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### Re: Barry Greenwood's CAUS Resignation Statement

From: [jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net) (Jan Aldrich)  
Date: Sun, 01 Feb 1998 15:01:14 -0800  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Feb 1998 17:51:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: Barry Greenwood's CAUS Resignation Statement

> From: [SGBList2@aol.com](mailto:SGBList2@aol.com)  
> Date: Fri, 30 Jan 1998 23:50:43 EST  
> To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Barry Greenwood's CAUS Resignation Statement

> > Date: Fri, 30 Jan 1998 16:35:13 -0800  
> > From: [jan@cyberzone.net](mailto:jan@cyberzone.net) (Jan Aldrich)  
> > To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)  
> > Subject: Barry Greenwood's CAUS Resignation Statement

Another absolutely amazing post from Stephen Bassett. Please do visit Bassett's 'People' page at UFOMind and especially check out this item:

<http://www.ufomind.com/people/b/bassett/caus-reply.txt>

Now you will find that in this current post and the posting on Bassett's page not \*once\* does Bassett mention Barry Greenwood by name. It strikes one as rather amazing that you can talk about CAUS for the last 14 years and say nothing about Barry Greenwood.

Please read on:

> A few clarifying comments regarding the statement below:

> 1) the statement/ad referred to below was not by or for CSETI.  
> It was written by me and a number of suggestions from  
> organizations I work with (including CSETI) were incorporated  
> into the document. This statement has been modified and is now  
> (or soon) available for review once more at: [www.anagramvideo.com](http://www.anagramvideo.com)  
> and [forums.msn.com/ufo](http://forums.msn.com/ufo). It will be published in the Washington  
> Post in due course when appropriate signatures have been obtained  
> and funding secured.

> 2) a number of other issues raised relating to me were addressed  
> and clarified in earlier posts by me as well as private e-mail to  
> Jan Aldrich in early January. These earlier responses to this  
> matter can be viewed at:

> <http://www.ufomind.com/people/b/bassett/>

> 3) I have now stated several times that I regret very much these  
> developments, acknowledge some errors on my part, have apologized  
> for such, have not been involved in any premeditated effort to  
> disrupt CAUS, admire the work of CAUS very much, would much  
> prefer CAUS to keep all executives for the coming demands of  
> disclosure.

> 4) This was basically a complex misunderstanding. The UFO

> research community has suffered greatly from misunderstandings in  
> its 50 year history. I certainly was party to this one, and am  
> resolved to be more careful as this difficult and complex process  
> moves forward.

> Stephen Bassett  
> Paradigm Research Group  
> paradigmrg@aol.com  
>

Let us stipulate, for the moment at least, that Bassett is an innocent if gullible and naive person.

Bassett says in his 'People' page at UFOmind missive:

"I had been talking with Larry Bryant and Peter Gersten about involvement with CAUS."

It does not occur to Bassett to take out a membership to CAUS if he wants to become involved. Possibly, if he did, he would have learned what the policies were and who set them for the last 14 years.

When Larry Fawcett retired Greenwood announced, that all statements on CAUS policy came from him. Now Bassett may not have known that since he was not a member. However, both Bryant and Gersten knew of Greenwood's statement. They were on the CAUS subscriber list. They have not made any decisions or policies for nearly 14 years. They knew of Greenwood statements and policies and knew that Barry would not tolerate Bassett's letter or any links with the organizations and some of the individuals listed therein.

In this sorted business Robert Bletchman's role is probably the worst. Perhaps sometime in the past--over 16 years ago-- he may have been a CAUS official. He was not even a member now. Recently, in the past few years he had been hostile to both Greenwood and CAUS. He may have told the naive and gullible Stephn Bassett that he was a Director of CAUS, but on the telephone to me, Bletchman declared that he "was loosely connected to CAUS." He also had some choice words about Gersten, but that is another story.

Bletchman may have been knighted by Peter Gersten as a CAUS official retroactive to 1 January 1998, but he certainly had not been one throughout Greenwood's 14 year tenure.

Bassett, Bletchman, or Gersten did not attempt to contact Greenwood concerning this letter. It is indeed unfortunate in these days that the telephone is difficult for some people to use. Gersten had been in touch with Greenwood prior to the letter surfacing, but mentioned nothing about his connection with Bassett.

When I transmitted Greenwood's answer to the Bassett letter,

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1998/jan/m07-025.shtml>

I coordinated my reply with Gersten:

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Subject: Re: CSETI PETITION  
Date: Wed, 7 Jan 1998 18:09:14 EST  
From: UFOLAWYER1 <UFOLAWYER1@aol.com>  
Organization: AOL (<http://www.aol.com>)  
To: jan@cyberzone.net

Jan,

Excellant response to the Petition. I am impressed. My position and the same for CAUS, is that we are against all secrecy... whether created by the government or private, self-proclaimed experts in the field. Maybe one day we will have the opportunity to meet. I still feel that 1975 was an extraordinary year but do not have the time presently to detail it for you. Can you tell me about yourself?

Peter  
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Gersten professed support of Greenwood and his fromer statements and policies while continuing to align himself with the very

people who Greenwood had tried to disassociate from CAUS.

The innocent naive and gullible Stephen Bassett tells us in his UFOmind post:

"When I learned of the problem with CAUS, I took immediate steps to correct the matter and contacted Aldrich. He was not willing to communicate."

However, in my answer to his E-mail on 10 January 1998 we find a different story (B for Bassett, A for Aldrich):

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B: I do apologize for this. I also apologize for hanging up on you - I did not understand the source for your frustration.

A: The source of my frustration came from my preception that you were playing with me. You represented that you did not know what was on your website or in your letter. However, talking to people in the Washington, D. C. area, I find they speak highly of you. Although quite frankly, they think your efforts in the UFO field demonstrate great naivite.

B: Peter has stated the CAUS position clearly. Let's agree to disagree and move forward.

A: There is one final item. You are not a member of CAUS or an official. However, Glenn Campbell's Ufomind website has you connected with CAUS.

Please inform Glenn that this linkage is incorrect.

Thank you.

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After this communication, Bassett can not claim to be so innocent. He was put on notice that as far as Greenwood was concerned, Greenwood did not consider him a member of CAUS or to have any connection with CAUS and that he should inform Glenn Campbell of such. Bassett did not answer my E-mail. Nor did Gersten contact anyone to inform them of Bassett's new status until after I lodged a complaint with Glenn Campbell after almost a week of inaction on Bassett's part.

My specuation is that Gersten and Bassett wanted to keep Greenwood and myself in the dark on their true intentions for as long as possible.

More details on this are covered by Greenwood in his resignation statement:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/1998/jan/m30-028.shtml>

To sum up:

Greenwood had been the sole voice of CAUS for 14 years.

Bassett's fantasy world to the contrary, only Fawcett and Greenwood were active officials of CAUS since 1984.

Bryant, Gersten, and Bletchman were well aware of this.

The attempt to usurp the hard won reputation for credibility that Greenwood had built during the last 14 years was not one giant misunderstanding, but a calculated, sorted affair. Perhaps Bassett did not understand that from the beginning, but he should now.

I certainly do not wish to be associate with CAUS longer, nor its new fringe policies nor its new officials.

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Jan Aldrich  
Project 1947

<http://www.iufog.org/project1947/>

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