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Re: Financing For Hearings In Congress,(idea)

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>From: EdKomarek@aol.com
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>Subject: Financing For Hearings In Congress,(idea)

>A POTENTIAL INTRODUCTORY LETTER
>Toward gaining corporate financing for hearings in Congress
>By Ed Komarek

>Dear Chairman---

Ed, do what you're gonna do. Before you start writing letters to corporate CEOs, however -- letters that will never reach their desks in the first place -- might I suggest that you consult something as basic as a dictionary if you don't have one?

What in the hey, for example, are "competiours"? The word I assume you want is "competitors."

It's not "a effort," but "an" effort, not "idenified," but "identified," not "endeavors," but "endeavors," not "evenutaly," but "eventually," and so on.

>Presently three major UFO groups are involved in building grassroots support and are lobbying Congress. These groups have idenified over >100+ individuals that hold or have held high security clearances and >who claim to have worked on alien projects.

If MUFON is one of these three supposed major UFO groups, I beg to differ. We have never even remotely claimed to have the names of 100 people, let alone 100+, who claim to have been involved with, or to have worked on, "alien projects." If CUFOS and FUFOR are the other two major groups you have in mind, while I can't speak for them personally, I believe they would issue similar denials if asked.

Letters such as this, which I assume you intend on sending out regardless of what I say, are but one reason why the field of ufology as a whole is so widely regarded as a hodge-podge of kooks and crackpots, and a laughingstock in the bargain.

I happen to personally know the CEO of a Fortune 500 company -- involved in aeronautics -- and I can assure you that your letter, as worded, will not get past the proverbial first base. In the unlikely event that it does, however, it will do us more harm than good.

"Oh, ufologists," I can hear him saying now. "Aren't they the people who can't even spell, let alone back up their claims? And I'm supposed to put my good corporate name (and that of my stockholders) behind their efforts to petition congress? Maybe when pigs fly -- unless you try to tell me that flying pigs are reverse-engineered UFOs."

So do what you gotta do, Ed. Just don't do it in my name, MUFON's or anyone else's but your own. And when you do it in your name, be sure to spell it rihgt. >(:

Dennis

PS: Finally, yes, several interesting projects (MUFON-related and otherwise) are in the works. In the main these are financed by individuals with a private interest in the UFO subject. To disclose more at this time would be to jeopardize their financial backing. How would you feel, by way of example, if the press in your city, state, or country constantly associated you with the Heaven's Gate disaster and other UFO-related imbroglios? In fact, given Heaven's Gate and its extreme sensitivity, ufology will be extremely fortunate if these individuals don't withdraw their behind the scenes support altogether.

Any studies resulting from same will be duly published and made public. To concentrate on who made what possible in the meantime is to flirt with potential disaster -- in terms of both ultimate potential and outcome. If this causes some to perceive me and MUFON as "conspirators," so be it. But if we can offer witnesses anonymity, why should financial supporters who wish to remain anonymous be regarded any differently? You'll see the results -- or lack thereof -- soon enough. They may or may not be in areas you've already anticipated. That isn't to monger mystery, so much as to say just atay tuned.

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