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Reactions to Barry Greenwood's Resignation

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Below are a few reactions to Barry Greenwood's resignation from CAUS

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Barry Greenwood has provided a cautious and conservative check on the excesses in the UFO field. In this era of wild unfounded claims his service was very important to serious UFO research. His new publication will be a welcome addition to the field.

---Richard Hall

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I regret the need for Barry Greenwood to resign from CAUS but having known Barry by his efforts over the last 10 years I support him 100%.

Hopefully some good will come from it all and I would like to receive his new newsletter.

Perhaps it could cover both historical UFO reports (which would naturally include some Project-1947 material) as well as any future release of material under FOIA which I hope both Barry and yourself will continue.

Please assure Barry of my continued support for the future

Regards

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Murray Bott
Auckland, New Zealand

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For as long as I've known of CAUS, Barry was always the "human face" of the group. Whenever I wrote to CAUS, Barry was the one to reply. When I needed information from CAUS, Barry was the one who sent it to me. When JUST CAUS subs had to be renewed, they went to Barry.

Barry wrote, co-ordinated, and edited the information obtained from CAUS and virtually single-handedly kept the organization afloat.

Barry was CAUS, and whatever the future may bring, I will always associate the spirit, dedication and unfailing generosity of Barry with the man who was CAUS for so long, and who will no doubt imbue any future projects with those same qualities.

Barry, your peers and your admirers wish you all the best.

Kindest regards,

John Stepkowski,
Melbourne, Australia.

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As for myself, I wholeheartedly support Barry.... Please feel free to quote me about that subject.

I've been accustomed to think of CAUS as of Barry, in the last 15 years or so. He's been a rare voice of sanity and prudence in as delicate a place as the center of official documents releases, where the much too numerous and vociferous paranoids might well have taken over.

What a pity he's leaving now!

My first reaction was that he should not have surrendered, but he was there, I was not (and I did the same myself in 1985, when I had to take the painful decision to leave a CUN I had worked for and believed in for years, but which had gone to unacceptable positions).

Edoardo Russo, CISU
Torino, Italy

+++++ Several years ago, for a reason I don't remember, French UFO researcher Yves Bosson sent me copies of several articles that had appeared in Just Cause. For me, at that time, Just Cause was the bulletin of a group championing the "UFO community vs the government" battle on UFOs. I had read Greenwood and Fawcett's book and didn't share some of their conclusions and I also remembered the first years of CAUS with Gersten's fights against government agencies. The CAUS I knew was another group, the group that started before Greenwood became editor of Just Cause.

I was very surprised when I read the articles from Just Cause sent to me by Bosson. No wild claims. Only carefully checked facts. I asked Bosson to send me all his copies of the newsletter and sent \$20 to Barry Greenwood to subscribe. I discovered that the European ufology was not the center of the world and that even in the country of coverups, Roswell fans, MJ-12 and Stan Friedman, there was a voice for high quality information on government involvement on UFOs.

When the GAO investigation and the Air Force investigation on Roswell started I called Greenwood several times "to know the truth" about what was happening. I discovered a man who is in fact very strange when compared to many other UFO researchers: Greenwood has no extraordinary revelations to make, no rumors to spread on other researchers, it's possible to disagree with him without losing him as a friend (and of course without being accused of being a CIA agent or a debunker). Greenwood is something like a UFO experience: as long as you haven't talk to him, you cannot imagine the person he is or believe that he exists: the tone of his voice, the way he replies to questions or criticism etc. In a community where insults, gossips and rumors replace scientific discussions, Greenwood is a real anomaly.

One last anecdote: some time ago, the French cultural TV channel Arte (French equivalent to PBS) asked me who to invite to speak about the US situation re UFOs. Of course I mentioned Greenwood's name and told them something similar to what is written above. Unfortunately I forgot that Greenwood lacks something, the something that stops TV producers when they decide who they should or should not invite. Greenwood doesn't have a PhD in nuclear physics, in astronomy, or he is not a former MJ-12 member, never worked at Area 51 on crashed saucers or this kind of thing. As a result, Arte didn't invite him and instead, they invited Stanton Friedman, who of course has all the necessary credentials to speak about UFOs!! And the French public learned all those terrifying secrets that the US government is hiding. We can easily understand that a serious TV channel like Arte cannot compromise itself in inviting someone who is not a scientist and therefore who could go off the rail during the interview!

What can I add? Nothing except that I sincerely wish for all of us that Barry will continue to publish his newsletter (he told me the other day that he will) and that thanks to him and to a few other sane people in this field, we'll be able to maintain

something that really looks like UFO research. It's too bad that people who consider ufology as just a pseudo-science full of cranks don't know that people like Greenwood exist.

Sorry for my Frenglish. I hope you'll understand from what I say above that Barry Greenwood is one of the few people in this field that I really appreciate. But contrary to what I often read or hear, I don't think that the UFO community is in such a bad situation because even if there are more and more nuts, there are also more and more serious investigators who follow the "Greenwood policy". The only thing that is really happening is that there is a divide that is getting greater each day between the sane UFO researchers/historians and the true believers who accepts every wild UFO claims.

Pierre Lagrange

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Count on me. You may definitely quote me. Joining Pierre, I support Barry's statement too.

Useless to add more.

Sincerely,

Maurizio Verga, CISU

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Yes, I support him willingly.

Bruno Mancusi
Switzerland

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