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Re: Friedman v Randles - a new trial (was: Libel)

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On Fri, 21 Feb 1997, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

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> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Friedman v Randles - a new trial (was: Libel)

> Why not post the article and the letter and the apology?

I read the article, and to be totally honest, it does seem rather slanderous towards Mr. Friedman. Words like "cultist", and "crackpot" as well as "UFO fanatic Stanton Friedman" were used. As far as I know Mr. Friedman has never subscribed to the theory "that the US Government has made a secret pact with captive aliens" or that aliens have been "in a freezer for 42 years" as well as statements like "Half-baked tales that are never investigated", "outrageous tripe" and "lunatics" were used.

While at the same time she refers to herself as "Britans only professional ufologist". While she may be of the opinion that North American Ufologists are a motley crew, she should not have turned this into a character assassination of Stanton.

I really hate to piss on your parade, but put into the same situation, I would have sued also, only I might not have settled "out of court" as graciously as Mr. Friedman had. Once such accusations are made, the damage is done, with or without a formal apology. I doubt that Mr. Friedman will ever full recover from the damage done; and the suit itself seems to have brought even further discredit. I wonder how many of you would have sued also?

While I feel for Ms. Randles legal problem, protecting one's self from a libel suit is not a very nice or cheap affair, she must be careful when her opinions cross the line and become personal attacks.

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