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Dear Errol:

I passing this message on to you from my good friend Fran Ridge of PROJECT LUNASCAN and the UFO FILTER CENTER...

UFO FILTER CENTER MESSAGE

URGENT!!!!!!

In business or government, when something important occurs that needs to be addressed or countered, someone knowledgeable and assigned to the task makes a statement or holds a press conference.

I have been saying this for years: THE SERIOUS PORTION OF THE UFO COMMUNITY NEEDS A SPOKESMAN! I assumed that MUFON would have one eons ago, then later assumed the Coalition would have one. The UFO community misses the boat every time an event occurs, good or bad. Someone, who knows the subject well, should have made a statement regarding this event. If this was done, I never saw any mention of it on the news, nor heard anything about it on the internet. We need a person with the caliber and charisma of a Dr. James McDonald, someone who knows the subject and does not come off as a "believer" or fanatic. This is one of the prime reasons why I do not belong to MUFON any longer. If NICAP still existed, I would be a member TODAY.

As a 37-year veteran of ufology, from NICAP to MUFON & CUFOS, I will do anything and everything I can to change this situation. This has got to be a priority among serious UFO researchers or our decades of hard work will be wasted and our hard-won credibility will be down the tubes. We will revert from volunteer professionals back to hobbyists, from UFOlogists to UFologists.

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