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>Date: Thu, 24 Jul 1997 01:43:02 -0400  
>From: Gary <galevy@pipeline.com>  
>To: UFO Updates Mailing List <updates@globalserve.net>  
>Subject: Coincidence or Debunkery?

>The other day a copyrighted article was posted on UFO UpDates which  
>offered a erudite discussion on the application of physiometric  
>polygraph testing and voice stress analysis to UFO cases... one im-  
>portant point was to discredit, based on an appeal to authority, the  
>validity of voice stress analysis. Interestingly this authority was  
>the DoD, the Department of Defense.

No Gary, not just the DoD. As Geoff Price noted in his article, Dr. Honts of Boise State Univeristy who can be considered an expert in these matters is in complete consent with the DoD, expressing the firm agreement that "there is no published evidence to support the validity of VSA."

This isn't a conspiracy between Geoff Price, Honts, and the Dod to cover up the National Enquirer's results, Gary. The issue here is scientific evidence and validity, which VSA has neither.

>Now this might not strike one as a matter of import and with good  
>reason. However, the unheralded appearance of this article and the  
>point it was making struck a chord with me. This is because I had been

No reasonable person would be capable of inferring a conspiracy here unless one is compelled, for whatever reasons, to see a conspiracy everywhere. Let's condense here: You are saying that Geoff Price's posting of his article on polygraph reliability was not accidental but instead a directed effort to discredit the National Enquirer's voice stress analysis of the Roswell USAF press conference!

That's not just paranoid, but completely lacking in any evidence to boot. Unbridled speculation is no substitute for evidence, Gary. I happen to know why Geoff Price wrote the essay as we discussed the issue weeks ago in private email. There can be no question as to its goals; It illuminated the poor, irresponsible, and selective use of polygraph and/or VSA results in the cases of Walton and Ed Walters, and Kevin Randle's treatment of same. The inferences you are making

are not only unwarranted but serve to emphasize, unfortunately, how paranoia has come to pervade much of contemporary UFOlogy.

Truly disappointed,

Jean

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