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Re: Letter To US Pres/Cong - clarification viz CAUS

From: **SGB List 2** <SGBList2@aol.com> [Stephen G. Bassett]
Date: Thu, 8 Jan 1998 03:37:44 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Jan 1998 08:30:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Letter To US Pres/Cong - clarification viz CAUS

> Date: Wed, 07 Jan 1998 19:58:29 -0800
> From: jan@cyberzone.net (Jan Aldrich)
> To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalseve.net>
> Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Letter To US President & Congress on ET Related PhenomenaI

In a message dated 98-01-07 23:46:03 EST, you write:

> Barry Greenwood has asked me to forward his response concerning
> the CSETI letter to the U. S. President and Members of Congress.
> Barry Greenwood and the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) did
> not and do not endorse CSETI and the other organizations listed
> on letter, their actions or this letter. CAUS seldom endorses
> individuals or organizations.

CAUS's inclusion with the letter as a contact group arose after discussions with Peter Gersten and Larry Bryant. An assumption on my part that these discussions were being carried to Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Aldrich was incorrect and my fault entirely.

Inclusion as a contact for the ad/letter is only a matter of endorsing the content and I have taken care not imply cross-group endorsement. I am a believer that the commonalities between individuals and groups in this process outweigh the differences.

> If CAUS does endorse individuals and organizations, it will be
> prominently mentioned in its publication "Just Cause" or by an
> officer of CAUS. The address listed on the CSETI letter is the
> correct address for CAUS. The telephone number and fax number
> are not. These telephone numbers do not belong to a CAUS
> representative or a CAUS member.

This was an error arising out of a misunderstanding and is being corrected as quickly as possible.

> Years ago an organization named "Justice for Military Personnel"
> (JMP) put out a scheme to obtain "amnesty" for active and former
> military personnel who set aside their military security oaths
> and testified about UFOs. CAUS was listed as a supporter. The
> telephone number given in one JMP "news release" was the MUFON HQ
> telephone number. This was a hoax. CAUS did not support this
> JMP organization or this concept of "amnesty." MUFON was not
> connected with this organization or idea.

The current project is not related in any way to this earlier project.

> CAUS does not support CSETI or its "amnesty" program. CSETI's
> attempt to issue a unilateral declaration voiding security oaths
> is without legal foundation. It has no standing.

None of the projects, including the letter/ad destined for the Wash. Post, which I have discussed publicly as ongoing are unilateral. The Congressional hearing effort seeks a "waiver" of non-disclosure agreements solely for the purpose of the hearings and only pertaining to UFO evidence. The same applies to the matter of amnesty, a view which is shared by many groups and individuals. This is, however, a controversial and important issue. I would welcome the opportunity to debate the merits of this concept with Jan or anyone else who feels strongly on the matter.

> CAUS continues as its name clearly states to oppose UFO secrecy.
> CAUS has and will fight such UFO secrecy by lawful means. It is
> the right of free people to dissent from government positions,
> and attempt to change policies, laws, and regulations. CAUS
> intends to do all these things in legal manner.

I agree completely. It is also the right of all citizens to petition and address their representatives. Because of CAUS' long history in seeking disclosure and its pioneering efforts with the FOIA, it would be appropriate to have its support for the ongoing political projects. Perhaps common ground can be found and I look forward to discussing this possibility with CAUS's executives.

Regards,

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