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Subject: Greer as 'Activist Leader'?

In a message dated 97-06-04 10:56:17 EDT, you write:

> Hello John, Don and all list members,
>
> I always have to laugh when I hear about CSETI's light flashing techniques.
> As with everything else in ufology, there is little in the way of new approaches. A man named Jack Maynard and the Great Lakes Flying Saucer Club
> believed an "open mind" can help one make contact with aliens. Maynard used
> a huge flashlight which he flashed off and on to attract the attention of the saucers.
>
> When was this you ask? Back in the early to mid 1950's!
>
> Just another example of the progression we've accomplished over the past 40
> - 50 years in our approach to studying UFOs. :)
>
> Drew Williamson

Mr. Williamson:

As someone who is familiar with Dr. Greer's total contribution to the field, attended both presentations in Washington, DC in April and about to attend the CSETI rapid response training program in Crestone, CO - two points:

- 1) I will wager you a dinner you would not find the totality of the rapid response techniques "laughable" if you elected to take the program and participate in an engagement,
- 2) The quality, quantity and diversity of extraterrestrial related phenomena research; credential level of participating researchers; awareness level among mainstream intellectuals; involvement of political representatives; quality of media representation (meaning entertainment product); and just about any other aspect of the UFO gestalt has steadily improved over the years and currently is at its apex - light years ahead of the first twenty years after Roswell.

Dr. Steven Greer currently represents the most activist element in the field and will continue to upset those members of the community who have perhaps become too comfortable with passive, internalized development of the genre.

Unless the researchers in the field have a better candidate ready to immediately take on the mantle of leadership of the activist wing, they should give serious consideration to a consolidation of support as opposed to a continuation of the nit-picking status quo.

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