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> Also BTW, still no response to Harney's attack on Klass's  
> dismissal of the  
> Travis Walton abduction. Come on you guys, give the chap a hand!

John,

You seem to think that this is about taking sides. "Our" side, you seem to think, should be glad that someone on "your" side acknowledges one of "our" points.

But that's not the issue. I hope my praise of Peter Brooksmith's Occam's Razor post some time ago shows how eagerly I welcome serious thinking by those I disagree with.

Harney's piece, however, wasn't serious, because he hadn't done his research. That was the problem with it. That's why Jerry Clark and others objected so much.

Harney clearly had little idea of who Jerry is or what he's written. He uncritically accepted Phil Klass's very old analysis of the RB-47 case, which is, very simply, bad journalism. Klass's analysis appears in a book published in 1974, for God's sake. Before Harney publishes anything that accepts Klass as gospel, it's his responsibility to ask if any new information or analysis has surfaced in the past 24 years. I could get fired from some of my professional journalistic jobs for not doing something like that.

So when Harney says Phil's debunking of the Walton case is mistaken, I'm not impressed. What's his source for that? Maybe he has no more idea of what he's talking about here than he does when he goes on about Jerry or about the RB-47 case.

Let me repeat. I'm not keeping track of which side scores more points, and I'm not impressed with ignorant or unintelligent writing, no matter whose side it takes.

Greg Sandow

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