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### Re: IHEDN Report

From: Henny van der Pluijm <[hvdp@worldonline.nl](mailto:hvdp@worldonline.nl)>  
Date: Tue, 20 Jul 1999 02:50:52 +0200 (MET DST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Jul 1999 09:20:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: IHEDN Report

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[GBourdais@aol.com](mailto:GBourdais@aol.com)>  
>Date: Sun, 18 Jul 1999 16:59:32 EDT  
>Subject: Re: IHEDN Report  
>To: [updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)

>Dear Larry:

>I have checked this afternoon with journalist Bernard Thouanel  
>of VSD: the text will not put on the Internet.

>The copyright belongs to the group, named COMETA, but the  
>address is not given in the publication.

>Thouanel tells me that any infringement on the copyright may  
>well be sued by the group (they have a good international lawyer  
>among them, Michel Algrin).

>I intend to write this week a summary of the contents in  
>English, but before sending it I will pass it to Thouanel and he  
>will have it checked by one of the members, presumably the head  
>of the group, general Letty. You see, they don't want any fancy  
>presentation of their report, and for my part, I am going to  
>respect that.

Dear Gildas,

With the utmost respect for the group of French top army officials  
that created the report, I don't think they understand much about  
the internet or about selling hard copy for that matter. If they  
want to sell the report the best thing for them to do is to produce  
a copy of the report themselves and post it on the internet. Along  
with a guideline of how to order the full text.

Since they are not doing that the UFO community, and any other  
interested group for that matter, will for the most part rely on  
second hand accounts of the content of this report and on  
summaries made by persons not belonging to the group. Especially  
second hand accounts could easily give a distorted image of the  
content of the text.

For your information, a text can be copyrighted by the  
author(s), but a summary of the same text made by other persons  
is not covered by that copyright. In other words, you are free  
to post your own summary of the text without permission from  
COMETA. This is covered by the right of freedom of publication.  
They can sue whatever they like, but their demands will not hold  
up in court.

The reason that I am advising you about this is that I find it  
important that the main ingredients of the text come available  
to a large public.

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