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### Re: The Linda Case -- again

From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>  
Date: Wed, 05 Feb 1997 14:11:26 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 05 Feb 1997 17:49:41 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Linda Case -- again

Yet more Linda....

Vince Johnson wrote:

> From: Vince\_Johnson\_at\_TENSOR\_\_HSTN@ccmailsmtp.hstn.expl.pgs.com  
> Date: Wed, 05 Feb 97 10:39:56 cst  
  
> I haven't read Budd's new book, so maybe this has already been  
> explained: How did 'Janet Kimball' know to contact Budd Hopkins  
> after her alleged Brooklyn Bridge sighting of the Linda abduction?  
  
> Was she already familiar enough with abduction lore to associate  
> Budd Hopkins with her sighting?

"Janet Kimball" saw Budd on some TV show. Not one she had sat down to watch. She had the TV on, and something with Budd came on. She wasn't familiar with abduction lore at all.

This is consistent with how most people find him. As I've mentioned here before, I've read his unopened mail. People contacting him for the first time have either read his books, or seen him on TV.

> > If she felt strong enough about the  
> > importance of her alleged sighting to contact Hopkins, why wouldn't  
> > she feel strong enough about it to provide Hopkins with an  
> > "on-the-record" affidavit? Doesn't she realize that at this point,  
> > all Hopkins has to support the Linda case is hearsay?  
  
> > Doesn't she realize how her equivocation weakens Hopkin's case --  
> > which, if true, would be of great historic importance?  
  
> > Assuming 'Janet Kimball' is a real person, how do you square her  
> > willingness to contact Hopkins, with her unwillingness to go on the  
> > record?

Does she care about Budd's case? For what it's worth, I've asked Budd to make this appeal to her myself -- talk to someone else, even privately, for the sake of my credibility. But what's it to her?

I wrote about this problem in an earlier message. We're all caught up in UFO research, those of us on this list. We put things into a much larger context than Janet Kimball does. One big reason that she contacted Budd was that she saw something that profoundly troubled her. (Forgive me if I leave out all the usual "allegedly"s. Maybe someday I'll program a keystroke to type that word!) She needed to get it off her chest, and feel that she'd done something to help with whatever the situation might be.

Having done that, she feels that she's done her part. And also, as I've

been saying, her family is reportedly hounding her to stay uninvolved. That's surely not uncommon in UFO matters. Kimball wouldn't be the first to not want to be publicly identified with UFOs.

Finally, it's not uncommon for journalists to get calls from people who don't want their names used, and want to slip back into the woodwork once they've finished talking. You have to be working on an important story, and you have to be doing it long enough for people to know you're involved. If you're working on something really public, though, you'll get calls. I don't find any contradiction between Kimball's coming forth originally, and wanting no part of it any more now.

Greg Sandow

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