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### Re: John Ford

From: John Velez <[jvif@spacelab.net](mailto:jvif@spacelab.net)>  
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>Date: Mon, 08 Jun 1998 00:05:16 +0200  
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>> Date: Sun, 7 Jun 1998 02:46:54 -0500  
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>> >Date: Sat, 06 Jun 1998 11:29:35 -0500  
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>> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Alfred's Odd Ode #251

>> Hello Al, hi All,

>> A buddy sent me an "update" on the Ford case that I wanted to  
>> share with all of you. As I haven't asked permission to reprint  
>> a 'private' communique I am hiding any details that may reveal  
>> the identity of the person that sent it. The important/pertinent  
>> details are all there though.

<snip>

Hi Andy, hi All,

Andy wrote:

>Hi there John,

>Thanks a lot for giving back the List that little touch of  
>humanity I was starting to miss!

<Smiling> Andy, I've had my ass kicked so many times on this  
list over the years that you don't know how hard it is for me  
to "throw back" your warm compliment! <G>

The truth is that Al Lehmborg is the guy that you should thank  
and it is he who deserves it. Al has signed off on every post  
for more than a year now with his John Ford reminder. I put out  
one or two posts about it and I have recieved several  
complimentary e-mails. I was simply responding to Larry Hatch. Al  
is the guy with the big heart and a huge love/sense of fairness  
and right and wrong. Larry called him, "Odd Al," we should all  
be so "odd". The world would be a better place.

>If you have an address or something on the guys that raise the

>defense-payment for Ford, lemme know, will ya?

>@andy Denne

I found out that John is being held at the Mid-Hudson Psychiatric facility here in upstate NY. I guess you can access a mailing address through regular channels. It's a NY State Correctional/Penal Institution.

I just want to add a quick comment on Mid-Hudson. In the early 70's myself and one other guy used to conduct 'group counselling sessions' at four State correctional institutions (prisons) for inmates that were getting ready to re-enter society. Of the four institutions that I visited on a weekly basis Mid-Hudson was by far the worst. It is/was an old set of buildings. They were antiquated back in the 70's. Mind you, I also used to work Attica and Greenhaven so when I say Mid-Hudson was the worst it's in comparison to some really nasty places!

The physical facility, and the staff left an awful lot to be desired. Even for those being punished for crimes against society. If the place hasn't been changed much since I was last there, then John Ford is literally in Hell. Even if Johns' elevator doesn't quite make it to the top floor, no-one deserves to spend time in a hole like Mid-Hudson.

A little note of support from a few of his peers might go a long way to ease the pain that that man must be in. Crazy or not, I'm sending him a letter telling him that he hasn't been forgotten and that some people are following developments in his case. It'll make the guy feel better.

I know if it was me in there a few letters like that would go a long way and be re-read often. It's what you do when you have nothing but time on your hands. Anything that comes from the "outside" is a cherished blessing and a gift. Also, if you write to him, bear in mind that all communications are opened and read by staff first.

Peace,

John Velez

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