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Re: _The_ Open Letter From Jerry Black....

From: **Ted Viens** <drtedv@freewweb.com>
Date: Sun, 15 Mar 1998 18:57:03 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Mar 1998 07:30:07 -0500
Subject: Re: _The_ Open Letter From Jerry Black.....

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

> I just spoke, via phon, with Jerry Black. He suffers from chronic
> arthritis and is unable to use a keyboard, hence the mentions of
> "this tape" in his 'Open Letter' below. Mr Black uses a tape
> recorder to correspond.

> During the course of our conversation, Mr. Black mentioned Bill
> Spaulding and was wondering whether any readers here knew of his
> whereabouts?

> The telephone number at the end of his 'Open Letter' works and
> Mr. Black asks that if anyone needs to call him they do so
> after 3pm EST.

> He also would like to thank Glenn Joyner for transcribing the
> following.

> ebk

> From: <http://members.xoom.com/ufobarb/jb01.html>

> Looking Back: A Review Of Gulf Breeze

> An Open Letter From Jerry Black To Various 'Ufologists'
> October, 1997

With all respect to Jerry Blacks current condition and the many years of effort he has expended in investigating this elusive subject in his preferred rigorous manner, I do not see this profuse letter as anything more than a reflection of the faults of which he accuses the others.

Within the framework of a few brief factual representations, he belittles and demeans the efforts of the others. He cast aspersions on thier motives. He projects his standards on his narrow interpretation of their behaviors as though they were some inviolable norms.

Kevin Randle, in his most recent book, presents the same points, more clearly explained in fewer pararaphs than used by Black. Whatever the substantial nature of the facts, they do not support the personal issues raised by Black. And if those addressed have not behaved in a manner acceptable to Black, well that is just the way life is...

If, in this melee of personalities, we are going to do a better job of policing ourselves, those attempting to police will have

to present themselves differently than the people they are attempting to correct...

Bye... Ted..

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