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Dear Mr. Campbell,

with great amusement I read your latest character assassination attempt against me. Thanks for publishing my personal file, at least it makes me interesting, and publicity is important, doesn't matter if good or bad, as long as you spell my name right. It's such a shame you never worked for the Agency. You would make a great spy, and although you are not good, at least you are good at it.

Unfortunately some of your lines sound like if you looked in a mirror. "A huckster and narcissist. . . his magazine is a personal soapbox with which he attacks anyone who challenges him" sounds like Psychospy, doesn't it? I just wonder how you can call me a "huckster", when indeed I'm employed as editor by a publishing house which is not my own and write books published all over the world (in 13 countries with a circulation of more than 500,000 copies) even by big publishers. Yes, I published four books by my own plus three award-winning films and we even distribute them, but does this make me a "huckster"?

You claim I use "tabloid methods". Tabloid articles are short, sensationalist and superficial. The articles we publish in Magazine 2000 are long and well-researched and surely not exaggerated. How can you judge them, not reading German or Czech, the languages the Magazine is published in? Of course I have enemies, who doesn't? You have more enemies than hair on your head (at least that's what you think) and you love it, otherwise you wouldn't play with your "mortal enemy list", a rather childish invention. But if somebody "dragged down the reputation" of ufology in Europe, it was MUFON-CES, which was ridiculed by the German media after they declared an object photographed by some schoolchildren in Fehrenbach/Germany being "at least seven metres (21 feet) in diameter" when the kids admitted they just threw a 8 inches toy in the air to fool MUFON-CES.

Keep in mind that I am a Cultural Anthropologist and Historian, studied at Gottingen University and worked with Prof. Rolf-Wilhelm Brednich in his well-received study on urban legends in Germany, so at least I know how to work scientifically and surely I'm disgusted by all types of "tabloid journalism".

By the way, my "positive connections" are more than three people and include many of the colleagues and friends I regularly invite to my (not annual, every three years) conferences in Germany, including Zecharia Sitchin, Pro. John Mack, Stanton T. Friedman, Brian O'Leary, U.N.Seat, the Human Potential Foundation (which invited me to speak in Washington D.C. last year), the Academy of Sciences of Georgia, the Government of San Marino and many others.

I didn't "cut Campbell from the video" but never used our interview, because after three questions I realized you didn't have anything significant to say. You didn't witness anything, you came to late to see the test-flown saucers and we already had John Lear, Lt.Col. Stevens and Jim Goodall informing us about the history of the base. With your obviously omniscient or psychic abilities you still believe I "abused my camera crew" when I just gave my cameraman some instructions in German, a language you don 't understand and which indeed sounds very hard (every foreigner says it). Yes, I have a lot of temper, what is wrong with this? But don't you think you are a little bit paranoid?

Your "Incidents" are unfortunately just rumors. You gonna get tabloidish? Yes, I photographed Rolf-Dieter Klein at the 1995 MUFON Conference just -flash-photography was prohibited, I used a 400 ASA film- and he made an affair out of it and called the security. They took me out, I explained them what I did and that I'm a journalist who just wanted to

take a picture of a German speaker and I went in, again. In the two minutes I was out, Klein lied to the audience, telling them that MUFON CES discovered the school kids pictures (published by him as genuine in the conference proceedings) to be faked what is just not true. MUFON recommended the case to FOCUS magazine (the German NEWSWEEK) when they did a story on UFOs and just when FOCUS interviewed them the boys confessed. Did hysterical Klein want to prevent me from exposing his outright lie?

I don't know who your "reliable sources" for the story of my videocameraman taking refuge in a rented car at the BUFORA conference comes from, but it's just a lot of nonsense. Ask the organizer of the BUFORA-conference: I didn't even come with a cameraman to this conference, but alone. I didn't rent a car, but they picked me up from the airport. I didn't have a metal briefcase with me, but a Samsonite briefcase. So your "reliable source" obviously is just a bullshitter.

But please, what do you want to prove with these "Incidents" and your characteristic ad hominem attacks? That I'm an asshole (your word)? So what? Alfred Hitchcock was the biggest s.o.b of all, and still he was a helluva great director. As a film maker sometimes you have to be straight with your crew, because you know what you want and otherwise they do what they want (and if they would really know better, why don't they make the film?) Does it mean I'm a bad researcher? Surely not. Does a good researcher has to be a lovable dude? Many of your readers get the impression that you are not the nicest guy on this planet, too, but still they read your stuff because you publish interesting facts. Yes, I have a lot of temper and maybe I'm a bulldog, but I go for the truth where-ever and whatever it is and nobody can stop me. If you believe in astrology, my star sign is Aries. Maybe this makes me the bloody good researcher I seem to be. Interestingly enough you spoke negatively about my film half a year before I even finished it, just because you didn't like me. Now the film is out, won even an award - why? Because it's a good and objective search for the truth with all the main players in the game featuring, so everybody can draw his/her own conclusions. And I wonder why you never criticised the film, although it's out on the American market since July.

With even greater amusement I read your report from Eastern Europe. I feel so sorry for you. You missed everything! You travel to the most lovely countries of this blue planet with the very best food of the world (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria and Hungary) and you end up eating tasteless, insipid burgers. No wonder you have a stomach problem! What a low brow Philistine you are! !

Psychospy, get out of your paranoia! Burn your "mortal enemy list". You don't have any enemies, because to consider someone an enemy you have to take him serious. Nobody takes you serious! Start to enjoy live, travel back to the Danube countries, order a good goulash and gundel- palatshinta (fine hungarian pancakes) and a good hungarian red wine, get a nice girl and become a human being again, not just a desert rat! I guarantee you, nothing will make you sick, it will only heal your troubled soul! Maybe you even develop some temper! There's nothing you should be afraid of ..

With my very best wishes for a good New Year

yours sincerely  
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