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Some very important new information on two related matters has come to our attention during the past few days. The Oct.-Nov. issue of SAUCER NEWS (with which most of you are receiving this Newsletter), has already gone to press; so we decided to put this information in Newsletter form for the present, and then repeat it in summary form in the Dec.-Jan. issue, as we feel that what we have to say on these two subjects should be made available to all SAUCER NEWS subscribers.

First, the controversy concerning the "Mr. X" letter that our Headquarters received from Seattle, has taken a new twist. This is the letter in which we were threatened with a two million dollar lawsuit for our anti-Adamski articles. For several well-founded reasons, we blamed this vicious hoax letter on Richard Ogden. He denies authorship, as indicated in his letter appearing on page 4 of the Oct.-Nov. issue of SAUCER NEWS. Now we have received another letter from Ogden, dated September 9th, in which he states that Thomas M. Comella of Cleveland, Ohio, is the real author. Furthermore, Ogden's charge is backed up by what seems at first glance to be irrevocable proof. Ogden has sent us a letter dated August 29th that he received from Comella, which states in part: "I wrote the letter supposedly from you in Moseley's latest SAUCER NEWS". This letter from Comella is absolutely genuine, and we have a photostat of it in our files. However, if Comella is the culprit, he must have had an as yet unidentified confederate living in Seattle, for the "Mr. X" letter was mailed from Seattle, not Cleveland. Furthermore, in a phone interview with your Editor, Mr. Comella states that his intended statement was, "I read the letter supposedly from you...." rather than "I wrote the letter...." If this was merely a typographical error, it was an incredible blunder, since it changed the entire meaning of the sentence so radically, and amounted to a confession of guilt. But the context of the sentence as related to the rest of the letter seems to bear out Comella's claim that the word "wrote" is not what he intended to say. The finger of suspicion therefore reverts to Richard Ogden, who, in his letter of September 9th, seems overjoyed at Comella's alleged confession. Says Ogden, "No harm was intended, I am sure.... for it seems that he (Comella) just wanted to have some good clean fun with you and the whole thing was just a laugh." This sort of thing is not good clean fun in our opinion, and we are not laughing. In view of the fact that saucerdom has been plagued in recent months by a whole wave of hoax letters, including the notorious Straith affair, we cannot take this matter lightly!

If Comella wrote the "Mr. X" letter, it is yet to be explained how he mailed it from Seattle, how his hoax letter followed the logical sequence of letters received earlier and later from Ogden, and why his alleged confession to Ogden contains no explanation as to why the letter was written. It is still our opinion that our comments following Ogden's letter on page 4 of the Oct.-Nov. issue are correct. Furthermore, Ogden may well be responsible for the Straith and other hoax letters as well, in view of the following fact: In Newsletter #8 we carried the statement that Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York had reached the conclusion that the Straith letter and two other hoax letters mailed about the same time were written by "a well-known saucer researcher living in Clarks-

burg, West Virginia." Now we learn that the CSI spokesman who gave us this information was apparently wrong. An official of CSI has denied that their investigations point to the Clarksburg researcher (who is, of course, Gray Barker.) CSI's only conclusion is that the Straith letter and the two others were written on the same typewriter. In spite of the fact that Barker and SAUCER NEWS are at odds on many points, we feel that an apology to him is in order. But someone did write these three letters, and the leading suspect is now Ogden. Anyone capable of writing one hoax letter is certainly capable of writing others. However, we have no proof as yet, and our investigation into this matter will continue. SAUCER NEWS readers will be informed of any further developments just as soon as such information becomes available.

In our opinion it is extremely regrettable that Ogden, and perhaps others as well, have stooped to such under-handed and artificial ways of keeping interest in saucers alive. We of SAUCER NEWS print all interesting and important news as it comes in, and for this we have sometimes been accused of sensationalism. But we never stoop to creating the news. In fact, your Editor's prestige was badly hurt about a year ago by a hoax letter about him, accusing him of being an underground Air Force agent. CSI and other reputable groups have also been attacked. It is high time that these confusing and time-wasting incidents stop, so that saucer researchers and publishers can return to the business of serious research!

In another recent development, Major Donald E. Keyhoe announces that he has fired Rose Hackett Campbell and Bess Clark, who till now were members of the NICAP staff. In a phone interview Keyhoe told us that these two ladies were fired because of a difference of opinion about how to handle the "saucer contact" claims of Adamski and others. Apparently the policy difference came to a head because of a recent NICAP bulletin stating that the organization was going to stock and sell all saucer books, including the "contact" books. Keyhoe later claimed that this item was mailed out without his knowledge or consent, and that NICAP was not going to sell contact books after all. We believe (though we may possibly be wrong) that our NICAP article in the Aug.-Sept. SAUCER NEWS, which called nation-wide attention to NICAP's intended sale of contact books, played a large part in Keyhoe's decision to "clean house". Further details on this matter will appear in our Dec.-Jan. issue.

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