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Lee Shargel on ITN (UK)

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[This is posted as an exception to the no
'Heaven's Gate' rule - ebk]

Dear Colleagues,

This may be of interest:

Lee Shargel on ITN (United Kingdom) early morning news,
Thursday 3 April 1997 05.40am.

Text taken from CBS Report (thankfully taped) on crowds
gathering in Arizona Desert awaiting the coming of the
'Mothership'.

Quoted as science fiction author Lee Shargel: "And they
are going to board this ship and they are going to be
designated as ambassadors or emissary's for planet earth."

Film producer Alex Pappas rented the house to the Heaven's
Gate group from 1995. The group sold Mr Pappas a film
screenplay entitled 'Beyond Human: Return to the Next Level'.
Pappas claimed the screenplay was a kind of Bible for the
group and that the story ended with what could be interpreted
as a suicide pact, when the humans at the end are all beamed
up to an awaiting 'Mothership'.

He [Pappas] claims the group believed their God rode in a
huge 'Mothership'. Quote: "...for most of us I doubt we know
where our God is."

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I note that Shargel (who I had the misfortune to meet in
Laughlin, Nevada, at the International UFO Congress back
in January of this year) was befriended by cult members
in San Diego. The question I pose is this: Did Lee Shargel
write the screenplay which was, and I quote: "...a kind of
Bible for the group"?

The atmosphere Shargel whipped up among gullible members
of the audience at Laughlin had to be seen to be believed.
If this man came anywhere near to repeating his lecture
amidst total believers at San Diego, then unquestionably
it may have acted as a catalyst for what eventually it
transpired. He shoulders a heavy responsibility if this
scenario proves correct.

Unfortunately, Shargel spoke in similar tones on the ITN

news broadcast of the CBS feature. He appears to have learned nothing and is, in my opinion, an extremely dangerous runaway train that should be derailed as soon as possible - beginning I would suggest with a total blank cancellation of future speaking engagements at any and all venues worldwide.

Best regards,

Graham W. Birdsall [Editor]

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