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Re: Witness Anonymity

From: clark@canby.mn.frontiercomm.net [Jerome Clark]
 Date: Wed, 08 Oct 1997 09:43:49 PDT
 Fwd Date: Wed, 08 Oct 1997 20:28:24 -0400
 Subject: Re: Witness Anonymity

X-UIDL: ea8dbf9f11e42f0067deb23ca1148d27

> Date: Wed, 08 Oct 1997 01:37:06 -0400
 > To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
 > From: Don Allen <dona@totcon.com>
 > Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Witness Anonymity

> At 09:22 AM 10/7/97 -0400, Linda "Cortile" wrote:

> >From: HONEYBE100@aol.com [Linda Cortile]
 > >Date: Tue, 7 Oct 1997 02:01:58 -0400 (EDT)
 > >To: updates@globalserve.net
 > >Subject: Re: Witness Anonymity

> >>Date: Mon. 06 Oct 1997 03:59:57 -0400
 > >>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
 > >>From: Don Allen <dona@totcon.com>
 > >>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Witness Anonymity

> >Don Allen wrote:

> >>Yes, of course Julie would do well to review all of the posts on

> >>this thread. I would even extend that to perusing your original
> >>abduction account, the pissing match between Jerry Clark and
> >>George Hansen, from a few years back on your story, and the
> >>papers written by Stefula, Butler, and Hansen wherein they
> >>make a pretty good case of blowing your abduction account to
> >>smithereens.

> >I think everyone on the list would do well to review, not only the
> >posts regarding Witness Anonymity, but also, the papers
> >written 5 years ago, by the "Three Stooges" Stefula, Bulter and
> >Hansen, before the case was completely researched. I want
> >everyone to know what they've tried unsuccessfully to do with
> >their adverse propaganda and untruths, while they physically
> >and verbally harrassed my family and me. It's there for every-
> >one to see.

> This is my frank appraisal of your "case" - it's a fictional story
> that has key mystery witnesses who disappear very conveniently,
> and I never bought into it. As for the "three stooges" as you
> put it, they poked plenty of holes into this fictional work of yours.

> One of the so-called "stooges" went on to write an extremely
> detailed scathing paper on CSICOP, but I doubt you even heard
> of that Ms. Napolitano, since you were so busy at the time making
> appearances at conferences all over the country hawking
> your story as the "abduction case of the century". Cough,
> cough. Can you say "over-hyped with no substance" ?
> You might not be able to but I sure can.

Folks,

Here we see a touching expression of the need for certainty
in an uncertain world -- a strange posture for a ufologist, I
should think but, sadly, not unprecedented. What we don't
see is a coherent argument.

On one level, the issues between George P. (Torquemada)
Hansen and the undersigned amount to a mere "pissing
contest." We have scarcely recovered our breath when we
learn that Mr. T and associates are the soul of wisdom on the
Linda case and who knows what all else.

All I know is this: The stuff about me in their debunking
paper was made up out of whole cloth. Of all the subjects
in the world, the one on which I am the world's leading
expert is me, and they got me dead wrong. Therefore I
would be a fool not to be skeptical of what they say about
others, not least of them Linda. Time, in any event, has
not been good to Mr. T and company. Those looking for
a more balanced account of the case's pluses and minuses
(and many exasperating ambiguities) are urged to read
Greg Sandow's two-part series which we published in
IUR this year. If, on the other hand, you can't live in any
colors except black and white, don't bother.

Jerry Clark

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