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

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>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: _The_ Open Letter From Jerry Black To Various 'Ufologists'

>> 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.

>If, in this melee of personalities, we are going to do a better >job of policing ourselves, those attempting to police will have >o present themselves differently than the people they are >attempting to correct...

You must understand that Mr. Black is seriously worried about the "stain" on ufology that comes with supporting unprovable cases. I'm not surprised. I have been worried, too. In fact, one reason I went o Gulf Breeze in th first place in Feb.1988 was to see if it was necessary to try to end the interest of the local media in it. When I heard that the local TV station was going to do a documentary in early March 1988 before any investigation had been completed I was dismayed. There is no doubt that the media interest and pronouncements of "reality" by several ufologists early on was premature.

Only after several months of intense investigation was I "forced" by the data to accept the fact that this couldn' be a hoax by Ed Walters..... for reason enumerated in the first book (last chapter) and repeated in part in the newest book (UFOS ARE REAL....)

SO, yes, I can understand Mr. Black's concern. However.... he obviously has gone beyond the pale when it comes to voicing that concern. What th recipients of that open letter don' know is that

it i based on one of several audio tapes h sent me... in which he
has direct treats of lawsuit for perpetuating a hoax. (No such
suit has yet been filed.)

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