New Lies and Old Lies from George Hansen about the Linda Cortile Case

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Introduction

In 2014 George P. Hansen was a guest on a handful of internet radio shows. During his appearances on those shows he discussed, among other things, the Linda Cortile case, a UFO abduction case which he claims to have investigated in depth and one which he personally considers to be a hoax.

In his discussions on the Cortile case during these appearances George Hansen casually made a series of demonstrably false statements about the Cortile case that can only be classified as lies. Some of his lies were new, while some of them were reiterations of old lies that he published, without proof of their veracity, in the early in the 1990s in a series of white papers about the Cortile case.

The purpose of this paper is to document, and further document in regards to the reiterated lies, the false nature of the claims that George Hansen made about the Cortile case during a handful of his more recent internet radio show appearances.

Note

All instances of Linda’s real last name have been substituted with her previously designated pseudonym Cortile.
Lie #1

George Hansen: So, at that point uh Budd wanted more contact with these, these two uh people Richard and Dan. He never ever met them in person. So that was quite suspicious. Uh also it was claimed that one of them uh was so traumatised by uh witnessing the abduction that he had to be put into a mental institution for a while.

Host: Mm.

George Hansen: Uh then he later went back on the job. Well that raised a few more questions because if one is uh, uh involved in protecting a diplomat, one is going to be carrying a gun. Was he back on uh in service, after being, spending time in a mental institution, now carrying a gun.

Audio Recording Position (7:14 – 8:00 of 1:52:13)

Episode: “Paranormal Waypoint - George Hansen 141014”
Internet Radio Show: Paranormal Waypoint
Broadcaster: KGRA Digital Broadcasting Station
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Total Episode length: 1 hour 52 minutes 13 seconds
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Show recording obtained from http://www.kgraradio.com/ archives

Fact #1

Dan was never reported to have returned to active duty. He was reported to have escaped from the rest home he was in to try and kidnap Linda one final time and take her out of the country. During his attempt Dan was stopped and captured by Richard and a handful of agents. After this Dan reportedly disappeared permanently. 23, 24

This information is clearly documented in Budd Hopkins’ book on the Linda Cortile case Witnessed: The True Story of the Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions, which was first published in 1996. George Hansen claims to have read the book. 6

Hansen’s account of the incident is alternate to the documented account of the incident. In order for an alternate account of an incident, to replace the original account of an incident, proof needs to be presented to substantiate the alternate account. Hansen does not present the requisite proof to substantiate the veracity of his alternate account.
Lie #2

George Hansen: Also Linda had a niece I believe who had access to an X-ray machine and Linda had claimed that there was some kind of implant in her nose. And there was indeed a uh, uh she had her niece, I believe it was, take an X-ray of her nose and yes there was some kind of curly cue type object that showed up on the X-ray. Well, the whole story about the X-ray was quite, quite suspicious in itself. Like, exactly where was it taken, who, who took this and would the person who took the X-rays stand behind it and certify that it was. Well Budd never met the person who took the X-ray.

Audio Recording Position (8:05 – 8:53 of 1:52:13)

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Fact #2

Linda’s niece, Lisa Bayer, is a doctor of podiatric medicine and a podiatric surgeon. Bayer was the one who took the X-ray of Linda’s skull. Budd Hopkins met and interviewed Lisa Bayer in person. Linda was present when he did so. ¹, ¹⁵, ²¹
Lie #3

George Hansen: Yes, yes. And at that time Joe Stefula had, was, was retired from the US Army but he was in the Criminal Investigations Division before that, and he had lots of contacts. And one of the things he suggested, uh to me and to other people, well Linda had alleged that she was kidnapped by these government agents well...

Host: Right.

George Hansen: ...that of course is a felony. Anyone who has knowledge of that felony is, is able to report it to law enforcement authorities. So at the meeting I suggested to Budd well Linda had made these allegations publicly uh that she was kidnapped by federal agents. I planned to go to the US Secret Service and make a report on this case and ask for an investigation. Well that got Budd and Dave Jacobs and Jerry Clark and Walt Andrus really, really upset. Now I didn’t really quite understand it. Well here’s a crime that was committed. You could put real law enforcement people on that case and find out what happened. Well...

Host: Right.

George Hansen: ...they didn’t want to do that. They were afraid that this would, you know, that aliens were going to come and anything like this would just destroy any chance we had of talk, chance to kind of have more contact with aliens.

Audio Recording Position (11:28 – 12:53 of 1:52:13)

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Fact #3

During the October 3, 1992 meeting Jerome Clark clearly, and repeatedly, indicated to George Hansen that any actions he (Hansen), Joseph Stefula and Richard Butler wished to take in their investigation of Linda’s case should be postponed for a few months so as to not potentially damage the case which was still actively developing at that point time in 1992. 4, 7, 8, 11

Budd Hopkins clearly indicated to George Hansen that filing letters to government agencies would drive certain witnesses to Linda’s case (Richard, Dan and the third man) underground and lead to the case never being fully resolved, and for that reason he (Hopkins) did not wish Hansen to file such letters. However, Hopkins also clearly indicated to Hansen that he (Hansen) could do whatever he wanted to. 12

Walt Andrus clearly expressed his view to George Hansen that by publicly going negative (about the
Linda Cortile case) at that point in time (1992) other leads that are going to come forward could be destroyed. 9

David Jacobs didn’t comment on the matter of Hansen filing letters at all during the meeting. The concerns that Hopkins, Clark and Andrus clearly expressed at the October 3, 1992 meeting, in regards to Hansen’s threat to file letters to government agencies about Richard and Dan, were that such actions could potentially drive certain witnesses (Richard and Dan) underground and potentially damage a promising ongoing investigation. 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12

Hansen’s bizarre claim that during the October 3, 1992 meeting Hopkins, Clark, Andrus and Jacobs indicated to him that they were afraid of letters being filed to government agencies about Richard and Dan because it would destroy the chance to have contact with aliens is a baseless lie, and one which could be checked since the October 3, 1992 meeting was filmed and recorded.
Lie #4

George Hansen: There were some other allegations of uh Linda had seen someone on TV uh I think it was some dignitary protective uh personnel uh guarding uh I think it was Gorbachev. And she pointed out one of those people and there was uh, there was an allegation and it was one of the, one of the people in, in the U, one of the US Services. And anyway that, that was, they did check into that and that was totally denied.

Audio Recording Position (14:04 –14:36 of 1:52:13)

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Fact #4

George Hansen wasn’t privy to the case evidence regarding Linda’s identification of Dan, nor were Joseph Stefula and Richard Butler. As soon as certain confidential case evidence and information entrusted to Butler and Stefula by Linda turned up published in James Moseley’s newsletter “Saucer Smear” Hansen, Stefula and Butler were cut off from accessing further case evidence or interviewing case witnesses. They proved themselves unable to be trusted with sensitive case evidence and information. 1, 3, 14

As far as Hansen’s claim of the photograph of Dan being checked into and denied, that falsely presupposes that Budd and Linda managed to obtain and confirm Dan’s complete identity, which they did not. It is only with Dan’s complete identity that Budd and Linda could check into it (presumably at Dan’s place of employment) in order for it to be denied. Hansen’s claim that it was checked into and denied is a baseless lie.
Lie #5

George Hansen: She was, she was pulling the wool over uh the eyes of not only uh, uh Budd Hopkins, and people like David Jacobs and Jerry Clark and Walt Andrus, but also John Mack endorsed the case. John Mack was the head of the psychiatry department for a while at Harvard medical school.


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Fact #5

Hansen presents no proof to verify his claim that Linda deceived anyone, including David Jacobs, Jerome Clark, Walt Andrus, Budd Hopkins and John Mack.
Lie #6

George Hansen: Oh, oh, I, I’m convinced that Budd was honest to the best of his ability. I think he was certainly mistaken in many, many ways, but I tend to believe that Budd was completely sincere, uh there’s very little doubt in my mind about that. Uh he may have some...he probably had hints that there were, there were some deceptive aspects but I think more will come out on that eventually. But he would disregard them and I think this was Budd’s nature. It wasn’t like he was trying to deceive his readers or other people. He would say okay that’s not that important maybe she fabricated a thing here or there but it was very insignificant.

Episode: “paracast_141214”
Internet Radio Show: The Paracast
Broadcaster: GCN Radio, Boost Radio Network, and IRN Internet Radio Network
Location: USA
Date: December 14, 2014
Total Episode length: 2 hours 39 minutes 15 seconds
Show recording obtained from http://www.theparacast.com/

Fact #6

Hansen’s derogatory speculation into Budd’s nature is without foundation. He presents no proof to establish his portrayal of Budd’s mindset, no proof to substantiate the levels of personal credulity he purports Budd to have, and no proof that Linda fabricated anything.
Lie #7

George Hansen: I am not sure exactly when the name came out but Linda [Cortile] did talk to Richard Butler and Joe Stefula and did confirm that it was allegedly Javier Perez de Cuellar being the third man.

Audio Recording Position (32:50 – 33:05 of 3:02:25)

Episode: “Episode #23 – FADE to BLACK Jimmy Church with George P. Hansen and Harry Drew UFO Kingman”
Internet Radio Show: Fade to Black
Location: USA
Date: Feb 13, 2014
Total Episode length: 3 hours, 2 minutes, 25 seconds
Show recording obtained from http://www.jimmychurchradio.com/

Fact #7

Linda did not give the identity of the third man to Richard Butler and Joseph Stefula, nor did she confirm it to them. It was Antonio Huneeus who leaked the identity of the third man to Butler and Stefula. Richard Butler indicated as such during the October 3, 1992 meeting. 13
Lie #8
George Hansen: That’s right. I think it was, the abduction took place in November 1989, and it wasn’t till like January or February of 1991 that they made contact with Budd and it was via a letter. They didn’t hunt down Linda. They contacted Budd Hopkins allegedly.

Audio Recording Position (31:11 – 31:35 of 3:02:25)
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Fact #8
Richard and Dan did hunt down Linda immediately after the November 30, 1989 UFO abduction incident. They did so a few days after the incident, long before they contacted Budd Hopkins in February 1991.  

Lie #9

George Hansen: Later on both of them reappeared, and during one of the escapade Linda was taken out to Long Island to some beach house by Dan and her head was being thrust under the water, so Dan was trying to drown her.

Eventually he was, some kind of force was manifested and threw him back on the beach, I believe Richard showed up.


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Fact #9

Hansen is still running with the false sequence of events of Linda’s October 15, 1991 kidnapping by Dan that he published in his alleged “critique” of Linda’s case. 26 Both Linda and Budd clearly let Hansen, Stefula and Butler know at the October 3, 1992 meeting that they had the sequence of events wrong when Stefula incorrectly tried to repeat the sequence of events verbatim. Stefula then blamed Linda indicating that that was what she told him the sequence was at his and Butler’s February 1, 1992 meeting with her. 10 The February 1, 1992 meeting, however, was by Hansen’s own admission not recorded, so it can’t be proven what anyone said at that meeting. 17

Despite being clearly told at the October 3, 1992 meeting that they (Hansen, Stefula and Butler) had the sequence of events wrong, the false sequence of events still turned up in Hansen’s later “critique” of Linda’s case. 26 Now after all these years later, and after Hansen claimed to have to read Budd Hopkins’ book of Linda’s case 6 (Witnessed – The True Story of the Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions) which gives the accurate sequencing of events, Hansen still reiterates the false sequence of events.
Lie #10

George Hansen: Yeah, that's right. These two agents, Richard and Dan, didn’t have last names. Didn’t contact anyone else but Linda as far as we can tell, so she was sort of the channel for all these messages.

Audio Recording Position (38:30 – 38:51 of 3:02:25)

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Fact #10

There are three people outside of Linda who met and spoke to Richard, Linda’s husband Steve, their oldest son Steven and Linda’s childhood friend Carmela. 18, 19, 20, 22
Lie #11

George Hansen: This was, this was a very amusing story. Linda had a niece and just who she was and all the relevant details are kind of murky, but Linda had an x-ray taken of her nose, and it was very clear there was something very odd, some little curly cue wire type structure there, and the x-ray eventually Budd Hopkins got a copy of it and showed it to people and eventually it was even published in a medical newspaper, Advanced Radiological Science Professionals.

It was very clear that there was something there either in her nose or on the side of the nose. We don’t really know who, what the qualifications were of the person who took the x-ray. We don’t have a statement from the doctor who was in charge of the x-ray, which, Budd just had the x-ray, and it showed a structure.

Then, if you examine Linda later, no there was no indication of it. So, Linda obviously didn’t go to a lot of trouble to have this done. If she knew someone who knew how to run an x-ray machine and she compared it with some evidence it wouldn’t be that difficult but people took this, oh really amazing evidence.

Again, you have to look at the chain of evidence. Who took the x-ray? Where was it done? When was it done? What person was going to put their medical license online saying yes, this is what we found, and no one did that.

Audio Recording Position (1:02:05 – 1:03:41 of 3:02:25)

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Fact #11

Lisa Bayer’s qualifications were clearly stated in Witnessed. She is a doctor of podiatric medicine and a podiatric surgeon. Contrary to Hansen’s claim, there was a clear indication that the implant had been where it appeared to be, as shown in the X-ray of Linda’s skull. Linda still has a built-up ridge of cartilage in her nose from where the implant was located. 21

While Lisa Bayer initially requested confidentiality she later gave her permission for her full name and occupation to be stated in Witnessed. 1, 21 Given that Lisa Bayer allowed her real name to be used in Witnessed, she did put her reputation, career and medical license on the line.

George Hansen, Richard Butler and Joseph Stefula were not given any further case evidence, such as documentation from Bayer regarding the matter, because they proved they couldn’t be trusted to examine and keep sensitive case evidence and information confidential. 1, 3, 14
Lie #12

investigation progressed. As the affair became publicized, all three became concerned about the long term effect it might have on abduction research.

Fact #12

George Hansen, Richard Butler and Joseph Stefula were not concerned about abduction research being damaged. If they were concerned they wouldn’t have had any part in the purposeful public leaking of confidential abduction case evidence and information, from an actively developing case, to two publications that specialised in publicly ridiculing UFO and alien abduction cases, and those affected by them.

Joseph Stefula deliberately leaked confidential abduction case evidence and information to James Moseley which Moseley published in the September, and November, 1992 editions of “Saucer Smear”. ³

Joseph Stefula and Richard Butler leaked confidential information about Linda’s case to Philip J. Klass which Klass published in his September 1992 of the “Skeptics UFO Newsletter”. This included details about the Christmas card and letter that Dan sent to Linda while he was in a mental institution. Butler and Stefula were the only individuals, prior to September 1992, who were given a copy of that card and letter that Linda (not Budd Hopkins as erroneously reported by Philip Klass) received from Dan. ³³

The only way that Philip J. Klass could have learned about the details of the card, such as where it was mailed from, was if Butler and Stefula provided that information, or a copy of the card, to him. They were the only ones outside of Linda and Budd who had a copy of the card at that time.
Lie #13

At the meeting on October 3, the kidnapping and attempted murder of Linda were discussed. We informed Hopkins and the other participants that we were prepared to make a formal request for a federal investigation of the government agents responsible for the alleged felonies. Hopkins, Andrus, and Clark appeared to literally panic at the suggestion. They vigorously argued against making such a request. We could only conclude that they wanted to suppress evidence of attempted murder. We wondered why.

Fact #13

George Hansen’s claim that Budd Hopkins, Walt Andrus and Jerome Clark gave no reasons why they did not wish for formal letters to be filed to government agencies regarding Linda’s case at that point in time in 1992, no reasons which left Hansen, Stefula and Butler only to conclude that Hopkins, Andrus and Clark wanted to suppress evidence of attempted murder, is patently false. Hopkins, Andrus and Clark each gave clear reasons to Hansen why they did not wish for formal letters to be filed to government agencies regarding Linda’s case at that point in time in 1992.

As indicated in Fact #3 Budd Hopkins clearly indicated to George Hansen that filing letters to government agencies would drive certain witnesses to Linda’s case (Richard, Dan and the third man) underground and lead to the case never being fully resolved, and for that reason he (Hopkins) did not wish Hansen to file such letters. However, Hopkins also clearly indicated to Hansen that he (Hansen) could do whatever he wanted to. Hopkins also later detailed the complicated nature of what reporting Linda’s kidnapping to the authorities would entail and why it would most likely result in inaction due its unorthodox context. 2, 12

Jerome Clark clearly, and repeatedly, indicated to George Hansen that any actions he (Hansen), Joseph Stefula and Richard Butler wished to take in their investigation of Linda’s case should be postponed for a few months so as to not potentially damage the case which was still actively developing at that point time in 1992. 4, 7, 8, 11

Walt Andrus clearly expressed his view to George Hansen that by publicly going negative (about the Linda Cortile case) at that point in time (1992) other leads that are going to come forward could be destroyed. Andrus clearly asked that New Jersey MUFON keep on investigating (Linda’s case) but not to go out and do things that could close doors for potential future information on Linda’s case. 9
Lie #14

George Hansen steadfastly contends that at the October 3, 1992 “showdown” meeting at Budd Hopkins’ apartment Walt Andrus, Jerome Clark and Budd Hopkins all urged him, Joseph Stefula, Richard Butler, and all other outsiders, to cease their investigation of Linda’s case.

Hansen’s contention is demonstrably false. The reason it is false is because the October 3, 1992 meeting was videotaped (with a running length of 3 hours 18 minutes and 59 seconds) and at no point during that recorded meeting were Hansen, Stefula and Butler told, by anyone, let alone Hopkins, Andrus and Clark, to cease their investigation of Linda’s case.

During the October 3, 1992 meeting Jerome Clark stated the following to George Hansen:

“The last thing I would ever say [is] don’t investigate this, don’t be skeptical. I’m just saying because of the extraordinary and special circumstances pertaining to this one case that the possibility for damaging uh, you know, this case are great and there is nothing, you’re not going to lose anything by just backing off for a few months.”

Jerome Clark reiterated his point to George Hansen later on in the meeting when he stated:

“I mean nobody is telling you not to investigate the story, not to question the story, not to doubt the story. ...if it’s a hoax ...there’s no reason that can’t be established six or eight months from now.”

Jerome Clark further reinforced his point to George Hansen again later on in the meeting when he stated:

“But what I’m saying is that because of the unique circumstances to argue, because of the fact that this story, if true, has all kinds of extraordinary political as well as scientific ramifications. That in politically sensitive investigations there’s a different set of rules that applies. And none of them has to do with forever silencing, forever pushing out of view or out of activity contrary skeptical inquiry or. They were not talking about that we’re just saying for a few more months can we just let this simmer?”

Based on Jerome Clark’s videotaped statements to George Hansen during the lengthy October 3, 1992 meeting two facts become readily apparent. The first fact is that Jerome Clark clearly and repeatedly indicated to George Hansen that he was not asking him (Hansen) to cease his investigation of Linda’s case, and he was not asking him (Hansen) to not be skeptical or doubtful of the case.
The second fact is that Jerome Clark clearly and repeatedly indicated to George Hansen that any actions he (Hansen), Stefula and Butler wished to take in their investigation of Linda’s case should be postponed for a few months so as to not potentially damage the case (which was still actively developing at that point in time in 1992). 7, 8, 11

At the October 3, 1992 meeting Budd Hopkins stated the following to George Hansen:

“On the one hand you people are saying you want uh Richard and the third man and Dan if he’s compos mentis to come forward and at the same time you say you’re going to file letters which are going to drive these people underground, that’s your threat. Now you can’t do it. George if you want this case, if you have any interest in truth here you have got to not nose around in that level or you are going to cause more trouble and this thing will not then ever become resolved. And that is what you got to do. Now you can do anything you want to uh I know that the connection with uh the people have established with Philip Klass who was, will, will stop at nothing to uh damage reputations, to, to uh, attack any kind of UFO case that comes along that was already tainting the field here and this request.” 12

Based on Budd Hopkins’ videotaped statement to George Hansen during the October 3, 1992 meeting one fact becomes readily apparent. Budd Hopkins clearly indicated to George Hansen that filing letters to government agencies would drive certain witnesses to Linda’s case (Richard, Dan and the third man) underground and lead to the case never being fully resolved, and for that reason he (Hopkins) did not wish Hansen to file such letters. However, Hopkins also clearly indicated to Hansen that he (Hansen) could do whatever he wanted to. 12

At the October 3, 1992 meeting Walt Andrus stated the following to George Hansen:

“But when you have some dignitary and these witnesses to an abduction that will come out and testify by going negative right at this point in time, as Jerry’s pointing out, we’re going to destroy other leads that are going to come forward, now listen, and uh I’m asking New Jersey MUFON to keep on investigating but don’t go out and do things that are going to close doors for further information.” 9

Based on Walt Andrus’ videotaped statement to George Hansen during the October 3, 1992 meeting two facts become readily apparent. The first fact is that Walt Andrus clearly expressed his view to George Hansen that by publicly going negative (about Linda’s case) at that point in time (1992) other leads that are going to come forward could be destroyed. 9

The second fact is that Walt Andrus clearly asked that New Jersey MUFON keep on investigating (Linda’s case) but not to go out and do things that could close doors for potential future information on Linda’s case. 9

Gibbs Williams, who was also present at the October 3, 1992 meeting, stated the following:

“No if you want it on the narrow end then this man (Hansen) should instantly and you all (Butler and Stefula) should instantly write up a huge big negative thing, take all the inconsistencies, write ‘em all up and, may you call it debunking or not, make this big huge thing and present it wherever you want to present it and there’s no question that you all personally will probably profit relative to the people who, you know, go the debunking way and then you’re totally with skeptics and all that kind of thing. And you’ll get out of it whatever you want to get out of it, which is okay and, and in the light of the
bigger issue as to the possibility that maybe this thing is for real it probably will have the net effect of closing down a lot of people who don’t want to get their names in the middle of it. ...why not give [Budd] adequate time considering this case is still obviously unveiling. Every other week I hear of something new cooking. If it’s a conspiracy it really should choke on its own, you know, inner innards. Sooner or later somebody’s going to trip over something and there’ll be an in, a massive inconsistency and it’ll shows up. Why not lay low, let the thing develop and see where it’s at and then everybody profits.”  

Based on Gibbs Williams’ videotaped statement to George Hansen during the October 3, 1992 meeting two facts become readily apparent. The first fact is that Gibbs Williams clearly indicated to George Hansen that by publicly going negative at that point in time (1992) witnesses to Linda’s case who had not yet come forward would be discouraged from doing so.  

The second fact is that Gibbs Williams suggested to George Hansen that because Linda’s case was still actively developing at that point in time (1992) Budd should be given more time and the case should be given more time to further develop.  

On June 7, 2009 I sent an email to George Hansen and asked him the following question:

"Is it true that Walter Andrus jr & Jerome Clark requested to delay making a formal request for a federal investigation for six months to allow more time for new witnesses to come forward so the present witnesses could testify publicly?"  

Later that day I received an email reply from Hansen where he stated in response to my question:

"This seems essentially correct." 

Hansen’s answer contradicts his contention that Andrus and Clark urged that he (Hansen), Stefula and Butler cease their investigation of Linda’s case. A person, or party, cannot urge that an investigation be stopped completely and at the same time urge that it not be stopped completely but only delayed.
Conclusions

Based on George Hansen’s new provably false statements about the Linda Cortile case, and based on his unwavering support and reiteration of his old provably false statements about the Linda Cortile case, it is clear that his interest lies not in studying the case but in discrediting it, by any and all means necessary.

Based on his attempts to casually summarise and convey aspects of the Cortile case, it is evident that George Hansen, even with access to Budd Hopkins’ book on the Linda Cortile case (Witnessed: The True Story of the Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions), has one of the poorest understandings of the actual facts of the case.

That Hansen is still publicly harassing the Cortile’s with lies after 23 years, and that he is still falsely publicly presenting himself as someone who managed to prove the case is a hoax, is as pathetic as it is vindictive.
1) "An Answer to Questions Raised by Butler, Stefula and Hansen in a Proposed Article on the Linda Cortile Abduction Case" by Budd Hopkins (September 1992)

5. The authors want a "formal report" from the doctor who took the X-ray of the implant in Linda’s nose. I have a full statement from this doctor, whom I’ve interviewed and know personally. The doctor desires, and will receive, confidentiality. The doctor’s evidence has been shared with senior investigators, but like all other unpublished evidence in this case will not be given to anyone involved in earlier violations of this trust.

2) "An Answer to Questions Raised by Butler, Stefula and Hansen in a Proposed Article on the Linda Cortile Abduction Case" by Budd Hopkins (September 1992)

6. What B, S and H emphasize as the greatest question about Linda’s credibility is this – why didn’t she go to the police to file kidnapping and assault charges against two men she knew to be badge-wielding US government security agents? To prove her case she would, of course, have had to explain its context and the men’s apparent motive: that she was abducted by a UFO, floated out of a 12th story window and observed by these two agents who later abducted her to question her about this experience. At the time, some of Linda’s friends counselled her despite the obstacles to so charge these government officials, while other friends told her they agreed that it would be futile to do so; that she would not be believed because of the bizarre circumstances which triggered the event. B, S and H have the right if they wish to disagree with Linda’s decision not to press charges under these circumstances. But they have absolutely no right to interpret her decision as evidence of a gigantic plot on her part, involving forgery, the training of numerous false witnesses, and so forth. Evidence of a hoax requires evidence, not an honest disagreement about what police action she should have taken with regard to such a bizarre set of circumstances. This sixth question is as irrelevant as the others.
Dear S.M. – It is strange to be re-hashing the Linda case 20 years later. Stefula, Butler and Hansen worked together, and Klass must have worked separately. I was friends with Stefula and he gave me the info, knowing I wanted to use it in “Smear”. There was no cosmic conspiracy – just researchers with a negative viewpoint working on the case. It’s far too late to sue anyone. Cheers! – J.M.

(Letter received late 2012)
5) In the Florida MUFON News interview, Linda acknowledged this curious discrepancy: "If they were really concerned about me, why did it take 14 months to find me?...For us that was a discrepancy. Later on we found out that they did in fact find me just days after the 1989 apartment abduction. They did know that I was alive." Until the letter arrived, Linda's case had

Page 7, Paragraph 4; line 1 – 4,
“Skeptics UFO Newsletter”
Philip J. Klass
Issue #33
May 1, 1995

6) George: This, it gets quite involved and Hopkins’ book is really quite fun to read. It gives a lot of detail, and Hopkins reproduces a number of the letter he got from Richard and Dan as well as a letter or more from Javier Perez de Cuellar, allegedly from Javier Perez de Cuellar. They are quite interesting to read. They, the letter from the UN secretary general doesn’t sound like it would come from someone in his position but it is in the book.

Episode: “Episode #23 – FADE to BLACK Jimmy Church with George P. Hansen and Harry Drew UFO Kingman”
Internet Radio Show: Fade to Black
Location: USA
Date: Feb 13, 2014
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Show recording obtained from http://www.jimmychurchradio.com/

7) Jerome Clark - Quote #1
Jerome Clark: George I s, I s, I, my point remains that we have a choice to make in this extraordinarily sensitive case. It seems to me that nobody is telling you and I, and certainly not me, I’d be the last guy in the world, because I have a lot of respect, I’ve read your stuff, I have a lot of respect for you. The last thing I would ever say don’t investigate this, don’t be skeptical. I’m just saying because of the extraordinary and special circumstances pertaining to this one case that the possibility for damaging uh, you know, this case are great and there is nothing, you’re not going to lose anything by just backing off for a few months.

Page 97; line 23 – 29,
The October 3, 1992 “Showdown” Meeting at Budd Hopkins’ Apartment Transcript
(Underline added by me)
8) **Jerome Clark - Quote #2**

Jerome Clark: But what I’m saying...

Budd Hopkins: Yeah right. (Said at the same time)

Jerome Clark: *is that because (Said at the same time) of the unique circumstances to argue, because of the fact that this story, if true, has all kinds of extraordinary political as well as scientific ramifications. That in politically sensitive investigations there’s a different set of rules that applies. And none of them has to do with forever silencing, forever pushing out of view or out of activity contrary skeptical inquiry or. They were not talking about...*

Budd Hopkins: That would.

Jerome Clark: *that we’re...*

Budd Hopkins: That’s good. (Said at the same time)

Jerome Clark: *just saying (Said at the same time) for a few more months can we just let this simmer?*

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9) **Walter Andrus - Quote #1**

Walter Andrus: Second, this case is, could be, Budd’s called it the case of the century, well any term you might want to use. But when you have some dignitary and these witnesses to an abduction that will come out and testify by going negative right at this point in time, as Jerry’s pointing out, we’re going to destroy other leads that are going to come forward, now listen, and uh I’m asking New Jersey MUFON to keep on investigating but don’t go out and do things that are going to close doors for further information.

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Page 173; line 14 – 24,
The October 3, 1992 “Showdown” Meeting at Budd Hopkins’ Apartment Transcript
(Underline added by me)

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Page 105; line 3 – 8,
The October 3, 1992 “Showdown” Meeting at Budd Hopkins’ Apartment Transcript
(Underline added by me)
Hansen, Stefula and Butler’s False Sequence of Events

Joseph Stefula: Linda has a two minute tape...

Penelope Franklin: (To Linda) When was he at the seaport?

Joseph Stefula: ...of uh Dan talking to her about wearing a wire. She claims that Dan, she was walking down there by herself when she noticed Dan in front of her. She said she took a couple of steps backwards, she turned around and now was Dan was behind her. Dan he gets her into the Jaguar and they proceed to a beach house on Long Island. Went to the beach house on Long Island. Dan had a white nightgown and wanted Linda to put the nightgown on the same way she looked that night. Linda refused to take her clothes off but she said she agreed to put it on over her clothes with her pants leg up. When she, when she, when she put the nightgown on Dan became very emotional uh making propositions toward her...

Linda Cortile: He did not.

Joseph Stefula: Uh Ladies of the sand. She then claims that she went out, ran down the beach, at which time Dan came after her, bent her arm behind her head, put two fingers in the nape of her neck and at first she said she thought she (Stefula’s error he means he) had a gun. He took her into the water dunked her down once, she came back up, dunked her down twice, and she said in my own mind I knew I was going down for the third time and this was it. As I my head started to wonder some force knocked Dan off of me back on the beach. I was free. I started to run. Then she claims...

Linda Cortile: This was talked about at group meetings by the way. (Said at the same time)

Joseph Stefula: ...she heard something, this, this... (Said at the same time)

Budd Hopkins: Yeah, it was.

Joseph Stefula: ...she says, that she, she uh, uh had a feeling there was a gun or some noise behind her. She turned to look and instead of, instead of having a gun he had a camera which he was taking pictures of her with.

Budd Hopkins: No you got it, you got it all mixed up.

Linda Cortile: You have it all mixed up.

Joseph Stefula: Well I’m telling you what she told me.

Linda Cortile: I didn’t tell you anything of the sort. If you’ve come all the way here didn’t.

Joseph Stefula: Uh excuse me...

Budd Hopkins: That is not the sequence...

Linda Cortile: Didn’t you listen to what...
Budd Hopkins: ...of events.

Linda Cortile: ...was said here when we had a group meeting? (Said at the same time)

Joseph Stefula: That is what she told me what the sequence of events was. (Said at the same time)

Budd Hopkins: It had been presented here.

Linda Cortile: Of course it was presented here.

Budd Hopkins: It had been presented here at the time it happened which was in what uh September right?

Linda Cortile: Uh no this happened to me in October.

Budd Hopkins: October alright well were yeah right. It was presented at the time, the whole sequence of events uh it was, you've got the end of it all mixed up. You've got some of it right and the end of it more or less not. But look why are we jumping over this? Why don't we get to the point...

Gibbs Williams: There is enough to be said on both sides that you could cancel out. But really it comes down to pragmatically is what makes the best sense in the light of whatever try whatever uh principle you’re using as uh your guide. Now if you want it on the narrow end then this man should instantly and you all should instantly write up a huge big negative thing, take all the inconsistencies, write ‘em all up and, may you call it debunking or not, make this big huge thing and present it wherever you want to present it and there’s no question that you all personally will probably profit relative to the people who, you know, go the debunking way and then you’re totally with skeptics and all that kind of thing. And you’ll get out of it whatever you want to get out of it, which is okay and, and in the light of the bigger issue as to the possibility that maybe this thing is for real it probably will have the net effect of closing down a lot of people who don’t want to get their names in the middle of it. They'll be scared to death. Who knows maybe the government, our wonderful government, maybe they are really in this thing and maybe there are counter conspiracies all over the place, on all sorts of levels. Who knows it has done, it has happened before maybe happening now, who knows, I sure as hell don’t know, however, there’s enough of a, of a wedge in here, there are enough interesting questions as to the possibility that maybe, just maybe the thing is for real.

Jerome Clark: Yeah.

Gibbs Williams: Why not give Budd uh in a way what this really boils down to as I understand it and I’m not, I don’t hardly, I’m a novice in this whole thing. What it really boils down to is Budd’s authenticity with respect to being a key researcher in this whole business and I appreciate the fact that he gets, you know, comments and commentary from people all over the world. All, you know, for years this has been going on, if this man isn’t in a position to make some kind of an evaluation as to
whether it’s worth his time and effort to continue this thing, book or no book. I mean he’s written books he’s made money.

Budd Hopkins: Not a lot though.

Gibbs Williams: You know, why not give him adequate time considering this case is still obviously unveiling. Every other week I hear of something new cooking. If it’s a conspiracy it really should choke on its own, you know, inner innards. Sooner or later somebody’s going to trip over something and there’ll be an in, a massive inconsistency...

Jerome Clark: Yeah, yeah.

Gibbs Williams: ...and it’ll shows up. Why not lay low, let the thing develop and see where it’s at and then everybody profits.

Budd Hopkins: Yeah one of the basic.

George Hansen: I strongly disagree with that. That is against all scientif...rules of scientific discourse. Once a claim has been published and made public. The outsiders are in a position then to legitimately critique. To stop now is a violation of scientific procedure.

Gibbs Williams: Scientists are human beings.

Jerome Clark: Yeah George this is also... (Said at the same time)

Gibbs Williams: In science there is no abstraction. (Said at the same time)

Jerome Clark: ...a political story.

Budd Hopkins: It’s a political issue absolutely.

Jerome Clark: I mean nobody is telling you not to investigate the story, not to question the story, not to doubt the story.

George Hansen: He’s (Gibbs) suggesting...

Jerome Clark: No it.

George Hansen: ...that we stop...

Jerome Clark: No.

George Hansen: ...with everything vested in our work... (Said at the same time)

Jerome Clark: This goes back to what I’m saying... (Said at the same time)

George Hansen: We...
Jerome Clark: ...can't we just... (Said at the same time)

George Hansen: ...we could publish. (Said at the same time)

Jerome Clark: ...can’t because this isn’t so extremely sensitive and if it’s a hoax that can be there’s no reason that can’t be established...

Linda Cortile: Say to you if the public... (Said at the same time Set 1)

Jerome Clark: ...six or eight months from now. (Said at the same time Set 1)
Budd Hopkins – Quote #1

Budd Hopkins: Listen, I made certain inquiries which I won’t go into with certain intelligence areas. When I hit one particular area I knew by the way I was being treated that they knew who I was talking about. Two weeks later I got a letter, letter from Dan at the end of it, the only time he ever said this was, if you don’t stop trying to find out who we are we’re going to break off relations. Now I’ve got a lot of letters and material from them back and forth this was the only time I got that kind of warning and it was precisely two weeks, about two weeks after I had stumbled into something because I knew Dan well the guy knew who I was talking about because he kept asking for lots and lots of information, denying uh, you know, that he knew them. But going back the details which obviously had registered in his mind very clearly, it was just very clear I did make, that this man knew. Uh now I got that warning. On the one hand you people are saying you want uh Richard and the third man and Dan if he’s compos mentis to come forward and at the same time you say you’re going to file letters which are going to drive these people underground, that’s your threat. Now you can’t do it. George if you want this case, if you have any interest in truth here you have got to not nose around in that level or you are going to cause more trouble and this thing will not then ever become resolved.

George Hansen: Can you?

Budd Hopkins: And that is what you got to do. Now you can do anything you want to uh I know that the connection with uh the people have established with Philip Klass who was, will, will stop at nothing to uh damage reputations, to, to uh, attack any kind of UFO case that comes along that was already tainting the field here and this request.

Jerome Clark: Philip Klass is not a colleague…

Budd Hopkins: He’s not a colleague.

Jerome Clark: …and he’s not to be treated as such.

Richard Butler Quote #1

Richard Butler: We were told specifically that it was Perez de Cuellar that was the third man this is what we based our entire investigation on. Now, several other people, besides myself and Joe, know that these. This particular man this principle was the one that was discussed at many meetings with many people that he was indeed the third man, alright, that is not just coming from me.

Jerome Clark: You know, I, I find this whole business about Perez de Cuellar incredibly tiresome. Can we agree that for the sake of argument conceding nothing, admitting nothing. We’ll just say Perez de Cuellar just for the sake of it, so we don’t have to go through this thing about whether or not it’s Perez de Cuellar.
Richard Butler: Yeah.

Jerome Clark: Can we just agree just for the sake of discussion.

Richard Butler: Okay, alright. It was Perez de Cuellar based on that.

Linda Cortile: Sure thing.

Budd Hopkins: Are you psychic now?

Richard Butler: No.

Jerome Clark: Enough with this Javier discussion.

Richard Butler: Okay. Based on that...

Jerome Clark: Harder to deal...

Richard Butler: ...you have enough.

Jerome Clark: ...with this thing.

Richard Butler: Okay and if I’m not mistaken.

Linda Cortile: Because you don’t know what kind of...

Richard Butler: Would you like to finish? (To Stefula) (Said at the same time Set 1)

Linda Cortile: ...information I gave you... (Said at the same time Set 1)

Richard Butler: Would you like to comment? (To Stefula) (Said at the same time Set 2)

Linda Cortile: ...February 1st (1992). (Said at the same time Set 2)

Richard Butler: Anything?

Linda Cortile: If I gave you the video.

Walter Andrus: Now why, why must, must think she...

Linda Cortile: I could have given you...

Walter Andrus: ...could do this?

Richard Butler: As far as... (Said at the same time Set 1)

Linda Cortile: ...disinformation... (Said at the same time Set 1)
Richard Butler: ...as far as... (Said at the same time Set 2)

Linda Cortile: ...to protect him (Identity of the 3rd man). (Said at the same time Set 2)

Richard Butler: ...Antonio knows...

Linda Cortile: You don’t...

Richard Butler: Why?

Linda Cortile: ...know...

Richard Butler: ...As far as Antonio knows...

Linda Cortile: ...don’t know.

Richard Butler: ...it is Perez de Cuellar? Okay.

Budd Hopkins and George Hansen – Quote #1

George Hansen: We have not really been given the opportunity to talk to the witnesses.

Budd Hopkins: Of course you haven’t.

George Hansen: I cannot...

Linda Cortile: I’m going to worry about whether it’s another interrogation.

Budd Hopkins: Of course you haven’t.

George Hansen: ...talk to the woman on the bridge and uh...

Penelope Franklin: Force those people.

Budd Hopkins: Nobody likes...

Linda Cortile: These people want their...

Budd Hopkins: ...when you...

Linda Cortile: ...identities...

Budd Hopkins: ...you have... (Said at the same time)
Linda Cortile: ...kept secret... (Said at the same time)

Budd Hopkins: ...you have lost...

Linda Cortile: ...your right...

Budd Hopkins: ...your...

Linda Cortile: ...you know you have.

Budd Hopkins: ...you have lost any right to, to any interviewing of these people. That’s why we’ll trust people like Jerry or Walt or Dave uh Antonio they, they can deal with these people because they have been trustworthy. When other people have not been.

Richard Butler: What about...

George Hansen: I, we can pursue.

Budd Hopkins: I don’t know see, you see, uh it, it doesn’t work to say you didn’t hand this stuff on to uh Sewerman or whoever published that thing, no that was the other guy.

Linda Cortile: You should have named him sour grape.

Budd Hopkins: Instead of, if you didn’t hand it on to...

?: He thought that it was to her.

Budd Hopkins: ...to, to Moseley okay. Uh you say somebody got a hold of it and handed it off and so forth well then why should we if, if, if your handling of material is so shoddy, very highly sensitive material then why should we trust you with any material? Look you don’t, you have a track record which is zilch. So we’re not going to trust you with anything.

George Hansen: You have no obligation to share with us anything as a US citizen though I have a right to file a formal complaint and there has been a public allegation...

Linda Cortile: So do I...

George Hansen: ...made regarding this...

Linda Cortile: ...because of what you have done...

George Hansen: ...this statement.

Linda Cortile: ...with my name.

Richard Butler: No we’re not...

George Hansen: And.
Richard Butler: ...we’re not talking about that.

George Hansen: I very well...

Linda Cortile: I’m talking about that. (Said at the same time)

George Hansen: ...Monday morning (Said at the same time) may write that letter. Okay.

Linda Cortile: I’m talking about it.

Budd Hopkins: And get your nose right the middle of this and that’s what you seem to want to do.

George Hansen: You want to make it public.

Budd Hopkins: And I, we’re going to create a serious problem for Richard I can tell you because here what you’re doing well okay...

Linda Cortile: They don’t care about anyone’s life... (Said at the same time Set 1)

Budd Hopkins: ...I made, I made... (Said at the same time Set 1)

Linda Cortile: ...all they care about...(Said at the same time Set 2)

Budd Hopkins: ...certain inquiries... (Said at the same time Set 2)

Linda Cortile: ...is their...

Budd Hopkins: Look... (Said at the same time)

Linda Cortile: ...curiosities. (Said at the same time)

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Yes, Budd spoke with my niece in person in 1991 or 1992. I was present. The extent of their communication was a long one. Budd asked, Lisa, to elaborate on the reason for the nose X-ray, and all the details of the X-ray, i.e., how did she X-ray me, how she managed to do it - since she’s a podiatrist, what were the results of the X-ray, what were her reactions when she saw the results, and what was her opinion. It’s all detailed in the "Witnessed" book, and it’s a good thing that it is because - I can remember only about half of it since it’s been 21 or 22 years ago.

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Excerpt from Linda’s Email to me dated
Wednesday, December 17, 2014 2:56 PM
Re: Dear Mr Hansen

From: George Hansen
Date: Sunday, June 07, 2009 8:04 AM
To: Sean F Meers
Subject: Re: Dear Mr Hansen

> 2) Is it true that Walter Andrus jr & Jerome Clark
> requested to delay making a formal request for a federal
> investigation for six months to allow more time for new
> witnesses to come forward so the present witnesses could
> testify publicly?

This seems essentially correct. See the papers I just sent you, and the chapter in my book.

> That October 3 1992 meeting is one I wish I was present at,
> a fly on the wall :-)
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> Great to hear from you again, eagerly awaiting your book
> from amazon at the moment.
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> Hope to hear from you again soon & Thank you for taking
> the time to answer these questions. I like delving into the
> controversial claims.
>
> Sincerely
>
> Sean

Email from George Hansen to Sean F. Meers
Dated Sunday, June 07, 2009 8:04 A.M.
(Screen dump of original *.eml file)
Email from George Hansen to Sean F. Meers
Dated Wednesday, October 14, 2009 11:38 A.M.
(Screen dump of original *.eml file)
Shortly before noon, three days after seeing Richard at the bus stop, Linda and her husband Steve left their apartment building and walked north on Catherine Street on the way to twelve o’clock mass at St. Joseph’s, a few blocks away. As they approached the church, Richard stepped forward from a cluster of people and called to Linda. Apparently he had been at the church, awaiting their arrival. She stopped, surprised to see him for the third time in less than a week, and introduced him to her husband. (From the beginning Steve had been told about her dealings with the two men.) After pausing briefly to exchange a few polite words, Steve proceeded into the church to give them a chance to talk. However, not knowing what to expect and feeling uneasy, he remained just inside the glass-paneled door so that he could observe the detective and, if necessary, protect his wife.

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During the final wrap-up conversation that ended our meeting, Gibbs Williams asked about an allusion in Dan’s letter to Linda’s “supposed ancestral background.” I explained to him that the remark had to do with a curious earlier incident that—if my interpretation were true—demonstrated the depth of Richard’s and Dan’s interest in the Cortile family. I had been aware of what lay behind this “ancestral” reference issue ever since the evening back in March when Linda first called to tell me about it.

She explained that when her older son Steven came home from school that afternoon, he casually mentioned that he had met a “bum” on the bus who asked him a lot of questions about his family. Sixteen-

Page 118; line 41 – 42, Page 119; line 1 – 9,
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Steven said that as the man continued to ask what he considered overly personal questions about his family life, he became both puzzled and annoyed. But one final query seemed the strangest of all: “Is there anything unusual about your family?” the man had asked. Steven told his mother that he had been completely taken aback by the question and didn’t know how to respond. What did the man mean by “unusual”? In any case, Steven wanted to end this uncomfortable dialogue, so he decided to answer in a way that would be both startling and final. He remembered something that he hoped might shut the man up. “Well,” he told his questioner, “there is something unusual about us. My mother’s family is descended from Joan of Arc.” Apparently it worked. The man seemed so astonished by this answer that when Steven turned away to read one of his schoolbooks, the questioning ended. A stop or two later the big, redheaded man left the bus.

I informed Gibbs that when Linda told me about this strange incident, she had explained, with a slight air of embarrassment, that what Steven said was, in a sense, true. Linda’s mother’s family claimed descent from Saint Joan. Linda was quick to point out that she took no particular stock in the authenticity of this claim, and in the two and a half years I had known her I had never once heard her refer to her grandfather’s alleged illustrious forebear.

If the man on the bus was merely a wino, then his questions about Steven’s family seemed very peculiar. But if, as Linda suspected, he was Richard in a rather ineffective disguise, we had a further demonstration of the agents’ profound interest in the Cortile family. How many other people had Dan and Richard questioned about Linda, her husband, and her sons? How extensive was their surveillance and how thorough their background checks? And most important, what was it they were trying to find out?
When she called me, she neglected to mention another recent incident, which she regarded at the time as unimportant. On November 12, the week before her nosebleed, she had gone to see her niece Lisa at her office in Poughkeepsie, New York. This routine visit turned out to be extraordinarily important. Before it ended, Lisa Bayer, a doctor of podiatric medicine (and presently a podiatric surgeon), made an X-ray of her aunt’s head. The picture clearly shows the presence of a complex, radiopaque, metallic object in Linda’s nasal cavity. When I finally saw the X-ray—nearly two weeks after it was taken—I was astonished, for it provided solid evidence of an alien implant, a radiologic smoking gun.

Lisa knew some of the details of Linda’s UFO experiences and her encounters with Richard and Dan, and she decided to pursue what she felt was a related subject. “Since I was about ten years old,” Lisa later told me, “I remember my aunt talking about this bump on the side of her nose, and the scar the doctor found up inside. She didn’t know what caused it, but it always bothered her. She was really paranoid about it.” Then, in 1989, Linda had passed on to her niece what she had come to suspect about her scar, that it was the product of a UFO abduction experience. Lisa, as a young physician, had naturally been curious. Now, in November 1991, she decided to put at least that one mystery to rest. “Let me x-ray your head,” she told her aunt, “so we can find out once and for all if there’s something there.”

As Linda described it, “The only X-ray machine she had in her office was the one she used to x-ray people’s feet. There was a little low footstool people would put their foot on, and then she’d swing the X-ray machine over to take the picture. I had to get down on the floor on my hands and knees, with my butt up in the air, kind of like a baby when it’s sleeping, and put my head sideways on the footstool. I felt so foolish. Lisa put the X-ray machine over me and then left the room and took the picture.

“Right afterwards I had to leave to take the train back to the city, so Lisa drove me to the station. She didn’t call me for more than a week, so I assumed the picture didn’t show anything.”

But Lisa told me what happened next: “I dropped Linda off at the train and then came back and developed the X-ray. I’d never x-rayed anything but feet before, so I wasn’t exactly sure how much to raise the amperage and kilowatts. It’s not a perfect picture. But when I developed it I was stunned when I saw the thing in the side of her nostril. It scared me. I was afraid even to use the phone to call her
and tell her about it. After what she’d told me about Richard and Dan, I was afraid of the government. I didn’t even like having that X-ray in my house.

“I waited till the day I was due to come into New York to work in a kind of internship at a podiatrist’s office, and then I called my aunt and asked her to come uptown and have lunch with me. That was when I gave her the X-ray, and when she saw it I think it upset her more than it had upset me.”

Apparently the UFO occupants were also aware of what Lisa had done. Unlikely—impossible—though it may seem, given our idea of technological capability, it appears that the aliens can somehow tell when an implant has been x-rayed and is likely to be removed, thereby allowing us a crucial piece of their technology. It is unlikely that they would ever let us capture such a prize if they could possibly prevent it.

And so before Linda or I had seen Lisa’s X-ray, the UFO occupants apparently abducted Linda from her apartment and removed the implant, thus causing her nosebleed and preventing us from recovering the artifact. That, at least, was my surmise. (A later X-ray and an examination by a nose and throat specialist confirmed that the object was no longer present in her nostril, though a conspicuous ridge of built-up cartilage showed where it had once been embedded.)

She saw that Richard had spotted her. Whispering to Carmela not to worry, that she would be all right, she ducked down and ran into the crowd, dodging, trying to evade Richard and the men with him. Since Linda had previously told her friend about her misadventures with the two agents, Carmela almost immediately understood what was happening. Richard, being well above six feet tall, towered over many of the passersby. Recognizing him from Linda’s description, Carmela walked over and called him by name, asking what he wanted with Linda. Although she said that he did not reply and moved off quickly, I was pleased that I now had a fourth witness to Richard’s appearance and made a mental note to ask Carmela for a tape-recorded deposition.
But one thing Richard was able to make clear to Linda was his reason for being at the Seaport with some of his fellow security agents. They had discovered that Dan had escaped weeks before from what everyone euphemistically referred to as the “rest home,” and had hatched a plan to seize Linda that afternoon. He intended to spirit her away to England later that evening, drugged and compliant. Richard had also learned that Dan had obtained a false passport for her and had purchased two plane tickets on British Airways.

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the men he is guarding underlines his level of seniority. It seems obvious to me that a high-level agent like Dan, possessing not only extremely sensitive information about the president’s security but also covert intelligence skills and a variety of standard-issue weapons and communication gear, would not be permitted to run around loose after suffering a severe emotional breakdown. Especially not after demonstrating that he could easily escape from a so-called rest home and then attempt to kidnap an innocent civilian. When Richard wrote that Dan wouldn’t be seen again by anyone, ever, I think he knew what he was talking about.

The first week in May I received another letter from Richard, filling in some of the blanks about Dan’s disappearance and the other events of February 22 at the Seaport. On May 4, Richard wrote that immediately after he seized Linda and took her down South Street to the front of an office building, his five associates, Dan, and the other four security people confronted one another. “A verbal understanding was made clear enough for all ten men to leave the Seaport area together, peacefully. I was told that Dan struggled and had to be liter-

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ally punched out in the car. A sedative couldn’t be used on Dan for the sake of a more sensible interrogation intended at a friend’s apartment later.

“They had an extremely hard time with Dan when they arrived. It took the energy of nine big men to control him. By the time I arrived at my friend’s apartment, Dan was fast asleep in the next room where the interrogation took place. I went into the bedroom to wake him. A struggle began as soon as he realized it was me, but that was soon taken care of.”

Evidently the interrogation had been harrowing and in its own way, persuasive. “We came to the realization that Dan’s sickness had reached its peak. There wasn’t just a danger for Linda. He was a danger for all of us involved in the November, 1989, incident. We considered the rules and unwritten laws Dan had broken. . . . It was safer for all those concerned that Dan meet with his own ‘Official Problem.’ Take my work for it, Budd. It’s safe.”

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25) investigation progressed. As the affair became publicized, all three became concerned about the long term effect it might have on abduction research.

Page 3; line 4 – 6 (not including title line),
“A Critique of Budd Hopkins’ Case of the UFO Abduction of Linda [Cortile]”
by Joseph J. Stefula, Richard D. Butler, and George P. Hansen
In conversations with Butler in early 1992, Linda had expressed concerns about her personal safety. A meeting was arranged with Stefula because of his background in law enforcement. During the afternoon and early evening of February 1, the three met in New York City, and Linda described further details of the kidnappings.

She reported that on the morning of October 15, 1991, Dan accosted her on the street and pulled her into a red Jaguar sports car. Linda happened to be carrying a tape recorder and was able to surreptitiously record a few minutes of Dan’s questioning, but he soon discovered and confiscated it. Dan drove to a beach house on the shore of Long Island. There he demanded that Linda remove her clothes and put on a white nightgown, similar to the one she wore the night of the abduction. He said he wanted to have sex with her. She refused but then agreed to put on the nightgown over her clothes. Once she did, Dan dropped to his knees and started to talk incoherently about her being the "Lady of the Sands." She fled the beach house, but Dan caught her on the beach and bent her arm behind her. He placed two fingers on the back of her neck, leading Linda to believe that it was a gun. He then forced her into the water and pushed her head under twice. He continued to rave incoherently, and as her head was being pushed under for the third time, she believed that she would not come up again. Then, a "force" hit Dan and knocked him back onto the beach. She started to run but heard a sound like a gun being cocked. She looked back and saw Dan taking a picture of her (Linda mentioned that pictures from the beach were eventually sent to Hopkins). She continued running, but Richard appeared beside her, seemingly out of nowhere. He stopped her and convinced her to return to the beach house and told her that he would control Dan by giving him a Mickey Finn. She agreed. Once inside, Richard put Dan in the shower to wash off the mud and sand from the beach. This gave Linda a chance to search the premises; she recovered her cassette tape and discovered stationery bearing a Central Intelligence Agency letterhead.

On September 14, 1992, Hopkins faxed Butler a letter saying that as a long-standing member of MUFON, he was issuing an "order" (his word). He "ordered" Stefula and Butler to stop their investigation of the case. We found this very curious, and we
For the meeting on October 3 in New York City, Hopkins flew in his close friend Jerome Clark from Minnesota. Under the sway of Hopkins, Clark strenuously urged that outsiders cease investigations, thus seemingly trying to reinforce Hopkins’ earlier "order" (despite the fact that the case already had been reported in the Wall Street Journal, Omni, Paris Match and the television show Inside Edition). Clark (1992a) later committed

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At the meeting on October 3, the kidnapping and attempted murder of Linda were discussed. We informed Hopkins and the other participants that we were prepared to make a formal request for a federal investigation of the government agents responsible for the alleged felonies. Hopkins, Andrus, and Clark appeared to literally panic at the suggestion. They vigorously argued against making such a request. We could only conclude that they wanted to suppress evidence of attempted murder. We wondered why.

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are accepted by the players at the beginning. Similarly in the Linda case, the basic evidence is not to be questioned. Andrus, Clark, and Hopkins have all urged that outsiders cease investigation (despite the massive publicity given to the case).

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We were quite unprepared for the reaction to our work from leaders of the field. Walter Andrus and Jerome Clark aggressively tried to dissuade us from continuing our investigation, and so far they have failed to publish any material critical of the case. We

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4. Hopkins flew Clark to New York, whereupon Clark aggressively injected himself into matters and vigorously opposed continuing an outside investigation and reporting the alleged felonies to law enforcement authorities. He defended this position, in writing, “A Critique of Budd Hopkins’ Case of the UFO Abduction of Linda [Cortile]” by Joseph J. Stefula, Richard D. Butler, and George P. Hansen

HOPKINS DID NOT TELL HIS MUFON AUDIENCE SOME OF THE MORE BIZARRE ASPECTS OF LINDA’S CLAIMS OF ALLEGED ABDUCTION BY THE “SECURITY AGENTS.” According to SUN’s Inside Sources (SIS), Linda told two MUFON investigators that she was kidnapped a second time off the streets of Manhattan by “Dan,” who drove her out to a “CIA Safe House” located on the North Shore of Long Island. According to Linda, “Dan” asked her to put on a white nightgown—similar to the one she was wearing when he saw her being beamed up to the UFO. When she did, “Dan” reportedly dropped to his knees and in a religious fervor, called her his “Lady of the Sands.” Linda told two MUFON investigators that Dan then tried to kill her but she was saved when “Richard” suddenly appeared to rescue her. [Hopkins said that “Dan” later suffered “a major nervous breakdown.” According to SIS, Hopkins received a postcard from “Dan” saying he is in a mental institution. The postcard was mailed from the U.N.]

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