. ...

- We have finally obtained a copy of the documentary film, "Whispers from Space", that came out last year about the late, great ufologist Gray Barker. [As we have mentioned previously](#), your "Smear" editor has a long interview in said documentary, broken up into short segments throughout the film. Our agreement with the producer, Ralph Coon, is that we are not to sell or distribute the video tape in any way. We intend to eventually give it to the Clarksburg (West Virginia) Library, which has a whole room devoted to Gray Barker's UFO correspondence files and other material from his life. Barker died in 1984.,,



ABOVE LEFT: Dr. John Mack, the Harvard Medical School psychiatrist whose recent book "Human Encounters with Aliens - ABDUCTION" has propelled him to the forefront of ufological controversy. He is seen here shortly after his lecture at the recent Project Awareness convention near Gulf Breeze, Florida. ABOVE RIGHT: Mia Adams (alias Shiela Franklin), who did not lecture at the convention, but is seen here hawking her autobiographical book "The Excyles" at an outdoor table. (Photos by Smear staff photographer OISEAU)

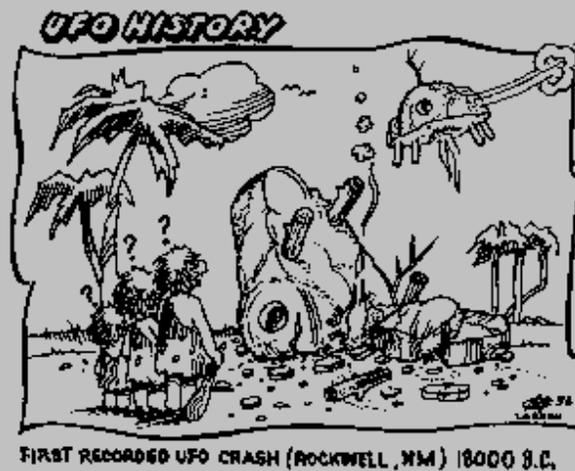
SCREW-UPS IN THE LAST ISSUE:

In the March 20th *Smear*, we incorrectly stated that Roy Craig, author of "[UFOs: An Insider's View of the Official Quest for Evidence](#):" was an investigator for the 1953 Robertson Panel. The correct answer is that he was an investigator for the Condon Committee in the late 1960s.

Also, we misspelled the country [Uruguay](#), even though we looked it up in the dictionary at the time!

But our worst mistake was not keeping track of our source for the [quote from Henry Kissinger](#) at the bottom of Page 3. Quite reasonably, several readers have asked for our source. We think it was a special issue of "Steamshovel Press", the conspiracy magazine, but we are not sure. If any of our fans have better information on this, we would appreciate hearing about it.

"` Screw-Ups' in the Last Issue" will probably become a regular feature in this magazine, unfortunately.



BOOK BAG:

- Mia Adams (alias Shiela Franklin) is still pushing her autobiographical book "Excyles" ([see her paid ad. below](#)); and we of **Smear** should remind you that **our own book "UFO Crash Secrets at Wright/Patterson Air Force Base" is still available from us for a mere ten dollars. (Not to mention the fact that Smear back issues are also available from our Headquarters for one dollar each!)**...
- We have two companion volumes here, the first entitled "Unidentified Flying Objects Briefing Document - The Best Available Evidence" (169 pages) and the second much shorter volume entitled "Executive Summary" of same. Both are written by FUFOR's Don Berliner, with Marie Galbraith and Antonio Huneus. Both are presented as a joint venture of "The UFO Research Coalition", consisting of CUFOS, FUFOR and MUFON, and both are financed by multimillionaire Laurence Rockefeller. We obtained these books mysteriously, and have learned that they are not available for sale. The present limited edition of 1,000 copies will be sent free to "decision makers" and other supposedly important people thought to be sympathetic to the UFO Cause. (We are somewhat reminded of the old days of NICAP's "UFO Investigator", which went free to supporters, but suspected enemies could not buy it!)...
- Next, on a much more modest scale, we have "UFO Chronology Map", which is not a book but a map of the United States. It comes together with an "Index Guide Book" giving short descriptions of 74 UFO cases from 1947 through 1995, the exact locations of which can be found by referring to the map. It is not clear whether these are supposed to be the best UFO cases that can be found for those years, or whether some other criterion was used. The price is also unclear, but seems to be \$9.95. Available from UAPA, P.O. Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134....
- Next we have "Strange Encounters - UFOs, Aliens & Monsters Among Us", written by our good friend Curt Sutherly and published by Llewellyn, the publishers of Fate Magazine. This 272 page tome won't be out till around June, but is now available on a pre-publication discount offer. Rumor has it that your "Smear" editor is **in the index**, so you can be sure we are really looking forward to our free review copy!...
- Finally, we have another puzzling volume, "Between the Lines - The Miami Herald Coverage of the 'Flying Saucer' Wave of 1952 With Edward J. Ruppelt, Chief of the United States Air Force's Project Blue Book". This book consists of about 80 unnumbered pages, mostly of 1952 newspaper photostats, intermingled with quotes from the late Edward Ruppelt. We do not know if these quotes are from Ruppelt's UFO book, or whether he cooperated on this book. The editor of the volume is Hank Worbetz of Miami, Florida - though his name does not appear anywhere until the bottom of the last page. Publisher (if any) and price unknown...

There are a couple of other books in the Bag, but no more Space till next time!

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PRESS-TIME RAVINGS:

- Robert Todd's "Cowflop Quarterly" #4, again about the Roswell Incident, is now out and available **only** through "Just Cause", P.O. Box 176, Stoneham, Ma. 02180...
- Matt Graeber, our ace **Smear** cartoonist, is working on a saucer book which we will have more to say about in the next issue...
- We have just returned from the Project Awareness 4th Annual Gulf Breeze UFO Conference, and will discuss it further in the above-mentioned next issue of **Smear**.

ABDUCTEE DAVID HUGGINS AT AN
INSECTOID NIGHT CLUB



"SO, TELL ME AZROC, CAN I GET
TO MEET HER AFTER THE SHOW?"

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Revered Roswell Researcher (R.R.R.) KARL PFLOCK writes as follows:

"...Sadly, the trend of reaction to the published results of [Robert Todd's in-depth research into the senior Jesse Marcel's real accomplishments](#) versus Marcel's Mittyized version of them suggests that Jerry Lucci is almost correct in his view that `ufology' (ugh!) cannot give up

Roswell because, without Roswell, `it's back to Lights in the Sky and other assorted oddities'.

"I say `almost', because I think it goes deeper than that. First, ufology is a matter of **theology**. Faith, rather than science and just plain hard-headed investigation, is the rule for far too many people in the field. Second, without Roswell and the Great Cover-Up for which it is at the very least the cornerstone, the field would have to go back to (horrors!) THINKING, doing real science and real investigation. Third, as Lucci alluded to when he noted how many of the field's leading lights have literally dedicated their lives to the UFO mystery, there's a **lot** of ego at stake!...

- PAUL JOHNSON, Pennsylvania MUFON State Director, writes:

"Thank you for continuing my non-subscription for the past 18 years. I look forward to another 18 years of your marvelous zine.

"I read with interest your [Saucer Smear theory on UFO crashes](#). Although I would not readily adopt your premise that the government faked `little men' landings for disinformation purposes, I must admit that it would explain why there are so many Roswell witnesses crawling out of the proverbial woodwork. Ragsdale and Truelove simply observed one of the staged retrievals north of Roswell; the mysterious archaeologists came upon one on another date; and Barney Barnett and other archaeologists saw one that the government faked on the Plains.

"I hope you are not offended, but I have enclosed a bribe for continuing my non-subscription."

No offence taken! - Editor.

- JERRY CLARK, editor of "The International UFO Reporter", writes:

"...You're quite right: Only in-the-hand physical evidence will end the Roswell controversy, and I'm sure neither of us is holding his breath in anticipation of that prospect. I do think, however, that your `man on the street' is far more convinced of Roswell (and UFOs generally) than the elite types who would tell the rest of us what to believe. Where UFOs are concerned, the battle for public opinion was won long ago. It's establishment science which continues to resist and to which the evidence must be addressed..."

- Non-subscriber JEFFREY KING writes as follows:

"I must agree with you that [Jerome Clark's point of view](#) toward Todd's report of Jesse Marcel's exaggerations in `The KowPflop Quarterly' is weird. Didn't the Todd Zechel and Don Schmitt episodes teach Clark that a person who exaggerates his personal accomplishments so much has a tendency to exaggerate, or lie about, other matters as well? Todd should be congratulated, rather than condemned, for making the facts about Marcel available to the public, so that we can all make our own judgment about the truthfulness of one of the most important Roswell witnesses. What should shake Clark to his toenails is that other Roswell researchers have either not bothered to verify Marcel's various statements, or they did the research and just never bothered to report Marcel's problems with distinguishing fact from fiction! ...

- That extinguished philosopher MONTY CANTSIN writes:

"...[Jerry Clark obviously hated you](#) when his latest encyclopedia was written. He felt he had to mention you once, but he didn't want to mention you more than once. Now he is trying to communicate with you again, and you immediately call his opinions, which are admittedly rather confusedly expressed, `a weird point of view'. Of course, most CIA agents hate each other, and they use this hostility as a cover. Still, it doesn't make for a well-oiled organization, does it?

"The [`stay high' cartoon](#) in **Smear** is good. It's nice to see that, like William Buckley, you have

come out in favor of marijuana. Of course it's healthier than alcoholism...."

Try both at once! - Editor.

- That extremely mysterious British researcher, ARMEN VICTORIAN, writes as follows:

"...MUFON is a big organization with a mouthful name, that to date has delivered nothing of significance, other than empty promises and tons of pulp... Pulp full of gullibility, and `images' of ufology, which are just that - IMAGES!

"I endorse Robert Todd's findings on Jesse Marcel, after having read Marcel's file. Jerry Clark's comments add up to nothing more than a group of words, knitted nicely in lines. rendering no meaningful stance for an individual with a taste for collecting and reprinting ufological regurgitated pulp at handsome prices..."

- Researcher DON WEBB writes:

"I'm writing for three reasons:

1. My `Love Offering' for **Smear**
2. If you've the space, please mention my website. Here my weekly column, "Letters to the Fringe", appears covering everything from local SF fandom to magick to current Coptic studies to Noam Chomsky to sex. My URL is: <http://www.fringeware.com/tazmedia/dwebb/>. Please tell your friends.
3. I am wondering if it is true that on the side of a Spiritualist Church in Bardo, Arizona, the unmistakable face of James Randi has appeared in the cracking adobe. I suspect it might be a media hoax and hope your readers can confirm or deny the story.

- Arch debunker GARY POSNER, M.D., writes as follows:

"While I am honored by your mention of my Tampa Bay (Florida) Skeptics Report (on page 3 of the Feb. 20th issue of your own pale imitation), I must say that [your comments regarding Randi's challenge](#) indicate an utter lack of understanding of its nature. I am thus enclosing a generic copy from Randi's `The Faith Healers' for your edification (**not** for your defecation - stick with newspaper for that)....

"As you can see, Randi and the claimant structure each challenge in advance, such that success or failure is so self-evident that `no judging procedure is required'. Therefore, your proposed `panel of. ..prominent scientists, carefully chosen for their objectivity' is unnecessary.

"For example, either the straight portion of the stem of the mutually agreed-upon spoon bends while Uri Geller merely strokes it with his fingertip, or it doesn't. An engineering degree from MIT, or a reputation as an international mediator, is not a requirement for determining success."

- Our good buddy CHRISTOPHER ALLAN from England writes:

"...Concerning [Roy Craig](#), he was not part of the Robertson Committee but was a physical chemist on the Condon Committee who delved into the UFO matter in the late 1960s. He had a role in looking into reported cases of `physical evidence'. One of his cases was the 3,000 pounds of metallic slag found on the St. Lawrence River banks back in 1960. This was the junk that Wilbert Smith tried to claim was of likely extraterrestrial origin. This is the same Mr. Smith who wrote that (in)famous memo (self styled `top secret') in November 1950 that was to be the inspiration for the MJ-12 forgery several decades later.

"Smith was merely a crackpot scientist, and was in fact an early contactee, but you won't get Stanton Friedman and others to admit this, when they bring up Smith as a `top Canadian scientist'. Some of his writings in `Flying Saucer Review' were dotty in the extreme..."

"And the 3,000 pounds of metal? Just ordinary foundry waste!"

Editor's Note re Christopher Allan's letter: Wilbert Smith is not to be confused with Dr. Willy Smith, a present-day American scientist and UFO researcher, whose behavior occasionally borders on the crackpot.

- JOHN WHITE, UFO researcher, literary agent, etc., writes:

"You'll be interested to know that Marlowe & Co., the publisher of Travis Walton's 'Fire in the Sky', will publish two other UFO books this year. They are Stanton Friedman's 'TOP SECRET/MAJIC' (yes, all caps is correct - as if it were actually the rubber stamp used on documents), and a paperback edition of Jacques Vallee's 'Forbidden Science'. But you should note for your readers that the head of the company told me that Marlowe is not a house for UFO books and doesn't want to become one, so authors should not inundate the company. It was kind of a fluke that brought these three UFO titles to Marlowe in one year.

"Vallee also has a UFO novel, 'Fast-walker', coming out from North Atlantic this year. (The title is the Air Force code term for UFO,) He told me that he felt free in the book, because it is fiction, to say things about the UFO experience which could not be broached in his nonfiction works."

- Hard-core researcher CHRIS ROTH writes as follows:

"...I'm a bit miffed at the [veiled mudslinging](#) in the Jan. 10th **Smear** in the wake of Frank Stranges winning of the NUFOC Ufologist of the Year Award. In my opinion, Frank in his own inimitable way epitomizes ufology, and that should be recognized. Nothing makes me more nostalgic for the Golden Age of the Contactees than the Tin-Foil Age of the Abductees in which we now live..."

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"You are... a boil on the ass of ufology"
-JOHN KEEL, writing in the March 25th, 1977 issue of "Saucer Glues" (one of the former names of "Saucer Smear")

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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

Hi, Gang! Remember "The Aviary"? A few years ago, a lot of people were trying to guess who are/were the members of the semi-mythical group of pseudo-Governmental spooks who comprise "The Aviary". i.e., individuals who have rather childishly taken on bird-like code names to identify themselves in the ufological War of Nerves.

Now, writing in the Nov.-Dec. 1995 issue of "Perceptions", Dr. Richard Boylan gives us his update, in an article called "Birds of a Feather No More". [Smear readers will remember](#) Dr. Boylan as the gentleman whose license to practice psychology in the state of California was recently lifted by that state's licensing board. [Boylan claims he was treated unfairly](#) because of his unusual UFO beliefs and because present and former U.S. military officers dominate said Board.

Anyhow - here's Dr. Boylan's version of "The Aviary":

- "Blue Jay" is Dr. Christopher Green, associated with the CIA
- "Pelican" is Ron Pandolfi, a CIA Deputy Director
- "Owl" is Hal Puthoff, with the Institute of Advanced Research in Austin, Texas

- "Penguin" is our olde friend Dr. (and/or Colonel) John Alexander of "Non-Lethal Weapons" fame
- "Sea Gull" is none other than Dr. Bruce Maccabee, whose dossier is well known to UFO fans
- "Chickadee" is Commander (and Dr.) G.E. Scott Jones of Naval Intelligence, whose latest book we reviewed briefly in our last issue
- "Condor" is Captain Bob Collins, USAF, Ret., Air Force Office of Special Investigations
- "Falcon" is Sergeant Richard Doty, from the same office as above, now rumored to be working as an Arizona State highway patrolman
- "Mockingbird(?)" is William Moore, who is also described by Boylan as "USAF (Ret.), Special Agent, Air Force Office of Special Investigations".

Smear readers are hopefully familiar with the above-mentioned Bill Moore, who is also co-author of "The Roswell Incident" and prime mover of the semi-defunct "FOCUS" zine.

Your **Smear** editor tried to join The Aviary as "Buzzard", but they wouldn't let us in!

With all these high-powered spooks lined up against us - not in unison but in various ever-changing combinations, is it any wonder that no rational solution to the UFO mystery is possible??? (Our thanks to Simone Mendez & Tim Beckley for this item.)

- Dr. Thornton Page of Houston, Texas died of a heart attack on January 2nd of this year at the age of 82. At the time of his death, Dr. Page was a retired NASA scientist. About ten years ago, your **Smear** editor visited Page & wife Lou at their home, and toured the NASA facility with him, and even had the opportunity to meet a real astronaut.

One of Page's minor claims to fame was the fact that back in 1953, he served on the famous (only to ufologists) Robertson Panel, which was convened & paid for by the CIA to study & make recommendations regarding the flying saucer problem. [Page explains this briefly](#) in a letter published in our Dec. 5th, 1995 issue.

In a letter printed in our Jan. 10th, 1996 issue, [Page explains](#) that a 90-minute tape he recently made with NASA's Jim Oberg regarding the Robertson Committee's work, has been cut to two minutes of air time due to a change in format. Page seemed disappointed that most of his effort had been for nothing, or perhaps he was just kidding us about it.

In any event, Page has passed on. He was a true **non**-believer regarding UFOs, but a good friend to us and a loyal **Smear** non-subscriber. We will miss him...

- On January 20th your editor finally attended one of the monthly meetings of the Miami, Florida MUFON organization, currently led by a charming lady named Mary Margaret Zimmer, who is the editor of a monthly UFO zine called SKYSCAM - now in its second year of publication.

We were originally informed that the MUFON meeting was to be in a bookstore at the far north end of Miami, whereas in reality it took place in a different bookstore at the opposite end of town. Speakers at the 2-hour session included researcher Virgillo Sanchez-Ocejo, who is pushing a forthcoming new book about a deaf-mute contactee. Also on the program was a conservative, very scientifically-oriented man from Uruguay named Milton Hourcade, who told how he used to run a UFO organization in that country. A video was shown of recent close sightings in Mexico, and later there was another video that we could not stay to see.

We have offered our services as a (free) speaker at a future Miami MUFON meeting, but we fear that our radical ufological views make it highly unlikely the offer will be accepted...

- A Blast from the Past: We have just received Issue #10 (March, '96) of "Kor's Kosmos: Exploring the Borderlands of Knowledge". This is a 20-page zine published by a researcher we have known slightly for many, many years named Tom Comella, who goes by the pen name of Peter Kor. In dozens of articles in the ufological press, Kor has commented philosophically on the UFO mystery, but always with the annoying habit of **not** telling the reader just what he is driving at - leading to much frustration.

We did not know Kor was still publishing after all these years, and we don't know when issues #1 through #9 of "Kor's Kosmos" were released. #10 tells us, in a series of statements that we happen to agree with, just what UFOs are **not**. Once again he leaves us dangling by not telling us what, if anything, they **are**. Says Kor:

"`Kor's Nosmos' cannot be purchased. Circulation is controlled by the writer and is directed primarily towards advanced borderlands intellectuals. Anyone wanting to receive the publication should contact the writer at... 1207 Cordova Road, Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124."

- The Winter 1995-96 issue of Dr. Gary Posner's "Tampa Bay (Florida) Skeptics Report" informs us that [James \("The Amusing"\) Randi](#) has raised his famed \$10,000 offer for proof of the psychic, to an Amazing \$500,000 - mostly through pledges from other people. The basic problem remains the same, however, in that Randi himself would be the final judge of what represents a "genuine" psychic phenomenon and what does not. Why not have a panel of **several** prominent scientists, carefully chosen for their **objectivity**, which is a quality that Randi seems to totally lack?? Randi could have **one** vote on the panel, **only** because a magician's skill at detecting trickery **is** needed. But the whole offer is nothing more than a publicity stunt, and is in no way intended to lead to proof of anything!

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- Just because **Smear** is now on the World Wide Web (WWW), this does not mean that we are set up to receive E-mail (whatever that is). If you want to write to us, try the old-fashioned way!...
- Among the unfortunate Errors in our last issue are the following: Nellis Air Force Base of interplanetary fame is, of course, in Nevada, not New Mexico. And the semi-mysterious John Alexander has moved to Las Vegas from Santa Fe, New Mexico, rather than from Albuquerque as we stated...
- Two very unusual animal stories have been brought to our attention:
 1. Near Canovanas, Fuerto Rico, a "blood-sucking alien predator" is ravaging animals throughout the countryside. Some people claim that there have been over one thousand deaths of sheep, cows, chickens, pigs, dogs, cats, and even peacocks.
 2. And in England, where even animals conduct themselves with proper dignity, pigeons have been observed taking subway trains from one stop to another, in order to reach their intended destinations. Why don't they just **fly** there? Ask the editors of "Lo", an offbeat zine published by United Aerial Phenomena Agency, Box 347032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134...
- We are pleased to announce that your humble **Smear** editor has a long illustrated article in the Spring 1996 issue of Tim Beckley's newsstand magazine "UFO Universe". The article is entitled "The Dawn of the Flying Saucer Era" and is about just that - the wild things going on, mostly in California, in the early 1950s. This was originally written for FATE Magazine, but was turned down for obscure reasons...
- We are reliably informed that the Air Force will soon come out with another statement on the Roswell Incident, this time attempting to deal with the persistent rumors that dead alien bodies were found. We await this report with great interest!...
- Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, in an address in 1992 to the mysterious Bilderbergers group, had this to say:

"Today Americans would be outraged if United Nations troops entered Los Angeles to restore order; tomorrow they will be grateful! This is especially true if they were told there was an outside threat from beyond, **whether real or promulgated** (emphasis added), that threatened our very existence. It is then that all peoples of the world will plead with world leaders to deliver them from evil. The one thing every man fears is the unknown. When presented with this scenario, individual rights will be willingly relinquished for the guarantee of their well-being granted to them by their world government..."

- Question: **Why** did "little men" in flying saucers stop crashing on our southwestern desert after the early 1950s? Did they learn to fly better? And why were there no abductions in those days? Inquiring minds want to know!...
- It seems that every year there are fewer really meaty UFO sightings at the same time that there are more & more UFO conventions! This year your editor will be attending the "Project Awareness" convention near Gulf Breeze, Florida on the weekend of March 15th-17th, followed by the MUFON bash in Greensboro, North Carolina on the first weekend of July, followed by our own National UFO Conference (NUFOC) in Minneapolis/St. Paul on the first weekend of October.

Our buddy Tim Beckley will sponsor **three** conventions in 1996: Denver, Colorado, May 24th-27th; Palm Springs, California, Aug. 2nd-4th; and Phoenix, Arizona, October 18th-21st. Pat Marcatillio will have his "7th Great UFO/ET Alien & Abduction Congress" at the Days Inn in Bordentown, N.J. on April 19th-21st; and there are many, many more. Hopefully someone will be abducted from at least one of them, just to jazz things up a little!...



YE OLDE BOOK BAG: ED WALTERS SMEARED AGAIN!

It is hard for **Smear** to take on book reviews, due to our many other ufological interests and the fact that we have only eight pages to fill. However, a unique **unpublished** manuscript has reached us, written by Carol and Rex Salisbury, formerly of MUFON. It is a long, carefully-documented treatise on the famous Ed Walters/ Gulf Breeze case, and the way it came to be written is of unusual interest:

The Salisberrys were flying high in the Florida MUFON hierarchy when they were given a special award for "Meritorious Achievement" at the 1990 MUFON convention in Pensacola (near Gulf Breeze). Thus, when MUFON czar Walt Andrus & others felt it was necessary to re-investigate the Walters case, the Salisberrys were chosen.

The Salisberrys' bias at that time was definitely pro-Walters, which no doubt is one reason for the choice. But in the course of a long and methodical investigation, they became highly skeptical of the case, as they still are today. Naturally their report, completed in 1992, was not acceptable to the MUFON hierarchy, who then found someone else (Art Hufford) to write a report favorable to Walters. The Salisberrys eventually dropped out of the MUFON scene altogether.

There are about 100 pages of text in this treatise, and a similar number of pages devoted to appendices, etc. Hopefully, some publisher such as CSICOP's Prometheus Press can do something with this manuscript, because the ufological public really deserves to see it!

SEX AND SAUCERS AGAIN:

Another skeptical opus that has just appeared on the market (at last!) is "The Billy Meier Story: Spaceships of the Pleiades", by Kal K. Korff. Korff is a UFO researcher of decidedly skeptical bent, whom we have known for quite a few years. It was he who indirectly supplied us with the information leading to our memorable **Smear** exclusive about the incarceration of Wendelle Stevens (a close follower of Meier) back in the 1980s. Stevens basic problem was sexual misconduct with decidedly underage females.

Since 1975, Swiss contactee Billy Meier has been at the center of an intense international controversy both within the UFO community and between UFO believers and skeptics. Meier claims that he is in direct personal contact with aliens from the star cluster Pleiades, and that he has been aboard a Pleiadean spacecraft with his alien contact called "Semjase", visiting other worlds. "Semjase" is a beautiful woman by Earth standards, remarkably similar in appearance to a Scandinavian model.

Speaking of models - Meier has produced hundreds of UFO photographs, thousands of pages of "contact notes", as well as film footage and Pleiadean rock and metal samples. The aliens allegedly contact Meier at a commune in Switzerland called the Semjase Silver Star Center, which in many ways resembles a religious cult with Meier as the leader.

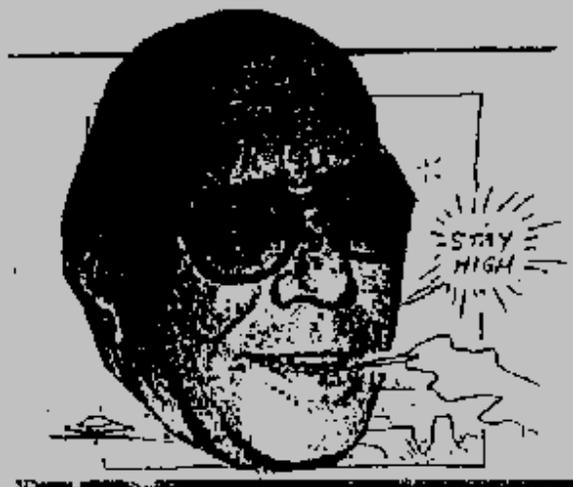
Intrigued by all this, Korff traveled to Switzerland with a trusted female assistant, where he cleverly went "undercover" inside the Meier camp. The result of this investigation is the book at hand, published by Prometheus Books, the publishing arm of the dreaded PSICOP organization (59 John Glenn Drive, Amherst, N.Y. 14228-2197).

AND ALSO:

- Our olde pal Jerry Clark is finally out with the third and last volume of his well-known UFO Encyclopedia. Entitled "High Strangeness: UFOs from 1960 through 1979", it runs more than 700 pages and costs a mere \$95 retail! Sadly, we are told that there is only **one** reference to your humble **Smear** editor in the index, this time. (We did better than that in the other two volumes.) The publisher is Omnigraphics, Inc., of Detroit, Michigan...
- And we hear that some time this Fall, [Budd Hopkins](#) is finally bringing forth his long-awaited book on the famed Linda Napolitano (alias Cortile) abduction case - a strange saga that began back in 1987...
- Whitley Strieber of "Communion" fame is bringing out another new book shortly, called "The Secret School". This book contains childhood memories of abduction-related experiences and such. Says Strieber: "I feel that most of us have gone to Secret Schools in our childhoods, and I'm hoping that my new book will unlock the memories of others..."
- Then there is "UFOs: An Insider's View of the Official Quest for Evidence", by Roy Craig, who back in 1953 was an investigator for the Robertson Panel. (See our item on Thornton Page in this issue.) This volume, which can be assumed to be skeptical, is published by the University of North Texas Press...
- Finally, there is "The Anomalist: 3", discussed in the [letter from Dennis Stacy](#) in the Letters section of this issue...

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Just before press time, we received the February 8th issue of the Wall Street Journal, which has a long front-page article about the hazardous waste problem at "Area 51". We will summarize this article in our next issue. Whether or not there actually are UFOs at "Area 51", you will want to read what our Government is doing to some of its own citizens in the name of National Security!



Ye Olde Editor

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- Researcher ROBERT TODD writes as follows regarding the most recent issue of his "KowPflopp Quarterly" newsletter:

"I thought I made it clear that [Jesse Marcel](#) was indeed promoted to lieutenant colonel *in the Air Force Reserve* in Dec. 1947 - **not** after his retirement as you stated. The promotion only applied to his **Reserve** rank and had no effect whatsoever on his active-duty rank. His active-duty rank remained major, and never rose above major. When he left active duty, his separate, Reserve rank was still Lt. colonel. When he was in the War Room at AFO-AT-1, his rank was major, and **nobody** addressed him as 'colonel'.

"Furthermore, Marcel did **NOT** retire from the Air Force. He left active duty as a major in 1950, but was still a Lt. colonel in the Air Force Reserve into the late 1950s, when the Air Force discharged him because he failed to qualify. He didn't earn enough points to qualify him for the Air Force Reserve. In fact, the file shows that the Air Force attempted to elicit some kind of response from Marcel concerning his intentions with respect to his status in the Air Force Reserve, indicating that a failure to respond would result in his being discharged. The file furnished to me contained no such response from Marcel, suggesting apathy on his part; and the Air Force made good on their word and discharged him from the Air Force Reserve. He was discharged. He did **NOT** retire, and was **NOT** entitled to a pension...

- Our friend DENNIS STACY, Editor of "The Mutual UFO Network UFO Journal" (a horrible title), writes as follows:

"Dear Commander Jim!

"We hereby humbly submit the latest issue of "The Anomalist" for your perusal, also soliciting your usual effusive review. Please note that we've expanded to 176 pages (from 160) while at the same time actually lowering the price - to \$9.95! So - that's \$9.95 plus \$2.50 postage & handling, checks payable to Dennis Stacy, Box 12434, San Antonio, Texas 78212.

"Hey, your Web page is great! Kudos to the guy behind it. We put your address up on the [MUFON Web page](#), too. Patrick Huyghe and I also have one for 'The Anomalist' at: <http://www.cloud9.net/~patrick/anomalist>.

"Stay warm, Jim, and keep up the good work!...

"The Anomalist: 3 - Winter 1995-96" contains articles by Patrick Huyghe, Hilary Evans, Michael Grosso, Martin Kottmeyer, Peter Jordan, and others whom we have not heard of.

Give it a read! - Editor.

- STEVE MANSEE, the gentleman who kindly put **Smear** on the WWW, writes:

"...The on-line version of **Saucer Smear** continues to draw a steady stream of visitors, averaging between one and two hundred a day. Either you have an audience of thousands, or a hundred or so fanatically devoted readers..."

"I can truly say that working with 'Saucer Smear' has been one of the highlights of my year (1995)."

- MARK AUSMUS (a real person, not a made-up name!) writes:

Saucer Smear is wonderful. I am interested in obtaining as many back issues as possible. From your recent letter, it sounds as if you might have about fifty back issues available. Enclosed is a check for fifty dollars. Please send as many back issues as this will allow..."

- Roswell luminary KEVIN RANDLE writes:

"Let's see if I have this straight: Originally it was [38 false claims made by Randle and Schmitt](#). Now I've inherited them all, even if they were comments that I didn't make. So, I guess the number is smaller than the 38 claimed by Stanton Friedman. That would seem to make his claim of 38 false claims by Kevin Randle a false claim!"

- TIM BRIGHAM, Editor of "The Devil's Advocate" (Box 10853, Pensacola, Florida 32524), writes as follows:

"Regarding [your 'Cold War' UFO theory](#), I wouldn't doubt it. As you may know, it's my opinion that the Gulf Breeze red light may have been a military attempt to fake UFOs in order to perform some psychological research, or possibly even test psychological warfare..."

"Think of the psychological and propaganda applications that would exist if you could fool other nations into thinking that we're either buddies with aliens, or that aliens are coming to get them!..."

- And, MONTY CANTSIN writes:

"...[The phone in the alien autopsy film](#) proved the authenticity of the film. We all remember the 1950s as a decade of stylistic modernism, in phones as in other aspects of interior design. All of these futuristic designs were in fact modeled after the furniture taken from the Roswell UFO, including the phone seen in the film. The '50s were an obvious example of the influence of alien culture on earthling culture, the largest such explosion of influence, in fact, since the pyramids!..."

- JEROME CLARK, Editor of "The International UFO Reporter", writes:

"Dear Supreme Commander:

"I thought I had heard of every form of human depravity, but [the revelations about Jesse Marcel, Sr.](#), have shaken me to my toenails! Never in my wildest nightmares would I have imagined that someone could sink so low as to puff up his resume or exaggerate his military record. Where would we be if **Smear** wasn't out there to alert us to the presence of such hideously evil souls?"

"Sadly, cynics out there will say that your revelations were never meant to be taken seriously, (and) that they were intended to satirize the comic lengths to which the anti-Roswell forces will go to prop up a feeble case! Other spoilsports will note that Marcel was far from the only witness to characterize the Roswell ceeckage as extremely strange, and they wll argue that therefore the allegations about his background are relevant to precisely nothing..."

This is a weird point of view! - Editor.

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN takes an opposing position, as follows:

" [The latest revelations by Robert Todd concerning Jesse Marcel](#) are truly wonderful! Todd effectively discredits nearly all the earlier researchers, and he deserves exceptional praise! His work is yet another, more powerful example of why the primary subject matter of ufology should be gullibility, hoaxes, and myth. Of course MUFON, CUFOS, and FUROR will never admit this, and their continuing antics will provide much amusement. **Smear** remains the foremost chronicle of the real UFO phenomena!"

- Former New Jersey MUFON State Director TOM BENSON writes:

"Mention in **Saucer Smear** of [Robert Todd's continuing, scholarly research efforts](#) indicates a dire need for training in basic research techniques for present-day alleged UFO researchers! To conduct a background check of the primary witness is essential in all high strangeness cases. Todd is the first person to point out the many testimony discrepancies regarding Major Marcel's military work history and college attendance. This also raises many questions about the research abilities of several well-known researchers involved with this case, as well as others. UFO research organizations should be more careful in the future in funding these fast-talking alleged researchers who lead us down the primrose trail! It's time that the Boards of these organizations address this issue, or more competent people be appointed!"

- Researcher JERRY LUCCI writes as follows:

"...I have just finished reading [Robert Todd's piece on Major Marcel](#), and once again he proves that he dares go where no other investigator will go. ... The problem, however, is the fact that no matter how much evidence is put forth that talks against a UFO crash, the Field itself (which, like the Roswell witnesses, is getting colder by the day!) cannot give the case up. Roswell represents for many the only hope of solving a mystery that many individuals have dedicated their lives to solving. Without Roswell, it's back to Lights in the Sky and other assorted oddities.

"As I told you many years ago, just prior to the start of the Roswell investigation, I gradually arrived at the conclusion that UFOs probably represent some piece of a broad spectrum of events that are generally categorized as Fortean phenomena. As the evidence against Roswell mounts, I am once again developing an opinion that this is probably the case - an opinion you also share; see 'UFO Universe'..."

- Researcher HERBERT TAYLOR writes:

"...I have come to regard **Saucer Smear** with a certain affection, and the realization that a publication of this type is not out of order in this woeful field. Unlike the more 'mainstream' publications (e.g. MUFON Journal and IUR) you seem to have no sacred cows, and anyone who has erred may come under fire, and their misdeeds exposed for all to see. May **Smear** continue to thrive, and readership enlarge!..."

Taylor makes some specific points about Don Schmitt and Jesse Marcel, which Space does not permit us to print. - Editor.

- Famed French UFO author & researcher JEAN SIDER writes:

"...We are living in strange times. While honest ufologists are trying to understand UFO incidents in the USA and elsewhere, other so-called researchers are trying to prove that some well-known witnesses and ufologists have lied about their career. And when they succeed in proving it, they claim the UFO incidents in which the 'culprits' are involved, are hoaxes. It is as if Communist agents were busy proving that some priests and reverends have lied about themselves, in order to show that God doesn't exist! In France, some of these people don't hesitate to claim that witnesses are drunkards and have other kinds of bad habits. Some claim that there are NO true UFO reports! Others have extended this strange opinion to include ALL

paranormal events!...



"Well, actually, Doreen, I rather resent being called a 'swamp thing.' ... I prefer the term 'wetlands-challenged mutant.'"



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"The Roswell Incident has emerged as a myth of such power and allure that it is no longer in anybody's best interests to seek - or admit - the truth. The town of Roswell profits from increased tourism. The supposed Roswell `witnesses' get their two hours of fame, and immortality in the history books. The Roswell `investigators' garner the adulation of their peers (assuming they have any), and the royalties from book and movie deals. The UFO `organizations' enjoy a new respectability they otherwise haven't been able to achieve after nearly fifty years of worthless `research'... Is it any wonder the truth has been lost in this hodgepodge of vested interests?"

-UFO researcher ROBERT TODD, writing in the Dec. 8th, 1995 issue of "The KowPflo Quarterly". ([See discussion below.](#))

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ANOTHER KEY ROSWELL WITNESS BITES THE DUST:

Researcher Robert Todd, writing in the most recent issue of "The KowPflo Quarterly" (formerly called "The Cowflo Quarterly") gives us four pages of detailed information about Jesse Marcel, much of it taken directly from Marcel's nearly 200-page military personnel file. The title of Todd's article is "Major Jesse Marcel: Folk Hero or Mythomaniac?" Roswell fans will recall that Marcel was the Intelligence officer at Roswell Army Air Field at the time of the July, 1947 Roswell Incident, and is therefore a key figure in the legend.

The file shows that Marcel exaggerated or lied about several important aspects of his career, which gives us Just Cause to be suspicious of the accuracy of his description of the Roswell debris. ("Just Cause" is an

excellent UFO zine published by Barry Greenwood, and Todd's zine is always mailed out together with it.)

Among the problems: Marcel claimed 3,000 hours of flight time as a pilot before going into the Air Force, but there is no indication in his record that he had **any**. Later he flew on many combat missions in World War II, as an Intelligence officer, but **never** as a pilot.

Marcel claimed he was awarded five Air Medals for shooting down five enemy planes in combat. Actually he received **two** Air Medals, but only for having flown a sufficient number of hours on combat missions - as an Intelligence officer, never as a pilot or gunner.

Although Roswell proponents believe that Marcel's high rank of Lt. Colonel makes him more believable, he was never more than a Major while on active duty. He became a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserve **after** his retirement.

Marcel claimed to have a B.S. degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and to have attended four other colleges. However, there is no indication that he had **any** degree, and apparently he had only a total of one year of college anywhere. After leaving active duty in 1950, Marcel returned to the relatively humble status of a self-employed television repairman in Louisiana.

The item we like best is this one: Marcel once claimed to an interviewer that in 1949 he "wrote the very report that President Truman read on the air declaring that Russia had exploded an atomic device". However, it turns out that **no** such report was ever read on the air by President Truman. Instead, the White House merely issued a written statement about the event! Not surprisingly, Marcel's name does not appear anywhere in the records as having been among the many U.S. scientists and top military men associated with this event.

Some of the above information has been published previously by Bob Pratt, Karl Pflock, Phil Klass and others, though none worked from Marcel's complete military personnel file as Todd did. Todd is much to be commended for the work he has done.

"The KowPflop Quarterly" can be obtained from Robert Todd, 2528 Belmont Ave., Ardmore, Pa. 19003-2617.



NEW "SAUCER SMEAR" THEORY EXPLAINING THE ROSWELL INCIDENT AND OTHER EARLY "UFO CRASHES":

Since the beginning of the Cold War (1946), the U.S. Government has been on a disinformation campaign to

convince the Soviet Union that we may have alien technology. Thus the Government started rumors and may even have faked "little men" landings in the late 1940s and early 1950s; and they continue to secretly encourage wild "Area 51" speculation to this very day - even though the Cold War is supposedly over!

The purpose was to make the Russians overestimate our level of technology and over-spend into bankruptcy, which finally worked.

Even though Frank Scully, author of the classic book "Behind the Flying Saucers" (1950) never believed a word of what he wrote about crashed saucers (he was a humorist), and even though his information came from extremely unreliable sources (Silas Newton, etc.), he merely passed on "valid rumors" secretly started by our own Government for the above reasons. He was thus what the CIA would call a "useful idiot", as are the current UFO researchers who endorse the MJ-12 documents. (You know who you are!)

This theory, unlike some of our previous theories, does **not** attempt to explain all of ufology, but only the Cold War aspect. Comments are welcome.

PERILS OF THE INTERNET:

We know almost nothing about the InterNet, being, as they say, computer illiterate. However, when some friends volunteered to put **Smear** "on-line" (?), we went along with it, only to learn that there are complex legal perils involved. **Smear** is and always has been deliberately uncopyrighted, as we want The Word to get around. But what about material in **Smear** such as poetry, to which the author may want to retain a copyright??? What about the fact that people who can read **Smear** for free on the Internet may not be inclined to shell out actual money to become non-subscribers!

We know that the Internet is the Wave of the (shudder!) Future, and we do want to Get With It. Here we again print our access code, or whatever the hell it is. All comments on this subject from our readers will be most appreciated.

For World Wide Web users, the address is

<http://www.mcs.com/~kvg/smear.htm>



TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- Speaking of the Internet - Glenn Campbell of "[The Groom Lake Desert Rat](#)" ("[The Naked Truth from Open Sources](#)") is looking for information on felony convictions suffered by leading ufologists, to include in "On-Line" biographies of these people. Campbell lived until recently in the tiny town of Rachel, Nevada, deep

in the heart of saucer country. ..

- We learn from the British zine "Enigmas" that the best anagram for "RAY SANTILLI" is "SAINTLY LIAR". Knowing this will help us remember how to spell his name!...
- The latest on the infamous Roswell autopsy video is that the original owner is one Volkar Spielberg (**no** relation to Steven!), a German producer of **pornographic** films, who sold part of the film to Ray Santilli. No American cameraman is involved, but among those Americans helping to promote the video is our old pal Wendelle Stevens of Pleiadean fame...
- The semi-mysterious John Alexander of Non-Lethal Weapons fame has moved from Albuquerque, New Mexico to Las Vegas, Nevada, possibly to be closer to Robert Bigelow, who is rumored to be organizing and funding a PSI-TECH type of Foundation, i.e., something having to do with the psychic realm, remote viewing, and such. All we know so far is that the organization's initials are NIDS. (Nerds Intent on Destroying Society???) More on this later...
- On Dec. 1st of last year, "Unsolved Mysteries" ran a segment on the famed 1964 UFO landing at Socorro, New Mexico, witnessed by policeman Lonnie Zamora and possibly by others as well. Zamora himself was there for an interview, and there was another interview with a gentleman who looked amazingly like our old pal Jerry Clark of CUFOS!...
- Sociologist and anti-CSICOP skeptic Marcello Truzzi is now recovering in his Michigan home from recent serious surgery...
- It is now over eleven years since the death of Gray Barker, and we miss him as much as ever...
- Here's a little-known but true fact: President Clinton has signed an Executive Order to exempt "Area 51" from environmental laws, in order to torpedo a lawsuit by Government employees in that area who claim they have been physically harmed by radioactive waste. It seems that Clinton really wants to keep the lid on! Or, according to the theory in [our editorial](#), maybe he is just deliberately adding to the "Area 51" hype!...
- While in Northern Ireland recently, Clinton deliberately chose to answer a question from an Irish child who had written him, asking about the Roswell Incident. Said Clinton,

"As far as I know, an alien spacecraft did not crash in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947... If the United States Air Force did recover alien bodies, they didn't tell me about it, either, and I want to know."

Yeah, sure...

- "Video Dave" of Yucaipa, California is now pushing a 2-hour video which shows "a giant mother ship cruising low over treetops. a UFO landed in a parking lot; UFO clusters... and things I can't even mention on this card" - whatever that means. Write to ole Dave at P.O. Box342, Yucaipa, Ca. 92399...
- There's another great video that shows the surgical removal of three alien implants from a woman's toe and the removal of a similar im plant from a man's hand. Says our information, "There will be those who will try to debunk this evidence, of course". Yes, of course! Write to: Saber Enterprises, P.O. Box 60944, Houston, Texas 77205...
- Another keen film, shown at the "Dialogue with the Universe" UFO conference in Dusseldorf, Germany, supposedly shows a flying saucer on a 40-foot U.S. military flatbed truck. This allegedly comes from Wright-Patterson AFB and involves a crashed UFO recovered in 1947. (Roswell??)...
- This year's National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will be held in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, sponsored

locally by noted UFO author & lecturer Cope Schellhorn. Among the twelve ufological luminaries already booked are Stanton Friedman, Budd Hopkins, Jerome Clark, Kevin Randle, Colin Andrews, Brad & Sherry Steiger, Rick Hilberg, Wendelle Stevens, and (of course) your humble **Smear** editor. More details later...

- Recent news reports confirm that the CIA has used psychics for about twenty years to help them gather Intelligence information. Unfortunately, the psychics proved to be generally unreliable, though occasionally their "remote viewing" was helpful as a back-up to other information. One researcher stated the same view that we hold here at **Smear**: "Sometimes it seemed that these people were right on; but nobody knows when those times will come." ...
- Late last November, a TV broadcast in one part of England was interrupted by a 3-minute mysterious message that began, "This is the voice of Asteron. I have a message for the planet Earth". The entity making the broadcast purported to be transmitting from a spaceship near Earth. Many listeners panicked. The cause of the interruption has not been found, though it is assumed to be a hoax...
- The Phoenix (Arizona) Skeptics have sent us their annual list of predictions for the next year (1996 in this case), their point being that they score a higher "hit" rate than the professional psychics do. We keep telling them that the real reason for this is that their psychic powers are greater than those of the avowed psychics, but they won't admit this is true! Their most colorful predictions this time: O.J. Simpson's search of golf courses fails to uncover the real murderer of his ex-wife & Ron Goldman; The "Alien Autopsy" pathologists are sued for malpractice for murdering their patient; Cold Fusion returns to the news; and the Global Warming controversy heats up! ...



SEX & SAUCERS IN FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA and OTHER NEW BOOKS OF INTEREST:

- We have in our hands a 350-page self-published tome called "The Excyles: The True Experiences of a Woman Who is Loved by Extraterrestrials and was Romanced by a U.S. Government Intelligence Agent". The author is Mia Adams, but Ms. Adams has given us permission to reveal her real name which is Shiela Franklin, a **Smear** non-subscriber from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. We have met her a couple of times in recent months, and offhand she seems like a pleasant, intelligent, and rational woman perhaps 50 years old. Her autobiographical book reveals, however, that she is **not** just the average woman on the street!

Ms. Franklin lives in a secure building of very comfortable condominiums. At one point recently the residents were being greatly annoyed by a "condomaniac" who was one of the residents and also happened to be a retired FBI agent. So, Ms. Franklin called the real local FBI office about this, and over a period of time she became very friendly with one of the agents there, whom she calls Jordan Perez - presumably not his real name.

At first Jordan does not seem to share her interest in UFOs and such, but they gradually establish a close friendship, and eventually they begin a sexual relationship (bottom of Page 89). Later, though he is apparently an ordinary FBI agent with no conceivable "need to know", Jordan is invited to go on a VIP tour of Nellis AFB in New Mexico and other "sensitive" areas in that state; and when he gets back, he breaks off the relationship, but gives Ms Franklin a written statement of what he thinks he has learned regarding UFOs while out there.

Jordan's statement occupies 12 full pages of the book - written in capitals and with strange misspellings that Ms. Franklin does not understand the need for (nor do we). There is the usual (to ufologists) stuff about underground bases, genetic tampering with the human race by "greys", and all the other things that we all want to believe go on underground in New Mexico. But the most startling of all is the fact that Jordan has learned that Ms. Franklin is in reality his **mother**, and therefore he feels his relationship with her is incestuous, and should be broken off. Says he:

"...My source advised me that a donor egg was obtained from another woman and her genetic material erased from the egg. My mother's genetic material was then substituted and the egg fertilized by my father's sperm. I must therefore conclude that at least my mother was also an abductee."

Whether the above makes sense medically, we do not know; but these aliens can do anything!

There is a lot more to the book than this, and in spite of our having picked this one part to talk about, it is definitely not a sex book (unfortunately!). Ms. Franklin endures all sorts of phone surveillance, at least one possible break-in to her apartment, and many other persecutions. Recently someone broke into her car and wrote "GARBAGE" on her book box!

However, she does not seem to let it get to her, and seems to take everything that happens to her in a philosophical "maybe it's true and maybe it isn't" frame of mind. That's probably the exact way that we should take this book. It can be obtained for \$18.95 by writing to: Excelta Publishing Inc., P.O. Box 4530, Fort Lauderdale, Fl. 33338...

- Also just out is "Phoenix in the Labyrinth". by the semi-mysterious C.B. Scott Jones, PhD, President of the Human Potential Foundation (P.O.Box 6, Falls Church, Va. 22040). This is a 180-page soft-cover compilation of six lectures given by Jones from 1988 to 1994 at various UFO-oriented conventions...
- Finally, we have 340 pages of "Popular Alienation: A Steamshovel Press Reader", edited by Kenn Thomas. This is an anthology of nine issues of the well-known Conspiracy Journal, "Steamshovel Press", which touches on UFOs, assassinations, and the usual round of political espionage & intrigue. Contributors include Tim Leary, Robert Anton Wilson, Allen Ginsberg, Mark Lane, Dick Gregory, Sean Morton, Stanton Friedman, and John Keel. Good reading! Available from IllumiNet Press, P.O. Box 2808, Lilburn, Ga. 30226



MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- ROBERT ANTON WILSON writes:

"Well, you got yourself one fiendishly fine website there. It brings the casual browser up-to-date on the Roswell comedy; it provides a good intro to your mag and its most frequent contributors; it shows `Saucer Smear' as a damn good skeptical journal, as distinguished from the pseudo-skepticism of those `psyche-cops' (mind police) who pontificate like they just got out of the Vatican.

"The guy who did it for you deserves kudos and kumquats at least."

- RICHARD AGUILAR writes as follows:

"It was with much surprise and delight that I discovered your `home page' on the Internet last week. It's been many years since I've received your informative and entertaining `Saucer Smear' in the mail, and it's good to see that you've gotten funnier and more irreverent with age. Needless to say, I printed all the available back issues and read them all in one sitting..."

- MARK AUSMUS writes:

"After having read and heard so much about you, I was very pleased to meet you and hear your talk at the 32nd Annual National UFO Conference. I found your speech, or question and answer period, to be the most fascinating 30 to 45 minutes of the conference. Incidentally, you were right. Someone did record your talk and I have a copy. If you didn't get a recording and want one, I will be glad to send it to you.

"Several of the other speakers were also quite interesting. Frank Stranges knew how to captivate the audience with his story, and George Fawcette (?) delivered content. With the exception of George, I can't recall anyone talking about having done any UFO research. Once upon a time, that seemed to be important. (Crop circles and magic numbers don't count!)"

- Leading British ufologist HILARY EVANS writes as follows: ***(He refers to the fact that Frank Stranges received our NUFOC Ufologist of the Year Award.***

"I was delighted to learn that Dr. Frank Stranges has at last received the recognition that has so long eluded him. His unique contribution to ufology should have been recognized long before now.

"However, I am curious to know which of his many outstanding qualities finally earned him this prestigious title. Was it the quality of his writing, so amply displayed in the stream of elegantly printed and tastefully illustrated booklets and brochures which must be a treasured part of any ufologist's library? Was it the profundity of his thought - the masterly way in which he has applied his fine mind (for assuredly he was not awarded his many doctorates for nothing!) to the puzzling enigma which has so long puzzled us?...

"Or was it for more personal reasons: The heart-warming way in which he rehabilitated himself with society after his own personal tragedy, convicted - by who can say what appalling travesty of justice - of law-breaking; crimes surely committed only because they served a higher purpose, risking his own reputation to obtain funds to enable him to continue his selfless crusade for the Truth?...

"[Hal Starr's letter in `Smear'](#) shows that I am not the only one who is curious to learn on what grounds the honorable title of Ufologist of the Year was finally awarded to this remarkable man who for so long has pursued his activities without getting what he deserves!"

In the spirit of Live & Let Live, we respectfully decline to make any comment on the above missive, though we are glad to have received it. - Editor

- DR. THORNTON PAGE, retired NASA engineer and only surviving member of the famed 1953 Robertson Panel, writes as follows:

"Dear Jim:

"[I was misled](#) by (Jim) Oberg, who has gone off on a new tangent under contract with TV Channel 4 in Dallas to produce 4-minute `brain ticklers' on a variety of subjects. Today I saw a tape of five of them, including the one starring me with (only) 2 minutes on the Robertson Panel. So much for my hopes of glory, and the 90 minutes I spent discussing HPR and UFOs. Yours, in tears, Thornton"

- Famed Roswell investigator BILL MOORE writes as follows:

"...So, do I dare venture a gentle `I told you so' to all the now former fans of Don Sohmitt? Where was the self-righteous Captain Kevin Randle four years ago when I scored Schmitt hard with virtually all the same allegations, including prevarication and the fabrication of critical evidence? And where was Jerry Clark and the rest of CUFOS when I tried to tell them the same thing and they wouldn't believe a word of it? Now it seems the chickens have come home to roost. What a sordid mess."

- STANTON FRIEDMAN, Nuclear Physicist, Lecturer, etc., writes:

"I must say I am surprised that [you are surprised about my being a skeptic](#) about the Santilli autopsy footage. I am skeptical about everything. That's why I do my research by investigation rather than the proclamation so common these days in ufology.

"I arranged a polygraph examination for Gerald Anderson, which he passed. I haven't seen any for Frankie Rowe or Frank Kaufmann, have you? I have exposed the false credentials of Kirkwood, Lazar, and Spaulding, by checking, not by proclaiming. I have been to 15 Archives and talked to relatives of many MJ-12 members, in my search for truth about MJ-12 documents. I have proven several are bogus. There are REAL MJ-12 documents as noted in

my book 'Top Secret/Majic', due out this Spring. I have dealt with Kevin Randle's objections in my 37 page \$4 paper 'Operation Magestic 12? YES' and elsewhere.

"I first spoke to Santilli in mid-January 1995. I met with him in London in April and June, and with his associate in San Marino in September. Just about every time I have checked an his claims I have found they were false. The list (of errors) isn't yet as long as the 38 false claims I noted for Kevin Randle re Roswell in my 1995 MUFON paper. I hope the MUFON Journal publishes my detailed response to his attempted rebuttals as printed there recently..."

- England's ARMEN VICTORIAN writes:

"...Re the Alien Autopsy: The film is bogus. The alleged cameraman has been dead for over a decade, and there is not a shred of evidence about its authenticity as to the Roswell footage. Once more MUFON and allies have put their feet in it. I guess human gullibility has no bounds - a sad fact of our lives..."

"I will shortly send you some money for the renewal of my subscription."

Great! - Editor

- DENNIS STILLINGS, Director of the Archaeus Project, writes:

"I recently read an article in 'Der Spiegel' (a German publication something like a combination of 'Life' and 'Time' magazines) on the alien autopsy. It was considered 'transparent fraud'. Among other things, it was noted that a wall phone appears in the film the design of which did not appear until 1956. This does not mean that the particular telephone in the film is from 1956. It could be from much later. A German pathologist also commented that the equipment and procedures used were below amateurish, and would not have been used even in the 1940s. 'The Fortean Times' considers the film a 'necrophiliac snuff-flick'. The 'alien' is likely a deceased hydrocephalic."

- Researcher ALEXANDER MEBANE writes:

"...Santilli and the Fox Network are clearly playing their cards for maximum effect. The rumored scene of (President) Truman watching the crashed UFO being loaded onto a truck may yet make its appearance...."

- Famed abductee BETTY HILL writes:

"...I love all the discussions about the alien autopsy film. Only those who have actually seen the UFO people know for sure if it is real or not."

- K.RYAN of Eugene, Oregon writes as follows:

"I enjoyed the last issue of 'Saucer Smear'. [James Randi](#) proves once again, with his own words, how troubled the 'debunkers' are. It was an embittered, petty, spiteful, puerile outburst of a darkened, gloomy, sorrowful individual who has nothing to say and no way to say it, save to emptily rant with specious diatribes and rave with frothy sophistry the same tired cliched shopworn claptrap that clearly demonstrates a limited awareness and lack of any real understanding..."

- Finally, the inevitable MONTY CANTSIN has this to tell us:

"Project Awareness can run from the aliens, but can't hide. Do the Project Awareness people really think the aliens can't zap them just as easily in the springtime as in the Fall? This is true even if after only three years they are more professional than NUFOC. One obvious difference is that Awareness doesn't have perennial amateur Jim Moseley among its leadership. What could be more unprofessional than giving yourself an award??..."

"Whitley Strieber leaves ufology in disgust, and then [comes back six years later to hawk another book?](#) That is disgusting!...

"All versions of the Roswell video are uncut. The uncut version gets longer as more scenes are shot, obviously...

"As for the incident about the U.S. military murdering an alien, that does sound like government propaganda. The military can kick alien ass as easily as they can kick Vietnamese ass, Saddam Hussein's ass, or Somali warlord ass. The Vietnamese, Saddam Hussein, the Somali warlords, and the aliens are still laughing. The Serbs are just starting to giggle...

"The Amazing thing is that people like [Randi](#) haven't the slightest idea of why blasphemy laws and other laws of the Church should not be a part of the civil law code. It's exactly because so few people have the brains to understand the philosophical reasoning of the separation of church and state that we still have these idiotic laws - and blasphemy laws do a lot less damage than similarly unconstitutional Church laws against pornography, sodomy, prostitution, and drugs!..."

I'll drink to that! - Editor

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A TALE OF TWO UFO CONVENTIONS

On the weekend of October 14th-15th, your editor attended the 32nd National UFO Conference, held annually in various cities around the country since 1964. This year's convention was in Atlanta, Georgia, sponsored by a local group headed by ufologist/occultist Allen Greenfield and two others named Hill Gastfriend and Sampson Orion (real name).

The event included twenty speakers, among them: Lean Haley, George Fawcett, Cope Sohellhorn, Jim Keith, George Andrews, Robyn Quail, Marc Davenport, Fearon Hicks, David Huggins, Ed Komarek, Allen Greenfield, and Al Bielek. Dr. Frank Stranges came all the way from California to speak and act as Master of Ceremonies. For his gentlemanly contributions to this and numerous other conventions around the country, Dr. Stranges was given our coveted Ufologist of the Year Award.

Jim Moseley, editor of "Smear" and Permanent Chairman of the National UFO Conference, was the speaker at the Saturday night banquet. He received a standing ovation from the audience of about 100 people, and was given a special Lifetime Achievement Award by the local committee. Unfortunately this speech was not recorded (although all the others were), and there do not even seem to be any photographs of the event! (Was it a dream?)

In the photo we see Rick Hilberg, a co-founder of the NUFOC and also editor of "Flying Saucer Digest" out of Ohio - now in its 131st issue. Rick is standing next to a painting by



abductee David Huggins, showing one of the interplanetary or interdimensional ladies with whom Huggins allegedly has frequent sexual intercourse. Huggins has designed a T-shirt with the motto "MISCEGENATION IS GREAT" written on it and showing a human male, a space woman, and a hybrid child. We have warned Huggins that this T-shirt may not be a big seller.

Regarding the convention, there were definite problems regarding the small size of the crowd and the poor hospitality of the hotel; but all things considered, the event was a success. Next year's convention will be held on the weekend of October 4th-6th at the Airport Sheridan Hotel in St. Paul, Minnesota, sponsored by noted ufological author & lecturer Cope Schellhorn. More about this in future issues.

The following weekend, your editor moved on to the Third Annual Gulf Breeze UFO Conference, sponsored by Project Awareness (P.O. Box 730, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32562). The only trouble was that the event had to be moved from Pensacola Beach, Fl. (next to Gulf Breeze) to Mobile, Alabama, due to a last-minute tragedy: A mere two weeks before the convention date, Hurricane Opal devastated a long strip of the Gulf Coast, including Pensacola Beach. Through skill and luck, the Project Awareness people were able to move the gathering without losing any of their seven speakers or any sizable part of their audience. (Next year's Gulf Breeze conference will be held in the Spring, rather than during hurricane season.)

The (only) seven speakers were Whitley Strieber, Zecharia Sitchin, Colin Andrews, George Knapp, Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Dannion Brinkley, and Dr. Fred Alan Wolf. Of these, Whitley Strieber was definitely the most interesting, especially as this was his first public lecture since he departed from the UFO field in bitter disgust in 1989. Strieber was articulate, mellow, enlightened, and possibly even factual. Strieber's lecture audience of over 800 people (count 'em) was delighted, and he then spent hours autographing his new book "Breakthrough" and mingling with the masses. In the photo below, Strieber poses with up-and-coming ufologist Tim Brigham, editor of "The Devil's Advocate". (Photo by your "Smear" editor.)



Space does not allow us to discuss the other lecturers, but all were interesting. Dr. Maccabee proved that as a ufologist he is an excellent piano player. (He played for an hour or so during an evening social.) We can't help noting that Project Awareness, after only two or three years of existence, is more professional in their convention abilities than the National UFO Conference is after thirty two years! There are many reasons for this, but one obvious difference is that Awareness goes for quality rather than quantity in booking its lecturers. Their next offering (March 15th-17th, 1996, at Pensacola Beach) will feature Strieber again as well as Harvard psychiatrist John Mack, and others.

ROSWELL VIDEO UPDATE:

Just after our last issue went to press, we received both of the expensive copies of the Roswell autopsy video that we had ordered from England. Strangely, though all versions are supposed to be "uncut", the version we received from "Video Dave" in California contained a long, dark, disgusting autopsy scene that was mostly absent from the other two! And now the Fox TV Network is about to show more previously unseen footage!

One thing that the NUFOC convention in Atlanta and the Mobile convention had in common was a video room where some version of this film classic ran continuously. In Mobile your editor deliberately sat in the front row of the video room eating a bowl of chili which looked strangely like the dark mush being taken from the chest of the alleged alien on the TV screen. For some reason, no one wanted to sit near us.

The views of most ufologists regarding the authenticity of this film range from cautious to highly skeptical, though nothing has been proven one way or the other so far. Ray Sentilli looks more and more like a sleazy promoter who stumbled onto a gold mine, or possibly created a gold mine for himself. Now a number of still pictures are circulating, such as the one shown below, lifted from "Fortean Times" of England for use in "Smear". This one seems to show a human hand putting the finishing touches on an alien head that looks similar but not identical to the one in the Sentilli film. These pictures were mailed anonymously to "Fortean Times" and several others. Is someone out there trying to tell us something??



Among those who tend to reject the authenticity of the Sentilli film is Walter Haut of the International UFO Museum & Research Center in Roswell. Haut was the public relations officer at Roswell Army Air Field at the time of the alleged Roswell Incident. Professor Charles Moore, who was Project Engineer for the New York University experimental balloon flights in New Mexico in June of 1947 tells "Smear", "We didn't have any alien bodies in our (Mogul) balloons."

Another skeptic in this matter, surprisingly, is nuclear physicist & UFO lecturer Stanton Friedman, though he maintains his unfortunate belief in the bogus MJ-12 documents. A Canadian zine called "The X Chronicles" (Vol. 1, No. 3) has a screaming headline stating: "Eminent Canadian Physicist Stanton Friedman Declares the Sentilli Roswell Autopsy Film a Hoax After a Private Viewing in Washington, D.C." We also understand that Friedman has now met twice with Sentilli and was not favorably impressed. (We also have just learned that the proper spelling of the name is apparently **Santilli**. Oh, well!)

Anyhow - the search for the military cameraman who allegedly took the Roswell alien video goes on. One Jack Barnett, whose record partially fills the bill, died on August 3rd of this year. The name of the photographer is also given as Jack Barrett at times; but our best information is that no military photographer has been found, through research of existing records, who completely fills the bill as being someone who could have shot this video. And former president Harry Truman is not only invisible in any of the publicly-shown "uncut" footage, but he can be proven not to have been in New Mexico at the proper time.

We can also state that **Santilli** has been uncooperative with efforts to prove the authenticity of the film in any of various ways. Quite likely, he is laughing all the way to the bank!

Meanwhile, the video has spawned poems and witty remarks of all sorts, some of which are given below. Our favorite is the serious poem by Pat Davey. Just imagine what a tragic thing it would be if the cameraman's statement, as given in our last issue, were true: Killing a helpless creature with a rifle butt may be acceptable

in earthly warfare, but it hardly seems like the proper way to treat interplanetary visitors (if any!)

In our humble opinion, if anything more sensational than a Mogul balloon crash occurred at Roswell, it had nothing to do with space aliens, but rather, it had some connection with illegal and immoral radiation experiments or germ warfare experiments, conducted in secret by the U.S. Military. If this is the case, the records will certainly not be found, nor will the mystery ever be solved.

Our poet/artist friend Pat Davey saw "Alien Autopsy" on Fox TV as did most of us, and she was inspired to write the following:

He says he doesn't
want to get involved
but there's the proof
of life on other worlds
The crashed starship
and the small gray starman
lying beside it in the desert
The alien is crying
into the small black box it holds
"This in the greatest thing
since the Flood," the young man says
as he and the soldier approach
the alien cries louder
like a mewling wildcat
trapped between the broken starship
and these two earthlings

It clutches the black box
as the soldier tries to grab it
"I don't want to get
involved," The young man shouts
as the soldier clubs the alien
with the butt of his gun
on the side of its overlarge head
Takes the box easily
The alien breathes its last
"I wonder how many star systems
that little bugger has been to?"
he says as they walk away.

SANTILLI'S GREY (Sung to the melody of 'Chantilly Lace' by the Big Bopper)

Santilli's 'Grey', that fucked-up leg
Oval-like eyes, open wide
On it's butt with a pooched-out gut
What a way to die!

There ain't nothin' in the world like a six-fingered girl
Who is all cut open, I wanna go elopin'
With this alien dame and her sawed-off brain.
Oh baby, that's a-what I like!!

-Adam Gorightly

The Roswell crash is here to stay
It will never Die
It was meant to be that way
Though I don't know why.
I don't care what the people say
The Roswell crash
is here to stay.
(Apologies to Danny & the Juniors)

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- In our next issue we hope to have some sensational negative information about Jesse Marcel (Sr.), one of the key Roswell witnesses. Stay tuned!..

- A man named Louis Razzano of Miami is producing a series of 12 half-hour UFO shows on Public Access TV in our part of Florida. The effort is in league with MUFON, and the first of the shows will air on WLRN (Channel 37?) in Miami on Dec. 5th of this year...
- Ed Komarek, co-founder of "Operation-Right to Know", has announced that he is running for Congress in 1996 from his district of Georgia. He states that his will be a "low budget" campaign, and this is no doubt true. We have sent him a generous contribution to get him started...
- **And, as the glorious Christmas Season descends upon us, we are reminded that it is more blessed to give than to receive. THEREFORE, if any of you out there wish to send in an unsolicited Love Offering to "Smear", it will not be refused!...**
- Noted sociologist & anti-CSICOP skeptic Marcello Truzzi of Michigan has recently had a very serious operation, and we wish him a speedy recovery....
- A recent issue of the MUFON Journal (now awkwardly called "Mutual UFO Network UFO Journal") states that their membership has "leveled off" at about 5,200. This, quite frankly, exceeds the circulation of "Saucer Smear"...
- Ed Walters of Gulf Breeze fame is still seeing and photographing UFOs, though he does not lecture any more & no longer is in the limelight by his own choice, His latest pictures are either
 1. more real than before
 2. more nearly real or
 3. better fakesTake your pick. But Ed, we still love you!..
- Incidentally, Anna Foster, who was a spiritual advisor to the "Gulf Breeze Six" a few years ago, has married one of the six, named Jim Deason. Anna's ex-husband married Ed Walters' ex-wife Frances, and Ed has remarried, to a local Gulf Breeze woman. Just thought you'd want to know! ...
- "Smear" is of the opinion that the prestigious CUFOS organization (Center for UFO Studies), founded by the late J. Allen Hynek, will fold shortly due to severe financial and personality problems...
- Two book reviews planned for this issue have had to be postponed because of lack of Space...
- Thanks to the kindly efforts of Glenn Campbell and Steve Mansee, "Smear" is now "on-line" on the Internet, whatever that means. (We of "Smear" are not technically inclined.)



UPDATE ON JAMES RANDI:

The rash of lawsuits a few years ago between anti-psychic activist James ("The Amusing") Randi and alleged psychic Uri Geller of England now seems to have finally died out; but unrepentant Randi still has a fierce pen. In a challenge to seven of our American states that have laws on the books against "blasphemy", the aging Randi had this to say (as quoted in "Skeptic" Magazine):

"...My opinion (is) that the notion of a god is a basic superstition and that there is no evidence for the existence of any god(s). Further, devils, demons, angels and saints are myths; there is no life after death, no heaven or hell; the Pope is a dangerous, bigoted medieval dinosaur, and the Holy Ghost is a comic-book character worthy of laughter and derision. I accuse the Christian god of murder by allowing the Holocaust to take place - not to mention the 'ethnic cleansing' presently being performed by Christians in our world - and I condemn and vilify this mythical deity for encouraging racial prejudice and commanding the degradation of women..."

The question is: Will God sue???

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- Famed abductee BETTY HILL writes:

"...The Roswell autopsy tapes - I love the public reaction! They are real. They are only people so we do not need to fear them, since they are not weird insect type creatures as ufologists and the media try to tell us. If anyone claims that the tapes are a hoax, then that person must be paid by someone, maybe the government. Although Stanton Friedman is saying we should wait and see, the public is saying they are shocked - they never suspected he could be 'bought'. Of course, ufologists will claim they are a hoax, for this is their way of making money, by their publications. ..."

"Thank you for the excellent [review of my book](#). I am now receiving repeat orders from the first buyers....As for your 1980 UFO conference in New York, the [harrassing person \(in the audience\)](#) was a writer from New York City who had moved to New Hampshire to be a volunteer in my 'silent network'. He came to the conference with me. In the audience he recognized every New York skeptic, so he decided to outdo them. Later we made his position and our relationship known to all those attending. Today we are still very good friends.

"As for my slides, a top-ranking scientist in our space program purchased several copies of some of them.

"Incidentally, I had a great time at the 1980 conference and I thank you for inviting me. My friend and I skipped out for a few minutes and had frozen yogurt with Uri Geller and Shippee..."

- The semi-mysterious JOHN ALEXANDER of "nonlethal weapons" fame writes as follows:

I have not seen [the reference in "SUN"](#) but as reported, Klass is totally wrong. (Nothing new for Phil.) I had absolutely no input into the demise of The Coalition and was unaware they disbanded until after the fact. Although an institute has been under consideration for many months, as far as I know, it was Bigelow's intent to continue funding the others. From what little I have heard, the Coalition members have no understanding of the 'golden rule'. I'm sure you know: He who has the gold, makes the rules. They just shot the goose that laid the golden egg, something that Victoria (my wife) predicted more than a year ago.

"As for myself, I have retired from Los Alamos. I will pursue a number of things, including organizing and chairing the next major nonlethal conference as well as continuing my NATO appointment in the same area. I will not head any institute. Any information about a private

institute will have to come from them. At this time there really is nothing to report."

The Coalition was composed of MUFON, CUFOS, and FUFOR, and was funded by Bigelow until things went wrong. - Editor.

- The **very** mysterious ARMEN VICTORIAN of England writes as follows:

"...As to Alexander, I have another piece due out in December (I hope you will tell him), glorifying his achievements.

"I am against ANY weapons. Nonlethality is a fanciful term to swamp the already saturated arms market. Scientists' brains should work for better things than inventing other means of maiming or killing each other. We have seen, and see daily, enough killing..."

"As to [Alexander's innuendo in his closing sentence \(in `Smear'\)](#), I take it as a complement. As a researcher I would assassinate any mad ideas put forward by whoever, using my pen name as the most appropriate weapon. I thank him for his complement..."

"Despite what has happened in the past, I am prepared to listen to whatever Alexander would like to tell me. Tell him he knows where I am and what my address is. As an old military veteran he should be able to keep a cool head and speak logically. I would listen to what the man has got to say and respond accordingly. This is an invitation, though it might sound odd. Please remember that as a researcher I have no personal opinion about his person, and have not written anything about his personal life (although I KNOW a great deal), and would not do so. I have merely challenged his ideology..."

- DR. RICHARD BOYLAN, a psychologist & abduction researcher from Sacramento, California, writes:

"Thank you for the Volume 42, No. 9 issue of 'Saucer Smear'. [You feature a follow-up article about harassment of me by revocation of my license.](#) However, I have to point out to you a very important factual error in the article, which I request be corrected. The error is in the statement that Dr. Boylan 'lost his state license because of alleged sexual misconduct with female patients'. The findings of the hearing officer include a statement that 'the evidence did not establish sexual misconduct'. Thus, sexual misconduct was explicitly not what my license was taken for. The alleged reason for revocation given by the Board was 'gross negligence', (a term nowhere defined).

"I would appreciate a correction comment in your next issue. Thank you for your attention to accuracy."

- Retired NASA scientist DR. THORNTON PAGE writes as follows:

"This may be important for readers of 'Saucer Smear': On Sept. 26th, Jim Oberg recognized that I, Thornton Page, am the only living member of the 1953 Robertson Panel, and decided to record me on TV and video tape for posterity before I die. Grateful for this opportunity to impress posterity, I cooperated for about 90 minutes with a microphone, lights and TV camera, to explain what the Robertson Panel did and did not do. At the beginning I told Bob (Robertson), "This is crazy. Everyone knows that UFOs are just a public myth." He said, "Shut up, Thornton and sit down. This is important." It was for me, because I met Louis Alverez, who remained a friend for life.

"The Panel was briefed for 4 days (Jan. 14-18) at the National Academy of Sciences building in Washington, D.C. Dr. J. Allen Hynek was one of the briefers. The CIA paid for the show, and our Report was classified SECRET. It appears, declassified, as Appendix 11 of the Condon Report.

"I succeeded in getting Robertson to include as paragraph 3 that the most dangerous aspect of UFO reports was clogging communication lines..."

Unfortunately, Page's 90 minute statement has been cut down to 2 minutes, for some reason. - Editor.

- HAL STARR, former MUFON State Director for Arizona, writes:

"Dear Illustrious Supreme Commander:

"MYGAWD! Tell me it isn't true that the strange 'Dr.' Frank received the prestigious 'NUFOC Ufologist of the Year Award'....Is this the same Strange Doctor who has a mail order degree, who parades as a minister of the cloth, but has somehow forgotten a commandment condemning falsehood, such as promoting a fictional character with the comic-book name of Val Thor (from the planet Krypton, maybe)? Perhaps the good (?) 'Doctor', rather than Moses, dropped the tablet, shattering the admonition!.."

- PARIS FLAMMONDE, long-time associate of the late radio star Long John Nebel, writes:

"...I write, not merely to let you know that a member of the original guard is still functioning unabducted, but to ask if you would mention to your countless followers that one of the reportorial participants from the 'Golden Age' is preparing to almost completely liquidate his FS/UFO library, consisting primarily of early, very early, and rare volumes, half and half, several of which, including mine, being autographed or inscribed, e.g., 'The Way Out World', which I ghosted (demonstrable) for Long John Nebel; countless 'paper' (personal and business letters, magazines, brochures, flyers), photographs, etc., and lots of great audio stuff and a few video air-takes, etc., etc. I will begin preparation of the item list shortly. Anyone desiring a copy may write: UFO List, Tarot, RR6, Box 6199, Stroudsburg, Pa. 18360. While I will consider bids for the entirety, inquiries re particular material will also be entertained.."

- ROBERT ANTON WILSON writes:

"...The best comment on that Fox Network alien autopsy show appeared on Internet in a SubGenius discussion group called alt.slack. The author complained that he was all set to jack off over the vagina of the female alien when the network put up a digital distorter. He was really pissed! Being whimsical, I copied that into various feminist groups, but had to leave for Europe before seeing any response. I don't know if the Steinemjugend regard jacking off over naked alien bodies as just as bad as, not as bad as, or even worse than jacking off over naked human bodies.."

- PAUL FISHER of Glencoe, Illinois, writes:

"In your last issue of 'Saucer Smear', [in reference to the Fall issue of Omni](#), you stated, 'Most interesting to us is the fact that (Glenn) Dennis' famous 'Nurse X', who gave him information about the alien bodies, may not exist at all.'

"For your information, I have spoken to several individuals who were in Roswell in 1947 who remember 'Nurse X'. Her description does not match the description of any of the nurses whose records have been found. Her existence is only in doubt to those who have not made a thorough investigation.

"Keep your mind open, your pants zipped, and may you enjoy good health."

- Our olde pal HERBERT TAYLOR writes as follows:

"...There are many cogent reasons as to why Roswell is a fatally flawed event, but one in particular provides a perfect illustration as to why: **The purplish-pink markings (i.e., 'hieroglyphics') reported by several eye-witnesses who handled the debris.** The recent independent investigations by Karl Pflock and Robert Todd uncovered the fact that 'sticky tape' (clear or whitish in color) was used on many Project Mogul balloon arrays to reinforce the radar reflectors at the point where they were attached to the hardened balsa

struts. This tape had pink and purple flower-like figures embossed on the back of it. The striking similarity between the markings on the debris found by 'Mac' Brazel and the imprinted markings on the Project Mogul radar-reflector reinforcing tape makes for a virtual DNA-type link between them. Incidentally, these very same markings were observed by Warrant Officer Irving Newton at Fort Worth, on parts of clearly identified balloon remnants. This negates a switch of materials. This was part of the real Roswell debris. ...

"The latest issue of 'Smear' was its usual interesting self, most notably [the letter from Kevin Randle disavowing Don Schmitt](#). It would certainly appear that Schmitt has no future in UFO research, and he has no one to blame but himself!..."



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Yes, dear friends, your "Smear" editor now has his very own copy of the famous Roswell alien video, labeled "Alien Autopsy Footage - Approx. running time 30 minutes..." We owe it all to "Video Dave" Aaron of the UFO Audio-Video Clearing House, P.O. Box 342, Yucaipa, Ca. 92399 (with an assist by Rick Hilberg of the NUFOC). When we told Dave by phone how important it was to have the video in time for our Atlanta convention, he made sure our order was processed swiftly. Another copy of the video which we ordered directly from England still has not arrived (nor has anyone else's!)

Of course, most of our readers have seen parts of this video, which was shown on the Fox TV Network on the evening of Aug. 28th, and again in slightly different format one week plus one hour later, on Sept. 4th. We missed the second showing, as the program listed in our TV Guide for that time slot was "Tales from the Crypt" - a similar sort of program, but not the same!

We should have realized ahead of time (but failed to) that this Fox program would be slanted in favor of awe, wonderment, and Belief, regarding the video. After all, if Fox paid Ray Sentilli of England \$250,000 for this item, they wouldn't be likely to knock it very hard on the air. The commentary by the several "experts" who appeared on the show was "rigged" to sound more favorable than it really was. By the simple technique of "misdirection" some expressed belief in the video, while others merely expressed belief in the Roswell case - which stands on its own merits. But the over-all impression given was that most of these carefully-chosen "experts" believed in both the video and the case.

Then on the night of Sept. 6th, a segment of ABC's "American Journal" was devoted to a commentary on the video which was equally slanted in the opposite direction. Obviously someone at ABC was miffed that they had allowed this highly controversial item to slip past them. With their own "experts", who didn't include anyone

from the Fox show, they did a "hatchet job" and proved to their own satisfaction that Sentilli is a money-grubbing hoaxer. This may well be true, but he certainly hasn't been trapped yet!

Opinions differ as to whether the commercially available version of the video includes all the 1947 film footage that Sentilli bought. Our version consists mainly of three parts: The comparatively well-lit autopsy shown on Fox; a very poorly-lit indoor sequence showing either a different autopsy or an attempt to save an alien who is still alive; and indoor scenes of beams, 3 or 4 feet long, with weird writing on them. Where, then, is the clear shot of President Harry Truman that we have heard so much about, and which Sentilli insists is in the film? And where is the outdoor scene of a crane hauling the crashed saucer onto a flatbed truck??? Either these scenes are missing for some legitimate reason, or they are merely "hype" and simply do not exist.

Of course the mysteriously anonymous American cameraman, from whom Sentilli bought the film, could answer these questions - but Sentilli refuses to bring him forward. One reason for this is that the man was "paid in cash". Since Sentilli makes this astonishing statement in public, we wonder if the good old Internal Revenue Service is going to take an interest in the case!

Now listen to the touching sensitivity to alien culture displayed by said cameraman. We have a fascinating Internet item called "The Cameraman's Statement", which reads in part as follows:

"...What in God's name they were, no one could tell, but one thing for sure, they were Circus Freaks, creatures with no business here. Each had hold of a box which they kept hold of in both arms close to their chests. They just lay there crying, holding those boxes. Once my tent had been set up, I started filming immediately, first the vehicle, then the site and debris. At about 06:00, it was deemed safe to move in. Again, the Freaks were still crying, and when approached, they screamed even louder. They were protective of their boxes, but we managed to get one loose with a firm strike at the head of a Freak with the butt of a rifle. The three Freaks were dragged away and secured with rope and tape. The other one was already dead. The medical team was reluctant at first to go near these Freaks, but as some were injured, they had no choice..."

Unfortunately, this narrative does not mesh with the testimony of any of the known Roswell witnesses, but - not to worry: According to one theory, this film does not pertain to the Roswell Incident at all, but to something else called OPERATION ANVIL. There was supposedly a different crash near Socorro, New Mexico, on the first or second day of June, 1947, whereas the Roswell crash is generally thought to be in early July. This would explain why the aliens in the video do not look like Roswell witnesses have described them, i.e., Roswell aliens have four fingers and toes on each hand/foot according to star Roswell witness Glenn Dennis (and others), whereas the creatures in the video have six.

The cameraman is rumored to be named Jack Barnett (as "Smear" has previously reported), and now we hear that this sick, elderly man died in early August of this year - further complicating the whole situation.

Incidentally, star witness Glenn Dennis is the subject of one of three excellent articles about the Roswell case in the current Fall issue of OMNI Magazine, which is back on the newsstands as a quarterly, after having "folded" for a short while. The over-all impact of the three articles, each by a different author, is negative. Most interesting to us is the fact that Dennis' famous "Nurse X", who supposedly gave him first-hand information about the alien bodies, may not exist at all. Or if she does exist, Dennis may have given out misleading information about her for obscure reasons of his own. Five nurses from that period at Roswell Army Air Base have finally been located, but four of these are now dead after so many years. The one who is still alive has been interviewed very recently, and claims no knowledge of the Roswell Incident.

Your editor has a special interest in Glenn Dennis, as he is the only Roswell witness whom we have interviewed personally. He happened to tell us (and many others) that he wouldn't believe anything said by Frank Kaufman, who is another leading Roswell witness; and then when we realize that two other key witnesses - Gerald Anderson and Jim Ragsdale - have been largely discredited, there isn't much left to Believe in.

But we will always have a soft spot in our heart for the late Jim Ragsdale, even though we never knew him. We are intrigued by his tale of fifteen golden alien helmets buried on the desert, and we love the name of the "female companion" he was camped out with on the night of the Roswell crash. Her name, really and truly, was Trudy Truelove. Ms. Truelove is now dead also, and dead witnesses tell no tales. ...



MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- This will be our final warning regarding the 32nd National UFO Conference, to be held at the Castlegate Hotel & Convention Center in Atlanta, Ga. on the weekend of October 14th and 15th. Speakers include, in the order of their appearance on the program: Lea Haley; George Fawcett; Randall Carlson; Dr. Colette Dowell; Cope Schellhorn; Jim Keith; George Andrews; Dr. Mark Woodhouse, M.J. Kempf; JAMES MOSELEY (Keynote Speaker at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening); Fred Mills; Robyn Quail; Marc Davenport; Fearon Hicks; David Huggins; Ed Komarek; Dr. Frank Stranges (who is also Master of Ceremonies); Allen Greenfield; Alfred Beilek; and Trioia MoCannon.

For further information phone the Convention Center at 800-824-8657 (outside Georgia), or phone the UFO Convention Hotline at 404-621-5734. IT'S TOO LATE TO WRITE:...

- In our last issue we wrote about abduction researcher/psychologist [Dr. Richard Boylan](#) of Sacramento, California, who recently lost his state license because of alleged sexual misconduct with female patients. Now Boylan has come out with a statement, on the Internet and elsewhere, stating his point of view. In essence he claims that his troubles stem from a conspiracy of several present and former military officers in the California licensing system, who wish to silence him because of his controversial views on UFOs. He is appealing the adverse decision against him, and states that those who wish to help him financially in his period of distress should send their contributibns to: Richard Boylan Ph.D., Legal Defense Fund; ID # 345.544.282; Wells Fargo Bank; P.O. Box 38056; San Francisco, Ca. 94138.

Incidentally, psychologist Leo Sprinkle, also an abduction researcher, has already come to Boylan's defense in print. Sprinkle is, if nothing else, an honest and decent man, and he is moved to help a colleague in trouble...

- Abduction author Whitley Strieber should be in much better financial shape than Dr. Boylan, but maybe not. Strieber has written a two page form letter for use in answering certain questions that are frequently asked by his fans. One answer is in regard to the rumor that he is selling his famous cabin where many of his weird extraterrestrial experiences have occurred during the past several years. Says he: "Sadly, Chemical Bank, which holds the mortgage on the cabin, has been in the forefront in terms of persecuting me financially, and the result of this is that I must either sell the cabin or see it foreclosed. This will not affect my relationship with the Visitors". Fine, but what happened to all the dough from "Communion" (book plus movie) and his several other books??? For those who want this form letter, try writing to Strieber at: 5928 Broadway, San Antonio, Tx. 78209.
- In our last issue we told you of how [Las Vegas businessman Robert Bigelow](#) has recently ended his funding of the "Big Three" coalition of UFO organizations - MUFON, CUFOS, and FUFOR. In Phil Klass' Sept. 1995 issue of "SUN", his version of this story goes on to say: "Rumor has it that Bigelow's action was suggested by John B. Alexander, former scientist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, who will

head a new National Institute of Discovery Science, which Bigelow is funding".

We have written to Alexander to learn more about this prestigious- sounding National Institute of Discovery Science, and have received his reply too late for publication until the next "Smear". In essence, Alexander completely denies Klass' allegations, except that he confirms that he has "retired" from Los Alamos....

- Bill Moore informs us that Dr. Richard Neal, a medical UFO researcher for MUFON, has died as of August 31st, 1995. In our last issue we told our readers that Dr. Neal had suffered a stroke. We barely knew him personally but apparently Moore knew him quite well. ...
- Former president Jimmy Carter recently revealed that once, during his administration, the CIA used a (unnamed) California psychic to locate a "special U.S. plane" that had gone down in Zaire. Strangely, the CIA did not even bother to inform Carter about this at the time.

When asked if he knew of any government evidence pointing to the existence of extraterrestrials, Carter said: "I never knew of any instance where it was proven that any sort of vehicle had come from outer space to our country and either lived here or left", whatever the hell THAT means!...

- In our August 10th issue, we printed a letter from John Ford of the Long Island UFO Network (LIUFON), concerning his troubles with a UFO lecturer in the same area named Bill Knell. Among other things, Knell has claimed in print that two fairly recent Long Island UFO landings that Ford promoted are respectively a Coast Guard exercise announced months in advance, and a video of a piece of burning tinfoil.

There is much more to this long-simmering feud than the above, but the "bottom line" is that Ford has now filed formal legal action against Knell asking for ten million dollars in compensatory damages plus fifty million dollars in punitive damages - plus costs of court!

We know both Knell and Ford slightly, but since our move from New Jersey to Florida a decade ago, we have had little communication with either of them. Their feud reminds us a bit of the troubles between ufologists Harley Byrd and Erik Beckjord in Los Angeles, whose actions against each other seem to go on forever - even now as we write these words...



YE OLDE BOOK BAG:

Famed abductee Betty Hill has finally written a book of her own about her many UFO experiences. It is self-published, and is entitled ***A Common Sense Approach to UFOs***. At the bottom of the front cover are the words "Betty Hill of 'The Interrupted Journey' (John Fuller's book about her 1961 abduction) and 'The UFO Incident' (a 1975 movie about her abduction)". And above the words "Betty Hill" is a picture of a weird-looking bald alien of some sort who has little resemblance to Betty Hill, who is pictured on the back cover. Bad cover design!

The abduction of Betty Hill, together with her late husband Barney, was the very first of the U.S. wave of such

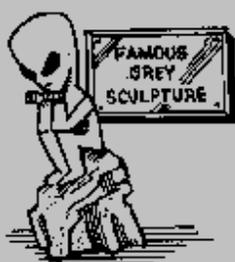
incidents, which of course have become extremely frequent in recent years (if we can believe all we read and hear). Betty believes that most of the reported abductions other than her own are mental or psychological rather than physical, though she seems to accept the 1972 case of Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker (Pascagoula, Mississippi) and the 1975 case of Travis Walton (Snowflake, Arizona).

At the same time that she believes real abductions are very rare, Betty Hill believes that UFO sightings and landings are extremely common, especially in rural areas such as her home state of New Hampshire. Betty gives brief accounts of many dozens of such incidents involving herself and/or people she knows, but she rarely gives the names of these other people, or the exact date, time and place of the incident. She seems protective of the "astronauts" as she calls the Space People, and seems to worry that sighting seekers will annoy our Visitors by trying to get too close - much as tourists at a zoo tend to annoy the animals by getting too close. It is an interesting and unusual point of view.

Betty also does not trust most recognized UFO investigators, especially when it comes to analyzing and returning samples of unknown material taken from UFO landing sites. Because of her distrust, she for many years had a "Silent Network" of friends and coworkers who would investigate sightings and give the results to her rather than to any UFO organization. One gets the distinct impression that excessive skepticism is a trait she avoids in choosing coworkers, although she, as a trained social worker, does seem to have the ability to recognize forms of mental illness that can cause people to believe they have had intense UFO experiences which are basically imaginary. In short, Betty has set up her own set of rules, which she calls "A common sense approach".

Betty Hill is a nice lady, whom we have met and corresponded with over the years. In regard to her "common sense approach", we regret that we must tell you the following story from our own 1980 NUFOC convention in New York City. Betty brought a canister of what presumably were her best slides of UFOs she herself, and friends of hers, had seen and photographed in the years since her abduction. Your "Smear" editor introduced her at the podium, and she proceeded to show and narrate her slides. In just a few minutes we noticed laughter and rude remarks coming from this definitely pro-saucer audience, as she continued to narrate slides that appeared to show nothing more mysterious than reflections, stars, airplanes, etc. Your editor felt obliged to quickly go back up on the stage and practically beg the audience to give our guest speaker the courtesy she deserved. Thereafter she was able to finish her lecture in relative peace.

Be that as it may, Betty Hill's thoughtful views on her own abduction and on those claimed by others, are of more than passing interest. The book may be obtained by writing to this unique grande dame of ufology at: P. O. Box 55, Greenland, New Hampshire 03840.



MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- CAPTAIN KEVIN RANDLE of Roswell fame writes:

"Before you begin to laugh too hard, let me point out that the Omni article by Paul McCarthy is wrong. At no point have I admitted to fabricating anything. That whole missing nurses fiasco belongs to Don Schmitt and Don Schmitt alone. In fact, contrary to what McCarthy alleges, I was kept no better informed than he was. Schmitt was off on his own tangent there. For the last year, I have had as much trouble getting Schmitt to return my calls as everyone else.

"Enclosed is a copy of a letter that makes my position on the situation clear (**quoted in part below - Editor**):

"...I had believed that Schmitt's fabrication related only to his personal life. Now I learn that it doesn't. Research that he claimed to have done was not done by him but by an 'assistant'. He claimed that he had searched for the Roswell nurses but their records were all missing. That is not even close to the truth. The records, had he looked, were right where they should be. Instead of going through the front door in the search, he chose to have his assistant go through back doors. When that failed to produce any results, Schmitt declared that the records were all missing. Untrue!

"These untruths do not appear in either of the books I wrote about Roswell. Yes, I did the writing. Schmitt would review the rough draft of chapters for the first book and then add his comments. Sometimes I would use what he wrote, if I had verified it. Many times I wouldn't, because his changes were not particularly well written.

"He did contribute one chapter, which was the 'Conclusions'. In it, he claims that he had searched for the records of eleven men. He could not find those eleven records. The Air Force researched the names and found the 'missing' records for most of them. The others were of men with such common names that no determination could be made...

"In the second book, Schmitt didn't even bother to make any changes. He was too busy doing other things to care about the book. The chapters would come back with no comments, or in a couple of cases, with comments written by someone else. He was so busy that he couldn't even take time to make sure he approved of the work. Let someone else do the work and then take credit for it!

"Everything I put into the books, I knew to be the truth because I had researched it myself, or I had checked to make sure the documentation existed. The research as it appears in the book is solid. Audio and video tapes exist, others besides Schmitt have interviewed the witnesses, and there is documentation to support the conclusions.

"That said, let me now point out that I do not now believe anything that Schmitt says and neither should you.... I will have nothing more to do with him from this point on. He has revealed himself as a man who cares only for his own promotion. He has destroyed his work and badly damaged mine.. I didn't know the real Don Schmitt. Now I do..."

"Smear" has heard that Don Schmitt may have recently resigned from the CUFOS Board of Directors under pressure. - Editor.

- COL. JOHN ALEXANDER (Ret.) writes as follows, [in regard to the item about him by Armen Victorian in our last issue](#):

"Responding to someone who doesn't even know who he is makes little sense. I'm surprised to hear the Red Cross et al support, even encourage killing. The rest of his comments are nonsense, and as usual, factually incorrect.

"Incidentally, what in the world do the ravings of an obviously frustrated would-be assassin have to do with UFOs?"

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes as follows:

"In recent months there has been considerable attention given to charges of plagiarism by Robert Baker. For those of your readers unfamiliar with him, Baker is a Fellow of CSICOP and is considered a leading academic debunker of UFOs. Baker is to Kiass as Jacobs is to Hopkins. Both Baker and Jacobs are professors who have written books on the paranormal, though each is 'less intellectually gifted' than his respective mentor.

"Baker has also coauthored books with Joe Nickell, who is now officially employed by OSI COP to lead their research. This raises questions about the intellectual integrity of the work to which Nickell attached his name. CSICOP and Nickell certainly need to publicly address this embarrassing state of affairs.

"Much of the credit for the exposure belongs to Jim Lippard, a skeptic from Arizona, who seems to be widely despised within CSICOP. Kiass and Lippard have had a fair amount of contact, and perhaps Phil can enlighten us about the motives and character of Lippard."

- JEROME CLARK writes as follows concerning the forthcoming new volume of his UFO encyclopedia:

"Alas, to the best of my recollection, there is only one reference to your esteemed self in 'High Strangeness'. This is not a deliberate slight; it just happens that you were not much involved in the things I wrote about. There are bibliographic citations of stuff you wrote, however, so your name does appear in print on a number of occasions, even if the index doesn't reflect that.

"Perhaps, however, you'll find of some interest the long entry 'Sex and UFOs', which looks not only at claims of human/alien intimacies but at the far rarer - and infinitely more unbelievable - allegations of sex between ufologists. Many insist that no documented instance of the latter has ever occurred in all of human history. My book objectively examines the evidence,"

- RICHARD FREEMAN, publisher of a pornographic zine called "Batteries Not Included", writes:

"...I wonder if Harvard University could use a sexologist like, say, me - to study alien sex. It might well pay better than publishing 'Batteries Not Included' - though not nearly so well as 'Saucer Smear'!

- England's CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes:

"Well, it has arrived - the GAO Roswell Report at last,...,Eighteen months to produce a 12-page report! And what have they turned up in the way of documents? A mere two documents, both of which have been long known to ufologists. True, there are those vital missing or destroyed records from the Roswell base, which the Report mentions. But we need not expect that these missing papers contain the Great Truth that all ufologists expected. Far more likely they were routine boring paperwork that got thrown out, as happens from time to time,,"

"Poor old over-hyped Roswell, The only remaining question now is whether it is the biggest UFO non-event of all time',.."

- California's semi-mysterious BILL MOORE of fading Roswell fame,writes humorously as follows:

"...There are rumors afoot that the greys are plotting to carry you off and replace you with a cleverly sophisticated look-alike robot; and wanted to warn you: Beware! There are sinister forces around you, Once they've got you, they plan to inject you with DNA from Todd Zechel's brain, mother's milk from Linda Howe (Howe now brown cow?) and blood plasma from Bill Cooper, - and shoot wretchedly poor black and white footage of you as you slowly turn into a blood-sucking turnip,,"

- And, the inevitable MONTY CANTSIN writes:

"Is Bill Moore suggesting that the photo in your last issue is of a Brazilian woman suffering (or no longer suffering) from something called Turner's Syndrome? It does seem that she does have some kind of sex organ. Perhaps earthlings never noticed this before because they rarely look at aliens from this angle - except very tall ones! It seems that earthlings always turn out the lights when they have sex with aliens, and so they don't know whether the aliens they're having sex with have external sex organs or not.

"I think the confusion among earthlings as to whether or not the aliens they're having sex with

have external sex organs must have some connection with the earthling Puritan tradition; but I may be wrong.....

- Free-lance UFO writer & philosopher MARTIN KOTTMEYER writes:

"Bill Moore's rumor about the Roswell film/video is a red herring. The black membrane pulled from the eye (of the alien) dates it as post- 'Communion'. I can't recall anyone before Strieber putting forth such a notion as black eye membranes; and large, all-black eyes can't be found on any ufonaut drawings before Spielberg's 'Close Encounters' movie..."

- TIM BRIGHAM, editor & publisher of "The Devil's Advocate", writes:

"I am of course writing to get your opinion of the Roswell film. You told me that your 'inside sources' told you that all the experts would call the film a sham. I guess you won't be counting on those sources too much any more, as almost all of the experts said the opposite..."

"Smear" erred in trying to predict the contents of the Fox Network special before seeing it. Obviously our advance information was "flawed", as ufologists delicately put it when they are dead wrong! - Editor.

- PAUL FISHER writes as follows:

"Please accept the enclosed Love Offering as an outpouring of my admiration for you. You are wrong about Roswell, but I like you anyway."

And we like you anyway! - Editor.

- DENNIS STILLINGS of the prestigious Archaeus Project writes:

"You come 'shockingly close to the truth' in your opinions about Roswell. I would only add that one should read some of the literature on the Los Alamos atomic bomb project to see how absolutely fanatical about security General Groves was - to little avail, as it turned out. Nevertheless, the spooky atmosphere of paranoia he helped to create would amplify any out-of-the-ordinary local occurrence into a major big deal. Wild rumors would start. Security precautions would go into effect as a more or less reflex action. Much of New Mexico was steeped in this atmosphere both during World War II and for some time afterwards. This would provide the psychological conditions required for juicing up the oogly-boogly stories that continued to be retailed, yea, even unto the present time!"

Editor's Note: We have many more good letters, but no Space! Our thanks again to ace cartoonist MATT GRAEBER for his efforts below & elsewhere in this issue. - SEE YOU AT THE ATLANTA CONVENTION!





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UPCOMING UFO CONVENTIONS:

Vickie Lyons of Project Awareness wants us to tell you that Pensacola, Florida was not wiped out by the recent hurricane, and that the 3rd Annual Gulf Breeze UFO Conference will be held as scheduled, Oct. 20th to 22nd. (Pensacola is right next door to Gulf Breeze.) For details write to Vickie at: P.O. Box 730, Gulf Breeze, FL 32562....

And, our very own National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will hold its 32nd annual convention one week earlier than theirs - on the weekend of Oct. 14th-15th, at the Castlegate Hotel & Convention Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The mailing address is: P.O. Box 1764, Decatur, Ga. 30031, and the Convention Hotline phone number is 404-621-5734. About seventeen speakers have been lined up, including your humble "Smear" editor; and IF it is available we will be showing the infamous Roswell video: If nothing else, this convention will be unique.

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ONCE AGAIN, STILL ANOTHER ROSWELL UPDATE:

Well, the GAO (General Accounting Office) Report on Roswell is finally out, and needless to say, it solves

nothing. The Mogul Balloon explanation still stands, but the records for RAAF (Roswell Army Air Field) for a period of over three years, including June-July 1947, have somehow been destroyed. Says the Report: "The document disposal form does not indicate what organization or person destroyed the records, and when or under what authority the records were destroyed."

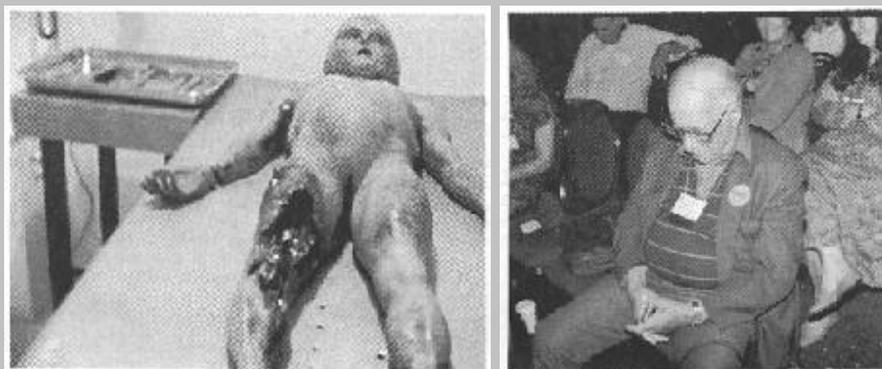
Thus Roswell conspiracy buffs are free to speculate that this long period of records was destroyed just to cover up one event. We prefer to speculate that

1. It was done to cover up something else, long-range and more important, such as atomic secrets from the only U.S. base that had atomic weapons at that time; or
2. More likely, it was done in a typical meaningless act of military incompetence, and thus has no significance. We would welcome informed opinions on this subject from our readers, as we may well be missing something here.

Now we turn to the infamous Roswell video discussed in detail in our April 15th "Smear" and other recent issues. We have ordered copies of this video from two sources, and are hoping to receive at least one of these in time for our Oct. 14th-15th UFO convention in Atlanta, Georgia. The copies must be sent all the way from England, and their release is apparently controlled by Ray Santilli, the British TV/Movie producer who owns the alleged 1947 film footage from which the video was made.

Meanwhile, the video has been shown at an Aug. 19th-20th UFO convention in Sheffield, England, hosted by Philip Mantle of BUFORA (British UFO Research Association). The last we heard about this, the convention was completely sold out ahead of time because of public interest in the video.

The Fox TV Network has apparently bought the American rights to the video, and will show it on the evening of Monday August 28th, in a program called "Alien Autopsy: Fact or Fiction". UFO "experts" Kevin Randle, Bruce Maccabee, Stanton Friedman, Linda Howe (of cattle mutilation fame) and Dr. Jesse Marcel (son of deceased Roswell witness Jesse Marcel) are seen on the program with their comments about the video. By and large, they think it is a fake, as do the real film and medical experts who have seen the video in England. But it's still a crowd-pleaser: (See also



We have finally received clear still pictures from the notorious Roswell video, courtesy of Dennis Stacy. The more gory of the two photos received from Stacy is reproduced above (left). Hopefully the entire video will be available to be seen at our Atlanta convention next month.

In the photo above (right), we see Phil Klass (or possibly his look-alike, Robert Redford) in Deep Meditation during one of the more boring lectures at the Seattle, Washington MUFON Convention earlier this summer. (Photo by Ansen Seale.)

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- It looks like Harvard University psychiatrist & abduction researcher John Mack has beaten the rap,

regarding the effort to censure (and censor) his UFO work. The details are clouded in academic top-secret security, but the announcement has been made that Mack will not be censured, though he was issued "an unusual public warning from the Dean not to let his enthusiasm for UFO research steer him from the path of professionalism."

Smear believes that Mack is gullible and also very subjective in his tentative conclusions about abductions, but we are extremists when it comes to Freedom of Speech. Therefore we are delighted that Mack will presumably be free to rave on...

- Jerry Clark of CUFOS has informed us (and many others) that the latest volume of his UFO encyclopedia will be out no later than January of next year. This tome, which is #3 in the series, is nearly 400,000 words long, and will consist of over 700 pages including a cumulative bibliography. The title is "High Strangeness" and the price must be astronomical! Thus we are eagerly hoping for a free review copy. Stay tuned...
- England's 8th Earl of Olancarty, known to the world as Brinsley Le Poer Trench, has died at the age of 83. In the 1950s Trench was editor of the magazine "Flying Saucer Review", and in the course of his lifetime he wrote at least seven books on the saucer subject & related matters. He also founded a UFO study group in England's prestigious House of Lords, which occasionally had guest speakers such as Tim Beckley of New York's Global Communications - no doubt a great embarrassment to the conservative & noble Lords...
- A man named James Wolcott, in the course of a generally pro-UFO-abduction article in the July 31st issue of the New Yorker Magazine, quite rightly has this negative comment for Budd Hopkins: "Someone like Budd Hopkins, who frequently hypes abduction stories to the press (he's been pushing a doozy about a woman being whisked past the Brooklyn Bridge - a story so implausible that even the pop-science magazine OMNI was highly dubious), really ought not to be bumbling around in other people's psyches." Wolcott refers here to the Linda Napolitano abduction case, about which we have raved at length in past issues of **Smear**.

Incidentally, rumor has it that Hopkins has finally found a publisher for this

- We are informed that, sadly, Dr. Richard Neal had a life-threatening stroke while visiting his patients at a hospital in California on July 19th. He is recovering slowly. Dr. Neal and Dr. John Miller are the two medical doctors who have researched the "missing fetus" syndrome, re UFO abductions; and to the best of our knowledge, neither has yet found any conclusive evidence that such a thing has ever really happened. We wish Dr. Neal a speedy recovery...
- Abduction researcher Dr. Richard Boylan of Sacramento, California, a clinical psychologist, has been stripped of all his various state licenses because of alleged sexual misconduct at his therapy sessions. (Sex and Saucers, once again!)

Boylan's practice was shut down because of misconduct with three female patients, including "imposing his views of space aliens into the dreams and memories of two patients, nude hot tub bathing with patients, and bartering nude massages in return for psychological therapy." Boylan even took one female patient to a UFO convention in Las Vegas in December of 1992, and she stayed (eek!) in the same hotel room with him.

Dr. Boylan is a past president of the Sacramento Valley Psychological Association in California, and is the author of many books. The investigation of his conduct has been going on for about two years. **Smear** knew about it from past newspaper stories but chose not to print anything. We have met Dr. Boylan and found him to be pleasant but unusually "Far Out". He is a **Smear** non-subscriber, about sixty years of age. (Well, at least he's not a homosexual)...

- A letter written by ufologist Richard Hall (but not to us), dated July 22nd, confirms a rumor we had

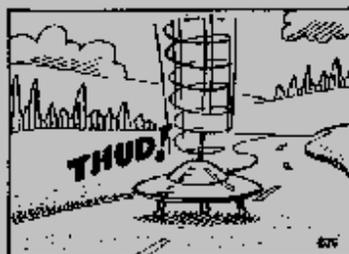
already heard: Las Vegas businessman Robert Bigelow has terminated his financial help to the three major UFO organizations - MUFON, CUFOS, and FUFOR - due to "irreconcilable differences". We are told that Bigelow wanted more control over how his money would be spent. We also hear that one leading ufologist went so far out of control at the final meeting with Bigelow that he had to be gently escorted from the conference room.

Bigelow's flirtation with the Offbeat is not over, however, as he is still apparently funding cattle mutilation investigation by Linda Howe...

- John Alexander, who is vaguely associated with ufology and with PSI-TECH, is director of the U.S. Government's non-lethal weapons program at Los Alamos Laboratories in New Mexico. England's Armen Victorian, in (another) critical tract about Alexander which we have obtained, has this to say:

...One of the most impressive findings of a certain 1965 Air Force report is the question of 'nonlethality' - one which Alexander is adamant is true in its essence, and refuses to accept that it might not be so. Says the Report: 'The definition of nonlethality is also not a clearly defined one when applied to specific weaponry. Many bullets do not kill, and therefore are nonlethal in nature, but since the presumption is that most bullets are discharged with intent of killing, they are lethal weapons. Certainly the presentation of many noxious stimulus agents normally considered to be within the nonlethal domain, can if carried to extreme also cause death.'

It would be closer to the truth if Alexander and his colleagues in the Pentagon's pantry redefine some of their nonlethal weapons' to 'slow to kill weapons'. Even then, it would be interesting to hear the opinion of the International Red Cross or Human Rights Campaigners on the ensuing nightmares they might cause in modern battlefields.



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BOOK REVIEWS:

- We have now actually read (most of) John Keel's classic book *Disneyland of the Gods*, which was recently reprinted by IllumiNet Press (P.O. box 2808, Lilburn, Ga. 30226). It's a catchy title, but the book is largely a re-hash of articles Keel wrote for Saga Magazine some twenty years ago.

We were very disappointed in the book. It purports to be a discussion of Fortean events of all kinds, but there is no index and no bibliography - just an endless stream of unproven assertions, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. As he does in his lectures, Keel spels on and on without documentation. Sweeping generalizations are made from insufficient data, and specific statements are made which in some cases we know to be untrue, while many others are made that we strongly suspect to be untrue. All this makes worthless whatever valid insights the author may accidentally have stumbled upon, regarding UFOs, archaeology, Men in Black, etc.

Sometimes Keel is wrong just out of pure stubbornness. He is the only researcher on this planet who still believes that the 1947 Roswell Incident (not mentioned in the book) was caused by a World War Two Japanese "Fugo Balloon"!

Well, if you enjoy "tripping out" with a master weaver of yarns, buy "Disneyland of the Gods". If you are

looking for a solution to the UFO Mystery or anything like one, look elsewhere.

- Next - how do we review the book ***Zen in the Art of Close Encounters - Crazy Wisdom and UFOs?*** (The New Being Project, P.O. Box 3070, Berkeley, 94703.- Price: \$14.50). The book is a compilation of short works by 35 contributors, less than half of whom we have even heard of. There is no bio on the book jacket, but the editor, Paul David Pursglove, is a legitimate psychologist of some sort whom we should have heard of - especially as he is a "Smear" non-subscriber, and tells us that we promised to do a review. Well, we'll try.

The contributors we know or at least have heard of are: Contactee Steven Greer; philosopher Michael Grosso; ufological psychiatrist Rima Laibow; psychedelic authors Timothy Leary and Terence McKenna; astronaut Brian O'Leary; Harvard psychiatrist John Mack; abduction researcher Leo Sprinkle; medical philosopher Dennis Stillings; contactee Whitley Strieber; UFO researchers Keith Thompson and John White; and, alphabetically last but by no means least - philosopher/author Robert Anton Wilson.

For us, one of Wilson's contributions (Page 296-297) is the best of the lot, not only because we happen to agree with it, but mainly because of the fact that it is a reprint of a letter to the editor, published in ***Saucer Smear*** in 1993. (Credit is duly given.) Here lies the final proof of the great and ancient Zen adage, "The text of a letter remains the property of the sender". Amen!

What we get out of all this is that ***Zen in the Art of Close Encounters*** is a highly intellectual, highly rarified attempt to see deep meaning as well as humor in the chaos of present-day ufology, particularly as it relates to the abduction phenomenon. Does this attempt succeed? "Humor is in the mind of the recipient, just as beauty is in the eye of the beholder!" (Moseley, 1995.)

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- Famed Roswell investigator BILL MOORE writes as follows:

My apologies for the long time between letters....

It seems somehow appropriate that Robert Todd has bestowed the title of 'The Cowflop Quarterly' upon the latest drippings of his poisoned pen. At least the name leaves no doubt as to its contents. Obviously it's autobiographical.

Regarding the so-called Roswell Alien Autopsy footage, you might want to check the medical literature for information concerning a rare genetic condition known as Turner's Syndrome which afflicts only females. The story I get is that there was a remote village in Brazil wherein quite a number of these cases, some reportedly quite hideous, had developed due to in-breeding or some similar factor. The footage reportedly depicts scenes of actual autopsies performed upon two unfortunate victims around 1960. It was shot opportunistically by some 'B' grade sci-fi film outfit with the vague intention of somehow using it as the centerpiece of a feature film at some later date.

Apparently the production company folded without ever using the footage, and it sat on an obscure shelf for a number of years until somehow it managed to fall into nefarious hands who have hastened to exploit it. Assuming that my information on this matter is correct, certain individuals with counterintelligence connections have been aware of this film for perhaps as long as twenty years, and I am told that it was once even considered for possible use as disinformation; but the idea was rejected because it was felt the footage was just too incredible to be credible. (Obviously whoever ventured such an opinion was completely ignorant of the UFO community's boundless energy and unlimited potential when it comes to such matters)...

- Researcher CHRIS ROTH writes:

...I think I might be getting more and more cynical, but no sooner did I hear about the new supposed Roswell film than I had decided to myself that it must be a hoax. Now that I've read a significant amount about it, I'm sure it's a hoax. The new 'MUFON UFO Journal' carries an intelligent assessment by Kent Jeffrey. The most useful aspect of the hoax so far is that it has once again demonstrated that there really is nothing that Colin Andrews won't believe...

Lately I've been reading Terence McKenna's *True Hallucinations*, his account of magic mushrooms, UFOs, and a trip up the Amazon- an extremely amusing book, which can be read as an advertisement for or a warning against the overuse of LSD - take your pick.

- And, HERBERT TAYLOR writes:

The eagerly awaited final report of the GAO has now been formally released. The thorough and extensive records audit by the GAO in regard to the legendary Roswell Incident failed to uncover any information whatsoever to bolster the belief held by many that Roswell was the recovery of a crashed alien spaceship. NO 'smoking gun'. NOTHING! But somehow, in their usual convoluted way, the Roswell advocate crowd will use the final GAO report to further bolster their errant beliefs. The GAO found nothing for the simple and basic reason that there was nothing to find. Again, the Roswell 'smoking gun' simply does NOT exist! It's time for the Roswell advocates to grow up and face the truth - it never happened! It's a fanciful tale, nothing more...

- GLENN CAMPBELL, editor of "The Groom Lake Desert Rat" (5335-G Bethel Lane, Las Vegas, Nv. 89001) writes as follows:

...I wasn't run out of Rachel (Nevada). I still have my business there, manned by my one employee. Rachel had outlived its usefulness. Moving to Vegas was my next logical step...

I appreciate your 'Smear'. I only wish it was available on the Internet, where it would have a much wider audience. It could be done if you wanted. I could scan it in when it arrives and place it on a World Wide Web page. The result would look very similar to your paper edition.

Let me know...

We have written Glenn telling him that our material is not copyrighted, and we have no objection to any re-use, as long as credit is given. But we of "Smear" are computer illiterate, and are likely to remain that way. -Editor.

- Researcher LEE WALSH writes:

...In S. Karagulla's book, *Through the Curtain*, she reviews a number of letters she received from people who had experienced attending night classes in a university setting, while asleep at night. They described a conscious awareness of going into the lecture hall, seeing and knowing other students, and listening to and talking with the lecturer. In one case the friend seen at the lecture was questioned and admitted that they had been there and had seen the questioner. THAT also involves 'inter-action'; so, what is the difference when these people find themselves in a university setting, and others find themselves in a UFO with aliens? Karagulla sat with them, recording their experiences, and felt that the students seemed to be in a trance state, similar to Edgar Cayce's.

"Also, in *Survival in Space*, people in isolation (a different set of experiments) attended operas, heard the music, went to dinner, etc., and experienced all the sensations of true experiences. The taste, hearing, smells, etc. of the experience were totally real to them. I'd better be careful here, or somebody might take away my UFO T-shirt!...

- Our olde pal DENIS COREY writes:

...I know I've said to you before that I feel the UFO mystery, along with paranormal and other occurrences we don't yet understand, will ultimately be solved by a blending of scientific and

non-scientific disciplines By intelligent, skeptical, yet open-minded persons with a well-rounded educational background, and without a `hidden agenda' or an `axe to grind'. And most importantly - people who HAVE THEIR SHIT TOGETHER! NO FRIGGIN' LOONIES!

- KENN THOMAS, editor of a conspiracy zine called **Steamshovel Press** (P.O. Box 23715, St. Louis, Mo. 63121) writes as follows:

What do you mean, we're `non-ufological'? What zine broke the story about Oswell cronyn Guy Bannister being involved with a crash retrieval? What other zine publishes a Saucer Section in every issue? What other zine would bother with a previously unpublished photograph of Bill Cooper? Where else would Sean Morton and Vladimir Terziski ever get published? So, put **Steamshovel** back on your exchange list!

Well, come to think of it, there is a lot of conspiracy paranoia in the UFO field, so perhaps we were wrong. In any case, "Steamshovel" is a very interesting magazine. - Editor.

- DR. THORNTON PAGE, a retired NASA scientist, writes:

..... I am proud to know one of the slate of speakers at the 32nd Annual National UFO Conference. But do not count on me to buy a Super pass for \$95!...

- From far-away Switzerland our friend BOB ZANOTTI writes:

...A month ago, my wife and I went to Hawaii to celebrate our 25th anniversary year. Before that, we were briefly in Montreal, where we lived in the late 60's, visiting with old friends. One evening we were walking through a shopping center at St. Therese (the suburb where they live, north of the city), when my eye was caught by a conspicuous store window display devoted to Ufology. Even more startling was that it consisted largely of antique issues of **Saucer News** from the early 60's, several of which I recognized immediately from the New York / New Jersey days when we were doing the Coffee Klatsch radio show together on WFMU. In addition, there were other classics like **They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers**, **Flying Saucers: Fact or Fiction**, as well as titles from Howard Menger and George Adamski. It was like being in a time warp!

Unfortunately, the store was closed, so there was no way of finding out who put up the display, or more importantly perhaps, why. That will have to remain another mystery in the field. Maybe a Montreal researcher might look into it. A strong lead would be the premise that this exhibit was meant to depict the best (or worst?) of the grand days of Saucerdom and its leading (or most notorious) protagonists.

In any case, it certainly struck me as quite a coincidence. But as we all know, there **are** no coincidences!



Arabs Selling Sheep Manure to Space Aliens!

Kirkuk, Iraq-- Nomads in Northern Iraq report they have been visited by dozens of space aliens over the past several months- and the extraterrestrials are offering a fortune for manure!

The wandering herders say melon-shaped spaceships land near their goat and sheep herds every day or two to barter for supplies of their animals' dung.

The aliens communicate through mental telepathy and pay for the goods with precious stones and gold, the nomads say, but they never explain what they do with the manure.

Thanks to the Weekly World News



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"You are... a boil on the ass of ufology"
-JOHN KEEL, writing in the March 25th, 1977 issue of "Saucer Glues" (one of the former names of "Saucer Smear")

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THE ROSWELL CIRCUS CONTINUES!

Let us start out by stating that we believe that **something** very strange, not necessarily a spaceship landing, may well have occurred near Roswell, New Mexico, in July of 1947 (or maybe late June). But in our opinion, as the years roll by, it becomes less and less likely that the truth will ever be known. The original witnesses are dying out, the leading Roswell researchers contradict each other endlessly regarding details, and the whole thing becomes pure legend, promulgated in a circus-like atmosphere, with Money and Ego being the motivating factors!

In his July 1995 issue of Skeptics UFO Newsletter (SUN), Phil Klass tells us about Roswell witness Jim Ragsdale, who seems to have shifted the location of the "crash site" from 35 miles north of Roswell to roughly 50 miles west. Klass believes that this change of locations is tied in with the fact that the newly-named location can be made into a tourist site, whereas the old one cannot.

Incredibly, from another source we hear that Ragsdale now claims to have found 15 **helmets made of gold** belonging to the aliens, and to have buried them in the desert! (Unfortunately, the precise location is not revealed!) It is also unfortunate that Ragsdale, who had been ill for some time, died earlier this year. Thus he is not likely to change his story again or add any more details!

On July 4th weekend there was a UFO convention in Roswell, to celebrate the 47th anniversary of the event. It is amazing that 47 years went by before the Roswell Chamber of Commerce saw fit to sponsor such an event,

which was held in conjunction with two of the three UFO museums which now exist in and near the little town. Your editor visited Roswell this past May but no one told us about the upcoming convention, which was called "The First Roswell UFO Encounter". According to a press report, it featured "costume contests, float races, laser-light shows, open forums with leading UFO researchers, and live entertainment."

We do have a report on the "open forum with leading UFO researchers". Stanton Friedman, Kevin Randle, Don Schmitt (no longer working with Randle), and cattle mutilation expert Linda Howe were the four speakers at a high school auditorium on the Friday evening of the convention, Each spoke briefly, with a long question & answer session to follow. Other "experts", such as Michael Swords and MUFON czar Walt Andrus were in town for the event, but were not on the program.

It is interesting to note that there is no mention of the town of Roswell or Roswell Army Air Field in Frank Scully's 1950 classic book, "Behind the Flying Saucers", which talks about several other alleged UFO crash sites in the southwest. Our first trip to the southwest as a UFO investigator was only three years later (1953), when independent Scully-type rumors were still circulating, and none of these mentioned Roswell, either. Apparently the legend didn't really get started till the 1978-1980 period, when Bill Moore, Stanton Friedman and others were gathering information for the Moore-Berlitz book, "The Roswell Incident". We shouldn't say it, but the parallels between the Roswell legend and the growth of Christian doctrine in the years after Christ's death cannot be overlooked!

Then there is the absurd Roswell video, discussed in detail in our April 15th issue of "Smear". We have seen bad copies of still pictures from this video, but not the video itself. The rumor persists that then-President Harry S. Truman is seen in it somewhere, either in the autopsy room, or wandering through the debris field, or stepping out of a limousine on the desert. How utterly childish this is, considering the not unreasonable fear of contamination from genuine aliens. The panic caused by Orson Welles' famous 1938 broadcast about a fictional Martian invasion was still fairly fresh in the public mind in 1947, and one remembers that in the movie "War of the Worlds", on the same theme, it was earthly germs that saved the world from the interplanetary invaders.

It is a little-known fact that there apparently is a federal law in the United States known as the Extraterrestrial Exposure Law (Title 14, Section 1211 of the Code of Federal Regulations, adopted July 16th, 1969, before the Apollo moon shots.) Anyone found guilty of "extraterrestrial contact", which is only vaguely defined, is subject to a jail term of up to one year and a fine of up to five thousand dollars. The purpose of this law is obviously fear of extraterrestrial contamination. If enforced, the law would prevent publication of UFO contact or abduction reports except under cover of anonymity. This law may have been rescinded in the early 1980s. (For further details, send for the June 1995 issue of "Delve", 17 Shetland Street, Willowdale, Ont. Canada M2M 1X5.)

So while the Roswell researchers play with their myths and legends, apparently the real Feds live in fear that such a thing as the alleged Roswell crash may really happen someday, and they will then have to deal with it. Meanwhile, we breathlessly await the final report of the General Accounting Office (GAO) in response to the request by Rep. Steven Schiff of New Mexico. Our information to date indicates that the GAO is going to walk a tightrope, so to speak, and issue a report which appears to address Schiff's complaints, at the same time that it avoids criticizing the Air Force, and avoids giving any fuel to interplanetary theories. In other words, the report will be worthless!

Gosh, we'd really like to believe in the Roswell Incident, and in particular we just wish we had gotten to know good old Jim Ragsdale before he died, so that maybe he'd tell us the exact location of those 15 golden helmets. Gosh!...

P.S: Another very interesting though negative commentary on the Roswell case can be found in a 2-page thing called "The Cowflop Quarterly - Reporting on Ufological Frauds and Fantasies", Vol. 1, No. 1, which was mailed out together with Barry Greenwood's March 1995 issue of his excellent zine "Just Cause". The editor of "The Cowflop Quarterly" is Robert Todd, who has clashed recently with several pro-ET Roswell investigators His address is: 2528 Belmont Ave., Ardmore, Pa. 19003-2617....



P.P.S. and Just at press time we learned that the infamous Roswell video is now available to American fans in a half-hour version, via The U.F.O. Audio-Video Clearing House, P.O. Box 342, Yucaipa, Ca.

92399-0342. The videos will be shipped to the customers directly from England, and will reach you about September 15th (hopefully!) Dave Aaron, director of U.F.O. Audio-Video Clearing House, has enough disclaimers on his 2-page flier to choak a horse, such as:

"...(4) This 'Alien Autopsy' footage shows the cutting open of the head to expose some kind of 'brain'. Scotland Yard in England was informed of this footage and says it's a 'fantasy' and refused to investigate the footage or even look at It!..."

Hopefully this video will be shown to the American public for the 1st time (?) at our glorious 32nd National UFO Conference (NUFOC) in Atlanta, Georgia, on the weekend of Oct. 14th-15th. (Maybe the video is so bad that it's good!) For more information about the Convention, write to: National UFO Conference, P.O. Box 1764, Decatur, Ga. 30031....

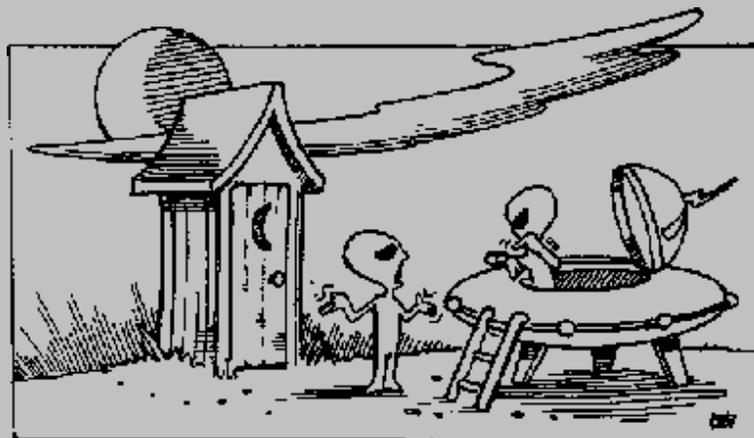
TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- Recent issues of "Smear" have been enhanced by the efforts of a talented poet and artist named Gail Aggen, who is enthusiastic about all aspects of the UFO enigma. Below is a black & white rendition of a color photograph of one of her many UFO paintings, this one called "Swamp Gas, Ball Lightning or the Planet Venus", to which we would add "Or All of the Above". The painting is an artist's conception based on the famed 1989 abduction of Linda Napolitano (aka Linda Cortile) from her New York City apartment. Linda is the female figure at the center of the painting, hovering in midair in the fetal position.



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We would also like to give profuse thanks to Matt Graeber, who has contributed several of his cartoons to this issue and other recent issues of "Smear". Matt also writes serious articles on the UFO subject, which are too long for our format...



I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE HE'S READING SAUCER SMEAR.

And, philosopher/author Robert Anton Wilson runs a zine called "Trajectories", from which we borrow somewhat freely for "Smear". Take a look- see at "Trajectories" by writing to The Permanent Press, P.O. Box 700305, San Jose, Ca. 95170...

- BEHOLD, a brand new flying saucer zine has landed in our midst, published by an up-and-coming but somewhat skeptical fellow in Pensacola (next to Gulf Breeze, Fl.) named Tim Brigham. The name of the zine is "The Devil's Advocate" - an excellent title, which apparently was suggested by your humble "Smear" editor. And speaking of whom, the very first issue is dedicated largely to an in- depth interview with none other than James Moseley, on a wide range of ufological topics. Address: P.O. Box 10853, Pensacola, Fl. 32524....
- "Smear" has obtained a copy of the confidential agenda for the MUFON Board of Directors meeting, held as part of this year's MUFON Convention in Seattle, Washington. There are now 22 Directors, including John Mack. As a loyal (?) MUFONite, your editor won't reveal the figures regarding grants from the Bigelow Foundation, but we can't resist quoting Walt Andrus' slap at MUFON Journal editor Dennis Stacy:
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"Few people realize the amount of work that the Associate Editor, Walt Andrus, must perform in producing the final copy for the printers that would normally be expected of the Editor."

If "few people" realize this (assuming that it's true), now a few more people do!...

- Inner Earth devotee Harley Byrd is holding a convention on Sept. 23-24 at a hotel somewhere in or near Los Angeles, one presumes. He won't give out the location for fear that MUFONites and/or other ufological enemies will show up! Meanwhile, Byrd's arch-enemy Erik Beckjord has re-opened his former Bigfoot Museum, also in the Los Angeles area. He does give out the location, but we won't! (Ain't ufoology grand??)....



SURE ATROC, YOU HAVE ALL THE LAUGHS...
I NEVER GET TO PUT THEIR PANTIES ON
THEM BACKWARDS.

THE BOOK BAG:

Well, the UFO book publishers have been kind to us this month, and we have four free review books to tell you about.(Free to us, not to you!)

- The most interesting of the lot is "West Virginia: Close Encounters in the Mountain State", by Bob Teets (P.O. Box 52, Terra Alta, W.Va. 26764). This is a large 200-page soft-cover book containing over 150 UFO cases based on eyewitness accounts from West Virginians in all walks of life and from every area of the state. It is very professionally written, in the style of the sociologist/historian, not the fanatic; and it is profusely scattered with interesting illustrations.

Teets also publishes "West Virginia UFO Newsletter", now in its 4th issue. How could we dislike this

newsletter when one of the current writers describes your humble "Smear" editor as one of ufology's "greatest figures", together with George Adamski, Howard Menger, and Donald Keyhoe (who must be writhing in his grave over that one!) This bi-monthly newsletter is available from the same address given above....

- Old Howard Menger is still alive and kicking, and together with his long-time wife Connie has written a new book, called "Threads of Light to You". Their daughter, Heidi Evans, adds the sub-title: "Opening Your Eyes to Endless Knowledge, Forever Learning, but Never Knowing All". This is "sweetness & light" New Age stuff - not our cup of tea, of course - but there are those on this planet who will enjoy it, and perhaps some on other planets as well. Also available is an audio tape of Heidi singing and playing (on the piano) a song coincidentally called "Threads of Light to You". Howard Menger can be reached at: 845 28th Ave., Vero Beach, Fl. 32960....
- Next we would mention "Roswell UFO Crash Update: Exposing the Military Cover-Up of the Century", by that well-known former military officer Captain Kevin Randle (Ret.) The front cover contains a wonderful psychedelic painting of the good former Captain himself, and the back cover tells us that this tome contains "the latest evidence", including "death threats to witnesses, removal of alien bodies", etc., etc. What is between the covers, you might wonder? Buy the book and find out, by writing to our olde pal Tim Beckley, c/o Global Communications, P.O. Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903....
- Finally, ace French ufologist Jean Sider has kindly sent us the latest in his series of UFO books, called "Contacts Supra-Terrestres", subtitled "L' Illusion Cosmique (The Cosmic Illusion), Volume Two". Now, we **do** know how to read French (painfully), but if we rarely read UFO books in English, it isn't likely we'll take the time and trouble to read one in French, is it? The publisher is Axis Mundi; S.A.R.L., Orion; 20218 Pietralba, France. **Bon appetit!** (Hope we spelled that right!), and **adieu** til our next glorious issue of "Smear"!

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- BETTY HILL of abduction fame writes as follows:

"In your last issue of 'Saucer Smear' you referred to the hypnosis Barney and I had. The kind we had is basically unknown in this country, but it is quite common in Europe. It is used in surgery, Ceasarian births, to control bleeding, to open up medical amnesia, as well as other medical procedures. Twice in the last six months, the TV program '48 hours' has shown a patient undergoing major abdominal surgery while in a trance only.

"About 1945 the U.S. Army made a film of Dr. Simon's use of his hypnosis in the treatment of servicemen returning from World War Two. About 1990 a shortened version of this film was released and has been shown on PBS. Title: 'Let There Be Light'....

"In our book, 'The Interrupted Journey', Dr. Simon wrote a segment explaining the stages of hypnosis, testing to determine the stage, use and understanding of each stage in our attempt to preserve hypnosis from misuse, and we failed. Our hypnosis has no similarities to the kinds being used in this country.

"Incidentally, we did NOT have missing time. We clearly remembered the UFO men standing in the road, blocking our way. We clearly saw the equipment they used to stall our car motor. We could not remember what happened on board the craft, but we clearly remembered their pacing our car for awhile after we left them. The day we arrived home, we reported this incident to the police and to Pease Air Force Base..."

Betty Hill has a new book coming out very shortly. - Editor.

- JOHN FORD, Chairman of the Long Island UFO-Network (LIUFON) writes:

"This past year, the unusual and controversial Mr. William Knell, a self-proclaimed expert on the UFO phenomenon in the New York area, embarked again on his vendetta to slander and libel my good name and the good name of LIUFON. Over the past six years myself, members of my family, friends, colleagues and members of LIUFON have suffered from Mr. Knell's vendetta in silence and in an effort to ignore what is obvious to the UFO Research community are the ravings of a discredited researcher who lacks any credibility.

"This, however, is no longer the case. This year Mr. Knell has slandered and libeled my good name for the last time, with his recent vicious and defaming articles and publications. Mr. Knell has been served with legal papers for slander, libel and character defamation in the area of \$60 million dollars in damages to which he has failed to respond. As of this writing he stands in default on the actions and soon will face the execution of a multi million dollar judgment...."

We have had no use whatever for Knell ever since he mailed us a series of death threats, a couple of years or so ago. - Editor.

- DR. JOHN MILLER writes:

"...In regard to my research on `missing fetus' cases, Dr. Richard Neal and I have still not found any cases that could be documented with objective medical proof, despite the fact that these `missing fetus' experiences function as a powerful and disturbing subjective reality for those that report these experiences...

"We are still looking for a documentable case of this problem. In the cases that we have seen, either documentation was lacking or when medical records were obtained, some non-mysterious cause for apparent pregnancy loss was found..."

- Famed free-lance writer PATRICK HUYGHE writes:

"Yeah, yeah, so Donald Schmitt is a mailman. No big deal, right? But wait a minute: Barry Greenwood also works for the Post Office. So does Pat Marcatillo. So does Tom Benson. So does Lucius Farish. Or so I'm told by someone who says he doesn't work for the Post Office. I wonder how many more UFO researchers there are out there who have kept their employment at the Post Office a secret from us? Maybe there's something to this after all. Perhaps we've been FOIAing the wrong agency all this time. Could the United States Post Office be the guardian of the UFO secret? **Aha!**..."

Tom Benson, though a bureaucrat, does not work for the Post Office.- Editor

- And, the above-mentioned TOM BENSON writes:

"In your recent `Saucer Smear', you mention that Jerome Clark is working on Volume 3 of a 4 volume UFO Encyclopedia. I hope that the accuracy of the next volumes will be better than the last Volume 2. For example, on page 49 of that Volume, Clark states, regarding Orfeo Angelucci, one of the famous contactees of the 1950s, that `he is reported to have died in Los Angeles sometime in the 1980s.' Actually, Orfeo `Orville' Angelucci, 81, died on July 24, 1993 in Los Angeles."

- Lovable old PHIL KLASS writes as follows:

"...If you dare say anything nasty against dear, gentle, sweet, kind Jerry Clark, I will personally arrange for you to be abducted by a UFO or by the Mafia. Be forewarned."

- MICHAEL DENNETT writes as follows, regarding the recent MUFON convention:

"...Perhaps the biggest attraction outside the lecture room was Phil Klass. He told me that he signed about a dozen autographs and mugged for numerous photos, many with Believers next

to him. Even George Earley was seen sitting next to Phil like they were old buddies...

"While skepticism was almost absent from the presentations, I did detect considerable sentiment among the attenders that all was not taken at face value."

- ROBERT ANTON WILSON writes:

"...I wish you would read a book occasionally. All futurists have made errors, but the ones with the best track records include Bucky Fuller, Barbara Hubbard and, well, me. The `90s have moved very much in the direction all three of us forecast, but I can't explain that in a letter, or even an article; so if you won't read books, I might as well drop the subject.

"What else do you fear, besides books and machines?..."

Almost everything! - Editor.

- JEFFREY KING writes us one of the most delightful letters we have ever received:

"Thank you for the back issues of `Saucer Smear'... I look forward to being a non-subscriber to your newsletter.

"As a practicing attorney, I am used to double-dealing, unsupported assertions made to advance a position, and outright lying to accomplish a chosen end. After reading the issues of `Saucer Smear' you sent me, I can now say I have found a profession the members of which are worse than attorneys in all of these areas - ufology. It's about time somebody started making lawyers appear noble and dignified by comparison!"

- DIANA DeSIMONE of Massachusetts MUFON writes concerning Ed and Donna Bassett, who are doing an expose on abductionist John Mack of Harvard:

"You are kind to inquire, and I'm grateful to have the opportunity to present a different kind of statement than the one I sent to the MUFON Journal. Since few people know me and fewer still have any background on the Bassetts' short year here, I didn't think anyone would notice or care about that stupid reference to me in the April issue of the Journal..."

"What the Bassetts will use, misuse, misunderstand or deliberately warp is a genuine concern to me if a book is underway. I cannot rely on their journalistic ethics which are non-existent, nor their consideration of me as a friend, since it is clear I am not.

"If their intention was only to do an expose of a UFO cult, it should have been clear to them that I had worked hard for Mass. MUFON with exactly the opposite purpose. I was motivated only by my personal interest, took the subject and the group as far as it seemed useful, and resigned when I thought I could do no more. My resignation effective this spring was announced last January and planned since last year.

"The reason the Journal article was harmful is that it recalled the Bassetts' betrayal as well as leaving my name exposed. It is consistent with MUFON's lack of support for state directors (who work at their own expense to keep MUFON solvent) that Walt Andrus didn't stop it from going to print, and Dennis Stacy's bogus apology ended with a threat!..."

- HERB TAYLOR writes as follows:

"Enclosed is a `love offering', purely voluntary of course (well, almost). `Smear' is a great little newsletter, & I look forward to receiving it. The latest issue once again illustrates why ufology is in one hell of a mess. The letter from Tom Carey and the response from Robert Todd both show the bitterness and animosity that Roswell has spawned. I continue to marvel at the blinders worn by the Roswell advocates... And the latest fiasco by Bruce Maccabee - what a damn shame! Another `expert' down the tubes. It's plain sickening!"

- PAT DAVEY of Raton, New Mexico, writes:

"Many thanks for Vol. 42, No. 5 of `Smear' - the best yet. My very favorite thing is Gail Aggen's poem `Alien Tattoo'. This broke me up! I shared it with several others, but their sense of humor wasn't as warped as mine, and they acted as if I'd presented them with vile porno! Well,,, there's no sane explanation, I guess, for the taste of some earthlings...

- Researcher LEE WALSH writes:

"...When are they going to give up trying to push the Carp/Guardian crapola down our throats? Maybe we'll get really lucky and that, along with the `wonderful and new' Roswell video will go away at the same time.

You should have put the `Guardian ravings' under the `Tidbits of Trash'".

- VAGINAYA ROMANTIKOVA of Blue Ball, Pa. (near Intercourse), writes:

"Dearest Moseley:

"Am most amused by controversy about [alien balls, or lack thereof](#), into which my male chauvinist reactionary-communist cousin Penisko has thrust himself. I am noting that you, honored Moseley, question possibility genitalia - soft tissue - may have been gobbled up by unashamed predatory beasts. I am noting also whole debate is about absence of balls. Why no mentioning of penises? As woman, suspect this due to male resistance to thinking of penis as soft tissue. Does this make me UFO expert too?"

- Finally, our well-known critic MONTY CANTSIN writes as follows:

"...I can't figure out Kevin Randle. He's starting to strike me as a government agent who takes the pro-alien position in order not to be believed...Randle's obscurification, even as he claims to be trying to throw light on a hidden subject, certainly sounds like typical shadow government tactics. Or is it just another example of your own editorial mutilation?"

YET ANOTHER WORLD

So much for news of this planet. Those of you who have trouble believing that Michael Jackson is from the same one the rest of us inhabit may be interested in Jacko's latest scheme: a plan to make matters more convenient for outer-space creatures who wish to park their vehicles here on Earth.

Mike Luchman, the director of the New York Center for UFO Research, told the *New York Daily News*,

"For years Michael has had top-secret plans to build a high-tech extraterrestrial landing pad in Nevada to film what surely would be history's greatest event - the arrival of E.T. on Earth."



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"Moseley is no one of consequence. Would people read `Smear' if they actually had to pay for it? And we would do well to let him stew in his own juices and go on with our business. We need concern ourselves with him only to the extent that he plays on ufologists' and debunkers' worst instincts.

-JEROME CLARK, former editor of FATE Magazine, writing to "friends and colleagues" in an open letter dated Feb. 23rd, 1993. ([See discussion below.](#))

"I've seen some of the letters Clark has written and circulated about you. The restraint you showed in the last `Smear' was remarkable, even saintly"

--GEORGE HANSEN, parapsychological investigator, writing in a letter~to "Smear" dated March 8th, 1993.

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For complicated reasons, we got into trouble with Jerry Clark over our June 5th issue of "Smear" before he or any of our other non-subscribers received it in the mail! Impossible, you say? In the UFO field, all things are possible!

We refer here to [our remarks about Clark on Page 4 of that issue.](#) Although it is apparently not accurate to say that Clark was "fired" from the Vice Presidency of CUFOS, it is true that the position of Vice President ceased to exist for Clark as well as for two other members of the CUFOS Board of Directors who had held that title. George Hansen's version of how this came about is given in a letter to "Smear" which is printed further along in this issue. Clark takes exception to Hansen's version in a paper called "A Statement by Jerome Clark", which Clark has kindly sent along to us.

Clark has also sent us a "Not for Publication" letter in which he states, in effect, that he intends to continue his longtime practice of not attacking your "Smear" editor in public or in private. This statement is not true, however. In a Feb. 23rd, 1993 round-robin letter addressed to "Dear Friends and Colleagues" (which he

neglected to send us), Clark attacks us bitterly. A quote from that round-robin is at the top of this page and was also printed on Page One of our April 1st, 1993 issue.

In a second recent letter to us dated June 17th, 1995, Clark surprisingly admits that his "non-attack" policy toward us did not begin until Feb. 24th, 1993, i.e., one day after his Feb. 23rd diatribe. Okay; we'll try to accept that.

Getting back to our June 5th, 1995 issue of "Smear", we made one statement about Clark that was inaccurate. We stated that his work rarely appears in recent issues of the CUFOS zine, "International UFO Reporter". We should have said that his editorials rarely appear, even though he is the editor.

One reason for this situation is that Clark is busy working on Volume Three of a four volume UFO Encyclopedia. We received several pleasant to favorable mentions in Volumes One and Two, but somehow we feel - psychically- that this is not likely to be the case with Volumes Three and Four. But life goes on, and (honestly!) we bear little or no ill will toward Clark. But if he would only "lighten up"!

We have received an interesting 20-page typewritten communication from Dr. Bruce Maccabee of FUFOR (Fund for UFO Research), entitled "Response to Criticisms of the Guardian/Carp Case Investigation". The Guardian Case, which we have mentioned briefly in several previous issues of "Smear", is extremely complicated, but the basic evidence consists of a video sent to former ufologist Bob Oechsler and a few other people, plus a large amount of written material accompanying it. The case, which took place in 1991 in Carp, Ontario, Canada, is so bad that a Canadian branch of MUFON eventually declared it to be a hoax, and the MUFON Journal seemed to agree with this assessment.

But Dr. Bruce does not agree. Says he, "My present opinion is that the event depicted in the video (= a landed UFO), with added descriptions by Diane Labenek and Dr. Quarington (= witnesses), actually happened as described. Furthermore, the depicted object looks very much like a `classic flying saucer'!

All well and good. But the unfortunate thing is that the writings accompanying the video, some of which we have seen, can only be described as crazy. Yet Maccabee spends page after page analyzing the video and the witnesses' testimony, and only a few lines on the burning question of: Who the hell is this guy "Guardian" who apparently wrote the material? What is his connection with the case, what are his motives, etc., etc? Till we know those answers, the kindest thing anyone can say is that the case is "tainted".

Below is just about all that Maccabee gives by way of explanation. He says: "The `paperwork' that came with the video could be the product of a paranoid delusional person who, for some reason, was present at the `landing' and has used the `hard evidence' to support his viewpoint about the meaning/intention/purpose of flying saucers... .The `documents' which Guardian supplied made it appear to me to be another of the `Nazi UFO' types of paranoid UFO literature that has circulated in the past..."

Awhile back, Bob Oechsler kindly gave us a copy of one page of the Guardian ravings. Written in February of 1992, it reads as follows:

"All information on ALIEN contact is being systematically released by the BROTHERHOOD. A group responsible for the founding of the New World, NORTH AMERICA. It is also known as the HOLY GRAIL. The GRAIL exists. From the ancient Middle East, to Europe, to Canada. This group protects the Blood of God. It has members in every level of modern Society. It's beliefs center around the secret knowledge of the creation of man, and the ongoing relations between the forces of heaven. The release of ALIEN information is in an effort to stop RED CHINA. China is preparing an all out nuclear, biochemical attack on the Soviet Union, Europe & North America. The attack will have millions dead in minutes, billions in months. If successful all major Judeo-Christian systems of belief would be wiped out within a year by COMMUNISM. Classified information in photo, videotape, autopsy reports, films is going to be leaked to the press over the next three years. Most of this information is on the CARP Ontario landings, Monuments-bases on the darkside of the moon, the phobos mars installations & the final origin of the ALIENS."

And here we have Dr. Maccabee, a respected physicist with a real Ph.D., sticking up for the Guardian Case. We hardly know what to say!...

TIDBITS OF TRASH:



- Here we have a daytime shot of an intergalactic spaceship, thought to be from a planet orbiting the dwarf star Sombrero, approximately 6.9 light years from Earth. (This is only our interpretation, and we could be wrong!) Photo is courtesy of the Midway Sightings UFO Museum, near Roswell, New Mexico. ...
- No one has sent us any books to review since our last issue. (Maybe they realize that the chances of a favorable review in "Smear" are less than the chance of winning the lottery.) However, we are told that James ("The Amusing") Randi has oozed out with a new book called, "An Encyclopedia of Claims, Frauds, and Hoaxes of the Paranormal and Supernatural". A rather negative title, actually; and what we hear about the book so far is not at all good. The publisher is St. Martin's Press...

- Then there is "Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind; Alien Abductions, UFOs, and the Conference at M.I.T." This famous conference was held in June of 1992, sponsored by a physicist named David Pritchard and by John Mack, the Harvard psychiatrist who, in the meanwhile, has written a pro-abduction book of his own. We have heard that everyone attending the M.I.T. Conference was honor-bound not to reveal what went on there, but apparently that idea did not work out!

The author of "Close Encounters" is C.D.B. Bryan, the publisher is Alfred A. Knopf, and the price is \$25. The New York Times reviewer calls this a "strange and disturbing book", apparently because Bryan, though a skeptic, entertains the possibility that alien abductions are a phenomenon intended to make us aware of other realities. (Yes, he has stolen the "Smear" "3 1/2-D Theory", we fear!) This is one tome that maybe we should actually go out and buy!



- Just before press time, we did receive one review book in the mail. It is a re-issue of John A. Keel's classic from the 1970s, "Disneyland of the Gods", published by IllumiNet Press, P.O. Box 2808, Lilburn, Ga. 30226. IllumiNet is rapidly becoming a major force in the UFO publishing field, and since we never read this classic when it first came out, now might be a good time to do so! We'll let you know what we think of it...
- We know of at least three flying saucer conventions to be held this coming October. The first is the annual one by John White's "Omega Communications", held this year on Oct. 7th-8th at the Holiday Inn in North Haven, Connecticut. Then comes our own glorious 32nd running of the National UFO Conference (NUFOC), with famed ufologist & occultist Allen Greenfield as local sponsor. This will take place on Oct. 14th and 15th at the Castlegate Hotel and Convention Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Finally, there is the Third Annual Gulf Breeze UFO Conference on Oct. 20th-22nd, at the Clarion Suites Resort in Pensacola Beach, Florida - just a stone's throw from famed Gulf Breeze!

Your "Smear" editor will be attending the NUFOC conclave as well as the Gulf Breeze one, but alas, we can't get to all of these annual conventions unless the Space People volunteer to start paying our travel expenses!

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- Roswell Authority KEVIN RANDLE writes:

"Pat Packard, 44, died on June 2nd, 1995 after a brief illness. He was one of the good guys.

Pat's enthusiasm for the UFO field was well known and he had a great many friends in the community. He was MUFON's Assistant State Director for Ohio...

"I was fortunate to count Pat as one of my friends. I spoke to him only a few weeks ago. He called as I was on my way out the door, but I'm glad that I took time to talk to him. He was trying to collect information about some aspect of the UFO field and wanted to know if I had anything that would help him.

"There are too few people like Pat in the field today. The loss of his wit and wisdom is tremendous, for he was one of the few unpretentious people in the community. The best we can do now is learn from his example. That is his legacy and is one for which he should be proud.

"Goodbye, Pat. We'll all miss you."

We never knew or even heard of Pat Packard, but he sounds like a nice guy. -Editor.

- CHARLES BROERMAN writes as follows:

"It was great to see another `Saucer Smear' after the month's hiatus. Excellent as usual. Also as usual the field of ufology is a complete mystery to me - the ufologists themselves even more than the phenomenon. [So Donald Schmitt is a mailman.](#) Am I missing something? It's strange he felt the need to hide it, and strange that it's such a big deal now that the Truth has been revealed!...

The "big deal" is the question of why he felt the need to hide it. - Editor.

- RICHARD FREEMAN, esteemed editor of "Batteries Not Included", writes:

"Jeez - postal workers investigating UFOs! I suspect this is the first step toward getting us to believe that missing packages and letters are not buried in basements and sewers in Chicago, but are actually enroute to Xeta Riticuli. I only hope this letter reaches you!

"Anyway, if there are aliens, can we believe that postal workers will bring them back alive?..."

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes as follows:

"On Monday, May 29th, 1995, I received a frantic phone call from Mark Rodeghier, Scientific Director of the Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS). I had never met the man nor even spoken to him on the phone. He wanted to assure me that Jerry Clark was still on the Board of Directors of that organization. Clark had been a Vice President, but at the last Board meeting, it was decided to relieve him of that position. Rodeghier told me that it was simply a minor matter and that the other two Vice President positions had been eliminated also.

"I pointed out that the two others were then elected to officer positions but Clark was not, and that this was a public loss of status for Jerry. Rodeghier reiterated the official story that the change was minor, I responded that I had never before been `honored' to receive a phone call from him, let alone on such a `minor' matter, and that I was understandably skeptical. I mentioned that even weeks after the Board meeting, Jerry had not been informed of his demotion and that when he heard about it from an outsider, embarrassingly, Clark completely denied it.

"Rodeghier then admitted that he was greatly concerned that the situation might escalate and that a few years ago he had spent enormous time soothing Jerry during his dispute with Willy Smith..."

As already stated, Clark takes exception to the above interpretation. - Ed.

- Subliminal Vision expert ERIK BECKJORD writes as follows, concerning his troubles with Hollow Earth advocate Harley Byrd:

"...A lot of this garbage would never have happened if you hadn't given Byrd the idea that he was a real human being, with a brain, sanity, and purpose, instead of the smelly piece of mental garbage he really is. Perhaps you have now seen the light. Some of the people he has attacked are your friends..."

- Long-time "Smear" non-subscriber MICHAEL DENNETT writes:

"On page seven of your Vol. 42, No. 5 there appears what claims to be [a message from Erik Beckjord](#). I believe this communication must be a forgery. My reason is that the contents of the message are widely different from a telephone conversation I had with the real Erik Beckjord shortly after the incident in question, In that phone talk I asked Erik about his threatened lawsuit. At that time he told me he was not only serious about the suit but also confident in his success in court.

"I asked how he could afford an attorney. He replied that there were many recent law school graduates hungry to ply their trade in Florida. He told me he was looking for one that would take his case pro bono, although I don't think he used those exact words. He assured me that he would not settle for a mere grand but anticipated a much larger settlement.

"I suppose it is possible that Erik was fibbing to me in our phone conversation in the hope that I would thus participate in the `jerking of your chain'. But I think it more plausible that the `missive~ on page seven is a fake from an enemy of Erik's. You might want to pass this on to Erik as I am sure he would like to know if someone is sending letters to `Smear' and using his name."

- Researcher TOM CAREY writes as follows:

"At the risk of joining battle in a `pissing contest', I feel compelled to respond to [Robert Todd's curious and unwarranted outburst](#) which was directed at Kevin Randle in your latest -missive or missile, take your pick.

"Robert Todd, a `true unbeliever' and debunker in the Klassical sense, claims to be an objective researcher - at least that is the line that he seems to fool people with. In this role, especially with respect to Roswell, Philip Klass loves to refer to him, Dennis Stacy and Barry Greenwood love to publish the latest mutterings by him, and the Air Force loves to praise him. Why else would they do this and continually refer to him as a `respected UFO researcher'? How will the reading public ever know that this is false representation at its worst if dissenting views never reach the light of day? Why are some voices permitted to be heard, while others are suppressed? What's wrong with letting the reading public make up their own minds?

"Although it does not explain Roswell, Todd's Project Mogul research was a nice piece of research as far as it went. Since then, however, he seems to have `lost it', and has become a crude practitioner of what he accused Kevin Randle of being (something to the effect that Randle is a biased, untruthful writer of fiction-passed-off-as-fact) in his latest ad hominem attack on Randle, which appeared in the most recent issue of `Smear'. (I guess that's why it was printed.)

"While I know these charges against Randle to be without merit, the same cannot be said of Todd. Last year, the `MUPON UFO Journal' and `Just Cause' published essentially the same piece by Todd that alleges that Dr. Lincoln LaPaz of `green fireball' fame played no role whatsoever in the Roswell events. ... To arrive at his conclusion, Todd was forced to ignore witness testimony he didn't like, twist witness testimony that didn't fit his premise, and stand logic and reason on its

head. I had to read it several times (upside down) just to make sure that I read it right. Intellectually dishonest and truly embarrassing!..."

- To which ROBERT TODD replies, in part:

"...The primary reason I am writing concerns a June 6th letter you may have received from Kevin `Wrong Way' Ramble's sycophant, Tom Carey. I read Carey's flatulent letters to Dennis Stacy and Barry Greenwood, and wrote responses to both. Because his letters were never published, neither were my responses. His letters demonstrated that he's a propagandist, and that he either cannot read, or cannot think, or both. As he did in his letter to you, he accused me of twisting witness statements and `standing logic and reason on its (sic) head'. This from a man who worships at the feet of another man who reads documents upside down and sideways to achieve the desired results.. I've had my fill of religious zealots like Carey...

"I'm flattered that Carey compared me to Phil Klass. That is, I'd be flattered if I gave a damn what Carey thinks. I had no extensive dealings with Klass until Roswell mushroomed into the biggest money-maker in ufological history. I was a bit reticent about having any contact with him, given the portrait that `ufologists' painted of him. To hear them tell it, Phil Klass is the antichrist, a seven-headed monster who wouldn't know the truth if it walked up to him and broke his jaw. The sad fact is that Phil Klass has uncovered more truth than any fifty `ufologists' I can name. I'd take one Phil Klass over a thousand Kevin Rambles and a thousand Tom Careys any day of the week...

- Famed UFO abductee BETTY HILL writes as follows:

"Recent court hearings in New Hampshire (where I live) may become as important and well known as the famous `Monkey Trial' regarding evolution in Tennessee in the 1970s. The question was: Are repressed memories valid? Two women said they had recovered repressed memories of having been raped years ago. One said she had been thrown to the classroom floor and raped by her teacher. The second woman said her father had raped her two nights before her wedding. Should these men face trial on these charges?

"The court held hearings over a period of several weeks. Top experts came to New Hampshire nationwide. In May, the court ruled these two women could not testify against the accused because their accusations were based on recovered memories.

...

"This court ruling may be helpful to the general public in separating the facts from the fantasies in UFO abductions."

We agree with Betty Hill's remarks here, but we recall that in her own UFO abduction case, she and her late husband Barney were only aware of "missing time" until they were repeatedly hypnotized separately over a period of time. In this way they gradually remembered their experiences aboard the craft. - Editor.

- French ufologist JEAN SIDER writes:

"Thank you for your very droll Vol. 4, No. 5.

"[No balls at all?](#) Normal, if we consider the numerous testimonies from witnesses of CE4. Please note that during the sad Inquisition, many witnesses when interrogated claimed that the demon with which they had intercourse had not the least sex, but when these demons transformed their form into a very beautiful man, THEY HAD ONE!

"Please note also that in the famous or infamous Ray Santilli Roswell film, one can see a so-called 'Alien' autopsied by two 'medics'. This entity is very strange: without sex. Normal? Yes. But another thing is stranger: There are SIX fingers on each hand, and SIX toes on each foot!

These and other clues show that the so-called film of Ray Santilli is probably a put-up job!..."

- TIM LAUZON writes:

"...According to Santilli, he hasn't offered the Roswell film(s) for sale, although he's had offers to buy. Of course the aliens have no balls he says - they're female. Santilli also says that he is trying to publicize the film(s) through the media without the 'help' of ufologists, and he characterizes the UFO 'experts' as a self-promoting, argumentative and contentious lot. He must read 'Saucer Smear'.

Yes, we have read that Santilli says the creatures are "all femail (sic)".

But would a highly advanced race be reckless enough to let their women run a spaceship unsupervised? We male sexists need an answer to this burning question! - Editor.

- MONTY CANTSIN writes as follows:

"...An example of the absurdity of skeptics is your mockery of the idea that aliens have no external genitalia, and yet they presumably reproduce. Don't you know that only mammals have external genitalia, and that aliens, being hairless, are obviously not mammals? Your ignorance of science is so typical of skeptical 'rationalists'. And the mysterious disappearance of the nurse who showed Glenn Dennis drawings of aliens would certainly point to the existence of aliens and to a government cover-up."

- And, British UFO author JENNY RANGLES writes:

"No doubt you have been following the Roswell video saga as it unfolds almost daily.... For the record I should say that I have deep reservations about the way BUFORA seems to be associated with the matter - notably the apparent endorsement of it, to sell tickets for the August conference. BUFORA argues that they are not endorsing the film, but the article in 'The Independent' written by Philip Mantle (of BUFORA) uses terms difficult to call anything else, in my view..."

- Our olde pal DENNIS STILLINGS of the Archaeus Project writes:

"This is to let you know that one of the few connections I still have with the sick world of ufology is through 'Smear' You continue to treat the subject of UFOs with all the seriousness it deserves - and then some. The highlights for me in the last issue were George Hansen's comments and the rather toney - certainly for 'Smear' - poem by the very talented Ms. Aggen. Someone, however, should look up the spelling of 'tattoo'?"

- Finally, we must somehow deal with this rather strange letter from Intercourse, Pa., written by one PENISKO ROMANTIKOV. It reads:

"Dear Comrade Moseley:

"I am coming to America just seven years from glorious Soviet Union, and am reading much books and magazines on spaceships and abduction of American chicks. I like the idea that aliens use so many electronic devices on millions of American women, because I am knowing that chicks like probing by little men with big tools. In your glorious 'Smear' paper I can see that you too like such things,

and I am hoping you will tell more about New York City woman,who floats out windows and rides saucer into river. (Talk about lady drivers!)

"You are great ufologist: First to say alien comrades have no balls, so they must use tools! Come to think of it, Captain Randle says they have no tongues either. Now I am UFO expert too!"



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Doesn't it seem to you pretty indisputable by now that, in fact, there has never been any genuine UFO crash? Although any material 'nuts-and-bolts' objects would naturally have to come to grief sometimes, these things, being only deceptive simulacra, have never done so and never will....

-- ALEXANDER MEBANE

The most important event in all UFO history, and maybe even in the history of human societies since the Coming of Christ, probably is the Roswell crash during the night of July 2 or 3, 1947.

-- JEAN SIDER

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NO BALLS AT ALL!

THE SHOCKING INSIDE STORY OF THE CREATURES WHO ALLEGEDLY LANDED NEAR ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, IN JULY OF 1947 and OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR "SMEAR" EDITOR'S RECENT UFOLOGICAL TOUR THROUGH NEW MEXICO:

Your editor has recently returned from a wonderfully pleasant two-week tour of the Southwest, starting with Tim Beckley's First (and probably Last) Pike's Peak UFO & New Age Expo, held in Colorado Springs, Co. on April 28th-30th. Your editor was but one of nearly fifty speakers, headed by Budd Hopkins of abduction research fame. (This time we avoided him like the plague!) The usual "hard core" of New Agers attended but, as usual,

few people from the general public.

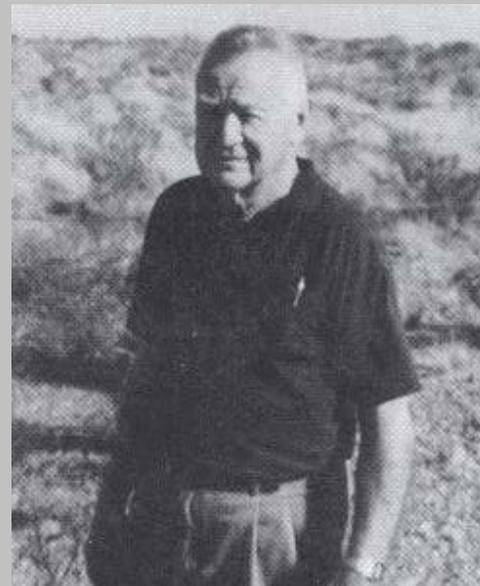
Enthusiasm at the Beckley convention was moderate at best, and even Hopkins workshop was not well attended. Perhaps our most startling experience at this convention was meeting another UFO fan legitimately using the name "James W. Moseley". Incidentally, we hear that Hopkins' long-awaited book about the abduction of Linda Napolitano, sometimes called "The Case of the Century" (November, 1989) will finally be forthcoming, shortly..

In Colorado Springs your editor rented a car and drove to the beautiful Albuquerque - Santa Fe region of New Mexico. There we lectured on the evening of May 4th to a small but enthusiastic MUFON group, introduced by the semi-mysterious Karl Pflock of Roswell research fame..

On another evening we had a very pleasant dinner with Pflock, and on still another evening we dined with John Alexander and his charming wife Victoria. John is in charge of the U.S. Government's spooky non-lethal weapons research program at Los Alamos Laboratories. Victoria is a technical writer originally from New York.

Moving south along Interstate Highway 25, we reached the town of Socorro, N.M., where a "classic" UFO landing took place back in 1964, involving a local policeman named Lonnie Zamora. In Socorro we met Prof. Charles Moore (not to be confused with ufologist Bill Moore), who has researched the Socorro landing, though his main ufological distinction is that he was project engineer on a series of experimental balloon flights in New Mexico in June, 1947, sponsored by New York University. One of these flights (#4) is thought by many (including Karl Pflock and the Air Force) to be the cause of the debris found at the famed Roswell, N.M debris field in early July, 1947. Interestingly, Moore says he never heard the term "Project Mogul" - the secret code name for his balloon project until he heard it from UFO researcher Robert Todd in 1992!

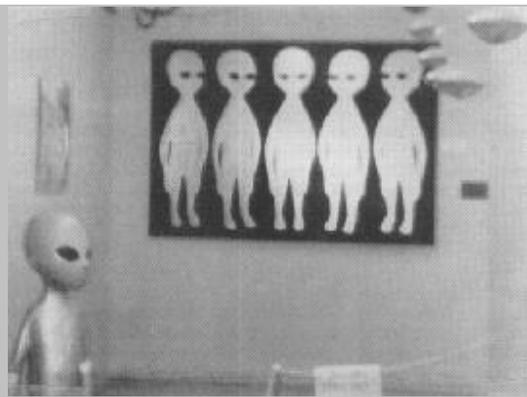
Prof. Moore, pictured to the right (or above, depending on your browser,) is a mild UFO fan, and he interviewed Zamora in about 1966, and has attempted ever since to reach a conclusion about the case. He discovered that by coincidence or otherwise, there was a test of Surveyor, predecessor to the lunar module, at nearby White Sands Proving Grounds, on the same day (April 24th, 1964) as Zamora's sighting, but this could not have accounted for the vertical take-off that the policeman claims to have witnessed, nor could it explain the two little men in cover-alls who were supposedly standing outside their craft. Thus the case is, according to Moore, probably either a hoax or a truly unknown object.



Moving along on our Saucer Pilgrimage, at approximately 3 P.M. on Sunday, May 7th, your editor entered the Holy City of Roswell, sacred to thousands of ufologists throughout the U.S.A. and indeed the world. We prepared ourselves spiritually by fasting for more than three hours after checking out of our motel in Socorro at noon. The next afternoon, after more short periods of fasting and meditation, we visited the International UFO Museum & Research Center, in the heart of downtown Roswell. This is the most impressive of three UFO museums that have sprung up in the Roswell area in the past few years..

President of this museum's Board of Directors is Walter Haut, who was the public relations officer at Roswell Army Air Field at the time of the "Roswell Incident". Vice President is Glenn Dennis, the legendary Roswell mortician who was also involved in the "Incident". We did not meet Haut, but spent nearly an hour chatting with Dennis - a pleasant man of about 70 - whose claim to ufological fame is mainly the fact that a nurse at the Base gave him drawings and descriptions of weird humanoids who were allegedly under medical observation there after the crash. Unfortunately, the nurse disappeared mysteriously shortly thereafter, and all efforts to locate her, through the years, have been futile..

Based on this nurse's description, the Roswell aliens are shown at the museum to be lacking genitalia, to put it delicately; i.e., they have no external sexual organs. This, you see, must have made reproduction difficult if not impossible! On the other hand, we know that modern-day greys (pictured left (or above) on a wall of the museum) have the same problem, even though their over-all physical description is somewhat



different..

Karl Pflock suggests that perhaps before being discovered on the desert, the Roswell aliens were mutilated by predators, who (gasp!) eat the tenderest parts of the body first; but we feel this is probably just wishful thinking on his part, to make the supposed facts of the case sound reasonable..

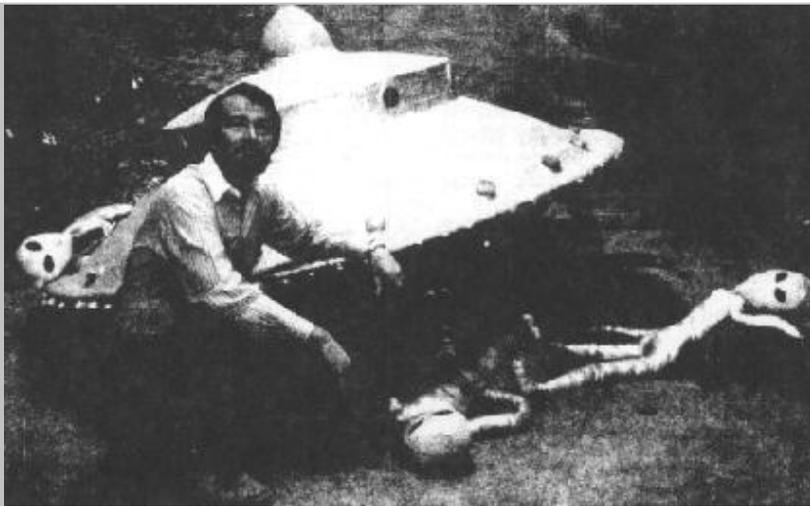
The UFO Enigma Museum, on the outskirts of Roswell but much nearer to the old Roswell Army Air Field, is not as elaborate as the downtown museum, but nevertheless has some nice displays. It is run by a man named John Price, and the Director of Research is a former military man named Clifford Stone, author of the 1991 book "UFOs: Let the Evidence Speak for Itself." Obviously, Stone believes there is a high-level government cover-up regarding the "Roswell Incident" and many other matters..

The newest and strangest of the Roswell museums is the Midway Sightings UFO Museum, located on a farm several miles south of Roswell. This is run by a brother and sister named Manuel and Becky Escamilla. Another brother named Jose was associated with them until he went Too Far Out in their opinion, and wrote an article for Tim Beckley's UFO magazine describing our Visitors as "interdimensional insects"..

The Escamillas claim to have taken over a thousand hours of daylight UFO videos during the past year or so! We were shown a bit of this footage at Tim Beckley's convention and also at the farm, which includes a rather barren museum and an even more barren gift shop. The most spectacular of the scenes we looked at shows a small fleet of flying saucers far up in the sky, which suddenly has another object pass swiftly in front of it and then out of sight. Upon being "freeze-framed", this swiftly-moving object looks very much like a flat hat with a circular brim. Or, it may be some other kind of hat..

The Escamillas are very friendly, pleasant people, seemingly sincere, and we wish them well. However, we are told that their ufological activities are an embarrassment to the International UFO Museum, which is supposedly more serious..

It occurred to us that the Holy City of Roswell is just about ripe for a flying saucer convention, and sure enough, someone else has thought of the idea before we did. On July 4th weekend this year, the First Roswell UFO Encounter will be held, featuring "costume contests, float races, laser light shows, open forums with leading UFO researchers, and live entertainment". Apparently this bash is being sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce rather than any of the UFO museums. We wish we could attend, but it will only happen if the "Silence Group" or the Space People themselves pay our way back to the Holy City. For further information about the convention, try phoning 505-623-5695....



John Price, owner of the Outa Limits UFO Enigma Museum in Roswell, N.M., shows an artist's interpretation of the purported 1947 UFO crash.

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- Jerry Clark has been fired as Vice President of CUFOS (Center for UFO Studies). He remains editor of its zine, "International UFO Reporter", though his work rarely appears in recent issues. Not long ago, Clark was fired as editor of FATE Magazine and later fired as a columnist for said publication, Way to go, Jerry!...
- Chris Roth of Chicago radio fame has kindly sent us a recent magazine interview given by Whitley Strieber, author of "Communion", "Transformation", and a forthcoming book called "Breakthrough". In the interview, Strieber still seems to be fed up with the flying saucer field, from which he withdrew several years ago; and he still does not believe that the Greys and such are physical aliens from another planet. He apparently believes the aliens are 4-D entities of some sort, whose interaction with humans is both uplifting and confusing.
- In our last issue we had a short item about William Cooper, a former ufologist who now hosts a pro-Militia right-wing radio program on the World wide Christian Radio Network. Recently we phoned him, to get his opinion on the Oklahoma City bombing. Predictably, he said it was intended to "demonize patriotism" and was probably perpetrated by someone in the Government itself. Cooper edits an irregularly-published newspaper called "Veritas" ("Truth" in Latin). The paper is available from P.O. Box 3390, St. Johns, Arizona 85936. Cooper told us on the phone, "I'm so fed up that I'd like to leave this planet and go to Planet X with a real live alien, and open up a bar there!"
- We aren't sure why anyone would care, but two of our fans have sent us the information that MUFON's 501(c)3 tax identification number is 37-0990161. The State registration number is 00-808629-0. Wow!...
- As reported in a previous "Smear", Armand Laprade, editor of "Would You Believe", had a massive stroke last March and is in a nursing home, Two friends of his, named Norma Cox and Dennis Crenshaw, worked together to put out the last issue of "Would You Believe?" - most of which was prepared by Armand before his illness. Those wishing to purchase this last issue, dated April 12th, 1995, or any of the available back issues, should write to Norma Cox at: HC 80, Box 156, Marshall, Ar. 72650...
- Two intense but obscure ufological feuds continue to grind on. The first is between UFO researchers Bill Knell and John Ford on Long Island, New York. Ford tells us he is suing Knell for several million dollars. Incidentally, on May 20th Ford hosted a one-day convention, where he supposedly showed "dozens of photos" of dead aliens, re an alleged UFO crash on Long Island a couple of years ago.

The other feud is in Los Angeles, between Harley Byrd and Erik Beckjord. All we know for sure is that on May 3rd, a bench warrant was issued for Byrd, because of various instances of harassment of Beckjord. There were rumors that Byrd would force the cancellation of UFO Expo West on the weekend of May 20th-21st, in revenge for his having been forced to cancel a convention of his own, several weeks earlier. Our information is that UFO Expo West took place as scheduled, possibly with Beckjord as one of the speakers. Byrd was not invited.

We are reliably informed that Beckjord has been found guilty of harassing a non-ufological neighbor in Los Angeles. A mock trial was held on the "Jones and Jury" TV show on Jan. 25th, 1995. (Case No. 94-1082; Show No. 012595)....

- We are in possession of a strange little soft-cover book by a man named John Bryant, called "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Religion, Science and Superstition But Were Afraid to Ask Because You Thought You'd Be Excommunicated, Cursed and Denied Your Research Grant". In this tome are some interesting negative comments about Phil Klass and CSICOP, and even a little paragraph (Page 126) about your "Smear" editor. The book is published privately by Bryant, who seems to be a wealthy eccentric of some sort. Write to: The Socratic Press, P.O. Box 66683, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida 33736-6683....
- Also newly arrived at our Headquarters is the second semi-annual issue of "The Anomalist", of which Patrick Huyghe and Dennis Stacy of MUFON are co-editors. Loren Coleman, Patrick Huyghe, Hilary Evans, Dennis Stillings and Robert Baker are among the writers appearing in this particular volume, which sells for \$12.50 and can be purchased from Dennis Stacy at: P.O. Box 12434, San Antonio, Texas 78212....
- Finally, we have a 50-page technical treatise by Prof. Charles Moore, entitled "The New York University Balloon Flights During Early June, 1947." This relates to the activity now known to ufologists as Project Mogul, one of whose flights (#4) appears to be the cause of the Roswell, New Mexico debris. This treatise is not for sale, but we feel confident that Prof. Moore will be willing to make a copy available to serious researchers..

The following hilariously hot item is "borrowed" from the May 1995 issue of Phil Klass' newsletter called SUN (Skeptics UFO Newsletter):

The "Deep-Throat" column in the April/May issue of Houston Sky, a bimonthly newsletter for Houston-area MUFON members, reports: ***"This just in,..Rumor has it the GAO has unearthed evidence that the MJ-12 documents are genuine and will confirm that MJ- 12 does exist. Seems the CIA has turned over numerous documents to the GAO for their Roswell inquiry...."*** SUN predicts the GAO will NOT make these documents public because of their "ultra-sensitive" contents. These documents reveal that the current MJ-12 Director is Stanton T. Friedman (who succeeded William L. Moore) and MJ-12 Deputy Director is Elaine Douglass. co-chairman of Operation Right To Know (which stages public protests against UFO Secrecy.)

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- Roswell investigator KEVIN RANDLE writes as follows:

"In February I sent out a letter in support of my friend (and co-author) Don Schmitt. During the six years I had worked with him, I had never known him to lie, to exaggerate, or misrepresent. He told me of his background and I had no reason to question what he said. When the controversy about his 'day job' arose, I asked him for the truth and was told, by him, that he didn't work at the post office. I had no reason to doubt him, and when I called Ken Eppler (the Postmaster) he was vague, but did not confirm that Don worked there. When

I received a copy of the letter that Eppler wrote, I believed it to be an accurate representation of the truth. I was wrong on all counts.

"In a conversation held with Mark Stokes at the Hartford, Wisconsin post office on April 3rd, it became clear that Don worked there full time. Any other statement was either a lie or a statement calculated to mislead. There is no polite way to say it. Don had lied to me repeatedly about his employment. My crime was believing my friend.

"In the course of this controversy, I have sent out letters supporting Don Schmitt. I sent these out, believing that Don was the victim of character assassination. I now know the truth. Don has lied about his employment and his educational background and has provided weak excuses for this behavior.

"To all those that I misled, I sincerely apologize..."

We regret having jumped to the conclusion that Randle was "covering up" for Schmitt. - Editor.

- British researcher CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes:

"Although no fan of his, I do have some sympathy for Don Schmitt. The reason he covered up his job as a humble postman and overstated his education was, I assume, to get more easily 'accepted' into the UFO community.

"For a long time now there has been a big myth in ufology that for your views to be worthy of consideration you have to be somebody with high qualifications or employed in some academic institution or a high-sounding government or industrial establishment. This myth is encouraged by such organizations as MUFON, who demand only 'qualified, competent' people in their ranks, and who love to parade their list of consultants with their impressive-looking Ph.D, M.S. and other degrees. (No high school jerks need apply, of course.)..."

"In ufology, still a fringe science and likely forever to remain so, a nuclear scientist or Harvard psychiatrist may be no more qualified to pontificate on UFOs than a garbage collector. Stan Friedman gave Dr. Roger Wescott three pages of credentials in his final MJ-12 report, purely to impress readers.

"A good education certainly helps in any endeavor, but we really must not get the idea that a UFO 'expert' (whatever this means) can only come from the ranks of the intelligentsia.

"So I do have some sympathy for Don Schmitt, for this reason."

CLARIFICATION by Donald R. Schmitt

Recently several parties have raised questions concerning my education background and place of employment. Although these matters should not, and do not, have any bearing on the Roswell investigatinn that Kevin Randle and I have conducted, I thought it best to offer these clarifying comments.

I have been an employee of the U.S. Postal Service since 1974. I worked part-time until 1983, when I became a full-time rural letter carrier. During all this period, I have been a freelance commercial artist. I will soon receive a bachelor's degree from Concordia College with a major in Liberal Arts, and I've been accepted into a newly-established graduate program in criminal justice studies at Concordia.

I would like to offer my sincerest apologies for any false or misleading statements I made about my background. I regret any misunderstandings that may have sprung from this.

As a consequence, I have resigned, effective April 13, 1995, as Director of Special Investigations of the Center for UFO Studies. I will continue, with the support of my colleagues, as a CUFOS board member. I want to thank all those who have offered their support and friendship to me during the past few months.

- Researcher ROBERT TODD writes as follows:

"...The fiction writers in the UFO `research' field have it easy. It doesn't take a lot of work to dream up sensational claims, but it takes an enormous amount of work to disprove them. Yet it seems the fiction writers receive the most attention and kudos, and reap the biggest financial rewards. Their feel-good writings are titillating, and they tell the faithful exactly what they want to hear, but they bear little if any resemblance to reality. It's a dirty little secret in `Ufology' that many `Ufologists' are far more interested in validating their own beliefs than they are in finding the truth. Perhaps that's why so few of the true believers bother to examine the fraudulent claims of these fiction writers too closely.

"The words 'pulp fiction' come to mind whenever I see Kevin Randle's name. The UFO `research' field would be better off reading comic books.

"Since you like Randle, I don't suppose this letter will ever make it into `Smear'. Too bad."

- ERIK BECKJORD writes:

"For your info., [the Demand Letter I sent you six months or more ago to cease and desist...](#) along with the `demand' for \$1,000 was mainly meant to `jerk your chain', but it was also sent somewhat tongue in cheek, since it is well known that your wallet is welded to your thighbone and wrapped with 25 layers of elephant skin to prevent blood-sucking leeches from extracting so much as a dime from your family coffers.

"Knowing that getting \$1,000 from you had as much chance as getting Randi and Geller together to share a weekend Honeymoon Cottage with a single bed, I felt safe that you would not be too worried about it.

"So, LO! If it caused you any loss of sleep, I am sorry..."

Editor's Note: Yes, we are very cautious of blood-sucking leeches. If Beckjord's demand for \$1,000 "by return mail" was "tongue in cheek", we would still ask: Would he have sent the money back if we had been stupid enough to send it? If not, it is still attempted extortion!

- Parapsychologist GEORGE HANSEN writes:

"Thanks for the latest `Smear'. Great job, as usual!

"In this issue, Graeber, Vallee, and Todd lament the sorry state of ufology. Only now they see it? Gee, are they slow learners or what? They fail to understand that what they lament actually is the UFO phenomenon. To its immense credit, `Smear' obviously grasps this central point:..."

- Researcher CHUCK JINES writes as follows:

"It appears that the abduction phenomena belief system requires serious reexamination. The pseudo scientific practice of hypnotic regression is currently under serious scrutiny. Memory researchers are calling into question the practice that many therapists have used to dredge up `repressed memories'. The belief that this is a valid practice is rapidly being shown to be little more than bullshit. In that the scientific community is reappraising this practice, would it not behoove the UFO community to do the same?

"The UFO groups are constantly asking the mainstream scientific community to reappraise

existing paradigms. Is it unfair to ask that ufology do the same? Continued reliance upon abduction claims is not only boring but casts the entire field in a ridiculous light. The continued emphasis upon these claims only serves to reinforce the view that mainstream science has about ufology. It is incredibly counter productive. But I suspect, that with so much invested in this almost religious belief system, little or nothing will be done to reappraise this practice....

"Anyway, keep `Smear' coming. It is one of the few voices of sanity in this particular arena. Oh incidentally, the spell checker in my computer suggested that I change 'ufology' to 'urology.'"

- Researcher TOM BENSON writes as follows:

"Back in 1980 or so, with my Associate Editor and former `Saucer Smear' non-subscriber Ken Behrendt's input, I decided to publish a UFO journal, and we entitled it `The Sixth Quark Journal'. The Journal pothesized that subatomic particles have a definite relationship to the UFO phenomenon. Four issues, 60 pages or more each, were published between 1981 and 1986.

"Now that scientists have finally found the `Sixth Quark', I have changed the name of my journal to the `Cosmic Soup Mix'. The first issue will describe my story in its entirety as best I can recall it consciously. The journal's title is ambiguous, but some also thought that of my former journal's name

"I first heard the terms `Cosmic Soup Mix' via an astral type dream or out-of-body experience, while I was aboard a UFO in the late 1940's or early 1950's. While touring the craft with a humanoid entity, who was small as a child, had white skin coloration but whiter than Caucasian, and not a commonly-reported gray, I saw a human-like being in a concentrated activity. The being was at the top of a stairwell on an upper level of the craft, and was looking down at a circular display screen device of a pinkish-gray coloration, with particle matter flowing across the screen on top of a pedestal, and was about three feet in diameter.

"While looking down through the device, you could see the ground. The being was working some kind of mechanisms (i.e., levers, buttons.) The cross-dimensional view of the oval device screen was similar to what I earlier observed, from the ground while the object hovered at close range, except the coloration was different.

"I asked the being what he was doing. The being answered that it is difficult to explain. I asked again. He then said he was `mixing the cosmic soup'. Today I recall that this mix allows the entities to alter the time/space continuum so they can interact with us, such as using the central hub field on the craft for levitating, transporting, etc.

"The entities exist at a different energy-vibratory field than our physical body, but not our astral body. I predict that during the 21st century, scientists will develop theory along these lines, with some applications. Later in time will come `thought propulsion', as our psychic senses become enhanced in an altered state of consciousness and/or our astral body is interacted upon by the entities...

EEK!.. ALIENS



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HARRY S. TRUMAN GOES TO ROSWELL or THE DEATH OF THE "ROSWELL INCIDENT":

With all the publicity that the July 1947 Roswell Incident has received in the past couple of years, it was almost inevitable that some sensational new development would come along to bring us the final proof (?) we all long for. Now that "proof" has arrived; but in our opinion here at "Smear", it is **so bad** that it may well mark the end of any hope (if there ever was hope!) of finding out what really happened at Roswell!

We have many versions of this story, from several helpful people. Most of the write-ups in our possession come from computer networks. All are somewhat different, so we'll give you a composite as best we can. If our version of the story is not 100% accurate, it won't be the first time, or the last:

It seems that on March 17th, British crop circle expert Colin Andrews revealed at a Seattle lecture that he has seen a sensational video made from 8mm (or maybe 16mm) military film, which has recently been bought by the Fox TV Network and will be shown to the U.S. public this coming August. It will also be shown in England.

The vintage film, though grainy and of poor quality, shows a crash site or debris field, and it also shows an autopsy being performed indoors on one of the Roswell alien bodies by two alleged doctors, with a third man present in the background - possibly a civilian or plain clothes Intelligence officer. At the bottom right-hand corner of the frame, a board is visible, which has written on it: "30 July 1947; Subject 1 of 2". (Of course, even the date is a problem, as the Roswell crash is supposed to have occurred about July 8th.)

The film was discovered about two years ago in California by a British TV and movie producer (mainly of **musicals**) named Ray Santilli, who was, of all things, searching for film of Elvis Presley! A 76-year-old retired Army photographer in failing health (possibly named Jack Barnett) sold the film to Santilli for about \$100,000.

There are 14 or 15 10-minute film reels, but not all of them have yet been seen by anyone, and at the time they were bought, some had **never been developed** in all these years! Apparently the presently-available 15-minute video - also of poor quality - is made from only a portion of this material, and it has been seen by a few selected groups in England. Cattle mutilation expert Linda Howe is one of the several American researchers who have investigated this film, and even she is not favorably impressed!

To make things more confusing, Santilli intends to include this sensational footage in a music video he is making with a 1960s British Rock singer named Reg Presley (no relation to Elvis), who was or is with a band called The Troggs. Reg is a UFO and crop circle enthusiast, we are told.

As for former president Harry S. Truman, one of the versions we have here states that "Truman can clearly be seen wandering amongst the wreckage at a crash site that could well be linked to Roswell." In another version of this story, it is stated that it is in the autopsy portion of the film (not the crash site) that we see "General Trueman" (sic) in attendance. But the only person we've spoken to directly who claims to have seen the film (and to have his own copy), tells us that Truman is seen emerging from a limousine!

The autopsy room is said to be crude, with two power lamps shown. According to one version, the autopsy is taking place in the interior of a barn on Mac Brazel's ranch, near where the "debris field" was found. According to this version, we are not seeing an autopsy but an attempt to save the life of one of the aliens, who was found dying at the crash site.

One skeptic who saw the video comments as follows regarding the autopsy scene:

"The camera used at no time moves or pans in to the table or the activities of the `doctors', which I find most unlikely, given the nature of the official film it is supposed to be. Not to mention that the position of the (alien) body on the table, the way the head is deliberately laid over to the right so that it cannot be seen, leads one to conclude that the events being filmed were staged in some way. Basically, the film is so jerky and grainy that no details can be made out - that is, how many fingers or toes, for example. It could, to all intents and purposes, be a dummy or a human being lying on the table. I am not impressed..."

We'll close with a deliberately humorous remark at the conclusion of one of our computer print-outs:

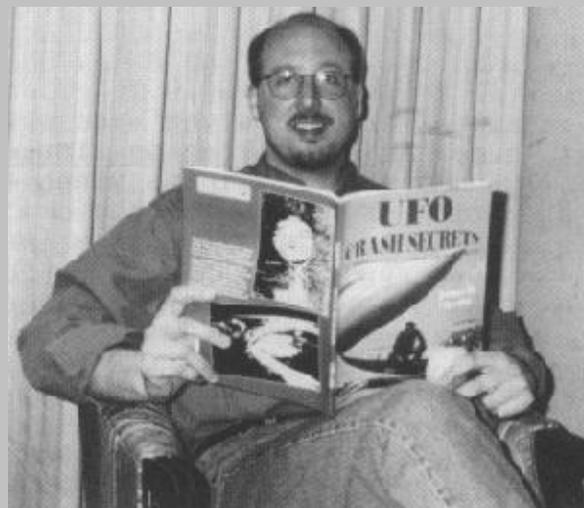
"I understand that Philip Klass has been seen bulk buying valium."

Our thanks to all those who contributed material for this article, including: Stanton Friedman, Tom Benson, Bill LaParl, Patrick Huyghe, Lee Walsh, Simone Mendez, and others.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- On the evening of March 23rd your editor attended the world premiere of a documentary film on the life & times of the late Gray Barker - a close ufological friend of ours who died in 1984. The film is entitled "Whispers from Space", and was part of the Fifth Annual Mostly Documentary Film Festival in Charleston, W.Va. - not far from the part of West Virginia where Barker spent most of his life. Shown here with a copy of our UFO book (**still available for \$10**) is Ralph Coon, producer and director of the movie.

Strangely, Coon never met Barker and is not really interested in UFOs. He came upon Barker's name while researching the life of contactee George Van Tassel, late inventor of the Integreton, which is still a landmark in the California desert. Coon publishes an artsy little zine called "The Last Prom", which caters to the offbeat.



The Barker film, which runs a little over an hour, consists of interviews with various people who knew the man at different stages of his life. Among them are the funeral director who buried him; Barker's sister and nephews; Barker's former lover, Don McCulty; Merle Moore and Ruth Yeager of the Clarksburg - Harrison County Public Library, which now has Barker's UFO books and correspondence; ufologist Richard Taylor, who knew Barker for many years; and of course your humble "Smear" editor, who probably knew Gray Barker better than anyone else.

Although the film is not primarily about UFOs at all, several highlights of Barker's ufological career are covered: The famed Flatwoods Monster case of 1952, which was the original cause of his interest in the subject; Albert K. Bender and the Men in Black (1953); Mothman; the collapse of the bridge at Point Pleasant, W.Va. around 1970; etc. Also included are two hoaxes which Barker and your editor were engaged in together: The R.E. Straith Letter to contactee George Adamski (1957), and the Lost Creek, W.Va. UFO film, in about 1966.

Parts of the film are hilarious, notably a scene where Richard Taylor is watching the Lost Creek film on a TV screen and explaining the magnetic principles of flight, etc. - followed immediately by a shot of your "Smear" editor standing in an open field with the Lost Creek saucer (or one just like it) dangling from the end of a fishing pole!

Other parts of the film are to different degrees touching, interesting, humorous, or boring. There is an over-all unevenness, as in a long interview that takes place in an ancient insane asylum near Clarksburg, with no explanation as to what the asylum has to do with anything else. But Coon has put his heart and soul and just about all of his bank account into this production, and we sincerely feel he is to be commended for an honest effort. Barker would no doubt be pleased, if he were alive. The film will eventually be made available on video cassette, and we will then tell our readers how to obtain it.

Incidentally, your editor deliberately wore dark glasses to the "opening", and a dark suit, so as to look just like we looked in the film. Miraculously, many people in the theatre recognized us, and came up to shake hands after the performance. Fifteen minutes of fame is better than none at all!

And yes, Barker did die of AIDS, almost certainly. This was tragic, but hardly mysterious!...

- Prometheus Books, the publishing arm of the dreaded CSICOP organization (Committee for the Scientific investigation of Claims of the Paranormal) has seen fit to publish a new book written by our friend Kal K. Korff. It is called "The Billy Meier Story - Spaceships of the Pleiades", and it is in reality a very detailed expose of the claimed interplanetary exploits of Meier - a one-armed Swiss gentleman who for the past 20 years has been telling the world about his space contacts, via numerous books and literally hundreds of clear photographs.

Meier has attracted the support of a number of naive but well-intentioned researchers in America - such as James Deardorff, Leo Sprinkle, Max Petersen, and hundreds of others. Lucius Farish, seemingly a "mainstream" UFO researcher, cut off correspondence with your editor several years ago simply because we refused to "seriously consider" the pro-Meier evidence. Generally, however, it is the more Far Out saucerers who believe in Meier, especially as there are wild religious overtones to his writings. Like, he claims to be the reincarnation of Jesus Christ, for instance!

Kal K. Korff is not new to the UFO field. Several years ago he published a lesser book exposing Meier. He has worked closely with famed Roswell expert Bill Moore on various projects in the past, and in 1985 he hosted our annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC) convention, in a small town in northern California.

Korff's present Meier tome runs almost 350 pages, with hundreds of references in the index, including more than a few that apply to your humble "Smear" editor. Strangely, the publicity sheet for the book (and for a Meier video with the same title) does not anywhere use the word "hoax" or "expose", leaving alive the possibility that the advertised "most thoroughly documented undercover investigation... in history" might conceivably have proven Meier's claims to be true. Trust us when we assure you that this was not the case!

For more info on this book (available about June 15th), write to: Underground Video, Box 527, Beverly

Hills, Ca. 90213-0527....

- Here is a fascinating follow-up to [the item in our last issue concerning](#) the expose article about Roswell expert Don Schmitt in the February issue of "Milwaukee Magazine": Schmitt's partner Kevin Randle, whom we like and know quite well, has sent us a copy of a letter on United States Postal Service stationery, signed by one Ken Eppler, who is Postmaster in the small town of Hartford, Wisconsin. The letter reads in full:

"To Whom It May Concern:

In the letter section of the March, 1995 issue of `Milwaukee Magazine', it is implied that Donald Schmitt has worked fulltime for the U.S. Postal Service since 1974. Not only is this untrue, but I have never made such a statement to `Milwaukee Magazine' or anyone else."

So - if the letter is authentic, you would assume that Schmitt does not work for the Postal Service. Unfortunately, the letter is authentic but deliberately misleading. We phoned Ken Eppler ourselves, and he explained that no one starts out working full time for the Post Office. Thus, Schmitt has worked for the Post Office since 1974, but he has not worked there full time for the entire period since 1974. This is, of course, "splitting hairs" and avoiding the real issue entirely!

Why does it matter, you might ask? The better question is: Why has Schmitt deliberately and stubbornly hidden his Postal Service affiliation? If he has misrepresented his "real job", one can be excused for wondering if he may not also have misrepresented facts about the Roswell incident!

The worst part of all this is that Randle, continuing the "Great Post Office Cover-Up", writes to us at the bottom of the Eppler letter:

"What does this say about the credibility of the rest of the article about Don (Schmitt)? If they misrepresented their discussion with Eppler, what else did they misrepresent? . . ."

This is dirty pool on the part of Randle, since he must know full well that the Eppler letter, on the basis of which he asks these rhetorical questions, *is* deliberately misleading!

Welcome to the Postal Service, Don! (See also [Stanton Friedman's letter](#) further along in this issue).

- Although we have been "scooped" (again) by Phil Klass' anti-UFO magazine, we must tell you a little about the troubles facing Harvard psychiatrist & pro-UFO-abduction author John Mack - a man who has won a Pulitzer prize for a book on a different subject.

According to a letter we have seen, a "Special Faculty Committee" at Harvard Medical School, set up to investigate Mack, has tentatively reached the conclusion that

"there is no present definitive scientific proof establishing as a **scientific fact** that there exists **ANY** form of intelligent life in the **universe other than human life on this planet**. It is considered by The Committee to be both scientifically and academically irresponsible for any research scientist or professional academic scholar to state **to anyone in public** that such `Extraterrestrial Life' does exist."

The "bottom line" is that Mack is in danger of losing his tenure (very important to professors) unless he can prove beyond a shadow of a doubt something which no one else has yet been able to prove, either! In other words, he must either prove it, or shut up about it. This is obviously an outrageous abridgment of freedom of speech, and although we agree with few of the specifics that Mack believes and advocates, we are completely on his side in this one; and we hope he beats the rap!

Our latest information on the subject is that Mack has decided to "back down" rather than lose his tenure! We hope this isn't true...

- We have tried to be kind to Inner Earth devotee Harley Byrd in "Smear"; but he has definitely earned our wrath by circulating a paste-up which cleverly distorts material printed in our Jan. 5th issue. In the Letters section therein, a contactee named Monty Cantsin expressed negative views about Walt Andrus and MUFON which seem to coincide with Byrd's views. We're not certain if Cantsin was being facetious or not, but the trouble is that Byrd's paste-up deliberately makes it look like Cantsin's opinion is really our opinion. Byrd purposely left out Cantsin's name at the beginning of the letter! So we hasten to assure all interested parties that your editor has nothing but the most positive feelings for good old Walt Andrus and the MUFON organization, in which he remains with the coveted title of Journal Subscriber (J.S.)....
- FLASH! We now have the Hot Word on the 32nd annual National UFO Conference (NUFOC), to be held this year at the Castlegate Hotel & Convention Center, Route 1-75 & Howell Mill Road, Atlanta, Ca., on the weekend of Oct. 14th-15th. Write to: NUFOC, P.O. Box 1764, Decatur, Ca. 30031. The "Hot Line" number is 404-621-5734, and the hotel can be reached (outside Georgia) at 800-824-8657. Speakers include: Ufologist Jim Moseley; Allen Greenfield, author of "Secret Cipher of the Ufonauts"; and psychic Robin Quail. More details later!...
- Spoon-bender Uri Geller is the subject of an Israeli feature film which is being distributed in fifty countries worldwide, we hear. The movie is a fictionalized version of Uri's early life. It is called "Mind Bender", and will be available in the United States later this year...
- The next "Smear" won't appear till some time in June, as your editor will be attending Tim Beckley's convention in Colorado Springs, Co., on the last weekend of April, followed by a trip to visit UFO sites & personalities in New Mexico. Maybe we'll even see a UFO ourselves!...
- One of our trusty informants has slipped us the sad news that OMNI Magazine is about to fold. Subscriptions will be taken over by "Discover", which is published by the same outfit....
- A recent news article about Arizona's unauthorized right-wing militia prominently mentions former ufologist Bill Cooper. Cooper still hosts a radio talk show for Worldwide Christian Radio, from a home-built studio in the little town of St. Johns, Arizona. He seems to have become completely political and totally off the UFO lecture circuit, these days...
- Vance Davis of the infamous "Gulf Breeze Six" has come out with a book called "Unbroken Promises" regarding his well-publicized 1990 desertion from a U.S. Army Intelligence unit in Germany. The book is available from White Mesa Publishers, P.O. Box 41870, Mesa, Az. 85274...
- And finally, most important of all,

FORGET YE NOT that back issues of "Saucer Smear" from Jan. 1991 onward are still available!

NICOLE SIMPSON GHOST PHOTOS on videocassette

VHS video showing ghost images of Nicole Simpson, Ron Goldman, plus psychic images of living persons, OJ and AC, all taken at the Nicole Simpson condo Jan 28, and enlarged from master prints. Prints have been checked by Bruce Maccabee, PhD, and the negatives by both the chief of the LA Times Photo Dept and by Assembly Line Film Services.

Video shows the condo, OJ's estate, scenes from the Media Circus there, and the ghost and psychic photos. Will amaze you!

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Marina del Rey, CA 90295 (allow three weeks)

(Proceeds will assist the UFO Museum of LA to open)

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- ROBERT ANTON ("Bob") WILSON writes:

"**Oy, weh!** Faith and begorra, may the cat eat you and the devil eat the cat! **Gott im Himmel, donnerwetter! Non de nom! Merde, alors!** Allah fucked me, the all-merciful!

"You printed the **wrong illustration** with my letter in Vol. 42, No. 3. [That goddam Illuminati pyramid](#) was **NOT** drawn by Crowley; it does **NOT** look like the Greys in contemporary UFO lore; and it does **not** have two **closed** eyes but one **open** eye. You took the wrong drawing off my computer-generated letterhead. **Anam mhuck an dhoul!**

"I don't mind insults and put-downs hurled at me for things I have actually written, but I don't want to get blamed for editorial misprints. Please print this correction. And if you have the space, also please print Crowley's actual sketch of LAM, the Enocnian `entity' he contacted in the 1920s. . . You will note that it does look rather like a `Grey' and does have two closed eyes and does fit my words better than that Masonic pyramid..."



Unfortunately, it appears that our readers are so Unenlightened that, as far as we know at this time, no one noticed that it was the wrong illustration! -Editor.

- Ace Roswell expert STANTON FRIEDMAN writes as follows:

"I wish hereby to categorically and completely deny the [false and vicious rumors](#) (`Saucer Smear', 3/20/95, p. 3) concerning me vis-a-vis Len Stringfield. `Good Authority' is wrong on all counts. I did **NOT** speak to Len on the day before his death. I did **NOT** ask for his files after his death; and so far as can be determined by the long and friendly conversation with Mrs. Stringfield in January to express condolences, I did **NOT** offend his family..."

"I also gather that some have already spread the false rumor that I had something to do with digging out the embarrassing facts about Don Schmitt having falsely claimed educational credentials he did not have. I must give all the credit to Gillian Sender, the author of the `Milwaukee Magazine' article. When I received an anonymous tip that Don was a letter carrier, I checked with Gillian, obtained a copy of the letter published in `Milwaukee Mag' in the March issue, in response to her February article, and called the Hartford, Wisconsin Post Office asking for Don. He came to the phone. The conversation was very brief.

"Admittedly, I have in the past checked on phony credentials claimed by William Spaulding, Guy Kirkwood, Robert Lazar, Frank Stranges, et al..."

"On a happier note, I am sure your readers will be pleased to hear that my new interactive CD ROM `UFOs - The Real Story' is now available from Unity Publishing, 106 Main St., Suite 194, Houlton, Maine 04730 (\$39.95 + \$3.00 P&H). It is amazing how much material can be put on a CD ROM disc. It does require at least a 386, 4MB RAM (8 MB Preferred), Windows 3.1, and VGA Monitor. Unity has agreed to offer a \$10 discount to the first ten `Smear' reader orders. Call 1-800-704-3777 for Visa or Mastercard..."

We hope we have copied all this weird "computer talk" correctly, or else we may be apologizing to ole Stan again. - Editor.

- Noted UFO researcher ANN DRUFFEL of California writes:

"Re our telephone conversation of today (March 8th), I was glad to learn that you put [the section of John Keel's letter at the top of your Feb. 1995 issue](#) because it mentioned **your** name, and you were curious about why John Keel said the things he did I and several UFO colleagues objected to this section, because it refers to me and Neo-Nazism in the same sentence, possibly leading some to think I might be a Nazi! The only flags in my house are the American and the Irish (dual citizenship).

"Taken out of context as it is, Keel's remark doesn't explain that I was writing a reply in the 'Bulletin of Anomalous Experience', in response to an earlier article Steve Mizrach had written. There **are** a few neo-Nazi elements in ufology, and I agreed with Steve that these should be avoided. I **didn't** agree with Steve when he claimed many of the top abduction researchers are fascist and racist! In BAE, I defended those colleagues, who do their work honestly and without prejudice as to race, gender, and ethnicity.

".. Keel charges NICAP was fascistic. Not true. It was scientifically oriented and openly sought the truth about UFOs. I was a member from 1957 to 1972. We were free to join any other organizations we chose, as long as they weren't contactee cults! Many of my friends and colleagues were members of both NICAP and APRO.

"Keel also says that Condon called NICAP 'obstructionist'? That was a compliment! It meant that NICAP was doing solid, documented work in the field while Condon was off interviewing contactees for fun, and figuring out how to produce a negative report for the \$580,000 of government money which had been granted him.

"NICAP spent its money on solid UFO research. They challenged the contactees like Frank Stranges whenever they could, but it was mostly the unpaid subcommittee and affiliate membership who did the leg work on this. No wasted funds there. I know nothing about NICAP and Moseley; all I know is that I enjoy reading 'Saucer Smear'. **Re** the imaginary 'rejected black volunteer', Keel had no way of knowing anything about the internal workings of NICAP. I fear he has swallowed someone else's story on that point.

"NICAP collapsed, not because of personal problems at headquarters as Keel charges, but because it was deliberately infiltrated, overpowered, and destroyed by CIA moles. My upcoming book about the efforts made to bring ufology to the status of a true science - the 'McDonald years' from 1966 to 1971 - will explain this in detail.

"I appreciate Supreme Commander Jim Moseley's kindness for the chance to set this matter straight."

- Roswell researcher ROBERT TODD, signing himself "Socially challenged; The Obnoxious One", writes as follows:

"...While I am truly honored that you think I might be a good pick for the next editor of 'Smear', it is my intention to get out of this field in the **very** near future. In fact, for all practical purposes, I am out of the field. I've had my fill of Roswell and UFOs in general. After nearly fifty years of 'research', the civilian 'research' community has failed to come up with even one meaningful finding that doesn't require a prodigious leap of faith to accept. The field is bankrupt. I realize that's a lot like saying 'God is dead'...

We agree! - Editor.

- The semi-mysterious SIMONE MENDEZ writes as follows:

"**Bravo** to Barry Greenwood's recent proposal of 'a radical notion' to 'Jeffersonian-ly' separate ufological 'Church' from 'State'. For the True Believers to scapegoat us 'gossips', skeptics, and the Air Force because of their own undoing, is like O.J. Simpson saying the dog murdered Nicole and Goldman!

"This excerpt from a Nov. 17th, 1993 letter to me from scientist Jacques Vallee couldn't be more timely:

My decision to withdraw from the (UFO) field is consistent with the observation that serious, constructive scientific work is impossible in present conditions. Over the last four years ufology has squandered close to one million dollars (twice the amount wasted by the Condon Committee) in absurd, unscientific procedures centered on abduction `research', the Roswell fiasco, the Roper survey (which Mark Rodeghier, to his credit, has exposed as flawed) and various field investigations of the Roswell and Gulf Breeze type. I cannot afford to remain associated with any of this, so it is time to go away quietly...

I do enjoy the interaction with Barry Greenwood and with Dennis Stacy, both of whom are very professional in their approach to the subject...

Editor's Note: Greenwood's excellent editorial, referred to above, is in his Dec. 1995 issue of "Just Cause", P.O. Box 176, Stoneham, Ma. 02180.

- Contactee MONTY CANTSIN writes:

"...Certainly it's just an obvious observation to note that Walt Andrus and MUFON are biased, and have their own agenda - if not the CIA's, then the aliens' - or else they're mad & there's **no** method in it! Anyway, I'm glad I'm providing Byrd with some material to defend himself, when, as I said, everyone is trying to drum him out of the fringe, when he's one of the few sincere oddballs who belong there. The weirdos strike back! I'm behind Byrd 100%. A victory for Byrd will be a victory for non-conformist self-expression throughout the galaxy. This is no joke!"

- Ufological writer & cartoonist MATT GRAEBER writes:

"I was somewhat taken back by the latest issue of `Smear' because of the inordinate amount of back-biting and personal in-fighting displayed by a few of the more unstable elements of ufology - or is that ufology? Anyway, I think someone ought to inform these self-proclaimed experts that they are rapidly approaching the critical mass stage with their ufological behavior (or lack of it).

"Hey guys - cool it! After all, you're just arguing about speculation and theoretical stuff - **right?!**"



Larry Bryant, left, and Robin Blumenthal, members of Operation Right to Know, protest what they say is the military's refusal to discuss the crash of a UFO in New Mexico in 1947



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"...Shortly, with supporting affidavits, and thirty instances of violations, we will be going to court to seek a Contempt of Court ruling against dear Harley (Byrd), which, when the judge sees the referenoes to `Bogus legal documents' and `Bullshit Judge', should get him a good 6 months in the slammer, perhaps with Charley Manson as a roommate... When he gets out, we will then send 25 of his `NAZI' letters to a local neo-Nazi skin-head group, along with his address and phone, and perhaps they may wish to visit him and discuss the things he writes that show disrespect to Der Fuhrer..."

--Subliminal Vision Expert ERIK BECKJORD writing to us in regard to his ongoing feud with Inner Earth advocate HARLEY BYRD

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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

Several of our fans have mailed us copies of an article from the February issue of a newsstand magazine called "Milwaukee Magazine", which is sold in the area where Don Schmitt lives. Schmitt is Chief Investigator for the prestigious organization CUFOS (Center for UFO Studies), as well as co-author with Kevin Randle of two very recent books on the famed Roswell Incident.

The article, written by a professional writer named Gillian Sender, is decidedly negative in tone. Ms. Sender was "turned off" when she checked into Schmitt's claimed educational qualifications, and found them to be exaggerated. She says: "In addition to his false statements about his educational background, Schmitt embellishes reality. He constantly refers to his books as `bestsellers', but that is certainly stretching the facts since the books have never appeared on any bestseller lists..."

Schmitt's pursuit of the Roswell investigation borders on an obsession according to some of the people who know him. Even his girlfriend says, "99.8% of our lives are devoted to Roswell..." The question arises as to whether a man with this characteristic can be fully trusted in regard to the objectivity of his UFO research. Arch rival Stanton Friedman (hardly an objective source) doesn't think so, according to the article, and MUFON Czar

Walt Andrus is quoted as saying, "They selected the word 'truth' (in the title of the current Schmitt/Randle Roswell book) because they had to compensate for errors they made in their first book. Just because they say it's the truth doesn't ultimately make it the truth."

Surprisingly, Kevin Randle's next Roswell book is going to be published around May 1st by our old friend from the UFO/New Age movement, Tim Beckley, rather than by a nationally-known publisher, and equally surprisingly, Don Schmitt is not a co-author on this one. We do not know what the significance of this may be, if indeed there is any. We expect to meet Beckley again at his First Annual Pike's Peak New Age & UFO Expo in Colorado Springs, Co., on the weekend of April 28th-30th. Your "Smear" editor will be one of the lesser-known speakers there. Getting back to Don Schmitt - an addendum to the "Milwaukee Magazine" article states that research by Ms. Sender has established the fact that Schmitt's "day job" is that of a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. This may or may not be a "cover" for his alleged work as an undercover drug agent, but in any case the article has apparently sent him into a bout of paranoia! We have met Kevin Randle many times at DEC conventions around the country, but we have met Schmitt only once, at which time he was very cordial. Possibly he doesn't travel as much as he claims, because of the pressing duties of his job - whatever his real job may be....

Well, it's been another slow month here at "Smear" Headquarters, so we're going to tell you a bit more about the sizzling feud between Brik Beckjord and associates vs. Inner Earth devotee Harley Byrd.

The Farces of Darkness, led by Beckjord, succeeded in wiping out Byrd's intended New Age convention at a North Hollywood, California Holiday Inn, scheduled for Feb. 18th-19th. In short, the event simply did not take place. Byrd writes that "the General Manager of the hotel indicated that he had received several electronically distorted calls from men identifying themselves as Feds". On the other hand, Beckjord believes that, at his instigation, many people sent on to the Manager various threat letters that Byrd had mailed to them. There's even a possibility that the real FBI was induced to take an interest. When "Smear" phoned the hotel, we were merely told that "there were some difficulties". In any case, free speech has been soundly defeated!

Beckjord has taken it upon himself to purify the UFO field by kicking Byrd out of it; but it's a matter of opinion as to whether Byrd was ever in it to begin with, or whether Beckjord himself is really in it! Beckjord, whose specialty is seeing things (UFOs, monsters, etc.) in photographs that only he can recognize, had this to tell us, in the same Feb. 15th letter from which we took the quote above our masthead:

"...The National Inquirer (sic) is now looking at photos we took at Nicole Simpson's condo in January that show many weird images, as often happens at death scenes, like battlefields, etc. Two of the best images show the face of OJ (Simpson) and the face of AC on the side of a palm tree. Since these people are still living, could it be that the resident spirits are sending us a message?"

Probably not, Beckjord!

Nothing can excuse Harley Byrd's persistent misuse of the U.S. mails, but two wrongs don't make a right. If Beckjord wants to scale the heights of meaningful achievement in the field of ufology, he should do his own Thing, instead of picking on others!

Meanwhile, Byrd, always looking to get closer to the legendary "holes in the poles", has sent us this joyous item: On the day after Christmas of this year, the University of Illinois Alumni Association is apparently sponsoring a 2-week real-life expedition to the Geographic South Pole and nearby tourist attractions (??), and anyone can go along for the meager sum of \$26,900 per person. Harley Byrd has stamped his business name ("Universal Expos") and address onto the expedition brochure, as if he too is a sponsor; but we haven't checked with the University of Illinois about this. Somehow we just wouldn't feel comfortable at the South Pole with Byrd on board, or Beckjord, for that matter - or even without either of them! So we think we'll pass on this one. The expedition fee is more than we make from "Saucer Smear" in a whole week!

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- We hear on Good Authority that the day before veteran UFO researcher Len Stringfield's recent death, ace ufologist Stanton Friedman phoned his home to ask if he could have Len's files after his demise.

Understandably, the family was not happy about this inquiry...

- In addition to attending Tim Beckley's convention in late April, your fearless "Smear" editor intends to drive through New Mexico in early May, visiting various luminaries such as Karl Pflock, Prof. Charles Moore of Roswell fame, and hopefully several others. This trip should really be a Gas!
- And, speaking (once again) of Roswell - the next public demonstration by "Operation Right to Know" will take place at noon on March 29th in front of the General Accounting Office (GAO) in Washington, D.C. This demo is in support of the GAO's effort to get to the bottom of the Roswell mystery. Interested parties should contact Elaine Douglass at 1801 Clydesdale N.W., #501, Washington, D.C. 20009. Phone: 202-232-2410...
- And, a convention called "TREAT VII", led once again by a psychiatrist/abductee named Dr. Rima Laibow, will take place April 27th-30th in San Rafael, California. The title this year is "Consciousness at the Edge: Shifting Scientific and Personal Paradigms". The only name we recognize on the list of speakers is cattle mutilation expert Linda Howe.

This is the seventh annual "TREAT" "happening" in a series which started out as being quite scientific, but has become less so as the years go by. We have a sheet from last year's event which lists the sale of lapel pins, key chains, belt buckles, sweatshirts, and T-shirts, all with the "TREAT" logo. Wheeee!..

- Also upcoming is Pat Marcatillio's annual "UFO/ET Alien & Abduction Congress", to be held March 17th-19th at the Days Inn, Rt. #206, Bordentown, New Jersey. (Come to think of it, this notice may be too late in coming. sorry!)...
- The semi-mysterious Simone Mendez has kindly sent us copies of Freedom of Information documents showing that on Jan. 19th, 1965, while serving as acting Director of NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena - now defunct), one Richard Hall supplied the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) with sighting reports from NICAP's confidential files. Hall has never satisfactorily explained this conduct. He now serves as Director of the prestigious Fund for UFO Research (FUFOR), in Washington, D.C.

Incidentally, Ms. Mendez **may** join your editor and others on our above-mentioned trip through New Mexico, this coming May. ...

- Film maker Ralph Coon informs us that he expects the World Premiere of his documentary film about ufologist Gray Barker to take place at the Cultural Center in Charleston, West Virginia, on March 23rd. The film is called "Whispers from Space", and is described by Coon as not being something that members of the UFO community are likely to enjoy or approve of. However, as a lifelong friend of Barker, your "Smear" editor intends to be on hand for this unique event, which we will describe for you in our next glorious issue....
- In our last issue we briefly mentioned the long-standing feud between Long Island, N.Y. UFO researchers Bill Knell and John Ford. The only thing in Knell's Feb. 1st, 1995 press release about Ford that interests us is his accusation that the two Long Island UFO landings that Ford has been promoting vigorously for the past couple of years are both invalid. According to Knell, "One turned out to be a night time Coast Guard exercise announced months before. The other is based on a video of a piece of burning tin- foil." As intriguing as this sounds, we know Knell well enough not to accept his word without independent verification....
- Veteran contactee Howard Menger, whose ufological exploits go all the way back to the 1950s, is still lecturing, writing books, and trying to get his (supposed) anti-gravity saucer models off the ground. He has a model about 3 feet in diameter that goes up briefly, and he would now like to build a 10-foot diameter radio controlled model, which would cost many thousands of dollars. Or, the ultimate would be a 40-foot version that would have the power source as well as the human pilot actually on board.

Meanwhile, the latest book by Howard and his wife Connie is called "Threads of Light to You", which "opens your eyes to endless knowledge, for ever learning, but never knowing all". The book, available this coming May will be mailed with an audio tape by his daughter Heidi Evans, and will cost \$25 postpaid. More on all this later. ...

- Dark days indeed for crop circle enthusiasts! British crop circle guru Colin Andrews has just cancelled a convention on this subject that was to have taken place in New Hampshire next month. One key factor causing the cancellation is an article written by one George Wingfield, in which he attempts to prove that many of the best-known 1994 formations in England were man-made hoaxes. Egads!...
- Terrible Typo on Page Four of our last issue: We spoke of the January **1955** issue of Bob Girard's Arcturus Books catalogue, when it should have been **1995**. Girard is the largest U.S. dealer in UFO books and periodicals, and can be reached at: 1443 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34952. He has an amazing "attitude" toward his customers, which has annoyed many!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

- ROBERT ANTON WILSON writes:

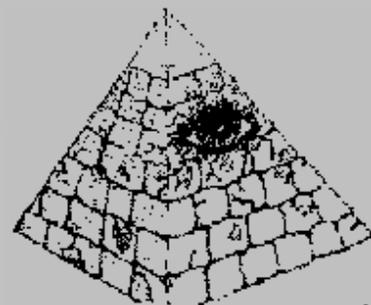
...Charles Broerman's letter (in your last Issue) raises a very interesting point. Indeed, the typical UFO-naut in abduction stories does look remarkably like Crowley's 1920s drawing of LAM, an Enochian entity. The Enochian critters, according to Western Occultism, should never be invoked by amateurs or novices; only the most advanced magicians can deal with them, the Experts say.

"Nonetheless, Grady McMurtry, one of Crowley's star pupils, once informed me that Uncle Aleister told him, 'You don't have to memorize the Enochian invocations. When you're ready, THEY come for you.' Of course, Uncle Al had a sneaky sense of humor, but - -

"I reprinted this sketch of LAM, by Crowley, in my 1981 book, 'Masks of the Illuminati.' Later, I moved it onto my letterhead. One obvious difference between LAM and a Hopkins 'Grey' lies in the eyes. Some initiates say that if you meditate on LAM by staring at Crowley's sketch, eventually it will open its eyes and talk to you. It looks even more like a Grey then, they say.

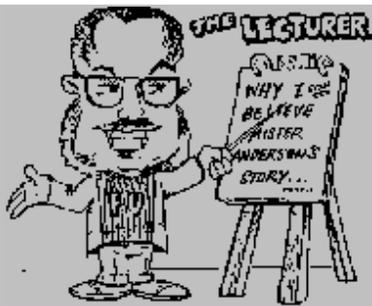
"Of course, the eyes open sooner if you use the magic herb known within the Sanctuary of the Gnosts. In this matter, Bishop Greenfield has evidently followed all four of the Magical rules: to Know, to Dare, to Will, and to Keep Silence.

"Back in my days of experimenting with hypnosis (c. 1971-1981), I sent lots of people to magical islands where they met magical animals and experienced shamanic initiations. Nothing reported by Budd Hopkins astonishes me, nor does LAM. We all have access, at times, to a 'world' where Magick works; indeed, we spend 8 hours a day there, every day. People should not get that world confused with the physicists' space-time world where we have to buy food and pay taxes and look out for marauding bands of cops and other dangerous crooks.



- STANTON FRIEDMAN writes:

"...Gerald Anderson has been viciously vilified in print and on the media since his one and only (phone) conversation with a well-known fiction writer. He compounded his 'crime' of telling what that writer didn't want



to hear about a July, 1947 crashed saucer in the Plains of San Augustin, by much later changing the phone bill, which `crime' he has admitted. He knew far too much verifiable info for him not to have either been present himself, or to have been well briefed by someone who was at that site. ...

"My 1995 MUFON Paper will be `Deceit in Ufology'. Should be fun!

- BILL HOWARD, editor of The New Herald (125 W. 222nd St., Carson, Ca. 90745-2903), writes as follows:

"...The only nice thing I can say about the Roswell, N.M. `incident' is that it has replaced the boring references to the frustrated/neglected women who claim to have been beamed up into flying saucers, where they have had all kinds of experiences which would be considered perverted if they were engaged in with other humans.

"Now you, who are at the cutting edge of ufological research, are replacing the Roswell thingee with Bishop Greenfield's writings. Bravo!

- Famed author KEVIN RANDLE writes:

"Last summer, everyone was excited by `Roswell in Perspective' (by Karl Pflock). You said that you were a big fan of Project Mogul as the solution to the Roswell case. Project Mogul Flight No. 9, mentioned as the culprit in scattering debris on the Brazel ranch, has been eliminated. Although the winds aloft data suggested that it would have followed the path of Flight No. 8 and Flight No. 10, it wasn't as definitive as it could have been. Now the final proof has surfaced. ...As we develop the final information, it will be clear that Project Mogul balloons cannot account for the debris. It will be just one more failed explanation...

"Why do you find it so amazing that the Roswell witnesses remember a different number of bodies? If I put five people in a room and parade another group down the hall, letting some of them glimpse in and others peer in, I'd probably get different reports as to the number in the room. It doesn't mean that anyone is lying; only that from a specific point of view, they saw something different. The important fact is that a growing number of people saw the bodies.

"In the vein of correcting mistakes - (re your photo in the last issue of `Smear'): rival authors Stanton Friedman and Kevin Randle clutch their latest - look again. Friedman is clutching mine and I'm clutching his.

"I knew that you'd want to know this."

- British researcher CHRISTOPHER ALLAN honours us with:

"In your recent `Smear' appears the `touching scene' of Stan Friedman and Kevin Randle, each displaying their latest Roswell book. But look again. They are clutching each other's book, by the corner, presumably just before chucking it into the trash can!

"I don't think the discrepancies over the number of bodies at the `crash site' is so serious (after 45 or so years). For one thing, some of these people had never seen any bodies; they were merely repeating what other, long deceased witnesses allegedly told them.

"The claim for a live ET, by three people, is interesting. It confirms what that master witness Gerald Anderson said, thus proving that he was, after all, speaking the truth. Surely, if a man

lies about his phone bill, it follows that he must be telling the truth about Roswell, as any MJ-12 or MJ-13 supporter will tell you!

"Is the 'conventional wisdom' still that Roswell was a crashed spacecraft??"

"Which reminds me that we have had two recent TV documentaries over here (in England). One had a 20-minute sequence on Roswell, but without any mention of Randle, Schmitt, Friedman, Moore, or Karl Pflock. Impossible you say? Not at all. However, it did include Fred Whiting of FUFOR, and two so-called 'witnesses' (Glenn Dennis and Barbara Dugger), plus some archive film from the FUFOR video..."

- And, ROB MacGREGOR writes as follows:

"Regarding the bodies at Roswell, it looks like you and/or Phil Klass also have a problem with numbers. You say, either quoting or paraphrasing Klass, that 'each of the seven remembers a different number of alien bodies.' Then you go on to contradict that statement by showing us that actually four of the seven witnesses say they saw three bodies. It seems that there's always room for more confusion regarding the Roswell scenario..."

Editor's Note: Four of the seven witnesses saw the same thing only if we count dead aliens, live aliens, and mutilated aliens as being the same. But actually we were wrong, because two (not four) of the seven do claim to have seen the same thing, = three dead bodies and one live alien (each). I hope this ends the confusion, but probably not!

- CHRISTA TILTON, whose advertisement follows, writes:

"In response to Harley Byrd's rantings, I sent Mr. Byrd an explanation when I found out this 'Madonna Card' had been sent to him some time last year. I'll explain once again, clarifying this situation for the public.

"The card was sent to Harley as a joke from a jealous gentleman friend of mine. Soon after mailing this card to Byrd, this fellow flew the coup to Pennsylvania. I suspect the reason he mailed this card is because he knew Byrd was more interested in me performing for him in the 'bedroom' than on stage at his 'Universal-UFO EXPO'.

"The card he mailed to Harley has been the catalyst of some of the most perverted mail I have ever received. Not even Monty Cantsin's letters to me could ever live up to Harley Byrd's pornographic mail, which continues to this very day!"

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- HARLEY BYRD writes:

"We here of the Hollow Earth Society find Mr. Beckjord's alleged 'death threats' not only false but absurd. For the past four years we have indeed been the brunt of his stalkings, and over 100 wild erratic phone calls day and night, and have received over 100 cards and letters obviously designed to demean a now very passe view of the inner continents... We have not and never will make death threats on anyone or any individual. We do, however, deal with those who could try and undermine our family character by bringing the matter to trial..."

- Our old pal HAL STARR, formerly MUFON czar for the state of Arizona, writes as follows:

"The Key West weather report for this date (Feb. 10th) shows that an all-time low temperature was experienced, coinciding with an all-time low in non-subscribers' character assassinations of one another. Could it be that Mother Nature is giving `Smear' the cold shoulder?"

- TOM BENSON, former MUFON czar for New Jersey, writes:

"In your current issue, you give a blink of the eye review of Patrick Harpur's book `Daimonic Reality - A Field Guide to the Otherworld'. They say never judge a book by its cover, particularly its title. Oddly, this book discusses the multi-dimensional (3+1/2D) universe theory that you have been hyping for several years.

"Perceiving the book as just another name for demon is a mistake. It was the Religionists, four hundred years ago, who relegated the daimonic reality, including all the paranormal, to the realm of Satan and the Devil. This false perspective brought us the Inquisition, the witch trials, and horrible wars, the most recent occurring in Yugoslavia and Africa. - Throughout history, before the so-called `rationalist' period, the daimonic world was an accepted part of the culture. This reality includes all paranormal phenomena from elves and fairies to angels and the Blessed Virgin Mary. I predict that this book, along with Richard Thompson's `Alien Identities', will be the most insightful UFO books of the decade, if not beyond."

Guess we better take a deeper look at it! - Editor

- ALEXANDER ("LEX") MEBANE, a man who goes back almost as far in the UFO field as your humble "Smear" editor, writes:

"...Doesn't it seem to you pretty indisputable by now that, in fact, there has never been any genuine UFO crash? Although any material `nuts-and-bolts' objects would naturally have to come to grief sometimes, these things, being only deceptive simulacra, have never done so and never will. Of course this carries the rather sour-tasting implication that all ufological research has been, and will continue to be, a fruitless pursuit - except, to be sure as a never-ending source of weird events that produce amazement (by this time rather strongly mixed with horror); also, at least for a few connoisseurs like you, a source of human antics that furnish never-ending amusement..."

Well put! - Editor.

- RICHARD FREEMAN, (still) editor of "Batteries Not Included", writes:

I have come to the unfortunate conviction/conclusion that it is impossible to be a UFO investigator - as there are no UFOs to actually investigate. It's like buying a box of crackerjack and finding a badge inside and calling yourself a police investigator - only not having any crimes to investigate.

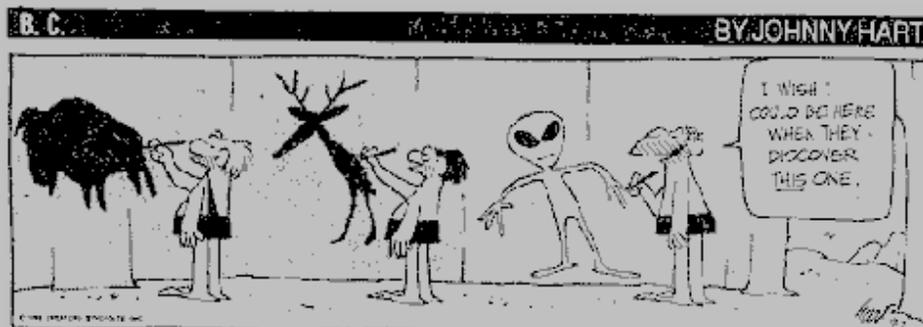
"All there is to investigate are the claims of others.... The problem with this is (1) We can't tell if the witnesses are telling the truth or not, and (2) At times, they can't tell either. We have no psychology that enables us to distinguish, and even lie detectors are a 50-50 proposition.

"So there is nothing to investigate.

- Philosophically-inclined MONTY CANTSIN, as usual, brings to a close this issue's group of letter writers:

"...Whereas the true laissez faire free enterpriser is cold-bloodedly detached and practical in business matters, you, like so many contemporary businessmen, just can't seem to discipline yourself in the traditional Victorian way, in which Sadism is sensibly restricted to a refined hobby, and business and pleasure are never mixed or confused. But you have made `Smear' a hobby simply for the pleasure of torturing maladjusted ufologists, whether they are sincere lunatics or insincere CIA agents. It makes no difference to you; they are all fodder for your malice.

"Your criticism of the Randle/Schmitt book is ridiculous. The alien bodies were badly mutilated. Arms, legs, heads, and torsos of aliens were strewn all over the crash site. The mutilation was so bad that the people who found the bodies couldn't even recognize what planet the aliens were from. So they didn't know how many arms, legs and heads a single alien was supposed to have. Naturally, this made figuring out the number of alien bodies difficult... The one live ET was a barking Venusian dog, which most of the witnesses didn't even notice amidst all the carnage!..."



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Moseley, James W., the founder of the Saucers and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (SAUCERS). Since 1954 he has published some variation of AUUCER News. For many years Moseley was the primary mover and shaker in UFOlogy in the New York area. He was a fixture on early talk radio programs, and was an intimate collaborator with the late Gray Barker. The wealthy son of a U.S. Army General, Moseley has always approached the UFO mystery with a note of humor and common-sense skepticism, which has brought him more than a few critics. He has for many years served as Chairman of the National UFO Conference.

-BISHOP ALLEN GREENFIELD, writing in his just-published book, "Secret Cipher of the Ufonauts"

Speaking of neo-Nazism, as Ann does, NICAP adopted a very fascistic attitude. For example, they demanded their members refrain from joining any other UFO organization (notably Coral Lorenzen's APRO) and they wasted most of their time and money battling with Frank Stranges, Jim Moseley, etc. When a qualified black ufologist tried to join NICAP's office staff as an unpaid volunteer, Keyhoe hit the roof and wouldn't allow it. Dr. Condon later publicly called NICAP "otstructionist." The group finally collapsed because of the sexual and matrimonial problems of the NICAP inner circle.

-JOHN KEEL, writing in the "Bulletin of Anomalous Experience", Dec. 1994, in answer to a published letter from UFO researcher Ann Druffel

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MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- Phil Klass' January 1995 issue of "Skeptics UFO Newsletter" (SUN), has another update on the infamous 1947 Roswell case as well as new info about Budd Hopkins' adventures with the extraterrestrials.

Regarding the Roswell "Impact Site" or "Crash Site", Klass lists seven witnesses mentioned in the current Randle/Schmitt book "The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell". Amazingly, each of the seven

remembers a different number of alien bodies, to wit:

- Frank Kaufmann - 5 bodies (P. 10)
- Jim Ragsdale - 3 bodies (P. 103)
- Glenn Dennis - 3 bodies, 2 of them badly mutilated (P. 22)
- Frankie Rowe - 2 bodies plus 1 live ET (P. 17)
- Anaya Montoya - 3 bodies plus 1 live ET (P. 19)
- Mary Bush - 1 body (P. 18)
- Barbara Dugger - 3 bodies plus 1 live ET (P. 35)

This really is a devastating indictment of the whole "Crash Site" concept. It's easy to understand how witnesses interviewed many years later would forget certain details, but how on earth could they become unclear on the exact number of alien bodies, dead or alive??? Would some true Roswell fan please explain this to us? Inquiring minds would like to know!

Incidentally, we don't always agree with Phil Klass' viewpoint in SUN, but his zine is a must for anyone who wants to follow the UFO scene carefully. The cost is \$15 per year (no freeloaders, please:) and the address is: 404 "N" St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024....

- Also on the subject of Roswell - we have a copy of an excellent nine-page article on the subject, which researcher Robert Todd has written in the form of a letter to Jerry Clark, editor of the International UFO Reporter (IUR). Todd takes exception to specific points in an article by Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney which appeared in the Sept.-Oct. 1994 issue of IUR. Todd's point of view is against the "conventional wisdom" that the Roswell crash involved a spaceship.

We have no space to even summarize the Todd article here; and we do not know if he sells copies or is willing to give them away. In any case, you can reach Robert Todd at 2528 Belmont Ave., Ardmore, Pa. 19003-2617....

- From sunny Los Angeles comes a zine called "The Excluded Middle - An Esoteric Journal for the Masses"; and lo & behold, Issue #4 contains a long, in-depth interview of your humble "Smear" editor, conducted by "Excluded Middle" co-editor & publisher Greg Bishop. Included therein are a couple of strange pictures of your editor, and a rendition of a little-known poem by the late Gray Barker, called "UFO Is a Bucket of Shit". (We kid you not!) Bishop calls your editor "the (intentionally) funniest man in the UFO field", and we must admit that he may be right. For more info., write to Bishop at: P.O. Box 1077, Los Angeles, Ca. 90048....
- Film maker Ralph Coon's documentary movie about the life & times of Gray Barker has been completed and edited, and hopefully will have its grand opening at a documentary film festival in Charleston, W.Va. some time this March. Your editor, who participated wildly in the making of this film, hopes to attend the opening in person!...
- Just at press time, we received a long diatribe from UFO researcher Bill Knell, in which he takes apart researcher John Ford, his long-time enemy in the Long Island, New York area. This is indeed one of the most bitter feuds in ufology. Knell's diatribe is very well-written and sounds like reasonable criticism of Ford - as long as one does not know Knell, who among other strange things, sent a series of "death threat" notes to your "Smear" editor a couple of years or so ago!...
- We have been informed that what we call "the cereal box case" involving psychic Uri Geller vs. CSICOP and magician & debunker James Randi, has finally ended in a settlement agreement. This was the legal case in which Randi stated something to the effect that Geller's psychic feats were no more startling than those that used to be offered on the side of cereal boxes. Anyhow, Geller was ordered by the court to repay CSICOP (Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal) the sum of \$149,000 in legal fees. Geller appealed and lost, vowing to fight on, as we stated in our last issue. Now we learn that he has agreed to pay \$30,000 now, and 40,000 more over the next four years.

This appears to be the last of the series of lawsuits against Randi by Geller and his friend Eldon Byrd. Everyone obviously lost money - PSICOP, Geller, Randi, and Byrd. So the question arises: Where did all the lost money go? Our best guess would be - to the lawyers!...

- As mentioned in a previous issue, Armand Laprade (pictured) of "Would You Believe?" magazine has had a serious stroke, and is unable to speak coherently, let alone publish his zine. But his friend Dennis Crenshaw, editor of "The Hollow Earth Insider" (clever title!) has taken it upon himself to bring out the issue that Armand had almost finished when tragedy struck. We will tell you more about this special last issue of "Would You Believe?" when it is published.



Meanwhile, Armand is being visited regularly in a nursing home by another friend & UFO enthusiast, Norma Cox, on whose property Armand lived for many years until he fell ill. Back in the 1960s, when he lived in Massachusetts, Armand was co-editor of the famed flying saucer zine called "Probe"...

- The Phoenix (Arizona) Skeptics Society must be a jovial bunch. They bring together a dozen or so of their hard-core members once a year to make predictions for the following year - their point being that their record of "hits" is higher than that of the professional psychics.

Some examples of their predictions for 1995: Because the Wizard of Oz is fresh out of brains, Dan Quayle will run for President; Dinosaur DNA isolated - from the blood of Strom Thurmond; Cult predicts end of the world, and makes the prediction come true for its members; The Virgin Mary makes more public appearances than Michael Jackson.

Some examples more likely to come true than the above: The Federal debt increases; Bigfoot eludes capture; Wireless communications increase significantly; etc. You get the idea.

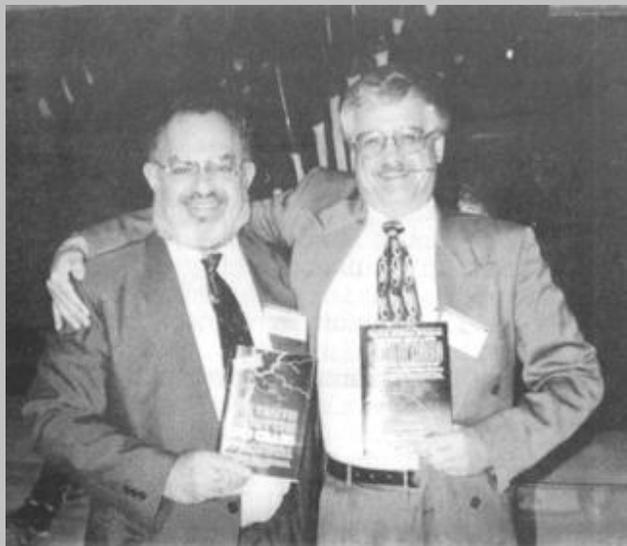
We have written to Phoenix Skeptics pointing out the stark reality they are not fearless enough to face: The reason they out-perform professional psychics is that THEY THEMSELVES ARE PSYCHIC WITHOUT REALIZING IT! Yes, we're dealing with a crackpot bunch here, cleverly disguised as enlightened skeptics!....

- Rick Hilberg and Al Manak of Cleveland, Ohio have come out with a new zine called "Lo!", which was the title of one of Charles Fort's four books about worldwide weird occurrences. "Lo!" is devoted to non-ufological mysteries, while their other zine, "Flying Saucer Digest" (now at Issue #128) deals with UFOs. Hilberg & Manak go back at least to 1962 as offbeat magazine publishers. Their mailing address is: P.O. Box 347-032, Cleveland, Ohio 44134....

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- Famed abductee Christa Tilton has come out with an enlarged edition of her treatise on Harley Byrd, called "Going 2 Extremes". This version sells for \$8. (We reviewed the book in our Dec.5th, 1994 issue.) She also has written a book called "The Dulce Papers", which we have not seen. It goes for \$22.50.
- Then there is a new book by a man named Teets, called "West Virginia UFOs: Close Encounters in the Mountain State". We have not seen this one, either, but are told on Good Authority that it is very worthwhile. Price is \$19.95. Available from Headline Books, Inc., P.O. Box 52, Terra Alta, W.Va. 26764.
- Finally, we have two New Age books here that we have not yet read and may never have time to read. One is called "You Are Becoming a Galactic Human", and was kindly sent to us by a non-subscriber known to us only as "E.C." The other is "Daimonic Reality - A Field Guide to the Otherworld", by one Patrick Harpur. We have looked in the dictionary, and "Daimon" is an acceptable alternate spelling of "Demon"; so don't think it's another of our somewhat frequent typos!...
- Let us not forget that back issues of "Saucer Smear" from 1991 till the present are available for a mere \$1.00 each from our Headquarters. Issues previous to 1991 (going all the way back to 1954) can be obtained from Tom Benson, P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606. Prices vary according to age and rarity.

.. Also available from us is "UFO Crash Secrets at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base" (formerly "The Wright Field Story") by James Moseley, now in its third printing. Price is a mere \$10 per copy, or \$9 if autographed by the author!



In this touching scene, rival authors Stanton Friedman and Kevin Randle each clutch their latest book on the subject of the Roswell Incident. Randle sent us the photo, with the suggested caption "WHAT FEUD?" Note the UFOs in the background!

MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

- BISHOP ALLEN GREENFIELD writes:

"I very much appreciate the [favorable review](#) of my book, 'Secret Cipher of the UFOonauts' in the Jan. 5th issue of 'Smear'. You are of course, correct in saying that the Cipher Work needs to be subjected to rigorous probability analysis. You may not be aware that some of the basic work in 'cracking the code' has been done by mathematicians, and, in fact, the cipher research group I work with, QBLH, has a high proportion of associates well familiar with probability theory, and the 'chance factor' is much discussed.

"My own approach tends to eliminate chance by confining my research to the 'funny names' (Orthon, Indrid Cold, etc.) that show up in contactee lore and the like, and in the text of the Book in which the Cipher was discovered. This means that 'chance correlations' are far less likely than, say, in using the cipher values of names in the New York telephone directory with, say, the Random House Unabridged Dictionary.

"Though your review gave very fair coverage to this 'chance' factor, it did not really stress the predictive quality the cipher offers as evidential. In other words, -I assert, more or less ex cathedra, that using the cipher in any given contact case will yield an accurate prediction of when and where the next similar case will occur. This is a proof that anyone who understands the cipher, the UFO mythos and the occult mythos can use on demand. It is, therefore, the great breakthrough ufologists have been seeking for decades. ...

"I will be announcing specific plans for the 1995 National UFO Conference in Atlanta at the end of February. I hope and trust that you will consent to be the Keynote Speaker at the Awards Banquet at the convention."

- CHARLES BROERMAN writes:

"Dear El Supremo:

"Allen Greenfield's book sounds very interesting. I'm fascinated by this occult-UFO connection. Jacques Vallee touches on it in some of his books. In the IllumiNet book 'Extraterrestrial Friends and Foes', George Andrews talks about secret ceremonies, the so-called Babalon Working, held in the Mojave Desert by John Whiteside Parsons, later founder of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and L. Ron Hubbard, who of course started the Church of Scientology. They were both members of the California branch of Aleister Crowley's OTO. According to Andrews, this Babalon Working opened a doorway for the grays to come flooding into our reality. Supposedly Crowley left a drawing of one of his invisible mentors that looks like the standard bubble-headed gray. Parsons and Hubbard performed these ceremonies in 1945 and 1946, right at the time of the beginning of the modern UFO phenomenon....

- LES STERN, Managing Editor of FATE Magazine, writes as follows:

"We of FATE have been reading your newsletter for some time and would like to speak to you about the possibility of writing an article for the magazine. Please give me a call., as soon as possible if you are interested. In the meantime we will continue to enjoy 'Saucer Smear', particularly your irreverent point of view about the entire UFO scene...

We wrote articles for FATE in the 1950s and early 1960s, and would enjoy doing so again. - Editor.

- Famed British UFO author JENNY RANGLES writes:

"...With regards to my failure to arrive at Pensacola (Fl.) for the Gulf Breeze Conference last October ([as reported in your Vol. 41, No. 9](#)), please convey my sincere apologies to your readers. My need to cancel occurred at the very last minute, and as I had already booked my own tickets it cost me a fair bit of money not to attend. Unfortunately, I do not get quarter of a million dollar advances for my books (even \$10,000 would be a big deal for me) so this cancellation was expensive and unavoidable.

"Both my parents are severely disabled and I have looked after them for several years since my last relationship ended. Shortly before I was due to travel my father was taken ill (he has cancer of the gullet). We had just moved to a seaside location at his request, to help him out, but I was not in a position to leave him alone as the move took a severe strain on my mother's health. My only other family member (a brother) lives too far away and has a young family, so there was no alternative...

"I hope that your readers understand. I assure them that I was just as disappointed."

Jenny's letter also discusses the lawsuit she lost to Stanton Friedman in England a few years ago. - Editor.

- ROBERT ANTON WILSON writes:

"...The cartoon you sent about different people's reactions to the idea of 'UFO' really tickled me. In fact, nearly everybody believes in UFOs, including especially the debunkers. Everybody believes that some people report UFOs, to start with, and only then does the argument begin. Some want to file all the reports in the hoax file, some in hallucination, some in Alien Spaceship, some in electromagnetic oddity, some in paranormal, some in time-machines from the future, some in sundogs, some in Famous Lost Weather Balloons, etc., etc. Very few have the sophistication to think that some flying whangdoodles belong in one category and others in two or three other categories. Only the Totally Damned, i.e., agnostics and post-modernists, file some of them in - Unidentified. I find it humorous that so few of us will accept that some Unidentified gizmos must get filed in



Unidentified for now and maybe for a long time, maybe forever...

- Ace UFO writer BOB PRATT writes as follows:

".. My book on harmful UFOs in Brazil has never sold, but what's going on there still fascinates me, and I'm planning to spend four weeks there next March. It will be my eleventh trip since 1978. The Brazilian scene is an anomaly within an anomaly!

"When I'm king of the world, I'm going to have a couple of dozen of the world's best investigators (and Brazil has some of the best) fan out across that country for a few weeks. Then we can get a decent picture of what has been and is happening. I've investigated cases in about half of the country's twenty-seven states - sometimes on my own but more often with the help of very generous local investigators. I've gathered some truly fantastic material, but I suspect it is nothing compared to what is yet to be discovered. Sort of like on a scale of a bucket or two of water to the ocean!

"`Saucer Smear', I'm sorry to say, is the only UFO publication I read thoroughly anymore, and enjoy. I also seem to be losing enthusiasm for anything to do with UFO research, other than my own. Think it could be hardening of the arteries? Anyway, keep up the good work..."

- BOB WARTH, formerly editor of "Pursuit", writes as follows:

"Regardless of your apparent wish to see Pursuit's demise, I am making plans to continue its publication. When I took it over in 1980, I was pleased to see the favorable response to my efforts; but it seems each time I again try to get going, postage, paper & printing prices outpace me, and typesetting is very expensive, as you well know..."

"Unfortunately, the well-meant brief report you printed about Pursuit's past after Ivan Sanderson's death is sadly incorrect. What you printed was more gossip than fact."

We liked "Pursuit", and hope it returns. - Editor.

- Famed Roswell proponent KEVIN RANDLE writes:

"To set the record straight, I have never endorsed the idea that a Project Mogul balloon caused the debris field found by Mac Brazel in July, 1947. I did, however, send Karl Pflock a note upon the publication of his report that congratulated him on the completion of that work. I did say that his report did lead to his conclusions. I didn't say, though I thought it, that I found Pflock's report to be biased, unobjective, and lacking in any supporting documentation. I didn't say that I found his interviews with the witnesses to be misrepresented, his research

flawed, and that his conclusions were ridiculous. I recognized all these problems but said nothing about them in the note.

"As a writer myself, I realize that the last thing an author wants on the completion of a large, long work, is a list of criticisms. I sent a note of congratulations from one colleague to another. Now that note is being wholly misrepresented. It is being circulated inside the UFO community without my permission. It proves that no good deed goes unpublished!..."

- Famed abductee CHRISTA TILTON writes as follows:

"I have just two comments: Finally the UFO researchers have taken Harley Byrd to court for his constant barrage of ill-conceived letters to his many enemies. Good riddance, Harley!

"I have received my last letter from Len Stringfield, who suffered from pneumonia before he was hospitalized for fatal tumors in both lungs. Len and I researched the infamous 'South African UFO Crash' in October of 1989, and we remained very close for the remainder of his life. I would like to share a portion of his last letter to me:

"` I'm still enduring great pains and had to cease my research up to this date. Christa, I feel useless. I do wonder how much junk is in the field of Ufology, some of it disinformation? There is too much infighting among the big names, all with their own agendas. Roswell does remain strong despite all the disputes. I wish I had more time. Keep up the good research for me and always strive to be the best you can be."

"Len was one of the most honest individuals I ever knew, and he will be sorely missed by all."

- HARLEY BYRD of Inner Earth fame writes as follows:

"I am in receipt of your last readout and the Tilton rag will go fast at that price, and with your millions of readers I'm sure we'll go way over the top again at our upcoming EXPO.

"I'm amused that you wouldn't print the Madonna Sex Card from Tilton that I received incognito, 'in the beginning', but only pitch [her crazed mixed sex-oriented letters](#) and not give us more of a positive slant. Guess you've covered your ass for having her not come out. You debunkers are all alike,,.

Byrd's upcoming conclave is on Feb. 18th-19th at the Holiday Inn at 4222 Vineland Ave., North Hollywood, California 91602. - Editor.

- Late last year, [ERIC BECKJORD threatened to sue us unless we sent him one thousand dollars by return mail.](#) (We didn't send it!) Now he writes:

"I was amused to see [the photo in 'Smear' of Harley Byrd getting a 1969 High School baseball trophy in a rented tux in front of a sign for the Southern California Film Council in 1992](#), when the Film Council went out of business in 1989.

"On Jan. 11th, Russ Estes, Don Ecker, Bob Achtzenger and myself attended a Superior Court session where Harley was summoned to come to show cause why his restraining order to cease mailing obscene letters should not be made permanent (3 years). Byrd never showed up, so the judge granted the order, Meanwhile, Byrd has violated the temporary order sixteen times! He also issued new DEATH THREATS to Ecker and Estes, and the FBI is interested in investigating, My next step, after handing over Byrd's DEATH THREATS to me to the Feds, will be to file a Show-Cause-Why-Not Order for Contempt of Court, which will allow the court to throw Byrd in jail for months!..."

- DENIS COREY writes as follows:

"...I'm always curious as to what certain `personalities' look like, so I appreciated [the photo of Harley Byrd](#). Not to be too disrespectful, but I swear he looks like the Scarecrow from `Wizard of Oz'..."

- MONTY CANTSIN, commenting on our last issue, writes as follows:

"I believe in mysticism, and I believe in mathematics, but I think numerology is hokum. This book (by Greenfield) is the first book you've read, and written [a more-than-full-page review](#) of in years, isn't it? Such is my cultural influence on all you barbarians - it's sickening!..."

"[Why does Martin Gardner waste so much time on UFOs?](#) Can't he think of something he believes in to spend his time, energy, & lack of intelligence on? Is he so `skeptical' that he believes literally in nothing, and so has nothing better to do than pursue UFOs he knows don't exist? If so, how can he condemn a mere agnostic like yourself for the very same fault?"

"I confuse Robert Anton Wilson with Colin Wilson, with Lamborn Wilson, with Brian Wilson, and with Mr. Wilson of `Dennis the Menace'. I heard one of them died, but I'm not sure which..."

"Hollow Earthers are so unpopular, you'd think they would stick together, especially since they don't have a Hollow Earth Jim Moseley or whoever to set them at one another's throats all the time.

"Gail Aggen sounds like the biggest slut in the galaxy!"

"How can the [Air Force say unequivocally that one document is `not official' if it must say that another document is a `suspected bogus document'?](#) They may know for sure that a particular document is official. But if they can only suspect that certain documents are bogus, then there's no document they can say absolutely. is bogus. They obviously don't have the records to prove it one way or another, or they wouldn't have the `suspected' category"

Would you say that last part again? - Editor



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-Psychic researcher INGO SWANN, writing "in appreciation of `Saucer Smear' and its Esteemed Editor"

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BOOK REVIEW:

SECRET CIPHER OF THE UFONAUTS, by ALLEN GREENFIELD
(IllumiNet Press, P.O. Box 2808, Dilburn, Georgia 30226; \$9.95)

This is a most unusual, interesting, and possibly significant book, in which an attempt is made to connect occultism through the centuries directly with the UFO movement of the past 48 years.

We have known the author, Allen Greenfield, for about 50 years, during which time he has labored in relative obscurity as a highly intelligent scholar in various fields including "magick", politics, and of course ufology. One is reminded of our former friend Yonah ibn A'haron (aka Yonah Fortner) who has followed a similar course, in even greater obscurity. A'haron is mentioned several times in the book, as is your humble "Smear" editor. The references to us are so favorable that we are willing to overlook the terrible fact that "Moseley" is misspelled in

the index, though not elsewhere.

The basic premise of Greenfield's present position is that there are various secret ciphers that have been passed down through the ages by various secret societies; and one of these, which he calls "Cipher 6", yields meaningful results when applied to many of the "funny names" (Orthon, Valiant Thor, etc.) which have turned up in UFO contactee literature.

In the chart below, which we have literally ripped out of the book, one sees that numerical values are assigned to each letter of the English alphabet, and it goes on from there. Though the math involved in cipher study is no more complex than simple addition, the concepts are exceedingly complex and, as Greenfield himself would no doubt admit, controversial. Your editor, whose occult knowledge is close to absolute zero, took great joy in just learning to understand the chart itself!

For Greenfield, the ufologists who most deserve study are those whom he presumes to have had occult knowledge - beginning with Meade Layne, the founder, in about 1946, of Borderland Sciences Research Associates (BSRA), which is still in existence in (where else?) California. Then came George Adamski (who met Orthon); George Hunt Williamson & other Adamski disciples; Ray Palmer, who gave birth to Richard Shaver's "Shaver Mystery"; and even Dr. Frank Stranges, who met Valiant Thor. Incidentally, Palmer always claimed that he had a unique FACT that enabled him to solve the UFO mystery. The word FACT, as it turns out has a cipher significance.

In 1974 a solution was found to certain previously unintelligible groups of ciphers, and after this breakthrough, a computer study was made of the various possibilities of meaning that this opened up. Unfortunately, about 20,000 variants have thus been discovered, and many more are possible. As Greenfield himself admits (Page 43):

"Because there are an infinite number of numbers and many combinations of letters, words and phrases, obviously - and this is an old criticism of both simple numerology and Qabala - by stretching until one finds something that correlates to a preconceived notion, one can, if persistent, find just about anything. The difference here is that, by confining myself to the contents of the short book from which the cipher is derived, and limiting my search pattern to one or two attempts to find something significant with no preconceptions whatsoever, where UFO-naut personal and place names are concerned, there are virtually always case-specific correlations on the very first attempt."

Cypher 6
The Classical English Qabalah

A=1 B=20 C=13 D=6 E=25 F=18 G=11 H=4 I=23
J=16 K=9 L=2 M=21 N=14 O=7 P=26 Q=19 R=12
S=5 T=24 U=17 V=10 W=3 X=22 Y=15 Z=8

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A	K	U	E	O	Y	I	S
B	L	V	F	P	Z	J	T
C	M	W	G	Q	A	K	U
D	N	X	H	R	B	L	V
E	O	Y	I	S	C	M	W
F	P	Z	J	T	D	N	X
G	Q	A	K	U	E	Q	Y
H	R	B	L	V	F	P	Z
I	S	C	M	W	G	Q	A
J	T	D	N	X	H	R	B

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What is needed, in our opinion, is to find someone with an open but skeptical mind who is familiar with the history of occultism and with the various subjects (including ufology) covered in Greenfield's book; and who also is an expert on the mathematics of statistics, probability, etc. We are certain that Greenfield is intellectually honest enough to be distressed rather than pleased with the fact that it is highly unlikely any such person exists. The idea, of course, would be to find out whether his correlations are significantly beyond what the mathematics of chance would predict. We do not know, but are fascinated by his line of scholarship.

As much as we like Greenfield and his book, and fully realizing that ridicule is not part of the scientific method (though it's so much fun!), we can't close this review without quoting the following gem from a letter written to us by one Dean Zevchek after hearing Greenfield's cipher lecture at last year's National UFO Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. States he:

TV's Barney has become a cultural icon and role model for children these days. But exactly what is Barney? Well, he's simply a "Cute Purple Dinosaur." Let us take that one step further and apply my "secret cipher" to Barney...

CVTE PVRPLE DLNOSAVR (Remember that the Romans had no letter "U" and used "V" instead)
C+V+V+L +D+1 +V (Here we extract all Roman Numerals)

100+5+5+50+500+1+5 (Now we add them together)
- 666 (Do you want you children watching a show
where the secret cipher equates the star to evil?)

The color of Allan Greenfield's shirt was the very same color as Barney, therefore, according to the cipher, Greenfield could be a Barney disciple spreading disinformation!!!

Finally, as a counter-balance to the above, we call your attention cryptically to Greenfield's Chapter Twelve, "An interview with Terry R. Wriste" (presumably not his real name). This has to do with the Shaver Mystery, ciphers, and the UFO contactee syndrome. We won't tell you any more - except that we really did read all of this book, and Chapter Twelve alone is worth the PRICE. (In cipher talk, key words are CAPITALIZED.) Yes, once again folks, that's \$9.95!....

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

- [As we hinted darkly in our last issue](#), Richard Seifried, MUFON's Oklahoma Assistant Director for Investigations, sent a 3-page letter to all members of the MUFON Board of Directors dated October 15th, 1994, in which he criticized the organization and International Director Walt Andrus in particular, on several specific grounds. Naturally this letter has fallen mysteriously into our cold, clammy hands, and we will now give you the gist of it:

The most important point involves the "election" that was held for the 1993 Ufologist of the Year - a matter we have commented on several times in "Smear". Seifried and his wife were at a restaurant following a UPO conference at Gulf Breeze, when they were approached by "a MUFON member from, I think, New Jersey" - obviously Pat Marcatilleo - who asked them to sign postcards supporting him "for something". This they did. The couple were not feeling well, and state that they did not then realize the cards were for this particular award, having already voted for Donald Ware for the same award!

Seifried continues: "A couple of weeks later we got the cards returned to us, sent by Walt (Andrus), who berated us for voting for someone who never did anything for MUFON. Certainly this is unethical. Then, as you well know, Walt arbitrarily negated the entire election (which we know Donald (Ware) had won) and held another one, under the guise that not enough people had responded.

"We also know, **for a fact**, that the Board of Directors did not unanimously vote to have Donald Ware removed. Directors have told me that they either voted against the move or abstained. So, what was printed twice in the (MUFON) UFO Journal was not true..."

Seifried then goes on into other unrelated criticisms, such as the fact that Andrus signed his name as recommending a man for Oklahoma State Section Director whom Seidried had not recommended.

The over-all impression one gets from reading this letter is that Andrus is high-handed and arrogant in his management of the organization. Seifried concludes with: "If you are Directors, I think it is time for you to assume your responsibilities and straighten out the administrative problems. If you don't MUFON will fall, as did NICAP, or become a debating society such as CUFOS. I also suggest that you be very careful who the new officials are. Hopefully MUFON will not become controlled by former Intelligence officials..."

Hopefully, indeed!...

- The search for a complete solution to the Roswell Incident goes on, in spite of the Mogul balloon evidence. The December 1994 issue of a Canadian zine called "UFO Seeing Eye" has an interesting article that explores the theory that the Roswell UFO was a U.S. experimental craft with humanoid robots inside it. "Smear" looked into this; but it turns out that the author of the article was merely speculating on the basis of extremely sketchy information.

Then, we have an interesting monograph by one Gene Maron called "Roswell - Another Perspective". Maron seriously advances the theory that a bomb was deliberately placed on a Mogul balloon for the purpose of blowing up a flying saucer, which it did. You see, the Air Force was embarrassed by the 1947 UFO flap, which indicated they did not have complete control of our airspace. So they blew up creatures,

presumably from another world, for no better reason than this!

After that one, we're almost ready to give serious consideration to John Keel's Fugo Balloon theory. But not quite....

Incidentally, the January 1995 issue of FATE Magazine contains an excellent article by our friend Antonio Huneus about the recent Air Force report on Roswell. Antonio is an unbiased reporter after our own heart!...

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

- Veteran ufologist Leonard (Len) Stringfield of Cincinnati, Ohio has died of lung cancer after a long illness. Len was the author of two UFO books plus a series of "crash/retrieval" booklets, amassing a great deal of evidence (but no proof) that aliens have crashed not only at Roswell but at many other places over the years. Len very recently received an award and a \$1,000 check from The Fund for UFO Research. We have known him since 1954. The UFO field will be much poorer without his unique, intellectually honest contributions....
- By coincidence or otherwise, we have just received a review copy of a small book by the same Ingo Swann who wrote the wonderful Tribute to "Smear" at the top of Page One of this issue. Swann's book is called "Purple Fables" and being a work of fiction, it has nothing directly to do with either UFO or psychic research. Yet we have here four charming fables that are well written and deeply thought provoking. The publisher is Hampton Roads of Norfolk, Virginia, and the price is \$9.95.



- Ufologist Harley Byrd of Inner Earth fame is pictured here, receiving an award in 1992 from the Southern California Motion Picture Council. Byrd's next New Age convention will be held at the Beverly Garland Hotel in North Hollywood, California, on the weekend of Feb. 18th-19th. Your "Smear" editor will not be able to attend, but we will be at Tim Beckley's convention in Colorado Springs, Co., on the weekend of April 28th-30th. Hope to see you'all there!...
- Spoon Bender Uri Geller has been ordered by an Appellate Court to pay \$149,000 in legal costs for anti-psychic magician James Randi and the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP). This decision arises from one of several complex lawsuits Geller has brought against Randi in recent years, as discussed in previous issues of "Smear". Geller has vowed to appeal to the Supreme Court if necessary, but since he lives far away in England, payment may be hard to obtain in any case! ...



*31st Annual UFO Conference, Cleveland, Ohio
ufologists: Tom Carey, Jim Moseley, Kevin Randle*

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

- Famed author and hard-core CSICOP member MARTIN GARDNER writes as follows:

"I enjoy reading `Saucer Smear' for its humor, but damned if I'll contribute a penny to anything that keeps the UFO mania alive. Why you waste so much time on it beats me. Surely you must know by now that alien UFOs are a myth not worth perpetuating. Can't you think of a better way to make use of your time, energy, and intelligence?"

No. - Editor.

- BARRY GREENWOOD of CAUS (P.O. Box 176, Stoneham, Ma. 02180) writes:

"Dear Commander;

"Has anyone who has ever despised you thought that if all ill-will and hostile feelings between ufologists ceased, and everyone concentrated their energies on doing just UFO research and investigations, without personality issues encroaching, then you would have no more gossip to report and `Saucer Smear' would no longer exist! Think about it - the UFO problem potentially could be solved merely by sacrificing `Smear'. Or is that too much to ask? No, actually it is too much to ask ufologists to stop bickering! Pardon my unbridled idealism and forget I wrote this."

- ED WALTERS of Gulf Breeze fame writes as follows:

"Please make these corrections [in regard to your December issue](#): I am not `stand-off-ish' in regard to Project Awareness' and never said such. I am `stand-off-ish' (your word) with **all** UFO conferences, one no more than another. I did not `refuse to attend' the recent local (Gulf Breeze) conference - I simply knew nothing about it and have no interest in attending UFO conferences. I respect the fact that others like to attend UFO conferences and I have no comment one way or the other, good or bad."

Sorry if we misinterpreted Mr. Ed's feelings on these matters. - Editor.

- CHARLES BROERMAN writes:

"It was great to see [my letter in the last `Saucer Smear'](#)... There was a typo: It should read `kept in **line** non-lethally', not `kept in **live**'.

"...Let me say that after seeing the photo of Mr. Alexander and company, **I have a really bad feeling**. He's even creepier looking than I imagined. I sort of insulted his wife's survey and now he knows my name!

"Remember what happened to Danny Casolaro. If you hear that I've committed suicide in a West Virginia motel room, don't believe it!"

- Researcher PAUL FISHER writes as follows:

"...I was shocked to read in your last issue that at an October 1994 UFO conference in Pensacola, Florida, [Budd Hopkins gave you The Finger](#). My brother Shelly, who is street-wise, pointed out to me that Budd may have just been giving you his gang sign. His upset may have been due to your failure to return the sign. Perhaps at your next encounter with Budd you should return the sign and see if that will put him at ease..."

- ROB MacGREGOR, a writer of novels (= no UFO stuff:) writes:

"Thanks for a most enjoyable issue of `Saucer Smear'. I think that you and Robert Anton Wilson are right about Budd Hopkins. He definitely seems to hold grudges, and he's not very flexible in his thinking about UFOs. The idea that UFOs are as real as any other myth would no doubt leave him cold, but it's a thought that Wilson could probably write a few thousand words about.

"By the way, Wilson's comments in `Smear' are always interesting. I've enjoyed some of his books, especially the ones dealing with the Illuminati. I have to admit, though, that I sometimes confuse him with Colin Wilson, a writer from the London division of the mystical underground..."

- And, ROBERT ANTON WILSON writes as follows:

"...I always try to formulate my sentences in terms of probability and often include the percentage of belief I give to an idea - about 0.0000001 % to the Virgin Birth of that kid from Nazareth, about 99.9% to the Second Law of Thermodynamics, somewhere between 2% and 98% for most other things.

"People who claim 100% certitude seem, in my view, a frantic crew of True Believers, trying to bulshit themselves even harder than they try to bulshit you and me. This applies especially to the kind of True Believers who call themselves Skeptics. I'm sure you can guess some of the gents I mean."

- CHRIS ROTH of Chicago FM Radio fame writes:

"Thanks for the latest `Saucer Smear'. Yes, I do think it's one of the best. When you've got Budd Hopkins and Jon Erik Beckjord both slinging shit at you, you must be doing something right. Also, [poor Christa Tilton](#) - victimized by both Beckjord (remember him announcing on my show that he had once been engaged to her?) and the infamous Dr. Harley Byrd! Byrd, incidentally, seems to have alienated (so to speak) two of his few supporters, Frank Stranges and the editor of the `Hollow Earth Insider', Dennis G. Crenshaw.."

- KARL PFLOCK of Mogul Balloon fame, who lightheartedly uses "Messengers of Deception; `We Deliver'" on his letterhead, writes as follows:

"Volume 41, No. 9 of `Smear' sank to new depths. Keep up the great work!"

"The last thing UFOdumb needs is yet another `mystery', so permit me to clear up that of the new Randle/Schmitt newsletter's Wisconsin address. The Schmitt half of the team is editing, etc. `The Roswell Update', and he resides in Wisconsin. I hope this doesn't mean the thing will be cheesy!..."

- Researcher ROBERT WANDERER writes:

"When we believe something for a long time, we become more and more committed to that idea. If evidence surfaces that disabuses the long-held notion, we resist this and try to

continue believing.

"The UFO movement faces this problem with the long-held Roswell case falling apart beneath the reasonably-probable explanation of the Mogul Balloon. Already we see UFO believers trying to save the `alien bodies' part of the hypothetical Roswell scenario, by theorizing that there was another crash at about the same time. But in over 40 years of searching for `alien bodies', they seem to `exist' only in the dim memory of what somebody allegedly heard someone else say, many years before."

- Roswell enthusiast JOHN VANAKEN writes:

Again I return to the story of Pappy Henderson, who allegedly flew a load of alien cargo on a C-54 cargo plane to Andrews Air Field, where the bodies were temporarily stored, `apparently so that the army chief of staff, Dwight Eisenhower, and the secretary of war, Robert P. Patterson, would have an opportunity to see at least one of the bodies.' (`Truth about Roswell', page 13, hardcover edition.)

"What a fantastic way to test possible contagious effects of alien bacteria! Quick, expose the army chief of staff to these germs! If you can't wake him up, try the secretary of war! Before these germs mutate into something harmless!"

- STEVE ANDERSON writes:

"A quick synopsis of my personal theory on cattle mutilations: Removing the genitals of a bull and draining its blood were parts of the rite of the Taurobolium, when initiates to the Roman cult of Mithra were, like their sun-god, `born again'. (Christianity coopted several symbols from the Mithraists, including the birthday of their god, December 25th.)

"Mithra was very popular among Roman soldiers. I wonder if some historically-minded general like Patton (who had many mystical beliefs such as that he was the reincarnation of Alexander the Great) might have attempted a revival of Mithraism in the Pentagon, which might continue to this day. It would explain the military helicopters seen near cattle mutilation sites. I mean, who else but a military man would feel honor-bound to return the carcass after they are done with it? I hope the above is fresh enough to generate comment..."

Well, it's certainly something we never heard before. - Editor.

- And finally, MONTY CANTSIN charms us with:

.... Byrd is right, of course - MUFON is a truly Nazi organization, out to take over the world - as a part of the CIA. And the CIA may well be working with authoritarian aliens - why not? They work with the Mafia. And maybe there really is something to the story about Lemurians living underground, with entrances to an underground world at the poles & elsewhere, where saucers enter - plus the connection between underground aliens and the Nazis. As I've said before, you can find references to these ideas in sci/fi going back to the early 19th century - in Poe in the 1830s, and in Lovecraft in the 1920s. And I don't know why it's so hard to believe that Byrd is related to Admiral Byrd, or that Walt Andrus is descended from hybrids. Do you have a more probable explanation for his personality (or lack thereof) & behavior? MUFON only makes sense as the organ of an inhuman fascist organization - whether CIA or alien or both. That's obvious to anyone who isn't totally brainwashed~...

"Harley Byrd still sounds like an interesting character. The great modern philosopher Rousseau was a flasher. Great minds expose their penises alike...."

The following item is lifted bodily from the September 1994 issue of Barry Greenwood's fine zine "JUST CAUSE" (Box 176, Stoneham, Ma 02180):

AIR FORCE REACTS OFFICIALLY TO BOGUS DOCUMENTS

Pictured here is a relatively new procedure by the Air Force. With the influx of hoaxed documents started by the MJ-12 deception, the Air Force has created a rubber stamp to label clearly questionable material. In the past the Air Force, and other agencies failed to quickly rebut suspicious papers, allowing some of these documents to go unchallenged for long periods of time. Officials occasionally vacillated on giving detailed responses, feeling that the time doing so was poorly spent. This was a mistake because it allowed controversies to fester to the point that more time had to be spent dealing with increasingly numerous honest inquiries about the fakes at a later date than in dealing with them at the moment that the fakes first appeared.

___ NOT AN OFFICIAL USAF DOCUMENT
___ NOT CLASSIFIED
___ SUSPECTED FORGERY OR BOGUS
DOCUMENT

Given the rate at which hoaxes are being produced, this stamp will likely be worn out before long.



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