

the Vatican according to the space People's instructions and was taken straight in, given a cassock, and led to John's bedside where he handed him a sealed package from the Brothers. On receiving it, John's face lit up and he said: "This is what I have been waiting for". He then had George presented with this very special medal and the audience ended.

Now Lou Zinstag, the trusty Lou Zinstag, had taken him there, so I checked with her. She wrote to me that they went to the Vatican, and as they neared the private entrance, a man "With Purple at his throat" (A monsignor or bishop one assume) appeared. George cried out: "That's my man!", greeted him and was led in. About twenty minutes or half an hour later he reappeared in the same state of excitement and rapture as witnesses described after the desert contact in 1962. He was completely overcome with emotion and told the amazed Lou: "I've seen him! I've seen him!" He described the audience to her much as he did to me. Lou couldn't believe that he managed to get himself into the Vatican and be greeted by a fairly high dignitary just to play a silly joke. He had definitely had a marvellous experience while inside, and the only experience capable of producing such an effect on a man would be surely to have been at the Pope's bedside.

Later I asked an Abbot I know about this medal. And he was amazed, saying such a thing would only be given to someone in the most exceptional circumstances and anyway, no one had yet received this particular one as far as he knew.

So despite my initial disbelief, it rather looks as if George did see John two days before he died, and possibly did hand him a sealed package.