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Subject: Re: Billy Meier Challenge

Dear James and Derek,

Now that I've had a little time to catch up on my work I want to thank you for bringing the matter of the Meier Contacts and the physical evidence back into the public spotlight. Of course, the article in the Sun brought a **LOT** of attention to the case (it was pretty well written considering the tabloid source). As a matter of fact, I suggest that we contain to publicize our correspondence and give people an opportunity to see if CFI's claims, that the Meier Contacts are fraudulent and the evidence hoaxed, stand up. I think you know yo can count on me to do my part.

As I pointed out to you regarding those nice little pictures you made, it's time for the next step. Culling information from books done on the investigation, we find that the examination of Meier's photos included: microscopic examination processed by laser scanning microdensitometer, film grain analysis, edge identification, edge enhancement, contrast enhancement, image enhancement, Z-scale contour and Z-scale density tests, spatial filtering, interferometer, infraredometer, etc.

All of the examinations revealed that the objects in question were neither film/digital effects nor models and many other specific characteristics were determined which supported the claim that these were large, unknown objects. Sooooooo, now you just have to do the next step in the examination of *your* photos and show that they do indeed duplicate Meier's by meeting the above criteria. By the way, I noticed that you avoided duplicating the multiple UFOs, the sequence shots and the series where the UFO moves around the tree. Not to worry, I think you have quite a bit on your plate now and we can get to those photos (as well as the films, video, sound recordings, metal alloy samples, etc. next).

Do know that since CFI West, Randi, Michael Shermer and others have pronounced the case a hoax, I will continue to hold you all accountable to prove your assertions. For my part, I have provided abundant proof - to a legal and scientific standard - that the case is absolutely authentic. Perhaps your error rests with your approach, i.e. *assuming*, based on your skeptical (religious) beliefs, that the case *has* to be a hoax, rather than utilizing a (ahem) *scientific* approach, one that seeks to *discover* what the facts and truth are.

If you find yourselves actually flexible enough to re-approach the case from that perspective you might benefit from the experience (and generate a bit of credibility in the process).

As an old aunt of mine used to say, don't be a stranger! Let's hear from you and try not

to take another three years if possible. While this part is fun, the higher standard of proof, i.e. the prophetically accurate information published by Meier years, and decades, before occurrence or discovery, awaits your scrutiny.

By the way, does Randi actually *have* \$1,000,000 to cough up or are we gonna see a "disappearing act" when you guys finally give up?

All the best!

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Dear Mr. Horn,

The Independent Investigations Group would like to take you up on your challenge to the Center For Inquiry-*West* in regards to replicating the style of photographs taken by Billy Meier.

The Independent Investigations Group (IIG) is affiliated with the Center For Inquiry-*West* (CFI-*West*) and is responsible for investigating claims of paranormal activity in the Southern California region. You can find out more about the IIG at www.iigwest.com.

We have set up a preliminary page on our website comparing photos taken by Billy Meier

which appeared on your website (www.theyfly.com) to photos taken by our members. The objects that appear on our page are definitely not “unidentified.” We know exactly what they are and can send you detailed photographs of the objects if you are interested. These photos taken by the IIG were not taken to replicate specific Billy Meier photographs, but rather to illustrate that photos can easily be taken in a similar style to Billy Meier’s. All of the photographs taken by the IIG are single-shot, single-exposure with no digital or laboratory manipulation.

The website address for this comparison is www.iigwest.com/horn.test.html. In time, we hope to include more photographs and possibly some video and audio comparisons.

Derek Bartholomaus is the Lead Investigator on this issue and he can be reached by email at derek@iigwest.com or you can reach him by phone by calling 323-666-9797 x159.

Sincerely,

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Chair of IIG

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