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### Re: The Question of UFO Witness Anonymity

From: BOB SHELL <76750.2717@compuserve.com>  
Date: Fri, 5 Sep 1997 10:50:57 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 05 Sep 1997 11:33:54 -0400  
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Date: Fri, 5 Sep 1997 01:54:49 -0500  
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>  
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Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: The Question of UFO Witness Anonymity

>From: c549597@showme.missouri.edu [Barbara Becker]  
>Date: Thu, 04 Sep 1997 11:10:45 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>  
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>> From: clark@canby.mn.frontiercomm.net [Jerome Clark]  
>> Date: Tue, 02 Sep 1997 12:25:19 PDT  
>> To: updates@globalserve.net  
>> Subject: RE: UFO UpDate: Re: The Question of UFO Witness Anonymity

>> > From: HONEYBE100@aol.com  
>> > Date: Tue, 2 Sep 1997 04:40:42 -0400 (EDT)  
>> > To: updates@globalserve.net  
>> > Subject: Re: The Question of UFO Witness Anonymity

>> > >Date: Wed.27 Aug.1997 11:15:09 -0700  
>> > >From: Scott Hale <shale@megalinx.net>  
>> > >To: UFO UpDatess <updates@globalserve.net>  
>> > >Subject: The Question of UFO Witness Anonymity

>> > Hello everyone!

>> > Scott Hale wrote:

>> > >List,

>> > >The recent posts regarding Linda Cortile have compelled me to  
>> > >share my opinion on this issue.

(enormous snip)

Showme writes,

>Anonymity on a sighting report is not a big deal. But anonymity in a  
>case where there is financial gain IS a big deal.

>BB

>Hi Barbara,

>After reading your comment I suddenly realized how many of my friends and  
>aquaintances are writers. Do you know many writers Barbara? There isn't a  
>sorrier lot of hooligans (in terms of financial remuneration) in all the

>world.

<snip>

>Every writer I know is always crying the blues. Where is "all this money"  
>you keep talking about. I have yet to see any evidence of it among the  
>working writers I'm exposed to. Most of the guys I know would consider it  
>a "good deal" if they broke even on a project! You'll probably hear from  
>some of them.

>"Show me the money!" <G>

>In fact,...

>I believe that in NY if you put down on a welfare application that your  
>occupation is 'writer' it automatically qualifies you for double food  
>stamps, ciggie \$ and other really neat extended benefits! I guess thats  
>why so many of them migrate here. <VBG>

>John Velez:)

Hi John,

Right on! Everyone always thinks that writers make big bucks. It just ain't so. I've written more than a dozen books, and some of them have become best sellers in my field (photography), but I'm very far from rich. If I didn't have a regular income from magazine editing and photography, I'd be on food stamps! The vast majority of writers are not like Norman Mailer, Steven King, and that ilk. There are a few super stars who make millions, and then there's all the rest of us who eke out a living somehow and write because we love doing it.

Publishers are well known for "creative bookkeeping". I recently got a royalty statement from one publisher and noticed that they had lowered the percentage they paid me below what is in the contract. Well, they explained, they had to give a special deal on the book to one distributor before that distributor would take the book. Was I consulted? No. Can they do this legally? No. But what can I do??? I've got two books which are best sellers in Germany, but I have not gotten a penny in royalties because of a dispute between the original publisher and the German one!

I hope everyone who thinks that writers are rich becomes one!!

Bob

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