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Subject: RE: CHECKMATE: RANDI WITHDRAWS CLAIMS AGAINST MEIER CASE!

Michael, before you were just being silly. Now you're juvenile....

Grow up.

James Randi

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From: Michael [mailto:michael@theyfly.com]
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To all of you who have been writing your concerns about the ongoing debate regarding the Billy Meier UFO Contacts and the challenges from CFI-West and James Randi, this should end the debate and open up entirely new levels of discussion. I wish to thank those of you who have supported the authenticity of the case based on its rather substantial evidence and proof.

To those of you who have been shills for the hapless and inept skeptics, please direct any further concerns regarding this manner to Randi, as he has now effectively withdrawn his claims and, as

Desi often said to Lucy, he's "got some 'splainin' to do!". Since Randi now accepts the legitimacy of the Meier case, your issue is with *him* and I will not respond further to any of your questions.

Any further information you may desire in order to educate yourselves regarding the content of the Meier contacts can be found, for free, at: www.theyfly.com Please feel free to post the following *widely*:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

"Amazing" Randi Now Retracts Claim Meier UFO Case Hoaxed! Will Have to Pay \$1,000,000!

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LOS ANGELES, CA - In an absolutely stunning reversal of position, one that is sure to leave his skeptical cohorts in disarray and focus new international attention on the case, noted children's magician and professional skeptic the "Amazing" Randi, today effectively withdrew his unsubstantiated, defamatory claims (made on Tuesday, April 15, 2003) that the Billy Meier UFO contact case is a hoax.

In correspondence received by Michael Horn, the Authorized American Media Representative for the Billy Meier Contacts, on Sunday, March 28, 2004, Randi clearly states, "... 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!"

The staggering implications to his credibility, and that of a whole extended team of professional skeptics and debunkers, who have been publicly defaming Mr. Meier for years, is astounding. At stake, in addition to their reputations, is an award by Randi of \$1,000,000 for proof of the paranormal. Since Randi now withdraws his claim that the Meier case isn't paranormal, it logically (and legally) follows that the award is now due Meier.

While conceding the truthfulness of the Meier case, and thereby

obligating himself to a rather substantial pay out, Randi may also be attempting to avoid having even more public attention directed to the failure of his associates at CFI-West, the Los Angeles branch of the international professional skeptics' organization, to duplicate the Meier photographic evidence, a challenge accepted by CFI-West in February 2001.

Undoubtedly concerned by the international criticism generated by CFI-West representative Mr. Vaughn Rees' public refusal, in front of millions of listeners on the Art Bell radio show (March 7, 2004), to submit recently produced photos from CFI-West to the same scientific standards and testing Mr. Meier's were, Randi has effectively ended the challenge to Mr. Meier.

It is clear now that after failing to sully Mr. Meier's reputation Randi has no other means of redeeming his own except by forwarding the \$1,000,000 award to Mr. Meier. There is also a \$5,000 award due Mr. Meier by CFI West since they have failed to duplicate Mr. Meier's photos, which they called "easily duplicated hoaxes".

More importantly, this remarkable development is sure to open the eyes of scientists and other interested people around the world to the authenticity, and actual content, of the Billy Meier contacts.