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### Re: Comments on the UPN thing [Kiviat]

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Date: Sat, 24 Jan 1998 07:22:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Jan 1998 19:08:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Comments on the UPN thing [Kiviat]

At 06:39 PM 1/23/98 -0500, you wrote:

>Dear List:

>For the record: The UPN/Kiviat production was NOT in the least  
>bit original. It was nearly an exact copy of a film produced by  
>Dean Alioto/Axiom Films in San Francisco in 1989, titled, UFO  
>ABDUCTION. 75 minutes. Alioto took a group of friends, etc. for a  
>weekend and enacted the nearly identical sequence of events  
>depicted in the UPN docudrama. He did not however, intersperse  
>interviews with 'personalities' in his film.

>Tom T.

Tom-

"Incident at Lake County" was produced by Dick Clark Productions, not Kiviat/Green or Robert Kiviat. Are you saying that Robert Kiviat is now working for Dick Clark Productions?

The Alioto "film" you mention was created filmed as a low budget demonstration designed to attract investors in a full fledged feature film. That project fell through and someone who got a copy decided to have some fun with it and sent it to some UFO researchers without further explanation. The only similarities that exist pertain to the general plot, and not much more. From some postings I have seen on the UPN show, it is claimed that it was produced as a student project of some sort. How Dick Clark Productions and the students got together on this show would be interesting to know, but the bottom line is that UPN's promotion was (at the very least) improper.

Steve

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