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Larry W. Bryant is a fighter, no doubt about it. When he thought the Air Force was covering up UFO crashes, he went to court demanding it hand over the bodies of UFO crews. Later he advertised in Army and Air Force newspapers for whistle-blowers to crack the story.

Now it seems that taking on the military could cost Bryant his job. For the past 28 years Bryant has worked as a writer and editor for the Pentagon. He's currently senior associate editor for ARNEWS, a news service for the Army. But since he ran his ads, he says, his bosses have been trying to drive him out.

One ad in particular started the trouble. It charged that Army medics had performed secret autopsies on the crew of a crashed saucer 30 years earlier. Then it asked witnesses to come forward and aid in a lawsuit that would make the records public. Outraged and reluctant to give the advertisement what he called "undeserved credibility," Captain James Pasierb barred it from publication in the Peterson Air Force Base newspaper. Bryant protested the decision and even plans to take the Air Force to court.

But that is not the end of it. "Until this happened, I was acting chief of my section whenever the military chief was out," Bryant says. "I assigned projects, reviewed stories, even wrote my own editorials. Now I just write what they give me. I even have to report to a sergeant

first class." Adding insult to injury, he says, his supervisors have given him an unsatisfactory job rating.

"It's an old technique," he concludes. "You find excuses to make someone look bad. You put pressure on him until he really does screw up. And then you fire him. The only reason they've attacked my competence is to teach me a lesson.

"I'm worried about my career, to say the least," Bryant says. "But if they think this has mellowed me, they're dead wrong. The issue now has gone beyond UFOs. It's whether you can work for the government and still have the right to criticize it."

Bryant has filed a formal grievance with the Army chief for public affairs, trying to get his unsatisfactory

rating reversed. Army officials decline to comment while the action is pending.

—Owen Davies

Did you see this item in the October 1986 issue of OMNI Magazine? Does it infuriate you? Are you going to let Larry W. Bryant stand on his own? Are you going to do anything about it?

Why not involve yourself directly in the public debate on the UFO problem?

- Send a copy of this story to your local news media outlets. Have them ask the right questions of the right people.
- Write a letter-to-the-editor of your local newspaper, voicing your concern that this kind of reprisal, if left unchallenged, threatens the very fabric of democracy.
- Contact your representatives and senators in Congress. Ask them why, if the UFO subject merits no serious attention, as officials insist, the Army has decided to stifle Bryant's exercise of free speech?

Add your voice in opposition to this kind of abuse of authority. Support Bryant's quest for justice, and help protect the rights of all federal employees to dissent, to air grievances, and to speak out on public issues.



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CAUS Official Confronts Government's UFO Policymakers in Court (Again)

Another litigation milestone in the continuing saga of the Politics of UFOlogy occurred Nov. 13, 1986, with the filing of a free-speech lawsuit in U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria).

Captioned Larry W. Bryant v. Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger et al., the complaint (Civil Action No. 86-1323-A) seeks relief on two counts:

(1) To reverse the job-related pressure Bryant has been experiencing because of his decision, two years ago, to mount a "UFO-coverup whistleblower advertising campaign" in the pages of U. S. military post/base newspapers, seeking testimony/evidence by which CAUS may compel greater freedom of official UFO information (Bryant's federal civil-service career spans nearly 29 years, most of which has been spent as a writer-editor with the Department of the Army);

(2) To enjoin the Departments of Defense, Army, and Air Force from their practice of arbitrarily censoring and/or rejecting the ads Bryant has been submitting to selected military "commercial enterprise" newspapers all across the nation. Although a number of the ads have been accepted for publication, some of them have faced outright rejection by the public affairs officers in charge of the newspapers. And in some cases, an ad published in one paper was denied publication in another paper. The installations involved in this practice include Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; Carswell AFB, N.M.; Bolling AFB, D.C.; Fort Rucker, Ala.; McGuire AFB, N.J.; the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, D.C.; Homestead AFB, Fla.; Hill AFB, Utah; Langley AFB, Va.; Andrews AFB, Md.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Bryant, who directs the CAUS Washington office from his home in Alexandria, has this to say about what he calls "my Pentagon predicament":

"Without this suit, I would have to continue enduring a chilling effect on my exercise of free speech through the ad campaign. This not only deprives me of my rights under the First and Fifth Amendments but also hampers the public's right-to-know and to have such issues as the 'UFO problem' debated openly and robustly. If left unchallenged, the official reprisal against me -- taken in the form of attacks upon my job performance and professional competence -- will send a negative message to all federal workers: if you dare criticize government policy, expect to incur the wrath of your employer. This attitude must not prevail in a democracy -- especially on the eve of our nation's celebration of the bicentennial of its constitution."

For further background information on this matter, see the article "Job Jeopardy" on page 134 of OMNI Magazine for October 1986.

Bryant's case is being handled by James H. Heller of the Washington law firm of Kator, Scott and Heller.



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

LARRY W. BRYANT)
3518 Martha Custis Drive)
Alexandria, VA 22302)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

CASPER W. WEINBERGER)
Secretary of Defense)
3E880, The Pentagon)
Washington, DC 20301,)

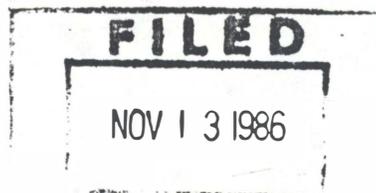
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JOHN O. MARSH, JR.)
Secretary of the Army)
3E718, The Pentagon)
Washington, DC 20310,)

and)

EDWARD C. ALDRIDGE, JR.)
Secretary of the Air Force)
4E871, The Pentagon)
Washington, DC 20330)

Defendants.)



COMPLAINT

1. In this suit plaintiff seeks to have declared invalid and enjoined: (1) the actions of the Secretaries of Defense, the Army, and the Air Force and their subordinates censoring plaintiff's efforts to obtain information concerning matters of public interest and discussion through the publication of paid classified ads in newspapers serving Army and Air Force components; and (2) the actions of the Secretary of the Army and his subordinates harassing and retaliating against plaintiff in his work as a civilian employee of the Department of the Army in order to punish him for his past interest in those matters and to deter him from pursuing that

interest in the future. Because the challenged actions violate plaintiff's rights under the Constitution of the United States and under applicable federal regulations, this Court's jurisdiction is invoked under 28 U.S.C. §1331.

Plaintiff is a citizen of the United States and a resident of Alexandria Virginia. At all relevant times he has also been a civilian employee of the Department of the Army. Defendants are the Secretaries of Defense, the Army and the Air Force sued in their official capacities. Venue is properly in this Court under 28 U.S.C. §1391.

Count I

3. At all times relevant to this action, plaintiff has had a continuing concern about what are commonly known as Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), UFO incidents, and the U.S. Government's suppression of information relating to those matters. Through his own organization entitled Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), plaintiff has fought such secrecy and has placed paid classified ads in the name of CAUS in "civilian enterprise" newspapers serving armed forces personnel at various defense installations. In these ads plaintiff has sought eyewitness, photographic, and documentary information concerning UFOs and UFO incidents.

4. "Civilian enterprise" newspapers are commercial newspapers published under contract with relevant armed services components to serve specific defense components or installations. Their operations are governed by Department of Defense (DOD) Instruction 5120.4. Before November 14, 1984, Instruction 5120.4 only forbade

commercial advertising in civilian enterprise newspapers if it implied discrimination against any person because of race, religion, national origin, or sex or was paid for by an advertiser which practiced such discrimination. On November 14, 1984, DOD Instruction No. 5120.4 was amended to give DOD component and installation commanders the following additional authority to control advertising in civilian enterprise newspapers:

H. RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING ADVERTISING

1. The commander shall ensure an environment conducive to successful mission performance and preservation of command morale and discipline. DOD Directive 1325.6 (reference (m)), gives the commander the authority to prohibit distribution on the installation of a CE [civilian enterprise] publication containing advertising that promotes a situation involving potential riots or other disturbances or when the circulation of such advertising may present a danger to loyalty, discipline, or morale of his personnel. Each commander shall determine whether particular advertisements to be placed by the publisher in a CE publication serving the command or installation may interfere with successful mission performance. Some considerations in this decision are the local situation, the content of the proposed advertisement, and the identify and reputation of the advertiser.

Section H, Enclosure 4, DOD Instruction 5120.4. Counterpart Department of the Army and Department of the Air Force regulations confer similar authority on commanders in those services.

5. Apparently claiming to act pursuant to this authority, since March 1985 defendants and their subordinates have repeatedly directed civilian enterprise newspapers serving various Army and Air Force components and installations not to carry plaintiff's paid ads seeking information on UFOs and UFO incidents. Among the Army and Air Force components and installations served by civilian enterprise

newspapers which were given such directives are the following: U.S. Army Military District of Washington; Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Fort Rucker; and Andrews, Bolling, Carswell, Hill, Homestead, Langley, McGuire, Peterson, and Wright-Patterson Air Force Bases.

6. These directives to civilian enterprise newspapers not to carry plaintiff's paid ads seeking information on matters of public interest and controversy violated the limitations in governing Defense, Army and Air Force regulations and also abridged plaintiff's freedom of speech and press under the First Amendment to the Constitution and his liberty under the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution to speak and publish his views and obtain the views and information of other persons.

COUNT II

7. Plaintiff incorporates by reference ¶¶ 1 to 6.

8. As a result of plaintiff's personal interest in UFOs and UFO incidents and in U.S. Government suppression of information concerning such matters, as manifested by the newspaper ads referred to in Count I and by various bulletins and publications about these matters that he has issued and distributed under the name of CAUS, plaintiff's Department of the Army supervisors have embarked on a course of conduct to harass him and constructively discharge him from federal employment or, failing that, to humiliate him and falsely hold him up to disdain and contempt as a supposedly incompetent employee. Despite his previous high work performance ratings, since early 1985 plaintiff has been unfairly rated

"unsatisfactory" in his work performance, he has been subjected to the supervision of an employee who is junior to him in grade and experience, his job standards have been changed to deprive him of independence and responsibility which he formerly had and exercised to the satisfaction of his supervisors. These actions and others have been taken by his supervisors, not because of any change in plaintiff's actual performance of his work, but in order to single him out and punish him for his past writings on UFOs and UFO incidents and to deter him from publishing more such writings in the future.

9. These actions have abridged plaintiff's freedom of speech and freedom of the press under the First Amendment to the Constitution and his liberty under the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution to pursue his interest in UFO matters and in the U.S. Government's suppression of information about UFO matters. The actions have had and continue to have a chilling and inhibiting effect on plaintiff's exercise of his constitutional rights and seriously disrupt the free flow and exchange of information between plaintiff and others on UFOs and UFO incidents.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that the Court grant him the following relief:

A. Declare unconstitutional and invalid under governing regulations the actions of Army and Air Force commanders in directing civilian enterprise newspapers not to carry plaintiff's paid classified ads seeking UFO information; and

B. Enjoin defendants to direct their subordinates to cease such actions and henceforth require civilian enterprise newspapers

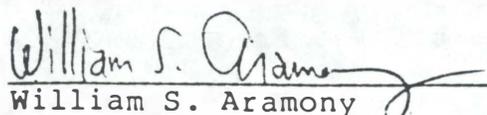
to accept and publish without change all such paid ads henceforth submitted to those newspapers by plaintiff; and

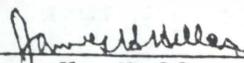
C. Declare unconstitutional the actions of plaintiff's supervisors in the Department of the Army taken against him with intent to harass and punish him for and to deter him from exercising his constitutional rights to speak and publish views and disseminate and secure information on UFOs, UFO incidents, and related matters; and

D. Enjoin defendant Secretary of the Army to direct his subordinates to refrain henceforth from all such actions against plaintiff or any other actions which single out plaintiff or subject him to disparate treatment because of his speech and writings on UFO matters; and

E. Award plaintiff his costs, including reasonable attorney fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. §2412; and

F. Grant plaintiff such other relief as may be just and proper.


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