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### Re: Budd Hopkins

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Previously Jenny had offered:

>>Dennis is absolutely right. The day when a  
>>genuine researcher gets into serious legal difficulties as a  
>>result of hypnotic regression is a racing certainty. It may not  
>>be Budd. It could be anyone. But it will happen and, I'm afraid,  
>>UFOlogy will be rightly hauled over the coals by the media for  
>>allowing it to get that far.

Hello all,

I've been tied up in a massive documentary film project for the last several months and haven't been able to participate in the list. However, Jenny's statement above reminds me of my first commercial film project when I was about 24 or so. I used a piece of copyrighted music without permission (naughty me) and after handing the film over to a distributor began to feel pangs of guilt. I asked a friend of mine (who was a lawyer) if I might really get sued by the music's producers.

His response? "One can only hope so," he said. "For, surely, it would be an indication of great profits for your little film. You would have made enough money for them to actually feel cheated!"

Likewise, we can only hope that Jenny's concerns about impending lawsuits against ufologists are well founded. Why? Because, for damages to be proven, the "memories" dredged up by the use of hypnosis would have to be accepted (at some point) as fact; not only by the "victim" but by the courts as well.

Despite the aftermath, it will be a welcome day when society and the courts declare any UFO experience as "real". Though I personally don't believe hypnosis is worth beans as an investigative tool, I wouldn't want to prevent Mr. Hopkins or anyone else from carrying on with their efforts. Sometimes the ends do justify the means...

Take care all,

Roger Evans

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