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Dec. 30, 1987

Mr. William M. Baker, Asst. Dir.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Office of Congressional and Public Affairs  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

Earlier this year, I wrote to you seeking a statement of FBI position on the use of "psychics" for criminal investigation and you replied on April 22. (Copy enclosed.)

In your letter you stated that your "Behavioral Science Unit has not studied the use of psychics by investigators, and we anticipate no such study in the foreseeable future." Your letter added that "The FBI does not endorse or recommend the use of psychics in law enforcement..."

Since our earlier correspondence, I have learned that on several occasions a [redacted] named [redacted] was invited to give lectures at the FBI Academy, to large groups of police officers.

The source of my information is a deposition given on Sept. 5, 1986, by FBI Academy special agent [redacted] of the Academy's Behavioral Science Unit for litigation involving [redacted] in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Oregon, resulting in part from her claims of an "FBI connection." (Case No. 85-3781-J-1)

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It is not surprising that [redacted] should try to exploit this "FBI connection" in promotional literature intended to solicit commercial clients for her services.

What I do find surprising is that the FBI would give the appearance of endorsement of "psychic criminal investigators" by inviting such a claimant to speak before large groups of local law enforcement officials. Especially when your letter of April 22 indicates that the FBI does give sufficient credence to such claimed abilities to conduct a scientific investigation of their validity.

For this reason, I invite your comments.

Sincerely,

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January 14, 1988

Mr. Philip J. Klass  
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Dear Mr. Klass:

Your recent letter to Mr. William M. Baker, who has transferred to another Federal agency, has been referred to me for reply.

As you were previously advised, the FBI does not endorse or recommend the use of psychics by law enforcement agencies. In addition, we have not contracted psychics as consultants in connection with any of our investigations.

However, the FBI National Academy, as an educational facility, has an obligation to offer a full range of courses which are responsive to the needs and interests of its students. Because attendees of several FBI National Academy classes expressed interest in the topic of psychic phenomena in law enforcement, we obtained an appropriate lecturer on that subject.

The FBI does not believe that objective presentation of controversial subjects in an academic environment should be construed as endorsement of them. However, I thank you for your interest in obtaining the FBI's views in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Milt Ahlerich  
Assistant Director  
Office of Congressional  
and Public Affairs

- 1 - Mr. Ahlerich - Enclosures (2)  
1 - Mr. Greenleaf - Enclosures (2)  
(Attention: [redacted])  
1 - Mr. Moran - Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: SA [ ] of the BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE UNIT, TRAINING DIVISION, advised the RESEARCH UNIT, OCPA, of the circumstances surrounding his 9/5/86 deposition regarding [ ] A [ ], who is not identifiable in Bufiles, was suing [ ] claiming fraud in connection with her alleged association with the FBI. SA [ ] confirmed that [ ] had accurately represented her dealings with the Bureau. No record of [ ] is contained in Buindices. PHILIP J. KLAS is subject of Bufile 62-116443, which shows that he contacted the FBI in 1975. KLAS was displeased with the publication of an article, "The UFO Mystery," in the LEB. During a telephone conversation, he stated that the article was written by a fraud and suggested that in publishing the article, the FBI had endorsed a hoax. Also, the FBI had investigated KLAS, a writer with "Aviation Week and Space Technology" magazine, two times regarding his unauthorized publication of classified information. In addition, Bufile 62-116443, Serial 7, states that "in view of KLAS' intemperate criticism and often irrational statements...it was recommended that the Bureau be most circumspect in any future contacts with him."