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Reply from Lars Hansson concerning Accuracy

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Mr. Campbell:

I first visited your site a couple weeks ago, and from what I have reviewed thus far, I must commend you on the overall volume and quality I've observed. It would probably have been at least another year before I'd have done so, frankly, owing to the crush of other more compelling demands on my time, but so many people have been asking me about the posting of my manuscript re: Lear, et al, at your website, and others, over the last couple years that I finally decided to take a look.

Although I learned long ago from my unfortunate interaction with Lear not to allow falsehoods to disturb me greatly, and to resist becoming further embroiled in what basically amount to "tar-baby" scenarios, your recent posting to my file contains some fundamental errors which I feel compelled to at least point out in hopes that you will then correct, in keeping with your apparent concern for accuracy. I would prefer that this message remain private, but in an all-too-similar circumstance as that which compelled my writing and making the "Who's Fooling Whom?" manuscript widely public, you have my permission to post this wherever you like, in the hope that I may once again clarify my position on several important ongoing issues, not the least of which is my longevity.

I must apologize in advance if my tone may at times seem hostile, but please understand that I am so thoroughly revolted by anything to do with Lear, UFOs and so forth that I am deeply offended even having to address the issue again.

You indicated in your second link in my file, "Lars Hansson is Alive!", that I was rumored to be dead. I must ask you in earnest, sir, just when and from whom, exactly, did you first learn of such rumors, and from whom any time since? Think carefully, since you and others may yet be presented with subpoenas concerning this question. I shall have more to say about this in what follows.

As I indicated in the opening of my 1991 statement, I became so thoroughly disgusted with the parade of idiots, egotists and manipulators encountered during the time I was in contact with John Lear from roughly mid-1988 until late 1990, that I have done all possible to

avoid the entire subject since the publication of "Who's Fooling Whom," preferring to let it stand on its own as my response to numerous lies and insinuations being advanced by John Lear, Bill Cooper and their coterie of sycophants. Obviously, there has been no lack of claimants to the title of UFO expert, friend of Bob, friend of John, friend of Milton William, etc., in my purposeful absence.

In one of your references to me, I am referred to as a "conspiracy buff." I assure you, Mr. Campbell, nothing could be further from the truth. "Planning investigator" would be a far more appropriate and accurate appellation. As you may also have noted in my affidavit, I pointed out that my professional background up to that time had been comprised partly of law-enforcement related duties as a deputy sheriff and U.S. Customs officer. Until about two years ago, I have continued working as an investigative writer primarily in the fields of criminal covert operations and/or drug dealing, illegal weapons sales, and so forth. A year before I met John Lear and Lt. Col. Bo Gritz in Las Vegas, I was one of the very few free-lance investigative reporters to travel to Guatemala City at my own expense to cover the Esquipulas II Central American Presidential Summit, where I interviewed a number of the notables there, including the man who would shortly thereafter be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, then-Costa Rican President Oscar Arias.

I was one of the few free-lance reporters to cover the Noriega trial in Miami, and met there twice, at length, with one of his attorneys concerning partially exculpatory evidence I had obtained first-hand from several sources - information that could have (and should have) forced George Bush himself into the docket with Manuel. That coverage formed the basis for a four-part series in the Napa Sentinel, as did my coverage of a little-known prosecution of a major international weapons dealer responsible for smuggling most of the weapons to Somalia to fuel that conflagration, under his alleged contract with the CIA and Department of Defense. The man's name is Hank Warton, whom I interviewed for several hours at his home in Golden Beach, Florida. He also confirmed his employment of John Lear during those criminal flight operations, and others.

In this same capacity, I actually traveled to Baghdad in the summer of 1992, 17 months after the end of the Gulf War, and interviewed at length most of the top ministers of the Iraqi government, including Gen. Ayad Khalil, commander of the Iraqi forces during the war. To my knowledge, I am the only western journalist ever to have met the man, much less to have interviewed him (and I DO have the video to prove it). My first-hand reporting and videotaping of American warplanes deliberately torching Iraqi grainfields, filed from Paris on my return, formed the basis for a front-page story in the L.A. Times on June 28, 1997, as well as other front-page stories in the Middle Eastern press (and I still have those clippings as well).

I point these activities out not to toot my own horn, Mr. Campbell, but rather to impress upon you that my professional commitment to this work extends way beyond "buffdom."

You wrote in your introduction to my brief posting to the Lazar file that:

"Hansson, whose best-known work is a lurid (and mostly unfair) expose of John Lear, was rumored recently to have died. I guess this proves he has risen again."

Mr. Campbell, you could not possibly be more wrong on both counts. First, to address your latter point, as you should well know by now anyone claiming to be me could have posted that message, especially since you did not bother to verify my authorship by return e-mail, as is customary in many other such websites. As you also are well aware, I certainly did not furnish you with a copy of my manuscript, either, but that was posted by you more than a year before I became aware of it. God knows, Lear & Co. have claimed many things were done by me which I would never have even conceived of, prior to my learning of their prevarication(s). In this case, however, I do acknowledge authorship of that note re: Lazar and commend you on your observation of such as quickly as you did.

At this point, despite the very ugly issue of the rumors of my demise, I find it nevertheless highly amusing (especially after reading the "Wit and Wisdom of Huff" and numerous other "Area 51" newsgroup postings by Huff, Lear, Mahood, et al, in a futile attempt to bring myself up-to-date) that you would be so bold as to claim the "Who's Fooling Whom" manuscript is my "best-known work" and a "lurid (and mostly unfair) expose of John Lear." Since producing that text under considerable duress six years ago, I have done my best to distance myself from Lear and his cronies and put it far behind me. Anyone who has bothered to become familiar with my ongoing activities would hardly rate "Who's Fooling Whom?" as my best-known work. Certainly the two books I co-authored with Bo Gritz, at least, are better known - outside your narrow field of focus, at any rate.

Understand clearly, Mr. Campbell, that my statement was written six years ago expressly and precisely to place into the public record threats Lear was making against my life to Bob Lazar and others. Did he

have sufficient motive to have actually done so? If you actually read my statement before posting it, I think you'd agree that exposure not only of his marital infidelity, but involvement in the illegal transport of over a \$trillion worth of stolen gold from the Philippines certainly would have been enough to enrage him to that degree. It certainly had to have enraged those people already furious at him about shooting his mouth off about such matters. (I must add that the law firm which sued the Ferdinand Marcos Estate for the theft of the gold, to whom I provided an entire day's worth of testimony, prevailed in a \$multi-million judgment, after openly naming elements of the CIA as accomplices).

Recall clearly that Daniel Casolaro, another investigator from Virginia who was working on many of the same issues in which I was deeply engaged, was found with his wrists slashed to the bone in a motel in West Virginia just over two weeks after I swore to the truthfulness of the contents of my statement UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, and began to make it public. The first I ever heard of Casolaro was when a mutual friend (another long-time professional investigator) called to warn me to "keep your head down." Note also that the one person who had openly threatened Casolaro's life days before he died (according to writer John Connolly and FBI agent Tom Gates), was John Lear's "buddy," Robert Booth Nichols. One of my closest friends in L.A., who had gone to the Federal Court Archives in Laguna Niguel to pull files on some of these characters for me, was also found "suicided" during this same time period.

When you characterize my statement as "lurid," you can attribute that description of the contents entirely to Lear himself, as the source. Believe me, I had far better things to do with my waking hours at that time and since, but because of the heat my investigative work was generating on several fronts, after learning of Lear's snide insinuations on his own answering machine about my supposed "arrest for prostitution," (a bald-faced lie); my supposed attempts to molest his then-14-year-old daughter (another bald-faced lie); and his efforts to lure me back to Las Vegas from Florida to have me killed (probably true), I certainly wanted the police to know whom to begin questioning if any of his buddies (or hirelings) did get the drop on me. Attempts have been made since then, by persons unknown (who will bear the scars of their failure for the rest of their life, I assure you).

My caution was and is well-founded in light of the (ridiculous) official suicide pronouncement in the death of Casolaro; the strange death of cancer at age 41 of Geoff Graff, a mutual friend of mine and (neighbor of) Lear's who was either privy or an actual witness to a number of my "key" dealings with Lear; and the numerous deaths of close friends and associates which have followed since that time. As I said in my manuscript, I don't fear John Lear in the slightest, but he remains in close touch with some very heavy hitters who have become ensnared in this miasma as a result of our contretemps. I'd be quite willing to face any and all of them in the daylight, tomorrow, but, to a man, they are the type that sneak around in the dark and work with silent weapons from behind.

When you say "mostly unfair," Mr. Campbell, how the hell do you know? Were you there for ANY of it? Did you ever question me, or even make the attempt? I am eminently available to those I WANT to hear from 24 hours a day, toll-free, and have never shrunk from responding to such questions from anyone else who was on the level. Hell, when I filed a \$150-million civil lawsuit against Steven Seagal (another of Lear's "acquaintances") I even went on the Geraldo Live! show in New York just to make certain it was in the very public record. I assure you, Mr. Campbell, as I did the rest of the reading public six years ago, every word I wrote in that statement six years ago was the truth to the very best of my recollection, personal AND professional, attested to UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY.

You may have noticed John Lear has never been willing to confront me publicly about any of it, even though he has had several invitations that I am aware of to go nationwide with his rebuttal. He hasn't and he won't because he knows I was telling the truth, and he knows there were other witnesses to the most "lurid" details. The same applies in spades to his cronies who were also referred to in the affidavit.

If anything was "unfair" in my statement, it was that I left so much out about other details of Lear's "lurid" behavior in order to spare several other participants severe embarrassment, if not prosecution. Had I chosen to include them, you could never have had the luxury of making so uninformed a comment, so great would have been their outcry. Doubt me? Ask Lear the most obvious question that has begged to be advanced ever since he posted his "lame-brained" comment about my statement (that it was 50% B.S): specifically, which 50% of the whole was TRUE, and which wasn't? I assure you again, under penalty of perjury, NOT ONE WORD was made up or distorted, though I am sure Lear has lain awake MANY nights wishing otherwise.

I could continue, Mr. Campbell, with ease, but I think I've written enough to make my point. Please take no offense at my criticism,

inasmuch as it is more rhetorical than personal, and I have become quite inured to it at this point, which is again why I have tried to stay out of this crap for so long. I have not "risen again," so much as I have had to take time out of a valuable schedule yet again to address what appears to be a six-year buildup of bullshit. But understand very clearly, Mr. Campbell, when after six years I learn again from a trusted witness that Lear is crowing about my supposed death and offering to take people out to dinner in order to celebrate, my well-known sense of humor is non-existent at this juncture, and there may yet be criminal indictments if it is proven Lear made any overt efforts whatsoever to effect my termination. The matter is under very serious scrutiny as I write this.

In closing, I must say that it is indeed ironic in this golden age of information transmission, that a large part of Lear's anger toward me is probably due to the presence of my affidavit on the Internet, when I had nothing whatsoever to do with it being placed there, and would probably have chosen not to do so had I been presented with the choice. It is ironic that otherwise credible, capable and conscientious people such as yourself buy Lear's denials without ever bothering to pick up a phone and ask me about it directly. You have no idea how many times in the last nearly ten years I've wished I had never met the man, when the only reason I did was that I literally stumbled over a newspaper article on the floor of a house I was building which was about the famed pilot John Lear and his upcoming first lecture on UFOs in Las Vegas. Had I only simply picked it up and thrown it in the trash...where it belonged...

Sincerely,

Lars C. Hansson
Himself,
in the flesh,
and damned determined to stay that way

"Most powerful is he, who has himself in his own power."
- Seneca

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