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October 24, 1982

Mr. John F. Schuessler
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Dear John:

I have just finished reading your report on the Cash/Landrum incident in the 1982 MUFON Symposium Proceedings.

This, as I recall, is the third report on the case which you have written which I have read. Like its predecessors it contains a number of interesting details, but there is absolutely no mention of what I consider to be the most crucial issue:

Have you, or one of your M.D. associates, personally interviewed the family doctors of the three principals to determine the state of their health prior to the alleged incident?

A simple "yes" or "no" answer is sufficient for the above question.

If the answer is "yes," did any of the principals exhibit any of the symptoms prior to the alleged incident, or were they all in near-perfect health?

Again, a simple answer will suffice, i.e. all three principals were, or were not, in near-perfect health according to their family doctors.

I confess that I simply do not understand why this key issue has not be addressed earlier.

Sincerely,



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July 28, 1983

Mr. John F. Schuessler
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Dear Mr. Schuessler:

On Oct. 24, 1982, I wrote to you in connection with the Cash/Landrum "UFO" incident to ask about the state of health of Betty Cash and Vicki Landrum prior to the date of the alleged incident.

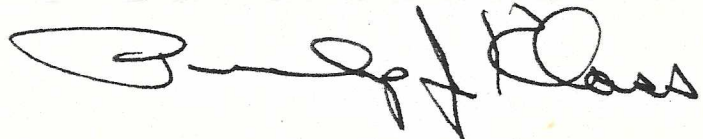
You replied by letter dated Nov. 9, 1982, which stated that you had checked "with their doctors" and that "in the weeks preceeding the event they were in good health. Several years earlier, Mrs. Cash had some severe health problems, but had recovered..."

Two questions:

1. Is it not true that the prior "severe health problem" to which you referred was in fact cancer?
2. Is it not true that Mrs. Cash had taken chemotherapy and/or other radiation treatment for cancer prior to the date of the alleged UFO incident?

Your prompt and candid response will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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September 8, 1983

Mr. John F. Schuessler
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Dear John:

Approximately six weeks ago--on July 28, 1983--I wrote you the following letter:

"On Oct. 24, 1982, I wrote to you in connection with the Cash/Landrum 'UFO' incident to ask about the state of health of Betty Cash and Vicki Landrum prior to the date of the alleged incident.

"You replied by letter dated Nov. 9, 1982, which stated that you had checked 'with their doctors' and that 'in the weeks preceeding the event they were in good health. Several years earlier, Mrs. Cash had some severe health problems, but had recovered...'

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1. Is it not true that prior 'severe health problem' to which you referred was in fact cancer?
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"Your prompt and candid response will be appreciated."

It now has been approximately six weeks since I sent you this query which could be answered very quickly with simple "yes/no" answers. While I appreciate that you, like myself, have a busy schedule, the foregoing would not appear to require more than a minute or two of your time.

To expedite your response, I am enclosing a copy of this letter in which you can simply write your response in the left margin, initial/sign and return.

Sincerely,



cc: Walter Andrus
Dr. Bruce Maccabee

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Oct. 21, 1983

Mr. John F. Schuessler
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Dear John:

On July 28, 1983, I wrote to you posing two simple, direct questions dealing with the state of health of Betty Cash prior to the alleged UFO incident -- questions that could be answered promptly and quickly with a "yes," a "no," or an "I don't know."

The two questions were:

- (1) Is it not true that prior 'severe health problem' [of Mrs. Cash] to which you referred [in your letter of Nov. 9, 1982] was in fact cancer?
- (2) Is it not true that Mrs. Cash had taken chemotherapy and/or other radiation treatment for cancer prior to the date of the alleged UFO incident?

When six weeks had elapsed without a response, I wrote again on Sept. 8, quoting the above questions from my July 28 letter.

I have just returned from a three-week vacation in Italy to find your response. It reads:

"P. Klass: Where did you get this information? It wasn't from me."

(signed) John

I consider the foregoing to be an evasive response. Obviously if you had originally supplied me with the information there would be no point to writing to you to ask if what you had supplied was true.

The source of my information is not relevant here. What is relevant to this alleged UFO incident is whether or not the answers to the above questions are "yes" or "no."

Or whether your own investigation into the case was so superficial that you did not attempt to determine whether the "radiation-effects" reported by Mrs. Cash might be due to more prosaic causes associated with her health.

Once again, I seek a direct, candid response to my two questions.

Sincerely,



cc: Walt Andrus, MUFON
Bruce Maccabee: FUFOR

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Oct. 31, 1983

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Dear John:

After three months, and three attempts to get you to respond "yes" or "no" (or, "I don't know") to two simple, direct questions about Betty Cash's "pre-UFO-incident" health conditions, I am glad that you finally were able to respond with a "no" to questions about whether Mrs. Cash had cancer and had taken radiation treatments prior to the alleged incident.

I regret that your schedule is so very busy that you consider the writing of a postcard containing two "yes" or "no" answers to be "wasting the time of a lot of people."

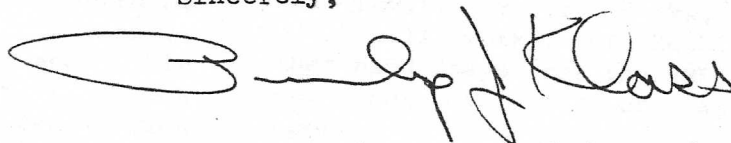
I must confess that since the "post-incident" health/symptoms reported by the principals ~~is~~ the only physical evidence to support their tale, that none of your reports on the case that I had seen at the time of writing my book dealt with their pre-incident health, I was surprised at this curious omission.

If it is not an invasion of privacy to widely publicize their alleged health conditions following the alleged incident, including the principals' appearance on a national TV network, surely it would not be an invasion of privacy to discuss their pre-incident health conditions--especially if all of the principals were in excellent health.

I look forward with great anticipation to the projected litigation. At that time, the medical records of the principals will necessarily have to be made public. And they will be required to testify under oath--subject to the well-known penalties for perjury and for attempting to obtain money under false pretenses--if the latter should in any way be pertinent.

I appreciate your well-meaning lecture on ethics, morality and the proper modus operandi for UFOlogists, although I suspect that I am too set in my ways after 17+ years in the field to change. I shall not reciprocate by offering my own views on the Australian UFOlogist with whom you were teamed in a lecture tour "down under."

Sincerely,



P.S. Inasmuch as I do not have the address of Mrs. Cash, I ask that you forward to her the enclosed extra copy.

cc: Walt Andrus, MUFON
Bruce Maccabee, FUFOR
Peter Gersten