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Subject: **There he goes again...**

Mr. Maus,

I was invited by a visitor to my site to view the following:

For those of you who lack the intestinal fortitude to parse Horn's convoluted comments, here is a summary. Derek B. claims that the tree in Billy Meier's 1970's films and video is a model simply because the evidence suggests that it is THE SAME TREE in different locations. If the tree is a model, then the UFOs are also models, and therefore more likely to be the garbage can lids that they resemble, rather than advanced, faster than light vehicles of extraterrestrial origin. Occam's razor, anyone?

Michael Horn also has a tendency to quote people as being favorable to the Billy Meier case, but when Derek B. contacted several of the people quoted it turns out that Michael Horn misquoted them. Here is an example. In the recent DVD "The Silent Revolution Of Truth" Michael Horn makes the following statement:

"Six professors of forestry looked at Meier's

photos and looked at the trees and each one determined that the trees are full size mature trees and not models."

The names of the forestry professors are then displayed on-screen for the viewer.

Here is Professor Edward C. Jensen's response:

"An estimate of tree height (actually only the top portion of a single particular tree) that I made several years ago in good faith has been taken out of context and misused to purport things that I did not intend. Further, my observations have been misappropriated and misapplied to photographs that I have never seen and situations that I have never reviewed. I want to assure you that I have never purported to authenticate any photos of alleged UFOs for Mr. Deardorff, Mr. Meier, Mr. Horn, or anyone else. Nor have I ever purported to determine the authenticity of any trees in any photos of alleged UFOs for anyone."

Now I think I've figured out that you guys put up this kind of stuff so that I WILL give you more publicity. Okay, suit yourselves. Well, just for the record, since you're so abysmally inept with items that require accuracy, please note the following:

1. You presented NO evidence to support the same-model tree premise. But I will

enjoy relentlessly clobbering your, er, "credibility" for still persisting in letting even a hint of such unsubstantiated nonsense be published on your site.

2. Garbage can lids? Pray tell, just where did you get that from and what evidence do you have for it?

3. Why did YOU mislead the professor to think that anyone ever said that he commented on UFOs? He (and the rest of the professors) did indeed comment on the trees, some 25 years ago, but with misrepresentations such as you made it's hardly any wonder that he doesn't wish to get drawn into this.

I do have a whopper of a presentation coming up in London shortly and rest assured that your stellar work will receive very ample exposure.

For your own sake, I do hope that you repeatedly remind people that this is a hobby of yours and not a serious occupation. Oh yeah, once again for the record, a little reminder about your competence:

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

And the rebuttal - by Mr. Maus himself, in his own words:

"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."

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