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Att. The Editor - Section : Letters - Communications.

Subject: UFO - UP DATE OMNI Dec.1978 James Oberg

Dear Editor,

I have been following James Oberg's UFO Update since the first issue of Omni, and would like to give following comments.

First of all for the sake of fairness to your readers it would be of interest to tell them "WHO IS OBERG".

To my personal knowledge James Oberg is part of the "Committee for the Scientific Investigation of the claims of the paranormal" which was founded some 14 months ago among others by Dr. Marcello Truzzi Dept. of Sociology Eastern Michigan University and had a publication called "The Zetetic".

After about one year of operation, most of its members, except Philip J. Klass, Robert Sheaffer and James Oberg, resigned from "the Zetetic" and founded "The Zetetic Scholar" because of major differences in regard to the proper scientific approach to claims of the paranormal. The position of the three remainders, Klass, Sheaffer, Oberg who now publish the "Sceptical Enquirer" was essentially a hard line skepticism which was founded frequently bordering on being the equivalent of dogmatic denial. In other words the "TRIO" seems to be more interested in debunking claims than promoting serious inquiry into them.

In view of the above we the readers must ask OMNI the reasons for giving James OBERG so openly the opportunity to literally debunk the whole UFO Subject