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**Subject: Re: Capitulation**  
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Michael,

I don't know why you include me on these e-mails, and I know very little about the film involved. What little I did see looked very fake, but I've done no analysis so I don't make that claim. Even if the film is real, it's another thing entirely to suggest that the contents depict alien technology. If you're making that claim, the impetus is on you to back it up.

However, I must say that you come across as someone who has an agenda, and one that is not searching for the truth. You have a stake in this, and that's a bad place to be if it's the truth you're after.

I suggest you put away the competitiveness and oneupmanship, and instead concentrate on discovering what is really in those films, if that's possible. When you do this, I'm afraid the the most supportive conclusion you'll be able to reach is that they're something we can't identify. Anything else is speculation.

Even if the prior hoax analysis is wrong (not a claim I'm making), that doesn't make you right.

Jeff Wagg  
JREF

On Sat, Jul 12, 2008 at 6:45 PM, Michael Horn <[Michael@theyfly.com](mailto:Michael@theyfly.com)> wrote:  
Derek,

Nine friends? Who are the other three?

Anyway, you and your associates have had ample time, almost eight years, to actually substantiate your, not so polite, charges that a very nice little old man, a personal friend of mine (one of the six I know of), has been doing dishonest things, hoaxing his evidence, leading a "cult", etc.

I was even nice enough to give you enough rope to hang your argument in our film, you know, you later referred to the "same tree equals model trees" fiasco

that got you all gummed up as the weakest part of your presentation. And I even helped you by referring to Uncharted Territory, just so you could contact them and have them issue that coup de grace to your hoaxed film claims. Maybe it's because I'm so nice that I have so many friends, even ones I don't know about.

Well, the film clip (where you focus on whether it dipped behind the hill, whether the film was cut, etc.) is actually impossible to hoax, certainly with what is in evidence regarding Meier, his equipment, resources, etc.

Sooooo, since you fellas still think you have some ammo left, I now offer you the chance to present your best argument regarding your *model* theory - surely you have that together after eight years! Do feel free to contact UC, or any other FX experts you want, about it.

And excuuuuuuuse me if your little, petulant, "I'm only gonna do what I want to do when I want to do it and you can't make me do what I don't want to do when I don't want to do it because I can't do it anyway" tantrum is not playing well here in Hornville.

While the difference between you and me is that I don't want to be unfair to you, to in any way misrepresent your argument, etc., there comes a time when the final details, the evidence, substantiation and proof for your rather slanderous/libelous remarks need to be put on the table. You have attempted to sully a man's reputation and somehow you think that you're not to be held accountable for that, that you're not required to prove your claims.

Well you are required to present your evidence now, lest I be accused of picking on you guys unfairly and "misrepresenting" your position. BTW, there's an old saying, "no answer is also an answer".

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MH

Michael,

Your self-imposed and arbitrary deadlines have never been a motivating factor for me. I will publish what I want to publish when I want to publish.

The world does not revolve around you. It never has and it never will. This inability of yours to understand this is but one of the many possible reasons that you apparently only have nine friends.

Good day.

-Derek

On Jul 12, 2008, at 1:03 PM, Michael Horn wrote:

Hi Derek,

Let's focus on the film segment and whether you wish to contest your de facto capitulation.

The rest is academic.

MH

Hello Michael.

Please keep in mind that neither you nor Billy Meier have ever applied for the Paranormal Challenge, so nothing that you say or do will ever entitle you to claim that you have "won" the Paranormal Challenge until you submit an application and a properly conducted test of paranormal abilities is successfully completed.

Sincerely,

Derek Bartholomaus

On Jul 12, 2008, at 8:45 AM, Michael Horn wrote:

Derek,

I am planning on posting an article regarding your and CFI-West/IIG's capitulation in the matter of the UFO on the hillside film clip taken by Meier.

I will be stating that you have failed to support your premise, with any evidence, that the object is a model and that it was somehow manipulated by Meier.

I will further be stating that it is virtually impossible, for a number of reasons, for the object to have been a model and that neither you nor anyone else in your organization have succeeded in even coming close to duplicating it.

And I will also state that, since you have clearly claimed that the object was a model and not a real, unknown flying object, not under the control of Meier or

anyone else on earth, that it clearly fulfills your challenge regarding paranormal phenomena.

If there's anything incorrect in the above please notify me asap.

MH

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