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Re: Congratulations Steven Greer & CSETI

From: Don Ledger <dledger@istar.ca>
Date: Sat, 03 May 1997 14:26:02 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 May 1997 02:23:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Congratulations Steven Greer & CSETI

Hi List,
I swore I was going to stay out of this one but.....,

> Date: Thu, 01 May 1997 20:12:24 -0400
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalseve.net>
> From: "S. Baldwin" <sblee@stc.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Congratulations Steven Greer & CSETI

> >>He came across as reasonably level headed and the newscaster although
> >>unfortunately tying everything in the "x-files" bag, was less than
> >>his usual normal smirking self when UFO's are mentioned.

> >I'm glad they gave it some air time, but most stations use it as "filler"
> >when the news is slow. My guess is that the story will pop up for the next
> >several weeks, as many stations hold the story back until it's needed. It
> >may be featured in a number of markets during the weekend, depending on how
> >many stations Greer/CSETI contacted for interviews.

> Yes, you are probably right unfortunately, it was not on the
> "prime time" news but the less watched 10pm. It was just good
> to see it taken semi seriously here in the South. Ah well,
> sigh.....maybe next time.

> Susan

Susan touches on one of the biggest problem in Ufology...the attitude of the electronic media and the press (hereinafter called "media"). They are, I think, in most cases unwitting dupes in a non directed disinformation campaign started many years ago, probably by the military. Since I don't buy into the super conspiracy scenario I think the media just grabbed the ball and ran with it.

At any rate I have run into the "attitude" of the media for so long now it is second nature to distrust their motives on all fronts, including talk shows etc. (though I have seen a few that were very fair). Though nothing may be said in the body of the show, they will depart from their usual signature music to play some of that '50s outer space music which tends to set the tone for what went on before. In one case I took a TV station to task for this and made it known that the next time they would have to find someone else to ridicule and mentioned in passing that since this was a phone in show and this time their switchboard had been overwhelmed by calls (they brought it up) thereby indicating a heavy viewership which of course is the lifeblood of TV and all media, that perhaps the competitive TV station not too far away would get that viewership the next time around.

You don't have to take crap from these people. Sit them down one by one and show them the facts, let them see you and hear you and in some

cases you can raise doubts.

It's too big an issue to get into here, but there are ways to combat this, and we need them to fight the military/government control of this issue.

I can go on at length about this because I have some expertise in this area, but perhaps this issue should be saved for dicussion on its own.

Regards,
Don Ledger

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