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UpDate: Re: 'What If' Game - Mortellaro

From: **Jim Mortellaro** <Jsmortell@aol.com>
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>Date: Tue, 27 Jun 2000 17:26:32 +0100
>From: Jenny Randles <nufon@currantbun.com>
>Subject: Re: 'What If' Game
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@sympatico.ca>

>>Date: Mon, 26 Jun 2000 16:41:06 -0700 (PDT)
>>From: Rebecca Keith: <xiannekei@yahoo.com>
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>>>Date: Mon, 26 Jun 2000 01:33:21 -0400
>>>From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>
>>>Subject: 'What If' Game
>>>To: updates@sympatico.ca

>>>"What if..." someone with a lot of money and a serious interest
>>>in UFOs decided that he could simply 'buy' any insider
>>>information he wanted to directly from the most well known
>>>researchers in the field?

>>Jenny's suggestion of a sort of code, is a great idea, but
>>without some sort of governing body backing the code, is it
>>worth the paper it's printed on?

>Hi,

>Thanks for this and for John's reply in a similar vein.

>Like I said. This is not merely an idea that could be
>implemented. Its been actual policy in the UK for 18 years.

>The way to do it is the way that we have done it. It is part of
>the written constitution of two primary investigative groups
>(BUFORA and UFOIN) - as well as one involved in general
>paranormal research (ASSAP). All of which means that anyone
>joining the group has to sign allegiance to the code as a
>condition of membership and the council or directors of said
>group are by law bound to uphold the code and address all
>reported breaches thereof.

>So there is simply not a question of this being a toothless
>piece of paper. In UFO group terms its the law of the land - as
>it so easily could be with any other group that chooses to take
>such a stand.

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>Because that is what a refusal to act comes down to.

>Simple really.

>Not that I expect any of this to actually happen. I'm afraid the
>words 'ufology' and 'self-responsibility' are usually best
>considered as being mutually exclusive.

>Best wishes,

Dear Jenny, Listers and EBK,

Sounds like a sensible system. Should be implemented in all of ufology. But alas, it would be difficult to maintain. The scenario, as presented, is legally toothless unless a name is named. Further, we are not asking (but should) for a signed nondisclosure whenever we spill out guts. Sorry about the vernacular. We should, eh?

And if I understand you properly, you refer to a self policing system. If that is correct, I am afraid that I have little hope for such a system to work. Experience has shown that there are many professional groups who cannot do such without either being way to loose or way too ruthless.

Examples are Doctors who will rarely tell on another doctor. Police who have notoriously considered all cops to be brothers and will very rarely rat on a brother. Now (present company excluded) we are asking the righteous research community to police themselves. Oy veh ist mere. As Durante would have said, "What a catastrastroke!" And shake his head to and fro.

During the early fifties, hams used a now outmoded form of communications called the International Morse code. BTW, I was up in Poughkeepsie two days ago and sat on the bench next to a bronze of Samuel Morse sitting there with a squirrel looking over his shoulder, whilst he was writing the Morse Code. When a guy has a sloppy fist, it means that he cannot use the straight key to send Morse Code without sounding like a garbage can lid banging on the can. Such a one was called a "kid!"

We all know what a "kid" is, no not the goat... and if you are old enough, "Space Cadet" was someone who watched Captain Video on the TV. Usually a kid as it was a kid's show.

There was a man who frequented the low bands, who would not speak with young people - new hams. He was above such sophomoric, high pitched voices and lids. So when he called "CQ" which was an invitation for a contact to any ham hearing the signal, he would use the following statement, "CQ, CQ, CQ from (giving his call sign)" and add, "No Lids, No Kids and No Space Cadets - and I mean that!"

So when and if you go to a researcher, be warned. And ask for a written statement that he or she is not a lid, kid, space cadet or greedy bastard.

Jim

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