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Subject:

Vaughn Rees, CFI West
Michael Schermer, Skeptic Magazine

Dear Vaughn,

It was nice to see you at the UFO panel on Saturday. It reminded me that it has been almost exactly two full years since I first contacted you at CFI West and showed you the photographs and films of UFOs taken by Billy Meier in Switzerland. You may remember telling me then that they were "easily duplicated hoaxes" and that you accepted, on behalf of CFI West, my invitation to duplicate one of each. As a matter of fact, you said that you had a 35mm camera and that you knew where to get an 8mm movie camera, something which you later confirmed to me that you had obtained.

You may remember that in the period of late February 2001 to May 2001 we met and spoke on the phone several times. During our last conversation in May of that year, since you hadn't offered anything to back up your claim, I invited you to forgo the cameras, and any difficulties they were presenting to you, and to use any technology available to you including computers, Photo Shop, digital effects, etc. to back up your claim that Mr. Meier's evidence was hoaxed, and easy to duplicate. You may recall that I suggested that, if you wanted to be a sport about it, you should use one arm as Mr. Meier only has one arm himself. And, while I don't begrudge you the use of modern technology, none such existed at the time Mr. Meier brought forth his evidence, which included as many as four UFOs in a single photograph and three in a film segment.

You may recall also that at Saturday's meeting I asked you in front of all assembled if you knew the connection between A-bomb explosions and the ozone damage. While you clearly admitted that you didn't, and that you didn't understand the relevance of it to the UFO topic, I pointed out to you that, strangely enough, Mr. Meier not only knew (and published) information on that critical connection, he did so in 1975, 13 years before the same findings were presented as a new scientific discovery by the esteemed Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, in 1988. I made the point during my presentation that this was only one of literally dozens of such prophetically accurate pieces of scientific or world event-related information that Mr. Meier published from a few weeks to more than 20 years before "official" discovery or occurrence.

As a matter of fact, I pointed out that a warning about the apparent upcoming attacks by the USA and the president were published by Mr. Meier in 1995 and are already in the

book "And Yet They Fly!" which came out on September 16, 2001, and which was in production for more than a year prior to that. And I mentioned the material, from 1987, that forewarned of the destruction of the WTC by terrorism and the political-military maneuvers going on right now.

Perhaps, in the years to come, you may be able to show us something you've created resembling Mr. Meier's UFO photos. After all, you told me that now you will have a new photo lab (something Mr. Meier didn't have, his photos were developed at a little local shop) and, since you asked if you could scan some of his photos, I should add that he didn't have anything to copy, just the UFOs that he photographed when they showed up.

Now it would seem to me that the focus on the photos is slightly misplaced, taking into account your inability over two years to reproduce even one when Mr. Meier had taken hundreds in the same time period. Even more to the point, the challenge to you now is for you to explain the abundance of prophetically accurate information I mentioned before, let alone to attempt to duplicate that feat.

Call me foolish, but I somehow don't think that you're up to that challenge either. In truth, any time one encounters a religious group such as yours, i.e. one that tries to make things fit your preconceived beliefs rather than using scientific standards to discover what is actually, provably true, well, we get from you this kind of fervent denial of reality that is not only archaic, it's downright dishonest. Since I've already issued a challenge (\$150 to his favorite charity) to Mr. Schermer, who has a team of elves ready to photograph hubcaps and thereby disprove the existence of UFOs, I am sending this to him as well. Maybe he can get his little friends to give us the precise scientific information that will be discovered to be accurate 20 years from now.

While we're at it, I understand that CFI West has some association with the "Amazing" Randi and with Kal Korff, the publicly self-admitted liar whose nonsensical claims about the Meier case have been thoroughly shredded by both James Deardorff and Jeroen Jansen. Feel free to invite them to the party too. If I recall, Mr. "Amazing" has a standing offer of more than a few dollars which, it seems to me, your ineptitude may have put at risk. Please also know that I will continue to publicize your and CFI West's failure to back your words up with proof, as I have been doing nationwide in media interviews.

So let me conclude with this, it's time that you publicly acknowledge the authenticity of the Meier case or, if you simply want to save face, at least admit your and CFI West's failure, and that goes for you too Mr. Schermer.

Cordially,

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