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Longtime UFO Proponent Admits To Publishing Misleading Articles In Order To Support His Claims *The Various Claims Of Billy Meier Are Now Made Even More Unlikely*

Los Angeles, CA - September 19, 2008: The Independent Investigations Group (IIG) is the West Coast's leading Paranormal Investigations group. One of the more prominent cases that the IIG has looked into is regarding the alleged UFO Contactee, Eduard Albert "Billy" Meier. An individual by the name of Michael Horn is the North American Publicist for Mr. Meier.

On August 27, 2008 in a public email Michael Horn sent to the IIG he revealed that he had posted false and misleading articles on his website. When confronted with this revelation Mr. Horn admitted to posting these false and misleading articles on his website in order to try and support the claims of Billy Meier.

Michael Horn also promotes several other claims made by Billy Meier. These claims include tales that Meier has traveled into the past on a flying saucer and took photographs of dinosaurs. However, his photographs turned out to be photographs of illustrations of dinosaurs taken from a book. Meier also published photographs of who he claimed was his extra-terrestrial contact, but it turned out that these were photographs of a singer performing on The Dean Martin Variety Show. Michael Horn also promotes the "prophecies" of Billy Meier. In January 2007 he claimed that one of these prophecies, which concerned the coming of World War III, had actually come true when four Heads of State died within seven days of each other. The problem with this "prophecy" is that the four Heads of State mentioned in the article did not die within seven days of each other like the "prophecy" claimed that they would.

You can read all about Michael Horn's admitting to posting false and misleading articles and other claims made by Billy Meier here: <u>http://www.iigwest.org/investigations/meier/index.html</u>

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