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UFO UpDates Mailing List

Re: Budd Hopkins And The Big Lie

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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark@frontiernet.net>
>Subject: Budd Hopkins And The Big Lie
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>Listfolk:

>Recently we have read charges on this list that Budd Hopkins
>hypnotizes children while pursuing research into UFO-abduction
>reports. I have had deep doubts about this very serious
>allegation, which runs contrary to everything I know and have
>observed about Budd's ethics, judgment, and sensitivity to
>others.

>As some of you are aware, Budd does not have e-mail. I have,
>however, just heard from my friend David M. Jacobs, who does.
>Even more astonished than I to read these fantastic claims, he
>phoned Budd to ask about them. Jacobs informs me -- not
>surprisingly, to those of us who know Budd -- that Hopkins has
>never_ conducted hypnosis with children. Nor, for that matter,
>has Jacobs.

>In other words, we've been at the receiving end of the Big Lie.
>Those who have passed it on, innocently if recklessly, owe Budd
>Hopkins an apology. Those who knew or suspected it was a lie but
>circulated it anyway are beyond redemption. The former are
>urged, in the name of common decency, to apologize publicly.
>This list would be a good place to do it.

>Jerry Clark

Hi,

I don't know where the Budd does hypnosis on children story began. But like Peter Brookesmith I was at the 1993 Sheffield where Budd lectured and I got the same impression he says that he did from Budd's presentation there. Indeed, I was actually interviewed about this very point by a BBC radio programme that was at the conference and interviewed many of the speakers and audience. They clearly picked up on the same misunderstanding so it must have been widespread.

I recall at MIT how Budd was showing the way he worked with children - using identikit pictures of clowns, aliens, etc mixed together. So I knew he worked with young children. Perhaps the misunderstanding came from that given that he uses hypnosis as part of his normal methodology. But it was also certainly stimulated on whatever he said in his Sheffield lecture. Perhaps

the organisers (some are on this list) have a transcript of the talk and we can figure out why this impression was given.

In any case, as I have said repeatedly, I have no personal doubts at all about Budd's sincerity and compassion for his witnesses. I have seen it at work and utterly respect him for it. My concerns are over hypnosis, regardless of the age of the witness. But I unreservedly apologise to Budd as suggested since I was certainly one of those under the impression Budd did use regression with children and I am delighted to know this is not the case.

Jenny Randles

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