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**Subject:** UFO photos

Hi Tom,

I saw the article with your "UFO" photos at <http://www.csicop.org/si/2003-09/faking-ufo-photos.html> and I think you've made a good contribution to showing what it takes, in the 21st century, to come up with some nice little photos.

Of course, in the case that I represent, Billy Meier had no such equipment, models, super-glue, set-ups, flood lights, Phot Shop, etc. in 1975 - 1979, yet his *1,200+* photos (some of which contained sequence shots of up to *four UFOs* at a time) remain irreproducible to this day. And there were at least four other photographers who also captured shots of the UFOs often with multiple witnesses present.

You may also be unaware of the clumsily inept attempt that CFI-West made to duplicate Meier's "easily duplicated hoax" UFO photos and films. Actually, while they also made some photos of UFO models (and it took them more than *three years* to do so), for some funny reason they absolutely refused to have them examined and analyzed to the same standards that Meier's were! (Their public refusal on international radio contributed to more than *900,000* hits to our website and inquiries from all over the world.) Needless to say, they still haven't come up with the 8mm film that they claimed they could also duplicate.

I don't know if you are, but if you're implying that Meier's photos were hoaxed in a manner similar to yours, I'm sure that you'd be glad to submit them for the same kind of examination to show that they're virtually indistinguishable, etc.

Again though, I do sincerely appreciate your attempt as it shows how much is involved in just faking a few photos. By the way, perhaps you might now try to do of all this using only one hand (Meier only has one hand) and you could also move on to the 8mm films and the rather impressive video where Meier pans some 300' across an open meadow to capture a large UFO hovering in front of a very tall tree.

Best of luck!

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