

Notes taken at Seckel's lecture  
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"Authored" two books on Russell; writes column in LA Times  
"Pursuing (currently) doctorate in physics & mol. biol. at Caltech.  
Colleagues in skeptical world sometimes too eager to embrace "the" solution, if  
proposed by well-known "debunker."

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"I am a physicist."

Firewalking — go without training. "That's exactly what we did."

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"He finally did confess after we confronted him." — shows  
confession scene from Korean video.

Seckel accuses him of lying... of suspecting his seeking attention  
& publicity.

Psychic surgery: "We discussed this on Johnny Carson show"  
(Randi appearance).

"We chased them out of business." — Popoff

"We watched him." Some Skeptics went.

"So what we did... we went in with a... transmitter"

"We hear something very interesting." "We did some other things to Popoff..."

"We decided to leak information to the Johnny Carson show."

The Popoffs used sexual + derogatory comments (private).

"We did a very big investigation of faith healing."

"We debunked" Heller in 1974.

"We decided to make a little test" "We did" this & that  
— Record identifier (phonographs). "Rites of Spring."

"We didn't know how he did it."

"We asked him afterwards...."

"We went into her laboratory [Helma Gross]...."

"She came up to the phantom leaf & the ether" — response to question  
whether Russians did this first.

"I work on" DNA

"We did an investigation" and "I wrote an article on this for the LA Times"  
on psychics helping police.

"Hypnosis is one of those things we investigated & it does work"