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Re: MUFON, Dennis Stacy and the B & B Affair

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>From: KAnder6444@aol.com
>Date: Sat, 31 May 1997 23:43:09 -0400 (EDT)
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Re: Dear Ed

>Dear Ed Komarek,

>In response to your message about MUFON:

>>My problem in all this is the way Stacy and MUFON react
>>to criticism founded or unfounded. Let's see if others come
>>forward with their personal experiences about MUFON Hq.

>OK I've decided to step forward, yet again. The only email that
>has rattled my cage here (not necessarily from you actually --
>I've enjoyed your posts) are the ones that attack MUFON as a
>whole. I cannot speak for the entire country but I can speak as a
>State Section Director in a large city such as Seattle. >Contrary to
>what some people might believe, we don't have Sequin Texas >breathing
>down our neck every second asking who we talk to, what did >they
>say, what did they see, send the report asap! It just doesn't
>operate that way. Walt Andrus created an organization
>to help in the research and reporting of UFO's. Most people >join
>MUFON to attend meetings where they can meet and talk to >others
>about this phenomenon, get the latest news, and hear >interesting
>speakers. We'd be thrilled if more people volunteered to be >investigators
>but unfortunately most just join our chapter for a >entertainment each
>month!
>Sorry to disillusion some, I am not here pumping out >sightings and
>abduction reports each night to send to the "big cheese"!

Kathleen: Your points are well taken and I agree. The area that many MUFON members have a problem with is that they often feel that they are doing all the work and then send all these reports to MUFON HQ where they seem to disappear into a black hole. The files are accessible to those at the top of the chain of command but there should be a strong effort to make the information public minus the confidential information.

I complement Eastern MUFON Director George Flier for releasing MUFON reports onto the internet. I would hope other MUFON directors could follow suit and perhaps get all MUFON reports onto the internet and accessible to the public together in one spot.

>Granted any one of us can find fault in any organization, >whether it be
>the Shiners (I've got a couple of gripes about them actually), >the Masons,
>or for that matter the American Red Cross! I joined MUFON to >be able
>to balance my curiosity and sanity of what might be going on.
>Speaking for myself, I am happiest in a room full of people >who share
>the same interest -- UFO's. I like sitting in a group and >pondering the

>possibilities of the universe around us. I can only hope that >those who
>are
>reading will see the complete picture and understand that >the
>"possible" opinion of any one individual should never reflect >or detract
>the
>many
>good things that MUFON represents.

>Just my opinion.....

>Kathleen Andersen
>MUFON State Section Director - Seattle

I very much agree. I am glad you are making these posts to give some balance. MUFON is a good organization but it could be much better if more valid internal criticism were allowed. The MUFON Journal is the heart of the organization because through it the membership is informed. Unfortunately letters to the editor and articles that criticize MUFON, its policies, its leadership etc. rarely if ever get published by Dennis Stacy.

I think that at least a page or two in the Journal should be allotted to internal dialogue where problems and potential problems can be discussed and dealt with in the open.

I think MUFON should have high standards and if these standards are violated no matter by who on the local or national level these individuals should be censored and if necessary removed.

For instance there need to be formal mechanisms to weed out any investigators that attempt to harass or intimidate any witness for any reason. There should be formal means by which a problem person can be indentified quickly and removed from their position in MUFON if the standards are violated.

MUFONs present leadership position seems to be shoot the messenger of bad tidings. Draw the wagons into a circle and hunker down in defense. This is not a constructive way to deal with criticism.

It should not be years before a incident is investigated as in this B & B matter and then only after a battle on the internet. Stacy could have gotten in touch with Billy just as I did and gotten the name and number of the primary witness and then conducted a interview before he unloaded on me. I certainly hope he does not treat this witness as he has treated me.

I don't know what the present situation is but in my opinion this Waco section director could still be doing a lot of damage. Lord knows the abductees have enough problems as it is.

My question is why let situations like this go uninvestigated and unresolved? If we are to have a strong effective organization these internal problems must be exposed and dealt with quickly unless they do great harm to the whole organization.

I think all members of MUFON should have available to them a copy of the bylaws. State directors should be elected by the state membership and the state section directors appointed by the state director. The only exception would be when MUFON's high standards were violated and could not be corrected on the local level.

MUFON's membership has essentially stagnated over the years while the interest in UFOs has steadily increased. Why? MUFON should have at least 20 to 30 thousand members by now.

Just my opinion too, and thanks for the constructive dialogue.

The best, Ed Komarek (ORTK)

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