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### Re: Budd Hopkins

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>>If you're going to critique Budd's (or anybody else's) "methods"  
>>it would be nice if you familiarize yourself with them first.  
>>Fair is fair Dennis. Never say stuff -about anyone- that you  
>>cannot prove.

>>Peace,

>>John Velez

>John, you have too much to say that is good regarding people,  
>whereas I often don't. Am I getting cynical in middle age?

Can't speak for you Sasquatch, but I'm getting 'cantankerous!'

>Actually, I had an article lined up by Budd for inclusion in  
>UFOs 1947-1997: Fifty Years of Flying Saucers. Some of you may  
>have seen it, most of you haven't. It was called "Sane Citizen  
>Sees UFO" and originally appeared in The Village Voice for March  
>1, 1976. It was a classic example of an investigation of a  
>single case, that of George O'Barski, who ran a liquor store in  
>Chelsea where Budd routinely bought his dinner wine.

Shame it didn't make it. It is a good case study and Budd did  
an admirable job for an amateur.

>In any event, it demonstrates that, prior to researching  
>abduction cases in the main, Budd was an excellent foot soldier  
>when it came to investigating UFO cases per se.

You imply that he somehow changed when he began to investigate  
abduction cases. Or changed his methods anyway. In fact, the only  
thing that changed was 'what' he was investigating not 'how.'

>To the best of my knowledge, however, Budd declined to

>participate in the MUFON Abduction Transcription project, for  
>reasons only he can fully delineate.

Yep. That's a question to put to Budd directly.

>I've not heard much of late about the attempt to have his  
>collected alien writing samples analyzed by outside parties.

As far as I know, Dennis, they were forwarded to Stewart Appelle at Cornell \_several\_ months ago. I have asked about this myself on several occasions but haven't been able to get any new info as to progress - if any. Aside from the 'science', I've got a 'vested' curiosity in the analysis because one of the samples that was submitted came from me.

>In the meantime, Mario Pazzaglini, who might have made a  
>significant contribution to same, unfortunately passed away in  
>November of last year.

Yes, I'm familiar with him. He sent me some writing samples awhile back and asked me to compare them to what I had seen. Some of it was pretty dead on and some not so. That's what I reported to him and I never heard from him again. Sorry to hear that he's passed on. If the news was published on UpDates I must have missed it, I didn't know.

>This is Budd's material and he is of course perfectly free to do  
>what he wants with it, even if that extends to withholding it  
>from the scientific and ufological community (until the next  
>popular book is published), while continuing to publish  
>broad-sides against Carl Sagan and NOVA for not treating the  
>abduction phenomenon seriously and scientifically.

"Withholding material"? "Broad-siding Carl Sagan"? Gimme a sec to compose myself, that was genuinely funny!

What Budd has, in terms of 'material' is pretty much all 'out there' already. Reports, photo's, some lab results on ground trace evidence, and let's not forget the much maligned independant witness testimony. I don't see how anything Budd has qualifies as being labelled "withheld." Read the books. Whatever he has is there.

Re: "Broad-siding Sagan and NOVA"

It was the \_astronomer\_ Carl Sagan that presumed to 'diagnose' all abductees as suffering from "hallucinations". What an 'astronomer' was doing rendering 'psychological opinions' on a program that purports to report on science is one best left to the conspiracy buffs.

As for NOVA; I personally gave them an opportunity to check me out in any way they chose to and using experts of their own choosing. Dennis \_I\_ asked\_ them for everything from a polygraph to a complete medical and psychological workup. You'd think that they'd jump on an opportunity like that. No dice. Instead they trotted out the same old lineup of 'suspects' who had no interest other than pitching their own pet theories. They analyzed us (on air) without \_ever\_ having as much as spoken to any of us. Or even requesting something as basic as copies of what it was we were reporting! It was a sham, and a hatchet job and a half. They blew a good opportunity to do a little honest investigating and reporting. They were much more interested in sensationalism and ratings. You're defending them to the wrong guy with me, Sasquatch. I \_know\_ what the real deal is with that bunch of Hollygollywood wahoos.

>The question remains: is Budd himself scientific or not? That  
>is, is his approach to the abduction phenomenon that of a  
>scientist or that of a concerned human and therapist, or  
>something of both?

Again something that should be asked of Budd directly. I don't think it's fair or proper to use the same ruler on Budd that you would a trained scientist. He is not that and he has never claimed to be. (Although John Mack should be whupped with that ruler!)

>Budd is playing with fire. Not necessarily Boylan fire, but fire,  
>nonetheless.

Maybe so Dennis, but it won't be me filing the suit. He helped me and mine. Also, wouldn't you think that if he was really the villain that you paint him to be that someone would have sued his pants off by now? After 20 + YEARS! Twenty years, over 600 people and no law suits.

Hmmm, what do dat tell you Andy? <g>

And, putting those two names in the same sentence (Budd & Boylan) takes the same stretch of creativity it would take to put say Ghandi and Joey Buttafuccho together in the same line! :)

Take care till next Sasquatch.

Peace,

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