

FRIEDMAN CLAIMS TWO (2) SAUCERS CRASHED IN NEW MEXICO IN 1947, EACH WITH FOUR ETs, ONE OF WHOM SURVIVED--CONTRADICTING THE MJ-12 PAPERS WHOSE AUTHENTICITY FRIEDMAN STILL ENDORSES:

Preview of new crashed-saucer book planned by Stanton T. Friedman and Don Berlner, slated for publication next year by Pergamon Press, was provided by Friedman in his talk at the 1991 MUFON conference in Chicago, held July 5-7. It reveals the quite different tales being promoted by the THREE different "crashed saucer camps."

* **William L. Moore**, the crashed-saucer pioneer whose 1980 book "The Roswell Incident" was co-authored with Charles Berlitz of "Bermuda Triangle" fame, claimed that **one** saucer crashed on the ranch of "Mac" Brazel, southeast of Corona, but **none** of Moore's then surviving principal "witnesses" reported **any** ET bodies. The book included a second-hand report that Barney Barnett (no longer alive) had told a friend of discovering a crashed saucer with bodies in 1947. Another Barnett friend indicated that the site was on the San Augustin Plains west of Socorro, N.M., more than a 150 miles west of the Brazel ranch. In Moore's 1985 MUFON conference paper, he admitted that despite extensive efforts he had been unable to obtain "additional corroborating accounts," and that it was not clear whether Barnett's tale, if true, involved a saucer crash on the Brazel ranch or another on the San Augustin Plains.

* **Kevin Randle/Don Schmitt**, in their new book "UFO Crash at Roswell" claim there was only **ONE** crashed saucer and four alien bodies which were discovered by aerial reconnaissance near the site where Brazel found the debris that he brought into Roswell. R/S claim many witnesses support their version.

* **Friedman** claims that **two** saucers crashed, perhaps because of a mid-air collision, and that one disintegrated on the Brazel ranch while the other managed to fly more than 150 miles west before crashing on the Plains of San Augustin. Friedman does not challenge the R/S claim that four ET bodies were recovered from the Brazel ranch site, but claims that three bodies plus one survivor also were recovered from the San Augustin site. Friedman bases his scenario on a recently discovered "witness," **George Anderson** of Springfield, Mo., who contacted Friedman and Randle after seeing the Roswell crashed-saucer incident portrayed on "Unsolved Mysteries" TV show. (See SUN-#8, p. 7.) Anderson claimed that when he was five years old he and four relatives discovered the crashed saucer on the San Augustin Plains. [How did you ever guess that all the other "witnesses" are now dead?] While Friedman is very impressed with Anderson's story, Kevin Randle, who also interviewed him, finds serious flaws in his tale.

During Friedman's MUFON talk, he briefly discussed the MJ-12 papers and repeated his strong endorsement of their authenticity. He made an oblique reference to the fact that Anderson's tale contradicts the MJ-12 papers, which mention recovery of only ONE crashed saucer and FOUR ET bodies in 1947. No mention of a second saucer or live ET. To explain this significant discrepancy, Friedman offered his favorite adage: "Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence." [Perhaps Friedman will claim that President-Elect Eisenhower only had sufficient security clearance to be told about one recovered saucer and was not cleared to be told about a live ET.]

Crossfire between the opposing "crashed saucer camps" is becoming more intense. At the MUFON conference, a heated argument broke out between Friedman and Schmitt over the credibility of Friedman's principal witness--George Anderson. In Friedman's paper, he complained that he received only 10% of Moore's share of the royalties on the Roswell book and it failed to acknowledge his major contribution. Originally Friedman praised the book and

supported its claim that Eisenhower was not told about the crashed saucer recovery until two years after he became President "because he did not possess the necessary clearances to be permitted access to such information." According to Friedman, Moore himself had characterized the book as "a disgraceful hodgepodge."

Friedman was even more critical of the 1988 two-hour TV show "UFO Coverup? Live," which featured Moore and his MJ-12 partner, **Jaime Shandera**, and their alleged "high-level intelligence sources," code-named "Falcon" and "Condor." Friedman said the "comments by Condor and Falcon about aliens [ETs] liking strawberry ice cream (and Tibetan music) have become the laughing stock of ufology, and had no evidence behind them." He added that Moore and Shandera "later strongly defended" the appearance of Falcon and Condor.

The already strained relations between the Moore/Shandera [M/S] camp and Randle/Schmitt [R/S] took a turn for the worse with publication of the new R/S book. They falsely claim that Moore's Roswell book was little more than an update of the 1950 book by Frank Scully, which was based on a hoax. On p. 265 R/S wrote that "those in the know rejected the book as one more Scully update. The difference this time was that a few names were named. Even so, the book disappeared quickly." (According to Friedman, the book sold about 40,000 copies, including several foreign editions, which would put it in the top 10% of all books published.)

Shandera fired a major salvo against R/S in the June issue of the MUFON UFO Journal, charging that **two of their principal witnesses have repudiated claims made by R/S in their new book.** Shandera charges (in a Letter to the Editor responding to a recent R/S article) that their "interviews are so ambiguous they must interpret what the subject said after the fact. This technique leads to hypothesizing, which in just a few short paragraphs turns into fact."

One of these is Col. Thomas DuBose, who was chief-of-staff to Brig. Gen. Roger Ramey (8th Air Force Commander) at the Ft. Worth air base where the Brazel ranch debris was brought from Roswell. R/S quote DuBose, now 89 years old, as saying he never saw the authentic debris, only bogus balloon-borne radar-target debris which Ramey substituted to show the news media. When Shandera showed DuBose photos of the debris, which R/S earlier located in newspaper archives but never showed DuBose, he changed his story and confirmed that the photos showed the authentic recovered debris, according to Shandera. (See SUN #9)

R/S (correctly) state that the photos clearly show a crashed balloon-borne radar target and not a crashed ET craft capable of carrying four ETs, as Moore/Shandera claim, and that this was confirmed by the still surviving meteorologist whom Ramey brought in to examine the debris. Gen. Ramey publicly announced the Brazel ranch debris was a balloon-borne radar target. BUT IF RAMEY TOLD THE TRUTH, THERE'S NO CRASHED SAUCER, NO GOVERNMENT COVERUP, AND NO MARKET FOR THE NEW R/S BOOK. Clearly that would be a disaster--*especially for the Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) which has called the Roswell case "the most thoroughly investigated, the most completely documented event in the history of ufology...also the most important case of all."*

Credibility of Friedman's star witness Gerald Anderson is sharply attacked by Moore in the March 31 issue of his quarterly publication "Focus" (received July 29) who points out numerous flaws in Anderson's tale. Moore's claim that Friedman "now seems to have mixed feelings" about Anderson's credibility is challenged by Friedman's strong endorsement of Anderson at MUFON in Chicago. Without Anderson, Friedman would have no basis for publishing a new crashed-saucer book--other than his ego and hoped-for royalties. [SUN hopes Friedman and co-author Don Berliner will publish their planned book, to provide a benchmark for assessing Friedman's self-proclaimed skills as a "UFO investigator."]

CUFOS EDITOR JERRY CLARK CHARACTERIZES MJ-12 PAPERS AND ED WALTERS GULF BREEZE UFO PHOTOS AS "HOAXES":

Four years after the "Top Secret/Eyes Only" MJ-12 papers were released by William Moore, Stanton Friedman and Jaime Shandera, International UFO Reporter editor Jerry Clark candidly calls them a hoax in his editorial in the May/June issue of IUR: "There is no 'Majestic 12,' nor was there ever, it seems safe to say at this late stage of a now mostly moribund controversy." CUFOS and Clark deserve credit for biting-the-bullet, even belatedly. Other CUFOS officials, including Schmitt and Mark Rodeghier, earlier concluded that the Walters photos were a hoax. MUFON's international director, Walt Andrus, has so far continued to characterized the Walters case as "one of the most important UFO cases in the past 40 years."

Clark is puzzled as to who the MJ-12 hoaxer might be and his/her motivation. He speculates "that the document was part of a disinformation operation run by military intelligence, probably out of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations office at Kirtland Air Force Base, source of other phony 'official' UFO documents (one of which actually mentions 'Majestic 12')."

Clark has a ready explanation for why AFOSI would issue bogus documents claiming that a crashed saucer had been recovered by Roswell base personnel in 1947: "The purpose may have been to throw investigators off the scent of Roswell." [If the Reagan Administration had used Clark's "logic," it would have issued bogus documents claiming there was an Iran-Contra cover-up, to divert media attention.] He also suggests another possibility: "that the document was a ufologist's misguided scheme to see what kind of response he would get from a real cover-up group if he created and circulated a document from a phony group." Clark is getting "warmer."

It never occurs to Clark that what he attributes to government/military disinformation might really be the handiwork of one individual in AFOSI who enjoyed concocting hoax UFO documents-- former Sgt. Richard C. Doty. William Moore has publicly admitted that his good friend Doty was "involved" in a number of hoax military UFO document incidents. Doty was booted out of AFOSI in the mid-1980s during an assignment in West Germany because of his bogus reports of contacts with Communist secret agents. He ended his USAF career serving as the manager of a mess hall at Kirtland AFB--as revealed in SUN #7.

Clark fails to mention that CSICOP and I characterized the MJ-12 papers as counterfeit in a press release issued Aug. 20, 1987, approximately three months after the papers were made public. CUFOS promptly issued a press release, authored by Moore and Friedman, defending the MJ-12 authenticity. Later I documented numerous additional reasons for this assessment in a series of four articles published in the "Skeptical Inquirer."

The last of these articles, published in the Winter 1990 issue of SI, revealed that the Harry Truman signature on an authentic letter the President wrote to Dr. Vannevar Bush on Oct. 1, 1947, is "suspiciously alike" the signature on one of the MJ-12 documents--indicating it was a "Xerox counterfeit." [See SUN #8] The same issue of IUR in which Clark's editorial appears carries an article by pro-UFOlogist Ted R. Spickler, which demonstrates that the MJ-12 Truman signature is a photocopy counterfeit. But Spickler concludes his article as follows: "If the skeptics have won the MJ-12 battle, they appear to be losing the Roswell war."

Recall that the Fund for UFO Research paid Stanton Friedman \$16,000 for a year-long investigation into the authenticity of the MJ-12 papers. Friedman's report concluded: "None of the arguments [that the papers were counterfeit] passes a scientific screening as to their worthwhileness. The bottom line is that the documents must therefore be considered genuine..." [Like the crashed-saucer tale of Gerald Anderson??].

HOPKINS-JACOBS' CLAIM THAT "UFO-ABDUCTIONS" ARE FOR CROSS-BREEDING IS CHALLENGED ON GENETIC GROUNDS BY BIOLOGY SPECIALIST:

While Dr. Michael D. Swords accepts UFO-abductions as fact, he challenged the idea that their purpose is for cross-breeding, which is the underlying premise of chief abduction guru Budd Hopkins and his co-worker, David Jacobs. In Swords' paper given at the MUFON conference in Chicago, he pointed out that although humans and apes "are 99% identical in their genetics and, in several chromosomes, 100% identical in genetic stacking order (as far as is known)," they cannot cross-breed.

Swords, who has a Masters degree in biochemistry and Ph.D. in history of science and technology, did not mention Hopkins or Jacobs by name but he said his talk would "make two friends very unhappy." Swords said he "has tried to make this point once before, and it has been somewhat painful to see the response in certain quarters, consisting partly of researchers also respected and liked, but untrained in biology."

Several other possible explanations UFO-abduction tales were offered by Swords. One is that they may be "ET-induced shield images or ET-staged pseudo-events, for perhaps psychological reasons for more alien enigmatic ends." Another: "ETs are messing with us biologically and otherwise because they want to learn everything about our minds, including our emotional responses." One possible explanation that Swords considers too wild and improbable to even mention: that ET abduction tales are the product of fantasy-prone and/or psychologically disturbed Earthlings. (Swords is a member of the board of CUFOS, the advisory panel for Peter Sturrock's Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained, and is a MUFON consultant.)

JACOBS CLAIMS HE HAS DEVELOPED TECHNIQUES TO DISTINGUISH "ABDUCTEE" CONFABULATION, DREAMS, IMAGINATION FROM "REAL EXPERIENCE":

David M. Jacobs' MUFON conference paper, titled "What Can We Believe in Abduction Accounts?" reveals that he has belatedly discovered that hypnosis is not a "magic road to the truth." Jacobs could have learned that much sooner if he had consulted with his Philadelphia neighbor, Dr. Martin T. Orne, a world-famous clinical specialist in the use of hypnosis whose caveats are cited in Chapter 6 of my book "UFO-Abductions: A Dangerous Game." For example, according to Orne, "there is no way, however, by which anyone--even...with extensive training in the field of hypnosis--can for any particular piece of information determine whether it is actual memory versus a confabulation unless there is independent verification. "Confabulation" is where the subject unconsciously "invents" memories. Orne also warns "it is possible for even deeply hypnotized subjects to willfully lie."

Jacobs said he believes that "at least we can now begin the process of separating reality from imagination. I am not claiming to have a fix on what is 'real' in every specific instance, but as a result of over 300 abduction investigations, I feel that I have begun to learn." (Emphasis added.) In essence, the criteria that Jacobs uses to sort "reality" from fantasy and to detect confabulation, can be summarized as follows:

(1) If the subject's description of ET appearance deviates significantly from the norm (short, large head, bald, large eyes), then the account is fantasy. But Jacobs cautioned against rejecting an account because the subject initially says the ET was 10 ft. tall. "Close questioning [may] bring out the fact that the abductee is lying on a table, the aliens are bending over him. He [subject] thinks he's standing up and therefore sees an alien looming over him. But in fact he's on a low table and the alien is only 4 ft. tall, but his interpretation is 10 ft. tall."

(2) If the subject's account of ET communications deviates significantly from the norm ("You're going to be O.K.," "We're not going to hurt you," "You won't be here very long"), then the account is suspect. Jacobs said "we know, for instance, that the majority of the conversation is of a reassuring nature. It fits a pattern that has been reaffirmed by many, many, many, many people. When the abductee recounts this kind of monologue...you can be reasonably sure that it is reflecting reality..." [PJK NOTE: Not all Earthling doctors exhibit such a reassuring "bedside manner."]

[NOTE: If any SUN reader should want to pose as a UFO-abductee, be sure to read one of Budd Hopkins' books, remember the traditional scenario and stick to the script. In UFO-abductions, plagiarism is not a sin; it's a required virtue. Don't improvise lest Jacobs conclude you're some kind of kook.]

Jacobs admits that his ET communications criterion is complicated by the fact that "virtually all communications, as abductees report, takes place telepathically. That means that people hear things in their minds...For some abductees, 'hearing communications' means that they are hearing **complete sentences, with clauses and syntax**...For many other abductees, however, they say they are receiving an **impression** that they are basically vocalizing themselves. They are putting into words themselves the impressions that they get in their minds. You ask them, what does the alien say to you...(they reply) he wants me to get up on the table."

If the subject recounts longer, more complicated communications, "one must be extremely careful," Jacobs warned, unless the ET follows the norm. For example, if the "abductee" asks where the ET is from, the norm-response is: "Where do you think we're from?" or "You don't need to know," or "We're not from here." If, however, the ET is reported to reply: "We're from a certain point in the galaxy," that doesn't "fit a prevalent pattern. Therefore they must be suspect," Jacobs cautioned.

Jacobs explained that "the problem here is that abductees are interpreting the impressions that they are receiving in their own language. **It's an extremely short distance to go to mistakenly interpret one's own thoughts as the information imparted from the aliens...They're both thoughts in your mind. How to separate them out. It's very, very tough,**" Jacobs admitted.

"The third major area where confabulation occurs is in interpreting alien motivations, **apparent methods, behavior,**" Jacobs said. "For the most part, with some very startling exceptions, I've found that aliens behaved logically, clinically, understandably. **However, it is often very unclear exactly what they are doing or why they are doing anything.**" He added that "on one occasion [there] seems to be a modicum of amusement demonstrated by the aliens-- a very small modicum."

"Confabulation often occurs when the questioner asks the abductee why the aliens are doing some sort of procedure to him or her... Very often abductees are subjected to a variety of machine examinations that they talk about. They are put into machines, they are placed in front of machines, they are surrounded by machines, the machines are over them, the machines are on the side of them...Sometimes the machines hum, or they whir, [or] they're silent." Jacobs is not bothered by the great variety of machine positions and sounds reported by different subjects. For Jacobs, this diversity is the norm. If the subject is asked what the machine's function is and he/she answers "I don't know," that is an acceptable "standard answer," according to Jacobs. But if the subject says the machine is taking X-rays, then Jacobs urges extreme caution. [Jacobs forgets that some Earthling doctors do volunteer technical details and there's no logical reason why some ETs might not do the same.]

One example of confabulation cited by Jacobs involved a female subject whom he hypnotized and "regressed" 30 times--apparently because he found her tale convincing. During the first regression, the woman recalled being abducted at age 6 and taken before a "Council" of ETs, who discussed what a "wonderful little girl she was." Three months later, when Jacobs regressed the woman back to age six, "this entire event simply evaporated--did not happen--was not there. And she readily recognized that she had unconsciously invented it the first time."

Several of Jacobs' subjects not only claim UFO-abduction but also claim to be "Channelers" and "they sometimes recount alien conversations from this mode. Many abductees will migrate essentially to New Age groups, because the New Age seems to offer answers to the questions about their lives that they cannot find anywhere else." Jacobs noted that "a hypnotic trance can be very close to a Channeled Mode. In this situation, answering questions about an abduction can be easily filled in by Channeled information." [Jacobs did not explain whether he believes the "Channeled information" comes from ETs or ancient Earthlings, or both.]

Jacobs reported discovery of "another factor that is generally not known in the abduction research community" which he said he will detail in his forthcoming book, "Secret Life: the Structure and Meaning of UFO Abductions," to be published early next year by Simon and Schuster. "THIS HAS TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT WE KNOW THAT ALIENS WILL PURPOSELY PLACE IMAGES IN PEOPLE'S MINDS FOR SPECIFIC MENTAL PROCEDURES THAT THEY ARE ADMINISTERING. IT IS EXTREMELY EASY, IN FACT IT IS ALMOST ROUTINE, FOR ABDUCTEES TO CONFUSE THESE IMAGES WITH OBJECTIVE REALITY."

Jacobs said "the purpose of these mental procedures presumably is to investigate the emotional response elicited from the abductee--that's our best guess. Often these images will be of death, destruction, atomic holocaust, etc. On other occasions, the scenes might be of mundane, everyday scenes...Sometimes the abductee will simply view geometric shapes and patterns. Frequently, the aliens will employ images directly from a person's own mind, from what we can tell, from their own imaginations," Jacobs said. "These images are selected for a reason and they have an importance. They have a reality to them, in and of themselves."

THIS SUGGESTS THAT JACOBS' BOOK MAY ENUNCIATE A NEW "ALICE-IN-WONDERLAND" UFO-ABDUCTION HYPOTHESIS TO TRY TO RATIONALIZE THE TALES OF SEXUAL PROCEDURES TOLD BY MANY "ABDUCTEES" WITH THE BIOLOGICAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF CROSS-BREEDING CITED BY MICHAEL SWORDS. If so Jacobs may suggest that the sexual procedures did not really occur, but the ETs planted images in the minds of "abductees" which make it possible for them to "recall seeing" such events--which make them (and unwitting abduction researchers) believe the events did occur.

If the foregoing analysis is correct, will Hopkins admit that his cross-breeding hypothesis is basically flawed. Will Jacobs' new Alice-in-Wonderland hypothesis make him the head guru of the "UFO-abduction Movement," displacing Hopkins? STAY TUNED.

STRIEBER FOLDS "VISITORS" NEWSLETTER, WITHDRAWS FROM UFOLOGY WITH A "SCUD ATTACK" AGAINST UFOLOGISTS, MUFON, CUFOS, HOPKINS, NEWS MEDIA, SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AND U.S. GOVERNMENT:

The Spring 1991 issue of Whitley Strieber's quarterly "Communion Letter," (mailed in July), will be the last. In an accompanying letter, Strieber makes two questionable claims: that he "had always intended to run the newsletter [only] about two years" and that "The Communion Letter has gained a large circulation..."

Strieber explained that "all good things must come to an end. I am not a UFO researcher and do not wish to endure the continued media attack that is associated with being involved in this field. In addition, the so-called 'UFO-ologists' (sic) are probably the cruellest (sic), nastiest and craziest people I have ever encountered. Their interpretation of the visitor experience is rubbish from beginning to end. The 'abduction reports' that they generate are not real. They are artifacts of hypnosis and cultural conditioning."

In the last issue of the newsletter, Strieber writes that he views "the continued refusal of the scientific community to address the [UFO] issue as slightly daft...the press and the UFO community stand together against further progress in the field. Until organizations like MUFON and CUFOS disintegrate or become discredited, and the press is allowed to discover that there are people with strong and respected credentials working on the subject, further progress is unlikely." Strieber criticized the media for "trying to cast me as a self-proclaimed alien abductee," ignoring the fact that his book "Communion" made such claims.

Strieber offers his current assessment of UFOs: "I am certain that we are not dealing with alien encounters as defined by the UFO community. This is a deeper and more subtle business. The Communion Foundation recorded over 3,000 narratives of experience out of the nearly 40,000 I have so far received...Only a very few of these spontaneously described anything remotely resembling the so-called 'typical abduction experience' that has been concocted by the UFO community. And these, for the most part, were from people who had already been exposed to UFO literature. To have a 'typical abduction encounter,' you must almost certainly first be exposed to UFO stories and literature and/or be hypnotized by an 'expert' who has himself been exposed to, or advocates, this belief system...Hypnotism by UFO experts and the psychologists who support them does not open the door to the truth. It opens the door to fantasies based on the modern folklore of the alien and the flying saucer--and it opens the door to fear." [A VERY SAGE OBSERVATION, IN SUN'S OPINION.]

But then, Strieber's mystical ambivalence takes over and he dismisses the possibility that the "visitors" might have "some comprehensible psychological origin." He writes: "Ironically, if aliens are here, we are not going to find them in the sky. Our own minds are where we will find them, for the mind is the door to their world--a more real, more true, more alive world than ours...I know what they are, and yet...I don't...It is perfectly possible that they are from the future, from within us and from another world all at once."

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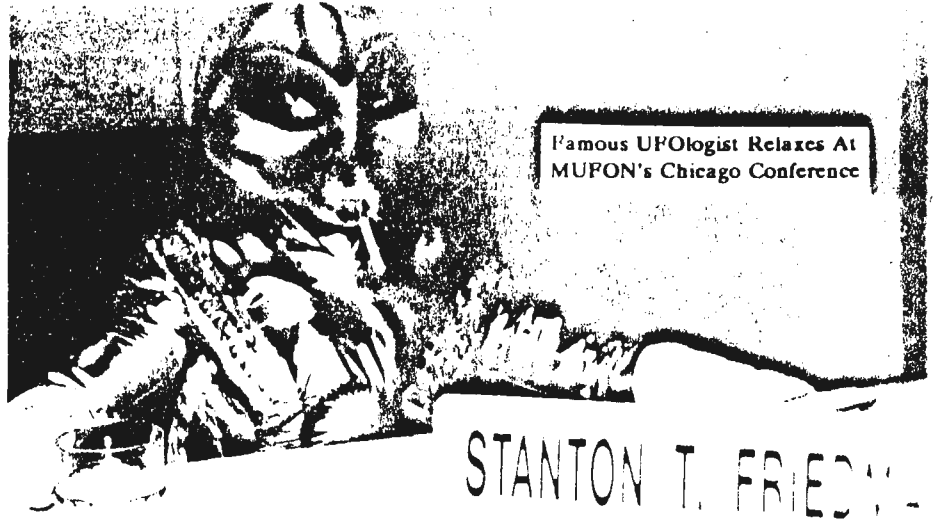
RANDLE "FORGETS" MOORE / BERLITZ BOOK ON ROSWELL CRASHED SAUCER:

During Kevin Randle's appearance on the "Larry King Live" TV show to promote his new book, "The UFO Crash At Roswell," King asked if there hadn't been an earlier book written about the incident. Randle replied: "Not about this specific incident. There have been things that have been written about crashes of UFOs before." I was shocked by Randle's disinformation and commented: "There was a book published in 1980 that he knows about--so he's covering up that--written by William Moore and Berlitz. It was called 'The Roswell Incident,' and it covered the same thing." Randle responded: "I'm not covering up the fact that there was another book, but what I'm saying is our investigation started from the beginning, found 300 witnesses involved, eyewitnesses to this event."

Later, I pointed out that there had been only three first-hand witnesses: Maj. Rancher "Mac" Brazel, Maj. Jesse Marcel and Capt. Sheridan Cavitt who went with Brazel to his ranch to recover the debris and that one of the three was still alive--Sheridan Cavitt. But the views of Cavitt, who denies the crashed saucer claims, are not reported by Randle / Schmitt until page 269 of their book.

FRIEDMAN PRAISES NEW TV SHOW FORMAT ON UFOs.

"The [TV] media is starting to be reasonable" in its treatment of UFOs, Stanton Friedman told his MUFON audience in Chicago. He explained that TV show producers no longer feel obliged to have what Friedman calls "Noisy Negativists" appear "for decoration at the end of the show" to briefly offer a skeptical viewpoint. Friedman noted that there was not a single Noisy Negativist on the recent NBC-TV network "A Closer Look," nor on the CBS-TV show "Mysteries From the Unknown," dealing with "UFO-abductions."



[See SUN #10, p. 5] He noted that 32 million viewers saw NBC-TV's second showing of "Unsolved Mysteries" program devoted to the alleged crashed saucer incident in New Mexico, and no "Noisy Negativists" appeared to mar the program.

During the two hour long TV special "UFO Coverup? Live," broadcast in Oct, 1988, UFO skeptic Jim Oberg and a NASA representative were given total air-time of less than three minutes. And during an NBC-TV "documentary" in late 1974 "UFOs: Do You Believe?" Dr. Carl Sagan and I appeared for less than two minutes. Friedman seemingly believes that even such brief exposure to skeptical views on UFOs might poison the minds of the audience--especially younger viewers.

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C.B. Scott Jones, until recently the "paranormal specialist" on the staff of Sen. Claiborne Pell, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, made his UFO speaking debut at MUFON's Chicago conference. Jones, who brought Pell to attend one session of the 1987 MUFON conference in Washington, has been a MUFON consultant since 1989. (Several years ago, Jones arranged for Pell and other Congressional foreign affairs leaders to meet with Israeli "spoon-bender/psychic" Uri Geller so he could reveal the inner thoughts of Soviet leaders.)

Speaking on "Government UFO Connections," Jones agreed with long-time UFOlogist Richard Hall that before UFOlogists can interest Congress they must "separate out the crackpot stuff and present convincing evidence." But Jones admitted that "it is easier to talk about 'crackpot stuff' and 'convincing evidence' than it is to get agreement on what item goes under what category." [Despite MUFON leaders' strong endorsement of the Walters Gulf Breeze case and CUFOS leaders' equally strong endorsement of the Roswell crashed saucer case, Jones seemingly is not convinced that they are "convincing evidence."] Jones said he believes the U.S. Government "has failed to openly share with the American public or the U.S. Congress any knowledge it has about contact with extraterrestrial intelligence." [I wrote Jones on July 11 to ask if Sen. Pell ever made official inquiry to ask if ET contact has been made, noting that Pell would have the necessary clearances and "need-to-know." No reply from Jones so far.]

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