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Becker threatens lawsuit against Maccabee, Campbell, etc

From: campbell@ufomind.com (Glenn Campbell, Las Vegas)
Date: Thu, 9 Oct 1997 12:08:58 -0800

Barbara Becker has claimed copyright infringement in an on-line article by Bruce Maccabee responding to her Gulf Breeze critique.

Becker has threatened to file a lawsuit against Glenn Campbell, Bruce Maccabee, Errol Bruce-Knapp and another party to seek "injunctive, punitive and statutory damages from Glenn and punitive and statutory from the rest of you...."

In response to Becker's correspondence below, the offending passages have been edited out of the following documents.

- <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/oct/m04-004.shtml>
- <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/oct/m04-005.shtml>
- <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/oct/m04-006.shtml>
- <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/oct/m04-007.shtml>
- <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/oct/m04-008.shtml>

I have kept Maccabee's responses intact. Unfortunately, because of these deletions, the reader cannot know what parts of Becker's text Maccabee is responding to. I have no information on how one may obtain the original article.

To my knowledge, Becker has not responded to the challenges raised by Maccabee, only threatened legal action for copyright infringement.

Normally, we do not edit messages on the website after they have been sent out on the mailing list. Unless explicit notices appear in the document, as they now appear in the documents above, the reader can be assured that the document appearing on the website is exactly the same text that went out on the mailing list.

Glenn Campbell
Ufomind Webmaster

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From: c549597@showme.missouri.edu
Date: Thu, 09 Oct 1997 10:36:55 -0500
To: brumac@compuserve.com
CC: updates@globalserve.net, steve@konsulting.com, campbell@ufomind.com
Subject: copyrighted paper

Bruce:

I have requested that Glenn Campbell remove the paper you recently wrote using my 1990 paper. He has refused. I am writing to you to ask you to ask him to remove it.

I spoke to a lawyer yesterday (if you wish to call her her number is: 314-647-1200 ask for Annette Heller). Since you are the original infringer she thought I should ask you to ask him to take it off. That seemed reasonable, so that is what I am doing. ASK GLEN TO TAKE IT OFF OF UFOMIND AND ERROL TO TAKE IT OFF OF UPDATES.

I have all my E-mail from all of you. AS well as my E-mail from John Gilbert in the UK, which establishes my prior desire to have control of my copyrighted paper. I can demonstrate ownership, and that you ALL know it was my paper.

If this gets to court, I can get injunctive, punitive and statutory damages from Glenn and punitive and statutory from the rest of you. Since you are all apparently have assests, and are stable, collecting a judgment will not be difficult.

Punitive and statutory carry fines from \$500 to \$20,000. Then there is the issue of WILLFULL infringement. That is where I ask Glenn to take it off the website and he tells me to go to hell. That's another \$50,000 just from him. I should mention courts costs and lawyers fees can also be asked for.

You see the way this works, you wrote the article, Steve forwarded copyrighted materials, Errol allowed it on his list, (that too is willfull since Errol edits the list) and Glenn has refused to remove it. But it all falls back to you. AS long as it is reproduced without my permission YOU are in violation of my copyright. So I think it is important that you have it removed immediately so it is not downloaded and reproduced.

All these years we have had a amicable relationship eventhough we dont agree. It would be a shame to mess everything up with a law suit.

Sincerely,

Barbara Becker

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[For the record, I did not exactly tell Beck to "go to hell."
Following is my actual response. -- GC]

Date: Mon, 6 Oct 1997 13:40:21 -0800
To: c549597@showme.missouri.edu
From: campbell@ufomind.com (Glenn Campbell, Las Vegas)
Subject: Re: paper from maccabee

>Glenn:

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>On Saturday, October 4, a paper was posted by Jean van Gemmert FOR Bruce
>Maccabee. (Three parts). Maccabees paper uses copyrighted materials
>which he DID NOT have permission to reproduce in any form. I have no
>problem with HIS paper as long as he deletes MY text from it. I spoke
>with Errol about this and he suggested I contact you. When I discovered
>that it had been reproduced on John Gilberts website in the UK I wrote
>and asked him to remove it which he graciously did. I would like it
>pulled from UFOMIND in its current form. Thank you.

>Barbara

Dear Barbara:

You are providing us with very little information to respond to. With over 20,000 documents on our site, most of them generated automatically, it is very hard for us to be a policing agency.

As a general policy, we do not edit or remove automatically generated documents on our server. We do occasionally remove copyrighted documents upon request of the owner, but this case is more complicated.

You did not provide a URL. I assume you are referring to the document that begins at <http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1997/oct/m04-004.shtml>

I have not read the document in question, only skimmed it. The text used appears to be included only in the context of a legitimate review or analysis -- which is generally exempt from copyright protection. Granted, Maccabee appears to have used a lot of your text, but in each case he does so only to directly respond to it. This is consistent with the way people respond to claims on the internet. The vast majority of the text in the posting appears to be Macabbee's, and he is not trying to take credit for or seek any gain from your material.

At the same time, you are providing no information about your copyright. Where was this article first published? Did you register this copyright? (If so, a certificate number would be useful.) Did a copyright symbol appear on the article at the time it was first published? Has the article ever appeared on-line?

You also haven't even given your full name or any direct contact information, which is certainly a pre-requisite for copyright protection.

We are in a difficult position. If we grant this request, then every time a person responds in this manner -- directly criticizing a quoted piece of text -- then the person being criticized can claim copyright infringement. It will become a means of revenge or suppression for those who are on the losing end of a debate.

As it stands, you have not given us enough information to act upon, but should you wish to further respond, I suggest you put your complaint in writing, along with your copyright information. Save a copy for your own records, and send the letter to me at:

Glenn Campbell, Director
Area 51 Research Center
PO Box 448
Rachel, NV 89001

Sending the letter by certified mail is recommended. A copy of the original article would also be helpful.

This will give us the basis for conducting further legal research.

Glenn Campbell
Ufomind Webmaster

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