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Greetings, EBK and List Members:

I have seen several responses to Jerry Black's open letter to Whitley Strieber, and have printed and forwarded them to him. I'm sure he will appreciate your comments. One early commentator to that piece was Bruce Maccabee. Jerry has dictated and asked me to post for him a response to Mr. Maccabee's comments.

Glenn

An Open Letter to Bruce Maccabee
From Jerry Black

February, 1999

During the next 90 days, Mr. Maccabee, I will be placing my final report on the Ed Walters Gulf Breeze sightings on my Internet website. I will be discussing, at length, all of the main issues of the Ed Walters case. I will show anyone and everyone why this case has been proven conclusively to be a hoax.

So at this time I will respond only briefly to your three-page reply to my review of Whitley Strieber's case.

Early in my review of Mr. Whitley Strieber's books, I noticed, in the book, Communion, that you helped Mr. Strieber with certain portions of his manuscript. Obviously, at that particular time, you would have no way of knowing, for sure, whether Mr. Strieber's claims in his book, Communion, were valid or not. Yet, you certainly had no reservations whatsoever in lending your name to the acknowledgments section of the book.

It seems like your track record, Mr. Maccabee, for the last ten years or so, certainly is not a very good one. We first have the Guardian case, which you supported on national television, that was proven to be a hoax by one of your own people in the MUFON organization, Mr. Tom Theofanous. Then you supported the Ed Walters Gulf Breeze case, which likewise has been proven, beyond a shadow of a doubt, to be a hoax. (I will demonstrate this to all interested parties in my report which will be forthcoming in the next 90 days.) Then you loaned your name to the acknowledgment section of Mr. Strieber, and helped him with portions of his manuscript for Communion, which would indicate to most people that you are a supporter of Mr. Strieber's case. Certainly, while the jury is out on the case of Mr. Whitley Strieber, it is definitely a questionable case, at best.

So it appears, Mr. Maccabee, that during the last ten years you are on record as supporting very dubious cases, or, at the least, in the case of Whitley Strieber, very questionable cases.

Before my final review of Ed Walters' Gulf Breeze sightings comes out in the next three months, I would appreciate it if you would show the people on the Internet exactly where I have ever said that witnesses to the same thing that Ed Walters photographed were deluded, part of a conspiracy along with Ed and family, or were simply in it for the publicity. I have never stated that, either in print, or verbally in any tapes I have sent to you or to anyone else, Mr. Maccabee. So, please, let's try to be honest. Others may have said that, but not I.

What I have said, and will continue to say, is that anyone else's testimony to the fact that they saw an object similar to that Ed Walters claims to have seen, or photographed an object similar to those that Ed Walters claims to have, are evaluated on their own individual merit. Just because someone photographed an object that looks somewhat like Mr. Walters' photographs, or just because someone has come forth and verbally stated that they saw an object that looked like the Walters objects, does not validate the Ed Walters photographs. Ed Walters' photographs must stand on their own merit.

I stated in my letter, "It has been conclusively proven that the objects Ed Walters photographed were models."

Your response was, "Conclusively proven? Only in Black's mind (and that of a few others)."

"Arguments over the Gulf Breeze photographs have raged over years, and despite the efforts of the died in the wool skeptics, the photographs still stand. They don't/won't understand the examinations those photographs have undergone."

Yes, Mr. Maccabee, everyone does understand the examinations these photographs have undergone. They have undergone the examination of Mr. Jeff Sainio and yourself, against the examination of Mr. William G. Hyzer and his son, Mr. James B. Hyzer. Mr. William G. Hyzer stated in his final report that Photo #19 has been conclusively proven to be a double exposure.

You, Mr. Maccabee, and Mr. Jeff Sainio, cannot even play in the same ball park as William G. Hyzer and James B. Hyzer. (For any interested parties who may be reading this open letter, we have Mr. Hyzer's rather impressive resume posted in an earlier open letter at our website, which can be seen at <http://members.xoom.com/blackshole/jb02.html>) William Hyzer's experience in the medium spans over 40 years, and his son, James, has over 20 years experience. So the informed public out there should be quite aware of all of the examination that these photographs have undergone. Mr. Hyzer, one of the top ten photographic analysis people in the country, using first generation copies -- the same that Jeff Sainio used at different times -- has proven conclusively, as I said, that Photo #19, was definitely, without question, a double exposure. It is not, as you try to imply, his opinion. He has proven it conclusively.

As I said, you also state, "Only in Mr. Black's mind (and that of a few others)." How many years have you had your head hidden in the sand, Mr. Maccabee? I think the statement should be the other way around... Only you, Jeff Sainio, Walt Andrus, the Gulf Breeze supporters, and a few others in the country support the Ed Walters photographs. The vast majority of serious UFO researchers, those who have seen all of the material available, do not support the Ed Walters sightings.

Even your own MUFON Board of Directors does not support, in the majority, the Ed Walters Gulf Breeze sightings. You know that I know that is a fact. So you cannot even bring all of your MUFON Board of Directors in to support the Ed Walters case. Many of the Regional Directors and State Directors certainly do not support the case. Some of them, which I have talked to, are very embarrassed about it, and try to stay away from the topic when it is brought up. I have heard statements like, "Well, that was something in the past. Let's go forward, Jerry." So get your head out of the sand, Mr. Maccabee. The truth is, only you and a few others support the Ed Walters Gulf Breeze case.

You state in your letter that a smear test reported by Jeff Sainio in the 1992 MUFON Symposium Proceedings argues against a double exposure of the Ed Walters photographs. The only thing that has been smeared during the investigation of the Ed Walters photographs, I'm afraid, are the reputations of you, Mr. Maccabee, and of Mr. Jeff Sainio, as photographic analysts. I will elaborate in great detail, in my upcoming final report on the Ed Walters Gulf Breeze sightings.

Moving on, Mr. Maccabee, I stated in my letter that it was the view of Mr. Billy J. Rakes, President of the Polygraph Association of Florida in 1992, and also the view of the National Polygraph Association, that the subject, the person under investigation, cannot take/sponsor his own polygraph test -- it is considered to be an invalid test.

Your reply to that was, "To say that the test results were null and void is a statement of opinion only, and not a fact. Mr. Black, so far as I know, never talked to the polygraphist who tested Ed twice." I did talk to him, and he gave good reasons for believing that his polygraph tests were valid.

Wow, I didn't know that you talked to Harvey McLaughlin, Jr. personally, and that he told you that the polygraph test was completely valid. And, by the way, our President, Bill Clinton, told us that he "never had sexual relations with that woman," Monica Lewinsky. Who cares if you talked to Harvey McLaughlin, Jr. personally? I, in fact, talked to Ronald Lauand, the gentleman who gave Ed Walters his PSE test, five or six times. That does not make it a valid test, Mr. Maccabee.

It appears that whenever an expert in a particular field takes a conclusive position or view, to you Mr. Maccabee, and to Mr. Walt Andrus, if it is contrary to what you believe, it becomes only an opinion. The facts are thus: Mr. Billy J. Rakes, President of the Polygraph Association of Florida, the National Polygraph Association, and 99 percent of the polygraph experts in this country, take the view that a subject who is under investigation cannot take/sponsor his own polygraph test. It is considered invalid. Whether you talk to them, whether I talk to them, whether the President of the United States talks to them, it is considered an invalid test, for obvious reasons. If we were to ask 100 ten year olds to give us the reason that a person under investigation cannot take/sponsor/pay for his own polygraph tests, 99 percent of those children would be able to give us a valid reason. Yet, you, Mr. Maccabee, with your Ph.D., cannot seem to understand why this test is considered an invalid test.

Finally, Mr. Maccabee, in my upcoming review of the Ed Walters Gulf Breeze sightings, you will be given the opportunity to make \$1,000.00 -- if you truly believe that the Ed Walters photographs are genuine. You should not be able to legitimately refuse this test. However, should you accept, if you are wrong about the Ed Walters photographs, and they are as Mr. William G. Hyzer has stated -- definitely double exposures -- you will lose \$1,000.00. We will all wait and see if you are up to the challenge, Mr. Maccabee.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Jerry Black

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A NOTE ABOUT JERRY BLACK:

Mr. Jerry Black has been researching and investigating UFOs in a scientific and objective manner for the past 40 years. His Internet website can be found at:

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