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Re: Strieber & Ventura Country UFO Footage

From: Jsmortell@aol.com From: Jim Mortellaro <Jsmortell@aol.com>
Date: Sun, 3 Oct 1999 00:24:37 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 03 Oct 1999 09:52:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Strieber & Ventura Country UFO Footage

>Date: Thu, 30 Sep 1999 11:20:00 -0700
>From: Steve Neill <neill@gte.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Strieber & Ventura Country UFO Footage

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>Date: Wed, 29 Sep 1999 07:35:01
>>To: updates@globalserve.net
>>From: Stig Agermose <stig.agermose@get2net.dk>
>>Subject: Strieber Rallies UFO Faithful, Rails Against 'Denial'

><snip>

>>A glowing sphere lopes across the night sky over Camarillo, CA,
>>on Thanksgiving, 1998. With a long rigid projection fixed at a
>>skewed angle and tipped with a smaller spherical projection, it
>>is unlikely to be a weather balloon. It teases the camera, then
>>explodes in a blast of flaming debris.

>To whom it may concern.

>The video tape of the UFO over Camarillo was shot by me, Steve
>Neill. Whitley doesn't bother to mention this and I alone with
>Roger Leir as an observer video taped the UFO.

>Whitley, months ago, asked for the tape to take for this lab and I
>have not been able to get back the original tape. I'm being
>avoided which puts Whitley in a worst spot light than he already
>is. All I want is the tape back.

>These kind of actions on his part are not good. Thought you
>should know. It's this kind of thing that caused my departure
>from the UFO community for good. If you didn't see my message
>attached is a copy.

>Sincerely,
>Steve Neill

>STEVE NEILL FX

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>SIGHTINGS

>Steve Neill, Renowned
>UFO Researcher and
>Artist, Quits UFOlogy

>From Steve Neill <neill@gte.net>
>5-15-99
>Snipped respectfully

Dear Steve and List;

I was extremely and overly critical of your leaving UFology. First words out my mouth (or in this case, fingers) is that I apologize for being so critical.

I was less critical of you, or of anyone who has worked hard and done something positive in this business, than I was of this business. That there are some really selfish bastards, some mean hearted, some cruel, some just plain stupid and a few really sincere but on the wrong frequency, in this business, is a given. But to give in to them is a sin in my book.

Well, since your announcement, I've had my own bunch of bitter pills to chew on before swallowing. While I don't know what lies ahead, I do know that I will never give in to bastards, no matter who they may be. In my 56 years I've NEVER given in to those who would deny not merely truth, but their own truth, some of which is distorted. I merely pack my bags and go somewhere where what I have to offer, is appreciated.

I hope that you someday change your mind. Because when anyone who wears a white hat gives in to the selfish bastards, the self-serving and the just plain stupid, then they win. And that's a shame.

When Velez issued the challenge, I was hoping that something would come of it. Maybe something will, but only when the aliens drop happy gas. Which is why I feed them Gripple.

So, I am sorry I was critical of you. I've learned a lot since then. But I will never let the bastards wear me down. My motto used to be "Make it happen!" My new motto is "Illegitimum non carborundum est!" Loosely translated, this is pig Latin for what I wrote above, "Don't let the bastards wear you down."

Bastards should never win, Steve. They should lose.

With great respect, and to quote my Dylan yet again, I admire you for "Doin' what you did and gettin' free."

Only the best,

Jim Mortellaro

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