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### Re: Becker Claims Copyright Infringement by

From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>  
Date: Fri, 10 Oct 1997 01:09:48 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 10 Oct 1997 20:42:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Becker Claims Copyright Infringement by

> Date: Thu, 9 Oct 1997 18:59:52 -0800  
> To: updates@globalserve.net  
> From: campbell@ufomind.com (Glenn Campbell, Las Vegas)  
> Subject: Becker Claims Copyright Infringement by Maccabee  
  
> Barbara Becker has claimed copyright infringement in an on-line  
> article by Bruce Maccabee posted to this list on Oct. 4.  
  
> Becker has threatened to file a lawsuit against Glenn Campbell,  
> Bruce Maccabee, Errol Bruce-Knapp and another party to seek  
> "injunctive, punitive and statutory damages from Glenn and  
> punitive and statutory from the rest of you...."

I find this to be a saddening and depressing development. As Glenn points out elsewhere, the use of material on the net for comment and criticism is normal and appropriate. It also seems to be covered by fair use, as indicated in:

"The fair use provision of the Copyright Act allows reproduction and other uses of copyrighted works under certain conditions for purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching(including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship or research. Additional provisions of the law allow uses specifically permitted by Congress to further educational and library activities. The preservation and continuation of these balanced rights in an electronic environment as well as in traditional formats are essential to the free flow of information and to the development of an information infrastructure that serves the public interest." (<http://www.arl.org/scomm/copyright/uses.html>)

The idea that a participant in the list would even think of suing someone for using material provided to them by this list, or relevant material found on the web, in commentary, research, or critique, suggests that said participant should keep their opinions to themselves, rather than burdening the rest of us with fear that we will be the next one singled out for threat of punitive legal action.

We should all perhaps be aware that the very existence of computer networks is sending massive tremors through traditional copyright law. I refer you to <http://www.ssrn.com/CyberLaw/lawpaper.html> where you can find the paper Dealing With Overlapping Copyrights on the Internet, Author: Mark A. Lemley, Organization: University of Texas School of Law (you will need an Adobe Acrobat reader or plug in to read this document) for more information.

Still, let's try to remember in the heat of the moment that the fact that we disagree will not be ended by destroying the fora in which those disagreements are given form. The result will simply be that the world has been made poorer in information.

Like most people who joined this list, I accept that what I write leaves my control to some extent. I would hope that those who think that their best recourse in this context is to threat and legality will think again,

or go elsewhere.

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Mark Cashman, creator of The Temporal Doorway at

<http://www.geocities.com/~mcashman>

- Original digital art, writing, and UFO research -

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