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Re: The validity of the case against Stan Friedman

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Subject: Re: The validity of the case against Stan Friedman

Let's see exactly what case is made against Stan, based on keeping only the statements which relate to him directly:

> From: Ashley Rye <ashleyrye@netcomuk.co.uk>, on 8/30/97 9:30 AM:
> Stanton Friedman=C6s Biggest Contribution to Ufology.
> pat weissleader
> I went back to the expo the next day and attended a panel discussion
> on ufo=C6s. the panel consisted of bill moore, stanton friedman, sheryl
> stark (editor of ufo magazine) and perhaps one other person.
> I was disturbed when most of the program consisted of sf waving around
> blocked out documents and ranting about coverup. I felt that this
> had resulted in anyone getting little value from the panel discussion.
> Afterwards I looked at the material he had for sale. It was copies
> of pages that said very little and were high priced. I contrasted
> this with the excellent (and comparatively inexpensive) information
> in the steinman book. At this time I considered that this man did
> not have the same agenda as that author. Had I got to this panel=
discussion
> first I would not have bought any ufo books, feeling that the study
> of these craft was not being done on a scientific basis. I sometimes
> have ways of getting more information about a person and I used one
> of these at the time. I pulled out a photo of my dog and approached
> sf, telling him I had reasons to believe that there was some alien
> influence around the breed. He brushed me off, barely trying to be
> polite and did not look at me directly. I knew he had dismissed me
> as unimportant and would not remember me . I also suspected he did
> not consider women to be important-there was no hint of gallantry
> or assumed social manners. You will understand later in the narrative
> why this observation is important.

(snip)

> I see patterns that others do not see. I am also very psychic and
> have a record of being correct about things I get flashes about. Of
> course these flashes can not be considered as data when putting together
> a case, but many times I have managed to put together a good case
> on something, although it is not my place to act on it. if my opinion
> is asked privately I give the reasons for it. it is notable that few
> people ever asked about sf.

(snip)

> During moore=C6s speech, I saw sf gathering up his chickens in a=
surreptitious
> manner. I predicted his long standing association with moore was about
> to come to an end. I predicted which door he was likely to slither

> out of and got there first, I have a sinus condition that kicks up
> in public buildings and I was blowing my nose just outside the lecture
> room with a delicately embroidered handkerchief when he came through.
> It happened that a gentleman approached him and slowed his escape,
> stating that he had never been to one of these ufo events before but
> he had wanted to meet sf . he didn't have much time and hoped he could
> take him to lunch, but someone had told him that sf was with=
someone-could
> he invite the friend along?
>
> Sf had been getting restless because he really did want to escape,
> and I do not recall his exact words, but the gist of it was, "No,
> I am by myself-what did you want to talk about?" it was his attitude
> more than his words, and he took the arm of the man and became so
> engrossed with conversation that he failed to hear the people wanting
> to ask him what he thought about bill moore's confession. From that
> point he wasn't sure who bill moore was.

(snip)

> remember the panel with bill moore and sf also had sheryl stark,=
indicating
> a friendly relationship between a ufo magazine editor and sf. I had
> often wondered how such a slick magazine was supported by subscribers.
> I assumed from the failure to back the excellent material in steinman's
> book that there was some financing from vested interests for the=
magazine.
> It is to their credit that the articles they did publish were not
> slanted, with the exception of a series by a black doctor on missing
> pregnancies or a related topic. I had written for his questionnaire
> and made comments about what I was finding, still naive enough back
> then to think it was lack of knowledge rather than artful avoidance
> of true information. The man referred me to a group in san francisco!
> Later he was very nervous around me at an event and when a friend
> who claimed to know him insisted he would be willing to examine the
> small pellets I have always had under the skin, the doctor said=
everything
> that was proper and ran like hell. (I should mention I have several
> physical differences from other people that these days I am smart
> enough not to mention. They are probably not connected to anything
> ufological)
>
> I believed by now that sf was being run on a short leash-meaning he
> was an agent that got just enough money to get by, and had to scurry
> to earn any bonuses. Remember that in the intelligence community,
> a secret agent is not called an agent. When he has people working
> for him he is the controller and they are the agents. He runs them,
> and gives them money, but never enough that they can show an obvious
> change in lifestyle. He may also ask for money for other people he
> has found, and in most cases they would be taken by the controller
> and run directly. Occasionally they are run by the first agent who
> asks permission for everything he does. My main reason for suspecting
> sf was being run lean was his bad suits. If I were his controller
> I would not back his speaking at so many groups because he does not
> have to social skills to become part of the group and to be trusted.
> Also they are not giving him anything (new and valid ufo information
> to use to gain credibility) and he has to scurry like hell to have
> anything to say. I imagine they published his corona book.
>
> for many years the second worst thing sf did to my knowledge was to
> disparage belief in bob lazar. The first worst was a situation that
> I will describe for you here, but can not use as proof since the details
> I would have to give to persuade anyone would identify her and open
> her to further problems. letters I was allowed to read from sf were
> not in my possession long enough to memorize the sentences.
>
> In short there was a lady with some skills of interest to the bad
> side of our government. She resisted taking the employment offered.
> When she sought other employment she found the now required birth
> certificate and social security number she had all her life were=
considered
> false or forged. People involved in the events around her suggested
> she contact sf. In time she did. She was delighted to have him respond
> to her introductory note by sending her about a hundred dollars worth
> of books in her field of expertise, and suggestion a direction of
> research. Furthermore he hoped she could attend an upcoming event
> and would be happy to cover the expenses of her room and meals and
> conference tickets. In later letters after she had been unable to
> attend, he invited her to come and stay at his home where they could
> work together on whatever projects she wanted to do.
>

> Despite the unbelievable details in the stories this woman had to
> tell, I was able to verify most of them. There were things that occurred
> in other places where I found that other people knew about her and
> that she had mysteriously disappeared and that everyone was trying
> to find her. my helping her to leave her former address was a casual
> plan and it was a surprise that it was considered to be the result
> of foreign agencies. I believed then and do now that some friendly
> outside influence had been involved. A safe place was found for her
> for several years and several years ago she moved from there giving
> me no information about where she would be. I do not want to have
> that knowledge. Although it might be safe to tell her story now, I
> can offer little proof of it.

(snip)

> One comment he made was that the [AA] film should
> have been turned over to sf at once to pass judgment on its
> authenticity.
> I made some diplomatic reply that many would feel otherwise and. He
> was defensive of sf and emotional about his dismissal of the film.
> It was as if it should be dismissed at all costs and he had to find
> any data what so ever to do so. I believed his attitude to be an
> emotional
> dislike for the contents of the film. It is possible that it was for
> reasons other than that.

(snip)

> I have
> a feeling that sf is heard from more in writing than on the lecture
> circuit, but I may be wrong about this since I am out of the loop
> of information.

(snip)

> I work night security for the exhibits to earn my conference tickets
> , and one definite benefit of the job is to read everything in sight.
> I pulled out the 4 issues graham had brought of his ufo magazine and
> studied them. There was a clear pattern of disinformation that I intended
> to later note piece by piece, but when I returned during the day to
> buy the magazines, the family had packed up and left for parts unknown.
>
> When I can get the issues I will do the analyses, but the thing that
> stands out the most is the story of dr. michale wolf ...

(snip)

> Now we have built a pretty tight case, don't you think?, that sf is
> getting ufo periodical editors to schew information for financial
> gain. And with the way I tell a story, almost any ufo audience would
> buy it. but there is one thing that doesn't fit, and because of it,
> I believe that the set up is to pull down sf and I have been set up
> to do the dirty work. In that case, I do not have to fear retaliation-or
> do I?

(snip)

> I bill myself as "the bad girl of ufology", sitting in the back of
> the room making rude noises-but enough people pay attention to know
> that I am an investigator. How could I fail to notice the spending
> and associate it with sf's partiality for publishers? If someone is
> orchestrating this, they could not realize I could read all the
> magazines,
> and before I did that I would not have put forward a theory-the skewing
> of information is the critical proof. So it is likely that some critical
> confirmation would be offered. Now how would that be done?
>
> It was a remarkable coincidence that a 96B sat next to me at the banquet!
> He said he was a 98C but then he tried to tell me that my son was
> too, and I am sure david said he is a 97C. my son told me once while
> he was in training that they would all give their right arms to be
> a 96B, which is what I am. And I am certain that the man who sat next
> to me was really a 96B. if he were the same as my son, and he claimed
> to have the similar job description, he would not have been taught
> the things that he mentioned while agreeing with me that there was
> no doubt about the sf thing. I did not feel I knew him from anywhere,
> but he said we had talked last year-could I have forgotten such a
> thing? Or could I have seen him once years ago in some training and
> someone was afraid he would remember.

(snip)

> If it is intended for stanton to go down in flames, it will happen
> in any case, and if I should profit by it, that would be a by product
> of doing what must be done. I have sold maybe 500 of my books that
> I now bind at home, but with doing the building, working cement, etc,
> my hands are giving out. If I don=C6t find a publisher and have money
> to pay people to do the rough work, I will have to stop writing. This
> situation just popped up and I was told to deal with it fast, but
> I have a lot of important things to say.
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Now, here's how I would condense these statements:

The author did not agree with Stan's use of FOIA documents or his interpretation of them as being part of a government coverup.

The author thought Stan's books were too expensive and did not contain enough information.

The author was offended when Stan did not take her claim of a dog breed having "alien influences" seriously, and was surprised that he did not want to spend time talking about it. For this reason, she also decided that Stan didn't consider women important.

The author is "psychic" and finds it notable that few people asked about any "flashes" she might have had about Stan.

The author thought it was suspicious that Stan started to leave a convention during Bill Moore's public admission of providing false information to UFO researchers, and that he didn't answer questions about how he felt about Moore.

The presence of Stan on a panel with Stark indicated a friendly relationship between Stan and UFO Magazine.

The author "assumed from the failure to back the excellent material in steinman's book that there was some financing from vested interests for the magazine."

The author's "main reason for suspecting sf was being run lean [as an agent on low pay] was his bad suits"

The second worst thing Stan ever did was to disparage Bob Lazar.

The first worst thing Stan ever did was to try to help some woman who was having some sort of trouble related to government employment and forged Social Security documents.

Stan writes more than he lectures.

A man who the author identifies as a 96B sat next to her at a banquet and agreed with her about Stan.

The author states:

"> Now we have built a pretty tight case, don't you think?, that sf is
> getting ufo periodical editors to schew information for financial
> gain. "

I'm afraid I don't think so.

P.S. My apologies for the lengthy quotes, but I think it is important that my summary be seen alongside the statements summarized so that it is clear I am not misinterpreting the author's remarks.

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