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### Re: Budd Hopkins

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>Subject: Re: Budd Hopkins

<snip>

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

John,

There's one too many to in the above. I meant to say, "You have  
much to say that is good regarding people..."

<snip>

>>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 Voce 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.

Agreed, as already stated.

>>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.'

Partially granted. His subject matter did change, but so did his  
method of investigation by introducing hypnosis into the  
equation. I hope it doesn't confirm my reputation as a UFO  
curmudgeon to point out that regressive hypnosis remains a  
matter of considerable controversy, even outside the UFO field.  
Hopkins came to a fork in the road and he took it. He could have  
said, since so many of these cases manifest conscious recall,  
I'll concentrate on those and eschew all the problems associated  
with hypnosis. But he didn't. Whether he chose the right path or  
opened a Pandora's can of worms is for history to decide. But  
his influence has been immense, in either event.

<snip>

>"Withholding material"? "Broadsiding Carl Sagan"? Gimme a sec  
>to compose myself, that was genuinely funny!

By mentioning Sagan & NOVA in the same breath doesn't mean that I'm defending either or both over and against Hopkins. Hopkins has criticized them for their lack of science; I merely raised the issue of whether he might not be subject to the same criticism. Has anyone, for example, seen a follow up analysis of the sand samples from the Cortile case? Has anyone read the (justifiable, IMHO) criticisms of the Roper Report and compared them with Budd's statements re same?

<snip>

>>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 Buttafuoco together in the same line! :)

>Take care till next Sasquatch.

>Peace,

>John Velez

The mention of Boylan was not meant in any way to compare his personality or behavior with Budd's. It was meant to point out that we live in an increasingly litigious society. I've not yet been divorced, either, but that doesn't mean I won't be some day.

Peace, bro.

But in the meantime: GO SPURS!

SA Sasquatch

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