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Re: UPN Abduction Video

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>Subject: UPN Abduction Video
>Date: Thu, 22 Jan 1998 00:15:44 -0800

>Being a layman in ufology I was hesitant to send this message but
>I felt compelled to. You should know that I am a banker and in
>particular a commercial lender and have been for almost 20 years.
>My job has required me to always try and obtain the facts of a
>situation, weigh those facts and make a decision.

>I must admit that I lost some respect for Mr. Friedman last
>night. He lent his name to the UPN show, probably to try and add
>some legitimacy to the program however his involvement was
>premature.

His reputation certainly will not be helped by his involvement in
this "farce", but it says much more about the lack of
organization of this genre than it does about his veracity. I
would be interested in Friedman's comments after he has had a
chance to see the video and how his comments were interspersed
with it. This certainly wouldn't be the first time that someones
comments were twisted by those producing a video.

>On the outside chance that the video was real, there would be all
>kinds of physical proof of this occurrence. Here's just a few
>things that come to mind:

- >1. Did anyone run tests on the melted gun barrels ?
- >2. Did anyone examine the electrical transformer box that blew up ?
- >3. Did anyone examine the landing site or the site that was
>burned by the alien's laser ?
- >4. Did anyone check the blood samples on the rags used by the
>Mcphersons to stop their nose bleeds. Was it real blood ? What
>blood type was it ?
- >5. Was the truck engine examined ?
- >6. Was the circuit breaker box examined ?
- >7. What was the condition of the house when found by the police
- >8. What leads do the police have in regards to the where
>whereabouts of this family.

>I guess my point is that this SHOW should not have been presented
>without some of the factual information covering the above

>questions and many others that arise from the video tape.

If this has been a news documentary, that would have been the case, but you can post some of the questions you raise to some of the production people listed at the end of the show to see if they bothered to test any of the things you mentioned. This show was a fictional presentation. It was put together by Dick Clark Productions, and one might ask them why they felt the need to promote this in the way that they did. You might notice that the promos always asked, "Could this be a video of an actual abduction?", rather than simply stating that it actually was such a video. By implication, one assumes that there is a chance that it could be real, but in effect the idea is planted in your mind and they've avoided the threat of a legal suit for false advertising. Other promos were similarly worded to leave one with an impression, but without making a claim that it was an actual event.

>This is exactly the type of presentation that negatively impacts
>all of the legitimate work that has gone into UFO research over
>the years and it's a shame Mr. Friedman took a part in it...

>Len Fedullo

The really scary thing is that nearly half of those who bothered to log onto the UPN site to vote have indicated that they thought it was a real event. Those of us connected with UFOlogy may worry that it cause others to view us in a more negative way, but the apparent reaction of the general public tells me that it's going to get really strange as the millenium approaches. Now, where are all those old titles to the Brooklyn Bridge I had around here.....<g>

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