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Here are a few extracts from a Net article by JOHN HARVEY called "Why Don't Scientists Take Ufology Seriously?" The article mainly concerns MUFON, of which your editor is a somewhat proud member:

"One of the most common complaints made by ufologists is that their work is not taken seriously by scientists, even though they claim to use scientific methods in their investigations...I will illustrate the point I am trying to make by making a critical examination of a fairly typical issue of the MUFON UFO Journal, a monthly magazine published by the Mutual UFO Network.

"The reason for picking on this journal is the statement which appears in each issue: 'MUFON's mission is the scientific study of UFOs for the benefit of humanity'. I have chosen the September 2012 issue, and I have read through it to see if its editor and contributing writers are adopting an appropriately scientific approach.

"The first indication that all is not well comes with the Director's Message by David MacDonald. It is mainly concerned with the announcement that MUFON has acquired many of the files compiled by Leonard Stringfield (1920-1994). MacDonald looked through a very small amount of this material and found accounts of beatings by Federal Marshalls, FBI documents showing death threats and intimidation, 'safe houses' set up by MUFON to protect Len from attack, and descriptions of how he was moved from hotel room to hotel room (to avoid the CIA, FBI, Federal Marshalls, etc.) at more than one MUFON symposium.

"It certainly looks as if some of this material could provide plenty of useful material for producers of slapstick comedy films, as it seems so delightfully absurd. However, MacDonald found it to be 'enlightening, inspirational, vindicating and humbling... and also frightening if not downright terrifying..."

(Editor's Note: It is absurd to believe that the Dark Forces would act so very badly, especially as Stringfield always admitted that he could prove nothing. On the other hand, ufologists enjoy feeling paranoid, because it makes them believe that they know something very important.)

Continuing the quote from Harvey: "...In another investigation, by Norman Gagnon, details are given of a small group of people who noticed a string of ten orange lights silently ascending over a lake and disappearing into the clouds. The sighting is considered important enough to feature on the front page of the Journal, even though the obvious explanation is simply that they were fire balloons, and I would guess that they were possibly released during the celebration of a child's tenth birthday...

"Stanton Friedman's monthly article is better than usual, providing some interesting background information about some ufological characters. He is skeptical about the fellow who calls himself Chase Brandom, who claims to be an



LEONARD STRINGFIELD

ex-CIA man who states that the Roswell crash really involved an alien craft, but he is suspected of making up the story to plug his new science fiction novel. Friedman notes the odd fact that the producer of his 1979 DVD 'UFOs Are Real' was named Brandon Chase!

"Friedman is indeed a modest, self-effacing person. When he heard in 1973 that Robert Emenegger was making a documentary on UFOs, he phoned him and asked him how he could make a UFO documentary without involving him...

"The basic difficulty with ufology is that it is a non-subject. By this I mean that a sighting of an unusual atmospheric optical or electrical phenomenon and a report of an alleged abduction by aliens are two quite different things, as there is no causal connection between them. Most solved UFO cases have many different and unrelated causes. Some are sightings of real objects or phenomena and others are subjective experiences...Solving interesting UFO cases involves separating facts from lies and misinterpretation, and ending up with a coherent account of what did or did not happen. MUFON, along with most other UFO organizations, does not seem to be capable of this task."

#### TWO VERY UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS FROM THE "GOLDEN AGE"(?) OF UFOLOGY;

Somehow it turns out that there is a lot more Negative stuff in this issue of "Smear" than usual. We want to try to balance this with two "classic" but little-remembered UFO events that occurred many years ago.

These are among the dozens of first-hand accounts we gathered on our unique drive to California and back in late 1953. (We still have about 150 pages of single-spaced typewritten pages of detailed notes.)

The first of these two sightings, which was presented in one of Major Keyhoe's early UFO books, was told to us in person by a man named William Squires, who lived on a farm near Pittsburg, Kansas, and worked at a radio station near there. He was by no means an educated man, but he told his story clearly and coherently. As often happens, he had no additional witnesses with him; but he also had no known reason to lie.

At about 5:30 in the morning of August 27th, 1952, Squires was driving to work, when he saw an unknown object hovering near the ground over a field not far from the road. It was shaped like two oblong dinner plates placed on top of each other. It appeared to be about 100 feet long and one third as wide, and there were three or four windows. Through these windows he believed he could see "shadowy forms" moving about within the craft. There were bright blue lights shining out of these windows, which kept changing from one shade of blue to another.

As soon as Squires stopped his car and got out to take a better look, the object shot upwards and was out of sight in 15 to 20 seconds.

The saucer made a sputtering sort of sound, and unlike any other UFO we have ever heard about, it had many, many small propellers around the whole perimeter, spaced as close together as possible. However, these seemed to be only for stability, and were not the real source of power, in his opinion...

On this same western trip, we also interviewed a man at the very opposite end of the educational spectrum. His name was Dr. Clyde W. Tombaugh, and he was the scientist credited with the discovery of the planet Pluto, back about 1930. (Some time after Tombaugh's death, Pluto was downgraded to a "planetoid", as several other relatively small sky objects about the same size as Pluto had been discovered by then.)

One evening in August of 1949, Tombaugh and his wife were sitting outdoors at their home in Las Cruces, N.M. At about 11 p.m. on a very clear night, while watching the stars with the naked eye, they saw a UFO at the zenith. It went quickly to a point 35 to 40 degrees above the horizon, where it dimmed out gradually and disappeared in a very few seconds.

Our notes don't tell us the object's apparent size, but it must have been fairly close to them, as they could see a row of about ten rectangular lights on it, arranged in a symmetrical manner (like windows??)...

On a slightly different subject - our very next interview on that western trip was with Dr. E.C. Slipher, another famous astronomer of that era, who worked at the well-known Lowell Observatory near Flagstaff, Arizona.

Slipher, in regard to the controversial "canals" of Mars, told us that he was of the opinion that they are artificial, made long ago by a now-extinct intelligent race, rather than being natural markings such as river beds, etc. This just goes to show how orthodox scientific opinion has changed over the years. Our present robot on Mars is not seeing or looking for artificial canals of any sort!...

● PERSONAL HEALTH NOTE: All is about the same. ●

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HERE'S SOME MORE ANTI-ROSWELL "NONSENSE" (?)

Here we go again!

There is in the public domain a genuine and formerly Secret Air Force document dated January 2nd, 1952, which seems to close the door to the possibility that an ET craft had crashed at Roswell (or anywhere else in the U.S.) up until that time.

It is headlined "WMD" ("Weapons of Mass Destruction"?). It was written by Air Force General Garland to General Samford, who was then Chief of USAF Intelligence.

It begins: "MEMORANDUM...

"SUBJECT: (SECRET) Contemplated Action to Determine the Nature and Origin of the Phenomena Connected with the Reports of Unusual Flying Objects.

"(1) The continued reports of unusual flying objects requires positive action to determine the nature and origin of this phenomena. The action taken thus far has been designed to track down and evaluate reports from casual observers throughout the country. Thus far this action produced results of doubtful value and the inconsistencies inherent in the nature of the reports has given neither positive nor negative proof of the claims.

"(2) It is logical to relate the reported sightings to the known development of aircraft, jet propulsion, rockets and range extension capabilities in Germany and the U.S.S.R...

"(4) 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..."

The whole rather long memo is a discussion limited to possible Russian aerial capabilities. Nowhere is there any mention whatever of the possibility that these unknown objects are or might be extraterrestrial. The Air Force just did not think that way, in those days. Note also the wording "unusual flying objects" rather than the now commonly-accepted "unidentified flying objects".

In 1952 there was no Freedom of Information Act, so there was no reason to think that these generals were lying (or covering-up) to each other because they feared the memo might someday be made public.

Some people have said that since the memo is classified "Secret" rather than "Top Secret", these generals were lying to each other because they knew that co-workers not cleared for "Top Secret" information would read it - even though the public would probably never see it. We simply can't accept this point of view.

For what it's worth - the late Karl Pflock (formerly with the CIA) believed in the authenticity and truthfulness of this memo, even though he did believe in the existence of interplanetary UFOs. He did not believe in Roswell, however. His handwritten comments are on our copy of the memo.

Readers' comments are cheerfully invited. We will mail a copy of the full "WMD" text to anyone who sends us a two dollar Donation. (The purpose of the charge is to weed out trifflers)....

**BIGFOOT HOAXER ENDS UP AS "ROADKILL":**

In late August a 44-year-old man living in Kalispell, Montana, apparently tried to pull a peculiar Bigfoot hoax, and ended up losing his life for it. He was walking on a local highway one night, and was hit by two different cars!

This man, named Randy Tenley, was hard for motorists to see, because he was wearing something called a ghillie suit, defined as "a type of three-dimensional camouflage, sometimes worn by military snipers". These outfits are available online and at hunting shops.

His companions told police that Tenley was out there on the highway in this strange suit, trying to incite a Bigfoot sighting. The implication is that he was drunk at the time.

....Incidentally, in our late-life madness, we now believe that Bigfoot, if he exists, must be paranormal in some way. Why? Because all living creatures die, and no Bigfoot remains have ever been found. There has, however, occasionally been unidentified shit....

**Martians  
sink Yellow  
Submarine**

Guardian, 16 Mar 2011

**Invisible  
man close  
to reality**

(Sydney) D.Telegraph, 22 Aug 2009.

**Monkey man found  
guilty of supplying  
cannabis**

Halifax Eve. Courier, 1 Feb 2011.

## THE "PHILADELPHIA EXPERIMENT" REVISITED:

One of the most fantastic legends of our times, though not directly related to UFOs at all, is the story of the "Philadelphia Experiment". An interesting rehash of this mystery appeared on the Net very recently, written by someone named Keith Veronese. We learned much new info., though many important details already known to us have been left out for some reason.

The article mentions movies on this subject that came out in the mid-1980s. However, these were preceded by a paperback book written about 1980 by William Moore and Charles Berlitz. Incidentally, these are the same two gentlemen who wrote the original "Roswell Incident" book in about the same year. Of the two, the Roswell narrative was far the more believable!

Both of these books were actually written by Moore alone. He teamed up with Berlitz, a much better-known writer ("The Bermuda Triangle", etc.) in order to get the book published easily. These two men, both of whom we knew quite well, eventually fought bitterly over royalties, and ended up hating each other. They never wrote any more books together. Berlitz is long deceased, but Moore went on to give us "MJ-12" and other intriguing UFO-related mysteries. He now lives in Florida in semi-retirement.

Anyhow - Veronese tells us that the Philadelphia Experiment syndrome actually consisted of two separate and quite different events, both in the year 1943. They both involved a Navy Destroyer escort called the USS Eldridge, according to the lore.

This is the legend: In the first experiment, an alleged method of electrical field manipulation allowed the USS Eldridge to be rendered invisible, on July 22, 1943, in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.

The second rumored experiment was the teleportation and small-scale time travel (with the ship sent a few seconds into the past) of the USS Eldridge from the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard to the corresponding shipyard in Norfolk, Virginia. This supposedly occurred on October 28th, 1943. This extraordinary event was said to have been seen by sailors on board a nearby troop transport vessel called the SS Andrew Furuseth. There were horrible tales of mangled seamen and sailors driven mad or stuck within the metal of the Eldridge. There was, of course, no proof whatsoever.

According to Veronese, careful research shows that neither of these ships was even in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard on either of the dates in question!

The source of these strange stories seems to have been a very unusual man from a small town in Pennsylvania named Carl Meredith Allen, who changed his name to Carlos Miguel Allende. He was probably a retired seaman living on a (mental!) disability income, who for some reason spent most of his time living in cheap hotels along the Mexican border. He claimed to have been on board the SS Andrew Furuseth at the time of the second experiment, and to have seen its terrible effects.

Now the story gets weirder, if that's possible. Allende somehow got into a correspondence with a professional writer named Morris K. Jessup, who published four UFO books during the 1950s. Jessup eventually committed suicide for reasons unrelated to any of this. We knew him slightly, and though he seems to have exaggerated his educational background, we believe that he was a sincere and serious researcher.

Jessup's first and most successful book was called "The Case for the UFO". Somehow, in a manner we don't precisely remember, there came to be a spin-off of sorts, which was called The Vero Edition of "The Case for the UFO". This was published somewhat mysteriously by a small outfit in Texas that somehow had ties with the U.S. Navy. For some reason it was not widely distributed.

This edition was just like the original one, except that many pseudo-scientific comments were made in the margins, written in three different handwritings. These writers often argued with each other about obscure scientific points.

Eventually Carlos Allende admitted in writing that his story of first-hand knowledge of the second Philadelphia Experiment was untrue. He also is said to have admitted that all three of the handwritings in the Vero Edition were his! Weird indeed.

The truth about the Philadelphia Experiment(s) seems to be this: In the early 1940s, the Navy did conduct experiments to make naval vessels "invisible" in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, but in a different manner and with completely different desired results. Germany was using magnetic mines that would latch onto the metal hulls of ships as they came near. In these U.S. experiments, researchers ran an electric current through hundreds

of yards of electrical cable around the hull of a ship, to see if they could make the ship "invisible" to underwater and surface mines. In theory, this system would make the ships "invisible" to the magnetic properties of the mines - NOT invisible to the human eyeball!

Apparently these experiments were not successful and were discontinued, but we are not sure about this.

Getting back to Carlos Allende - never was there a more colorful fellow associated with the UFO field. He was "mad as a hatter" in our opinion, but he spoke beautifully in a cultured, deep voice and a fake Mexican accent that he had somehow acquired.

Allende never appeared at UFO conventions or made formal statements of any kind, but over the years, when not living on the Mexican border, he visited a few UFO researchers around the country. Among these was the APRO organization, and also our close friend Gray Barker.

We used to occasionally drive from our home in New Jersey to Clarksburg, West Virginia, to commune with Barker. One weekend, Allende appeared from out of nowhere, uninvited and unexpected. We took him out to dinner and paid one night at a local motel, so that he could join us for a long evening of talk, which Barker recorded and later sold through his Saucerian magazine.

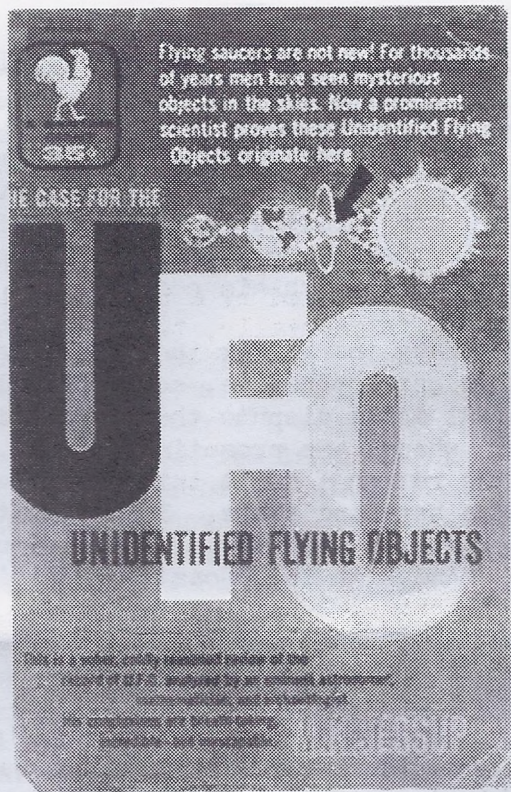
Barker also sold copies of the uncopyrighted Vero Edition for the then unheard of price of \$25 each. This was a collector's item, and it sold well.

Your editor's only contribution to the Allende visitation was to pay for the dinner and motel. At Barker's apartment we said very little and drank heavily while listening to Allende's endless pseudo-scientific rant.

In 1999, fifteen surviving members of the USS Eldridge crew held a final reunion in Atlantic City, with these veterans bemoaning the decades of strangeness surrounding the vessel they had served on.

William Moore, co-author of "The Philadelphia Experiment", is still on our esteemed mailing list; and we would be glad to hear from him or anyone else with worthwhile comments on the above...

This item is postponed from our last issue.



Last September *Ereditato* (right) announced that Opera, an Italian physics experiment, had clocked neutrinos moving faster than the speed of light. Six months later, after discovering that a loose cable had skewed their data, he and Autiero (left) resigned. Did they announce the findings too early? Yes. But to their credit, they invited other physicists to try to prove them wrong. Plus, when was the last time the public cared so much about the theory of relativity?



**Hints of God particle found**  
GENEVA. Science collides with faith in the God particle. After two experiments using the Large Hadron Collider, the world's biggest atom smasher, scientists at CERN physics center say they have glimpses of the Higgs boson subatomic particle, the last missing link in understanding the universe.  
METRO WORLD NEWS

**"It would be extremely kind of the Higgs boson to be here. It's too early (to say for sure)."**  
FABIOLA GIANOTTI, SCIENTIST AT LHC



LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR and  
QUOTES FROM YE OLDE INTERNET

Herein famed ufologist/Forfean NICK REDFERN sends us some comments on criticism we made about him in our July 15th issue - having to do with alleged MIB interference on radio shows where he discussed - well, MIBs.

Further along, we quote part of Nick's recent Net rant about the sad state of ufology. Here we agree with him completely.

"Many thanks for the latest issues of 'Smear' and your letters. I have gotten way behind on correspondence, so I'm finally catching up now.

"I don't dispute the possibility that the weird and repeated interference on the radio shows when I was promoting my book 'The Real Men in Black' could have been studio based. But the reason I don't think that was the case is because it wasn't just a case of interference here and there. In one instance, it fucked up the show for like eight or nine minutes - and it was only a thirty minute show to start with!

"And with the 'Coast to Coast' interview, there were problems with two landlines and my cell phone!

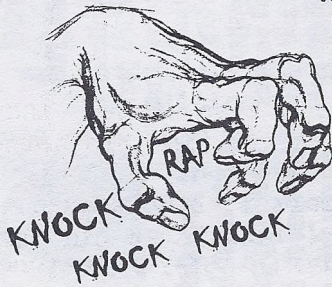
"It doesn't, of course, prove any sort of MIB connection, but I still find the whole thing interesting."

From the Net: "THE FUTURE OF UFOLOGY":

"...The reality is that 65 years after our Holy Lord and Master (Sir Kenneth of Arndshire) saw whatever it was that he saw on that fateful June 24, 1947 day, Ufology has been static and unchanging. It has endorsed and firmly embraced the ETH (Extraterrestrial Hypothesis) not as the belief system which it actually is, but as a likely fact. And Ufology insists on doing so in stubborn, mule-like fashion. In that sense, Ufology has become a religion. And organized religion is all about upholding unproven old belief systems and presenting them as hard fact, despite deep, ongoing changes in society, trends and culture. Just like Ufology...

"What this stubborn attitude demonstrates is (A) a fear of change. (B) a fear of having been on the wrong tract for decades, and (C) a fear of the unknown. Yes, mainstream old-time Ufology lives in fear. It should be living in a state of strength. And it should be a strength born of a willingness to address everything, not just the stuff that some conference organizer thinks will attract the biggest audience... Ufology commits an even bigger crime as it coasts aimlessly along, like an empty ship on the ocean waves. It avoids the alternative theories knowingly and fully aware of the long-term and possibly disastrous consequences that a one-sided biased approach may very well provoke for the UFO field...

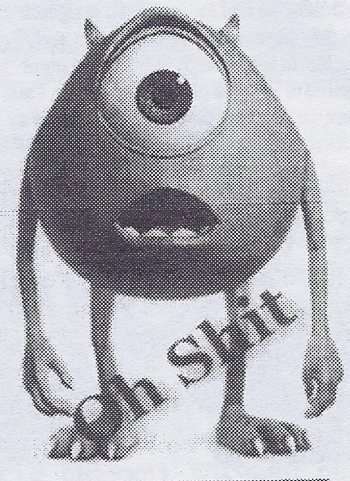
"Ufology needs to expand its collective mind. It needs to be revamped. Other than collecting reports in massive amounts, nothing tangible and provable in terms of the true nature of the phenomenon has been achieved! We need proof and undeniable evidence, not more reports. Ufology, as it has existed for decades, has consistently failed to provide that proof, as a result of largely following the ETH and nothing else....UFOLOGY HAS FAILED!"



Hang in there,

MILLER JOHNSON

"SEMI-MYSTERIOUS KNOCKINGS, DAY AND NIGHT AT YOUR APARTMENT DOOR? MORE THAN LIKELY, NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. BUT THEN AS YOU KNOW, OR SHOULD KNOW, KEY WEST IS ONE OF THE MOST HAUNTED LOCATIONS IN THE U.S.A. THE RESTLESS SPIRITS OF KEY WEST BEGAN TO AWAKEN WHEN THE SUN DROPS BELOW THE GULF'S HORIZON. THERE ARE TALES BY FAMOUS WRITERS ABOUT PIRATES, RUM-RUNNERS AND THE GHOST STORIES IN KEY WEST ARE ENDLESS, CREEPY AND OFTEN FRIGHTENING. SO BE CAREFUL MY FRIEND."



Our esteemed contributing editor CURT COLLINS writes as follows:

"The latest issue of 'Smear' was a good one. I liked the Mothman cartoon and commentary, and also the coverage of the Valentich case. I'm in total support of you revisiting classic cases. The older cases tend to have more interesting features, particularly the involvement of military participants and investigators. We may not be able to know what the UFOs were, but at least there is a formal record to work with. Also, reading about the cases as presented by you is always interesting, and I like hearing your opinions and how you put things into the larger picture.

"My favorite bit was your coverage of the Flatwoods intergalactic war, where you talk about Dwight Connelly's plea for ufologists to 'hang together'. That sounds so much like the arrangement the Contactees had, where they didn't dispute each other's contradictory stories...Stanton Friedman seems content to 'hang together', except when someone peddles a story that goes against his grain.

"Your continuing coverage of the MUFON promotion scandal was good. They have hit a new low, hawking their conference like a carnival exhibit. On reflection, that may be a good model for them - they just convert to a rolling tent show and hire carnival freaks!...

"The UFO presentation at the National Atomic Testing Museum has come and gone, without the disclosure that some were longing for...Apparently long-retired Col. Coleman was on the verge of some kind of disclosure and backed off at the last minute. Is he taking lessons on teasing from MUFON's MacDonald?..."

We met Col. Coleman at the Pentagon many years ago. He had had a UFO sighting of his own, and was a writer of science-fiction. He seemed like a really cool guy. Did he really have something truly important he wanted to tell the crowd? We will never know for sure. -Editor.

Here are a few extracts from another sadly Negative Net item, by RICH REYNOLDS. It is called "The Soul-Killing UFO Obsession - or Is It an Addiction":

"It is so blatant, the addiction - the obsession - that some people have with and about the UFO topic - not UFOs, but the topic of UFOs...That marriages, jobs, and lives have been interrupted or set aside by some men & women in the pursuit of the ephemeral UFO phenomenon is palpable and disheartening (to the rational among us)..."

"For example - Gene Steinberg, the Paracast guy, has been under an economic siege of some magnitude, as his many months of pleas for donations from the UFO community indicate. But yet, Mr. Steinberg will not relinquish his interest in UFOs (per his Paracast endeavors) to get a job, any job, to assuage his financial plight. UFOs, as he and his family seemingly go under, remain his primary pursuit, not a job or even a bank robbery. He's devoted to UFOs come hell or high water..."

Anthony Bragalia continues to rant on the Net about his solution to the famed Socorro landing in N.M. in 1964. He believes it was a hoax by students at the N.M. Institute of Technology. Dreaded skeptic TIM PRINTY agrees with pro-UFO researchers that Bragalia's evidence is inadequate at best. Printy, of SUNlite fame, writes us as follows:

"...Bragalia has refused to release the entire transcript of his interview with Prof. Stirling Colgate of N.M.I.T, which makes me wonder about how much 'selective editing' was done by him. In an e-mail to me, Bragalia stated that he has the names of the hoaxers but never would release them to me or anybody else, because he was trying to protect the reputations of these men. He added that the principals would never reveal how they actually did it or attempt to give a demonstration of how it was done...Bragalia also stated that I was pig-headed for not recognizing this was a hoax, and that in his heart (and his mother's grave!) he knows it was a hoax.

"...I think Bragalia tends to play Captain Ahab too much, and appears to be obsessed..."

"I have also reread Kevin Randle's public letter about Don Schmitt, back in an old issue of 'Smear'. Back in 1995, Randle basically stated that Schmitt was a liar, a lazy researcher, and could not be trusted. As of 2011, Schmitt is now a respected researcher and can be trusted! Now you imply that Schmitt has some 'new evidence' about Roswell, but is not sharing it with the 'dream team'. My guess is that he probably could not get Randle to buy into his 'new evidence', which may have something to do with Frank Kimbler's research, which is nothing to get excited about, from what I have seen..."

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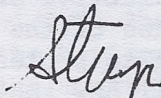
STANTON FRIEDMAN writes:

I am curious as to who is supplying you with wrong information about UFOs and about me as shown in the latest SS. How can you claim I am "a hard core "True Believer?" Such a person would do his research by proclamation, not investigation as I do. Anybody who reads my books or listens to my interviews knows I reference and present evidence, True believers, such as the debunkers, don't reference sources, data, facts. They make claims. I am just reviewing a book by Dr. John Gribbin "Alone in the Universe: Why our Planet is Unique". He makes all kinds of claims without providing evidence or sources... sort of a younger Phil Klass.

You say "as usual, he bills himself as a Nuclear Physicist, although he has not practiced that profession for well over 40 years". Poppycock! That would mean since 1972. Source please? I gather you are not aware that I worked as a nuclear physicist on the commissioning of the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station here in New Brunswick in the early 1980s? I did a report "State of the Art Survey : Commercial Utilization of Power Planet Waste Heat " for the Canadian Electrical Association January 1985. I published a study "State of the Art Survey: Electron and Particle Beam Devices and Their Impact on Electrical Energy" January 1986 also for the Canadian Electrical Association (250 References.) I published a study for the Research Division of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation "Radon Exposure in Fredericton Area Houses and Wells" , 1988.(Radon is a radioactive gas of interest to us nuclear physicists). In June 1989 I published a report for the Innovation Centre of New Brunswick entitled "Future New Brunswick Technology Scenarios". I gave presentations at two meetings of the European Society for Nuclear Methods in Agriculture in the 1980s in Piacenza, Italy, and Warsaw, Poland, on seed stimulation and food irradiation and also spoke at an International Meeting in Washington D.C.I should also mention that I am still a member of the American Nuclear Society and the American Physical Society and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

With regard to the Flatwoods Monster case, let me contrast my position with yours. I have visited the actual site of the event twice and have met with the primary witnesses and reviewed a lot of evidence. The evidence and investigation convinced me that Frank was spot on. What convinced you as a hard core disbeliever that he wasn't? If you would read the press articles about the orders to shoot down UFOs, if they didn't land when instructed to do so, you would see that they were not talking about Soviet or other planes. They were talking about UFOs. I have personally heard of seven cases in which pilots went up to chase UFOs and never returned. Frank has listed 200 cases right out of the New York Times of fatal military plane crashes between 1951-1956. Five of the pilots had flown over 100 combat missions in Korea came back to the USA, had a fatal crash. There with MIGs in Korea but none in the USA. Hard core disbeliever Joe Nickell says Flatwoods Monster was a 6' owl!! In short Jim, try to get your facts straight as we nuclear physicists do.

Most cordially,



Stanton T. Friedman Hard Core nuclear physicist, lecturer, author

**Editor's Note:** We respect Stan Friedman as a friend and a legitimate scholar. Obviously, we were not completely aware of his continuing work in physics. **HOWEVER**, to seriously believe that our AF has actually shot down one or more ET UFOs or any such thing, is beyond reason! Surely we would have heard a lot about it by now, and not have to rely on Feschino's totally unproven speculations. - Stan, you are a "True Believer", and you are rooted in the 1950s (not even the '60s!) We believe in the possibility of ET visitations, but our guess is that we earthlings are dealing with various complex aspects of what we call (for lack of a more precise term) the paranormal. Time will tell, but neither of us has all that much time left!