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To: Derek Bartholomaus <derek@iigwest.com>
Cc: "James Underdown randi@randi.org" <jim@cfiwest.org>, jref@randi.org
Subject: **Re: Formal Request for Removal of Defamatory Material**

You certainly have:

"First, I would like to introduce myself to those who may not recognize my name. My name is **Derek Bartholomaus and I am a member of the Independent Investigations Group Steering Committee and I am the Lead Investigator into the claims of Billy Meier and Michael Horn...**"

"Unfortunately this issue also leads into the biggest disappointment the IIG has with the case. **An employee of the Center for Inquiry-West told Michael Horn during an informal meeting several years ago that the Billy Meier photos and 8mm movies were "an easily duplicatable hoax."** This individual never should have said this. This meeting took place 1-2 years before the IIG was founded. It wasn't until the first year of the IIG's existence that we even learned of this conversation, and we learned about it from listening to the Coast to Coast radio show with Art Bell. The CFI-West employee never told the IIG of **his repeated correspondence with Michael Horn, and he kept no written records of his phone calls or email correspondence.** Because of this, and other unfortunate situations, that employee has been removed from any contact with claimants at CFI-West and the IIG. Once the IIG learned about this situation we did what we could to lessen the damage done to CFI-West's reputation by this employee and also to try to acquire evidence from Michael Horn for testing of his claims."

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread183213/pg21>

5. As far as I am aware there are no false statements regarding the 2001 "challenge" located on the IIG website. There were only two parties aware of what was said during that conversation, yourself and Mr. Rees. Mr. Rees said

that the challenge was to "duplicate the effect". You have provided no evidence that supports another interpretation.

Sincerely,
Derek Bartholomaus

On Mar 25, 2008, at 6:05 PM, Michael Horn wrote:
Derek,

Seeing as you have been in receipt for some time (as early as January 23, 2008) of our written objections to your written defamation of Mr. Jack Gerlach, Billy Meier and me, on public, commercial internet forums, and have neither refuted nor acknowledged our objections as incorrect in anyway, we must assume that you indeed agree with our objections as being accurate and your own, referred to, comments as being defamatory and libelous.

Among the objections that we raised, the first would be the one where you falsely claimed that we were in "violation" of our Agreement with you regarding your inclusion in the Program. Since you have neither refuted nor disagreed with our position as expressed to you, we now assume that you are in agreement with us that your statements were indeed defamatory, libelous and potential damaging to our business.

You also have neither refuted nor disagreed with the fact that you published derogatory, defamatory comments about me, made repeated false claims that Meier was some sort of a leader with "followers", made the false claim that he "attacked a woman", etc. Since these remarks of yours, and our objection to them, were brought to your attention repeatedly, and since you have not disputed making them, we now assume that you are in agreement with us that your statements were indeed deliberately defamatory and libelous.

Regarding your recently published statement, now stating that you don't retract your claims and accusations against Meier and his photographic evidence, which, in my opinion, you clearly did with your "weakest part" statement, and since those claims are in themselves defamatory in as much as you accuse him of being a hoaxer, and in as much as you have not presented conclusive evidence to substantiate those claims, even though you were given the full opportunity in the Program to do so, and in as much as you signed off on the release, you are now formally requested to present the proof for those claims or to officially, publicly retract - and apologize for - all of them.

And, since you have not acted to have these statements removed and retracted, nor have you as yet apologized for them, please consider this a formal request for you to remove, retract and publicly apologize for all of them.

I suggest that you talk with your legal representatives and proceed to fashion an apology that will be acceptable to all of us, one that we can publish, in addition to contacting the various internet forums on which you made the defamatory, untrue statements and arrange to have them removed.

I also suggest that you direct your organization, IIG, to remove any and all statements that claim that I, at any time, claimed to be in possession of metal samples, or any other physical evidence except the sound recordings, and that I ever agreed to present any such material to you, IIG, etc. for any sort of examination. You have always been free to attempt to test/duplicate the sounds and to fulfill the terms of the original challenge, i.e. to duplicate Meier's photos and films. Please also direct IIG to remove any false statements to the effect that the challenge was ever about making "similar" photos or "duplicating an effect", as is misleadingly stated and as is contradicted by you in your acknowledgment of Vaughn Rees' role in the matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Horn