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Spanish Ufologists react to Olmos at MUFON

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SPANISH UFOLOGIST REACTION

Upon learning that debunker Ballester Olmos had been invited to the July 1997 MUFON Symposium, a group of responsible Spanish ufologists posted a revealing note in INTERNET expressing their displeasure. This is the English version of that text.=20

June 14, 1997

To de directive of MUFON:=20

Through the courtesy of Virgilio S=Elnchez-Ocejo (Miami Ufo Center) and Willy Smith (UNICAT Project) we have learned that Mr. Vecente Juan Ballester Olmos will be present at the congress of your organization which will take place in July. This investigator will attend the event representing the Spanish ufology. The undersigned all of them field investigators of the UFO phenomenon, wish to inform the following facts to the international ufological community that will meet at the congress

(1) The Spanish ufology is divided into two factions. This splitting is due mostly to the negativist position of this individual. His false skepticism becomes evident when Ballester presents himself to the international ufology as open minded, when in reality he has openly manifested his position against the existence of UFO phenomenon, explaining in the most harebrained fashion all the Spanish cases.=20

(2) In his public presentations, Ballester Olmos has always injected his scientific qualifications. However --and although we do not consider titles essential for a good investigator if he uses techniques from different specialties-- contrary to what he has stated in numerous occasions, Ballester is not a physicist, an industrial expert, or a computer specialist. To support our statement, we have a audio tape recording in which he admits in his own words that such is the case. The problem is that he writes proclaiming false credentials to defend his controversial hypotheses.=20

(3) Almost never Mr. Ballester Olmos has personally investigated (UFO) incidents. Mostly, he has devoted himself to deploy explanations based on the studies by other ufologists. some of them members of a complex network of "correspondents" that investigate for him. In many instances he has not only exploited and enslaved (sic) local investigators but the explanations he offered are not those proposed by the persons who really investigated the incidents. If this was not enough, in some occasions Ballester Olmos has bribed investigators so they would spy on others to obtain information (See appended letter).=20

(4) Ballester Olmos claims to have been the promoter of the declassification of the official UFO files in Spain, but according to the authorities this is totally false. In addition there is strong evidence

pointing out to a collaboration between Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and the Spanish Air Force during the disclosure process. Those who have investigated this issue, have characterized it as a government fraud (fraude de Estado), while Ballester considers it as a democratic and transparent process.=20

We hereby simply ratify that Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos does not represent more than a minimal part of the Spanish ufology, but seems to have a certain influence with the media, and has the support of the authorities. When his openly negativist attitude is added to this, the activities of Ballester become extremely suspect.=20

Sincerely,

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