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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: Failure Of The 'Science' Of Obergian Debunking

From: **Greg St. Pierre** <StrmNut@aol.com>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Oct 1998 21:05:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Failure Of The 'Science' Of Obergian Debunking

>Date: Fri, 16 Oct 1998 09:59:46 -0700
>From: Ed Stewart <ufoindex@jps.net>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>Subject: Re: Failure Of The 'Science' Of Obergian Debunking

>I am interested in indexing the existing literature in this
>field and providing bibliographical research tools for serious
>researchers that would like to see ufology become a disciplined
>field of study. I have self-published indexes to Flying Saucer
>Review (FSR) and the combined issues of Skylook, The MUFON
>Journal, and the MUFON Proceedings. Each index is over 600
>pages, double column and contains thousands of entries. These
>indexes are by author, title, category and volume number and are
>available at the Library of Congress and for sale through
>Arcturus Books.

>I have provided Canadian ufologists with an electronic index of
>the 1947 wave newsclips, both local and wire service (over 1200
>newsclips) for their research needs and have cross-indexed the
>entire Library of Congress UFO microfilm collection with Lynn
>Catoe's bibliography of UFOs. Both were produced to support the
>University of Colorado Study popularly known as the Condon
>Committee.

>I am on the verge of completing an index to 'Just Cause' from
>Todd Zechel's era to the end of Barry Greenwood's editorship.

>I am in the process of indexing the APRO Bulletin, the NICAP
>literature, Rod Dyke's & Lou Farish's Newsclipping Services plus
>various microfilm collections and various defunct newsletters
>from the 50s which I have complete runs of.

>Ongoing projects that are continuous in nature and constantly
>updated are the newspaper indexing of the newsclip accumulations
>of various UFO serious researchers and historians such as Barry
>Greenwood and Loren Gross who I work closely with almost on a
>daily basis.

>That is just the tip of the iceberg. It does not include various
>correspondence files and case report files that have been
>photocopied from various sources both individuals and libraries.

That all sounds impressive, Ed. And I'm sure you're providing a
service that will prove invaluable. What I don't understand is

why you spent the last couple months beating up on many of the people who created this information in the first place, claiming that none of it was done in a proper manner and was therefore worthless. Now, you collect it, rearrange it to your liking and proclaim it ready for redistribution. What gives? Are you going to call it the "Bunkless Database According to Ed"?

Please accept my apology for my dog-alongside-the-car analogy. It was poorly chosen, though intended as a visual and not as an insult or to be suggestive as to your physical appearance.

>I could bore you further with what is on top of my desk to do.

Why stop now?? :-)

>>Ufologists

>>are doing the best they can with what they have to work with.

>>What are you doing, besides running along side them like a dog

>>after a passing car? You said you have an interest in

>>UFOs...what's YOUR big idea?

>See above. It is not a big idea. It is one that is necessary for

>ufology to move up the ladder, but I found there is little

>support in ufology and even less demand. Scholarship and

>discipline are not at the top of the interest list among most

>ufologists that according to you are doing the best they can

>with what they got.

Please accept my apology for my dog-alongside-the-car analogy. It was poorly chosen, though intended as a visual and not as an insult or to be suggestive as to your physical appearance.

Ed, all the stuff you've collected has been there there all along. Access to the data has never been the issue. Interest in the data has. I have no wish to discourage you, but do you really think your collection will garner interest where none has existed so far? In addition, it's my understanding that Mr. Clark has been working along the same lines, so why loose your venom on him? Because he goes out on a limb to add personal insight (the nerve of some people!) to the data?

Good luck anyway.

Greg

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