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"Not goodbye, just so long for now"
John Velez

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I need to take a long sabbatical. It was only out of a deep sense of gratitude to Budd Hopkins for all of the help that he freely gave to myself and my family that I consented to do anything 'public' in the first place. I am not now, nor have I ever been a "camera-whore"! (Although I've met several abductees along the way who are!) I have always been a very private person and I need to restore that condition to some extent.

If not for Budd, and my deep affection and respect for him, you would never have seen my face or ever have heard my name. I now need to pay some attention to my family and my personal life, but I also need to make it clear that this has nothing to do with Budd. After five years of unpaid hard work it's just time for me to concentrate on my own family and sorely neglected finances.

It's not a "take this job and shove it" situation by any stretch of the imagination. My work on the internet on behalf of the Intruders Foundation requires twelve to fourteen hours a day, seven days a week. I'm not related to the Rockefellers, nor does Budd have the funding to pay me for it. I've been supporting myself by doing (side jobs) guitar repairs and adjustments and the occasional printing job in order to generate income. It's simply not enough and it has begun to affect my family. THAT'S WHERE I DRAW THE LINE!

It's just a simple matter of restoring some sense of balance. In order for that to happen I have to let the pendulum swing back all the way in the opposite direction and hope that it eventually finds a happy middle ground.

This 'business' can be (and is) all-consuming. I don't ever want to become 'one dimensional' because all of the data input that's coming in relates to just one issue or subject. I spend so very much time working with people in need that all else has fallen by the wayside. The only source of 'data input' has become UFO or abduction related. That's not a healthy state of affairs and I know it. So, I'm doing what I have to do to remedy the situation.

I will continue to maintain the IF website, I am however pulling my name and e-mail address off of it. The folks I am currently working with will be the last for a while. People can still contact Budd directly at our snail-mail address. Hopefully, when I get some financial issues straightened out and restore some sense of balance in my life, I'll be able to come back and help to carry the stone again.

So, this is not a resignation as much as it is a sorely needed

