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Subject: Re: HOW TO FAKE UFO PHOTOGRAPHS

Dear Vaughn,

In the context of the overall situation you accepted my challenge to duplicate Meier's photos and films (where are they?), which you called an "easily duplicated hoax". The point was to duplicate the photos and films, not the "effect" as CFI-West attempted to claim. Duplicating the photos would require that the unique characteristics, revealed under specific and credible scientific examination of the Meier photos, be duplicated to support the hoax theory. As well, using the same type of camera, film, etc. would be required though I generously, though misguidedly, offered you the out of using any technology now available, which included contemporary cameras as well as any processing or other effects you might wish.

Meier's photos and films were indeed subjected to state-of-the-art technological examination available at the time. The 23-page report, freely available on my site, has the specifics. You seem to be implying, in true skeptic fashion, that such examination and reporting doesn't meet the reasonable standards for vague reasons. That doesn't hold since the report amply covers the quality of the equipment and the high competence of the personnel involved in the investigation and scrutiny of Meier, his resources, technical abilities, etc. Are you claiming some very well-thought out conspiracy here and do you have any proof? As a fellow skeptic, I, like you, found out, the more you examine the Meier case the greater the preponderance of evidence and proof that corroborates the underlying premise, i.e. that Meier in no way could, or did, create or falsify the abundant physical or informational evidence.

In addition to that, and contrary to any and all reasonable expectations, it was only *after* Meier lost his left arm that the quantity, quality and variety of physical evidence increased and improved. One must also consider the more than 20,000 pages of transcripts, with their abundance of prophetically accurate information, that he transcribed during this time period, again with only one hand. These imponderably complex and sophisticated accomplishments, in light of the complete absence of financial resources or collaborators/co-conspirators, might cause a *thoughtful* person to conclude that the only way the case could be more amazing (paranormal) would be if Meier had no hands, at which point the skeptics would, of course, claim that he hoaxed it all using only his teeth.

I think the time has come for those among your ranks who still maintain the ability

for honest, logical thinking to ask themselves what it is that they fear about the Meier case being real. Besides loss of face and other ego-related problems, which we *all* have to deal with from time to time, just what is it that causes the skeptics to go to such disingenuous and convoluted lengths to deny the, now, obvious and proven reality of the case and the man's evidence and proof?

When our good friend Ike could find no proof that certain specific information regarding Jupiter was published before March 5, 1979, when that same information was published by Meier on October 19, 1978 (and in the hands of the lead investigator on March 9, 1979) he finally ran into the wall through which his skepticism could not, with any credibility, pass.

I can go on and on (I guess I really don't have to tell you that) about all of the evidence and proof that the skeptics can't (actually refuse to attempt to) duplicate or explain but we should be beyond that by now. As I asked above, just what's the problem? Is your discomfort arising because your world view needs to be altered by new facts, as has consistently happened throughout human history?

There have been many people who, at great price to themselves, even to the point of losing their lives, have changed the course of history and brought new insights, information, knowledge and wisdom to humanity. There have likewise always been the "loyal opposition" who have, often against all reason, resisted, defamed, obstructed and delayed human progress as long as possible. In Meier's case we're not talking about some smooth-talking, profit-greedy, flash-in-the-pan faker; he has been public with his claims, photos and information for over **40 years**.

The fact that the case must either be the most brilliant, impenetrable hoax or the most important story in all of human history, cannot be avoided. Should you persist in unsubstantiated claims that it is the former please consider what that says about you (and skeptics collectively), i.e. that a simple, one-armed, resource-less man is actually such a super-genius in a diverse array of highly specialized fields that he has fooled all of your best minds...with no end in sight for the humiliation accruing to those who hold such a view, impotent as they've shown themselves to be in debunking him. The simple, obvious conclusion, i.e. that he is a genuine contactee (thankless job that it is), while momentarily uncomfortable to you, may not only be accurate but also relieve you of being eternally stuck to the tar baby of unreasonableness and self-perpetuated intellectual failure.

I suggest that a more honest, basically neutral position would serve you, and all of us, far better at this time. I contend that, though the case has extraterrestrial components, it is less about ETs and their UFOs and infinitely more about us and our future survival. For those who have the eyes to see, the ears to hear, the

minds to reason and the will to do so, the Meier Contacts will be found to be rich in practical, useful resources freely made available for those who wish to pursue a more life-sustaining course on the planet. Perhaps it is even more, or other, than I state but only a self-honest, critical but open-minded approach, without preconceptions, will enable one to discover and perceive the truth for themselves.

All the best,

Michael Horn
Authorized American Media Representative
The Billy Meier Contacts
www.theyfly.com

P.S. This is the message I sent to the president:

Dear Mr. President,

As the leader of the most powerful nation on earth, and with your immense responsibilities regarding the safety of its citizens, I wish to bring to your attention critically important information from an admittedly unlikely source.

I respectfully request that you examine the information from Mr. Billy Meier of Switzerland, the legitimacy of whose UFO contacts (ongoing for the past 62 years) is well known at the higher levels of all intelligence services, ours included. After 25 years of my own research, I have also been able to prove that the case is authentic and meets both scientific and legal standards of proof. It is also clear that the objects he has photographed, beginning 40 years ago, are not related to any such craft that the USA may have been developing at Area 51.

The prophetic information provided to (and published by) Mr. Meier for the past 30 years has proved to be impeccably accurate. As an example, he preemptively published, in both 1995 and 2001, advance warning of our recent attack on Iraq, along with numerous other specific events, which were likewise recently fulfilled. In light of Meier having established an unprecedented foundation of credibility, of immediate concern is the fact that he has been clearly warned that we now face a catastrophic third world war, which could begin in as little as two years (2006), should the direction of our country, the most powerful on earth, not be changed (in ways specified).

Along with foretelling the specific military movements and involvements of numerous countries pertaining to such a conflagration, Mr. Meier was bluntly informed that, in addition to the loss of two-thirds of the world's population and an uninhabitable northern hemisphere, the greatest damage would befall our own

beloved country, the USA.

As one who is quite familiar with the case, and who, like you and all Americans, doesn't want to see our country experience the clearly foretold but still avoidable devastation and destruction, I respectfully offer to make available any and all information that I have access to that may not already be in the possession of our government to assist in evaluating the warnings from the extraterrestrial race in contact with Mr. Meier.

While admittedly unflattering to you, the administration and our national military policies (as well as those of other countries), wisdom would dictate that the information receive the attention and honest evaluation of our government and you as its leader.

Sincerely,

Michael Horn
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On May 24, 2004, at 12:58 PM, Vaughn Rees wrote:

[Michael](#)

[In this email it states that I refused to have our hoaxed photo's scientifically examined. What I said was that since we have admitted upfront that these photo's are hoaxes, examining them using the same methods as was alleged in the "UFO...Contact From The Pleiades" book vol. 1, would do nothing to prove that the object in photo is an alien spacecraft. Without verifiable corroborating evidence combined with a chain of custody document, a photo is useless as evidence.](#)

[Vaughn Rees](#)

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[Vaughn Rees] -----Original Message-----

From: Michael [mailto:michael@theyfly.com]

Sent: Saturday, May 22, 2004 2:16 PM

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Subject: Re: HOW TO FAKE UFO PHOTOGRAPHS

Wow, Mike,

Those are reeeeeally neat "UFO" photos but...now that you've decided to join the discussion may I suggest that the *scientific approach* to such matters doesn't rely on, let alone include, such *non-scientific* comments as "To my eyes".

As far as the Meier photos and films go, well, call us old-fashioned but we prefer to utilize such standards of *scientific* evaluation and testing as Meier's photographic evidence was actually subjected to. You can download the 23-page document containing the relevant information, for *free*, at www.theyfly.com

Now, while CFI-West's Vaughn Rees publicly refused, on Art Bell's show, to subject their cute little photos to such evaluation, I feel confident that, since you're implying that Meier's were hoaxed and yours "far surpass anything Billy Meier photographed, real or fake", you'd be more than willing to meet the challenge. By the way, "real or fake"? Do I detect a grudging acknowledgment of the now proven real and authentic Meier photos?

Let's see, CFI-West fails the challenge, Randi retracts his claims and now you're inching towards the obvious yourself. I kinda like it!

By the way, I'll be more than happy to refer people to your photos so that they can compare the handiwork of the little elves to Meier's photos. Maybe you'll get them to try to reproduce the sound recordings (freely available from my website along with the sound analysis) and the video where Meier pans 300'

across an open field and focuses on a 14' UFO hovering in front of a tree.

I think a more public debate would serve the truth here, hopefully you'll initiate such...in the name of *science*.

Best,

Michael Horn
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In case anyone is interested, we have posted on our web page, www.skeptic.com, our "How to Fake UFO Photographs" from Jr. Skeptic magazine, authored and photographed by Skeptic Art Director Pat Linse. To my eyes Pat's fake UFO photos far surpass anything Billy Meier photographed, real or fake. Please feel free to reference this page to UFO and skeptic groups.

Michael Shermer