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>>Date: Sun, 13 Jun 1999 23:52:07 -0500
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>>>From: Rose Hargrove <PRIESTESSE@aol.com>
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Hi, John,

>No, I'm not here to "defend" Budd. I am here as a witness.
>"Above and beyond hypnosis" (which doesn't happen in every case
>contrary to popular belief) Budd makes calls, interviews
>witnesses, does 'on site' inspections, and he even interviews
>neighbors with the permission of the person reporting if it is
>called for. I know he has spoken to police and to government
>agencies while 'checking things out.' As witness, I can attest
>to the fact that Budd is a lot more thorough than many,
>(yourself included) ever give him credit for. So Dennis,

>you're dead wrong about Budd. He may not be the best of
>"investigators," (and I agree that hypnosis is being -way-
>overused) but, he's an intelligent and thoughtful man who goes
>about his business in an intelligent and thoughtful manner.

>I speak from having worked in close quarters with Budd for 6
>years, Dennis. If you knew the man the way that I know him, you'd
>never say an unkind word about him. No BS.

Excellent points, my friend. Budd Hopkins is as decent a guy as they come, with more compassion in his little fingernail than most of us (including most of us ufologists) possess in all our bodies. He and I don't agree on everything, but I always listen with great respect and interest to what he has to say, because Budd is worth listening to, which is more than I can say for some of his critics.

It sickens me to see how often Budd's good name is trashed, on this list and elsewhere, by persons who barely know him, or who don't know him at all. The implicit assumption beyond the slurs seems to be that anybody making radical claims must be a bad human being. It's not enough, one gathers, simply to argue, as

civilized discourse would have it, that the man's ideas are misguided. Greg Sandow has tried to insert notes of sanity, accuracy, and proportion into the discussion from time to time, to no apparent effect. And while I'm listing Budd's virtues, let me add one more: courage.

Jerry Clark

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