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**Subject:** Re: Roswell UFO case

**Dave, You have a finite amount of material to look through (which would be educational in itself to see what a bunch of bozos you may be aligned with) and you have an approximate date, further refining and narrowing your search.**

**If your plate is too full for that perhaps an information diet is in order, which at the same time could include an exercise program, one that emphasizes a search for truth over one that is focused on stretching it a la the glib, unscientific comments by a bunch of wannabe's. By the way, has it ever occurred to you that Randi (and at least one of the other guys involved) is a magician? While it's a noble profession (I'm friends with a couple of world class mentalists) it's fair to say that magicians, by profession, hone their skills to perfect misdirection, illusion and making things appear (or disappear) to be other than they are, kind of like what Randi does with the truth.**

**I told you that Randi and company lied in that "press release" (and elsewhere) and so far it turns out that I'm the one that's telling the truth (really it's Meier who's been telling the truth all along).**

**So, as far as why you should care is concerned, my answer is...you shouldn't, unless the truth is important to you. If it is, go dig it up yourself.**

**Best,**

**MH**

**So let's see, you're the one claiming that Randi has reversed himself, but I have to pore through a year's worth of letters looking for something that might be "pretty close" ?**

**I've got a lot on my plate, and simply don't have time to waste on such frivolities.**

**If you can point me to a specific statement made by Randi, I'll check it out. If not, why should I even care?**

**Sincerely, Dave Thomas**

**At 09:09 AM 8/19/2004 -0700, you wrote:**

**Dave,**

**I feel your pain. After all, I've spent 25 years researching the Meier**

case, and all of the claims of skeptics, slanderers and debunkers hurled at him, so I know how inconvenient and time consuming it can be to actually do one's homework. Yours is a little less daunting since it's to be found in the stack of correspondence between those masochists who proudly displayed their idiocy and me, your friendly little thorn in their sides.

You will find, if you look where I've suggested, that Mr. Amazing did indeed say that, and my recollection of his words will be pretty close.

See, Dave, one big difference between me and the irresponsible poseurs who shot off their big mouths defaming Meier is that I actually took the time to find out what the truth is, a troublesome little detail that the slime bags didn't feel should delay their vilification of Meier...being the, ahem, experts, that they are.

**MH**

**Look, you're the one saying that Randi claimed something, then retracted it.**

**When is the date, exactly, of Randi's supposed original claim? If it's so all-fired important to you, why can't you list a specific date for it? I'm looking for something a little more specific than "a year," and a little more precise than "maybe," "or something similar" etc. ("words to that effect"). A calendar date would restrict the time interval adequately for a reasonable search.**

**Thanks, Dave Thomas**

**At 08:37 AM 8/19/2004 -0700, you wrote:**

**That's correct and if you search the correspondence back about a year or so, maybe that's the April 16 (or something) letter I'm thinking of, you'll find that he indeed does do so "...a child can see through the farce..." or something similar.**

**The man has zero credibility. If you're interested in the truth of the Meier case I'm all for discussing it. And if you think you can duplicate, disprove, debunk, etc., be my guest and show me how. While you're at it, contemplate how this case has lasted for 62 years, how Meier's first photos (of up to eight UFOs at a time) were taken in 1964 and how it is that, after he lost his arm in 1965, his physical evidence exponentially increased in quantity, quality and variety...with no accomplices, technology or funds. Not a bad trick for ... "hoaxer".**

**MH**

Well, I found this letter, where Randi says he hasn't called the Meier case a hoax:.

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[http://www.iigwest.com/horn/03\\_28\\_04\\_Randi\\_3A.pdf](http://www.iigwest.com/horn/03_28_04_Randi_3A.pdf)

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Subject: RE: So,

...  
Now, Michael has divined that I called the Meier case a "hoax." His powers of perception are REMARKABLE; he finds things where they don't exist! Wonderful! But he's up against the wall, so go easy on him.

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So, your claim hinges on whether or not Randi has indeed ever specifically labeled the Meier case a hoax.

So, when & where, exactly, did Randi make the alleged "Meier case is a hoax" claim?

Sincerely, Dave Thomas

P.S. And why are you writing me? Has some article/ report prompted this?  
SF Chronicle, maybe?

At 12:31 PM 8/18/2004 -0700, you wrote:

Yes, YOU'LL find it in the documentation at iig, somewhere around April 16 of this year, if memory serves me, maybe a within a month before or shortly after.

And, regarding that excellent quote below, nonetheless I encounter many people to whom the slaying of the skeptics is very new news. So I have some small obligation to...repeat myself.

Best,

MH

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**I should add that James Randi retracted his claim that the Meier case is a hoax. Now I wonder why he did that?**

**MH**

**Do you have any documentation of this claim? From Randi himself, of course.**

**Thanks, Dave**

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