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Shortly after our Fall 1967 issue of SAUCER NEWS went to press, we received the communication from saucer researcher Gray Barker which is quoted in part below. Although Mr. Barker specified that the entire letter must be kept in strict confidence, we felt that in the interest of Truth we owe it to our Non-Scheduled Newsletter readers to give them, if not the entire text, at least this carefully edited version. We hope that our long friendship with Mr. Barker will not be adversely affected by this breach of confidence:

"A strange series of telephone calls was the first of several recent puzzling matters to come to my attention. In a report to Mr. Moseley, John A. Keel (probably the most outstanding saucer researcher in the U.S.A.) reported having received a weird telephone call from me. The call was routine in some ways, reporting a sighting that had taken place in Pennsylvania. But John was disturbed. It sounded like my voice, but at the same time it didn't! The Southern accent was just a bit too pronounced. Certain other aspects of the conversation convinced Keel that it really hadn't been Gray Barker on the other end of the line. A check with me confirmed his suspicions. I had made no call to John that night!

"But the really disturbing thing turned up when I checked my telephone bill. A telephone call to John Keel <u>had</u> been billed to my number on that date, and it had been a <u>dialed</u> call, seemingly impossible to originate from other than my telephone. But according to the best of my recollection, I had been around the house all evening, and it seems impossible that an intruder could have slipped in if I had gone out briefly for some reason, say to get the mail. And to think that somebody or some <u>thing</u> would take all this trouble for such a seemingly simple matter!

"An informant who has asked that his name not be used has told me that during the first part of September his telephone rang, and when he picked up the receiver he heard a conversation between myself and Mr. Moseley. The voices did not sound natural, but rather like "mechanical reproductions" of our voices. My informant spoke to them several times, but they did not reply to him, as if they were completely unaware of his over-hearing their conversation. After a minute or so, the voices faded, to be replaced by weird noises and another voice mentioning the name of John Keel and something about tapes. Then the line went dead, and the party was unable to get the dial tone for the rest of the evening. Although there could possibly be several explanations, including the party's misinterpreting the voices, or a hoax of some sort, our informant for some inexplicable reason became very unnerved by the call, became very ill the next day, and finally resorted to some visits to a psychiatrist who was a family friend.

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"John Keel has also reported that both the mysterious impersonator of Gray Barker and a strange "Mrs. Gray Barker" (there's no such lady around here, at least, as I am still single and my mother is dead), have been calling residents of Long Island, threatening them in various quite serious ways, and asking them to cease their activities in the field of flying saucer research.

"I believe that Jim Moseley has already revealed in the current issue of SAUCER NEWS the strange case of Mr. Joseph Henslik, a Long Island resident who <u>disappeared</u> (See Footnote) after receiving threatening phone calls. These began after he revealed having been visited, about a year ago, by three black-clad men who confiscated some photographs he had made of a flying saucer.

"There are many other things that have happened that I wonder about, such as the Post Office Inspector's calling me in and reporting they had found empty postage-due envelopes addressed to our Saucerian Publications organization. The Post Office feared they had been rifled and then sent to the Philadelphia, Pa. Post Office, where they had been found. I checked the names on the envelopes and learned, to both the surprise of myself and the Inspector, that we had already received letters in the same envelopes and had filled the orders they contained. We usually just throw away such empty envelopes; and I wonder indeed how these turned up at the Philadelphia Post Office. Neither of us could figure out any logical explanation!

"The night after I checked out the above-mentioned situation, I received a telephone call from Dr. M. K. Jessup; but in this case I think we can safely say it was a hoax; for as most of you know, Dr. Jessup has been dead for several years!"

Mr. Barker then proceeds to reveal other strange cases which we do not feel it proper to pass on to our readers at this time. Barker concludes with these remarks: "If the reader is ever confronted by one of these strange people, I have positive advice to give him: Don't respond in fear. Most important, make some sort of joke! Their programing will be confused by this sort of action. However, try no violence, for this might trigger very powerful self-destructive forces. Secondly, - answer their questions, or respond to their comments as if they had said something entirely different. Do not be frightened if they start showing anger or if their threats get wilder. If you throw off their programing, they will be 'short-circuited,' so to speak, and will probably run screaming into the night or fade out like a motion picture would do.

"Me discouraged by various threats and subtle threatening actions? By no means! It only makes me more determined than ever to find out who the Three Men in Black really are!"

FOOTNOTE: Very shortly after Mr. Barker's above-quoted information sheet was received by SAUCER NEWS, Mr. Henslik re-appeared briefly, revealed very important further information, and disappeared from view once again! This entire story will, hopefully, be in the next (Winter, 1967-68) issue of our magazine.

These Newsletters are issued irregularly, only as often as worthwhile material is available. Our Newsletters usually (though not always) contain information which we consider "too hot to handle" in our regularly-scheduled issues of SAUCER NEWS.

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