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### Re: Comments on the UPN thing

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>Date: Sat, 24 Jan 1998 07:22:34 -0500  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>  
>From: Steven Kaeser <steve@konsulting.com>  
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Comments on the UPN thing

>>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?

No doubt Kiviat is kicking himself for missing this one!

>Tha 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.

I have spoken with Dean Alioto in the past. This film was released for distribution years ago by him. I received a copy from him. (It seems as though your information is acquired from watching the Sightings Show and was probably a useful opportunity for Alioto to set up the sale). The first time I saw the film was at Bob Brown's UFO Extravaganza when A UFO 'researcher' brought a copy and presented it as though it JUST MIGHT BE TRUE. He thought it was- or so he said. Many people there thought it was as well.

>The only similarities that exist pertain to the general plot,  
>and not much more.  
>Steve

OBVIOUSLY, you have not seen Alioto's film. I would have a hard time finding any major differences - besides the actors themselves. Oh yea, the spaceship in the original did not have

jet rockets and the reason for the family get-together was not a child's birthday but rather Thanksgiving. Thought of another one, the actors probably did not get paid in the original, whereas, in the UPN version, ALL participants received union scale. One more, the original was set in Connecticut and shot in San Francisco-UPN was shot ??? and set in MN.

WHO CARES????? THIS IS A DEAD TOPIC!!!!!!!

Tom T.

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