

1997 08 04 Monday Announcement Kal Korff Appearance

AB: There is a UFO debunker – I guess that’s how he’d bill himself, I don’t know – named Karl [Kal] Korff. And I began getting faxes toward the ‘butt-end’ of last week, saying that Kal Korff had made a bunch of statements about me that were *outrageous!* That among other things, I had called several of my affiliates and threatened my affiliates with, ah, yanking my affiliation from their radio station should they allow Kal Korff on their radio station.

He went on to further state that, ah, let’s see, that I, um, you’ll recall back to the Richard Hoagland extravaganza in Phoenix, that I had some sort of financial connection to that. And that there was information that I was not going to allow out to ruin it ahead of time.

I mean, just absolutely outrageous allegations, and I admit I flew through the roof (!)

Now, I didn’t really believe it ... I wouldn’t believe somebody would say this of me until I heard it myself.

There is a program, ah, very much like mine on earlier in the evening in some markets called *Sightings* ... and he ... ah, *Sightings* – the radio show [hosted by Jeff Rense]. And he [Korff] made this statement on *Sightings*.

And so I did what you could imagine I would do or you would probably do under the same circumstances – I didn’t even know who the hell Karl [Kal] Korff was. I went to the site and I listened to the program.

It blew my mind! I would no more call one of my affiliates – he actually said that (!) I would no more call one of my af- ... you know Look, talk radio is made up of all kinds of divergent opinion. Ah, good, bad, right, left, interesting, boring. And I would no more call one of my affiliates and threaten them with the yanking of my affiliation if they would put somebody on the air than I would ... than I am the ‘Man in the Moon.’ I would never do that. It runs against every grain of my broadcasting, ah, soul.

I would never do such a thing and I turned absolutely **beet red**.

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AB: Wednesday we will have Mr. Korff on this program – at the beginning of the program ... and Mr. Korff can then say what he wishes to say with regard to, ah, his comments – his comments about me.”

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AB: “I have rarely been so angry and outraged as I was over what was said.”

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AB: "We're pretty straightforward on everything on this program, and toward the end of the week I said if in fact Mr. Korff has said these things, then I would be more than happy to have Mr. Korff, and any individuals at any radio stations that he claims I called, on the air, ah, to, um, ah, to address, ah, Mr. Korff personally right here. And to allow Mr. Korff to prove his case.

That offer still stands.

Mr. Korff as of yet has not come up with the names of any individuals. Ah, he has come up with the call letters of two (2) radio stations, which he now claims he cannot verify as ones that Art Bell really called.

So people really need to be more careful about the things that they say about other people, I think is the lesson here. Or they need to know things are a fact before they libel [slander] other people. And Korff will be here to address that personally on Wednesday evening."

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1997 08 07 Thursday Kal Korff Apology to Art

AB: "We are going to try one last time with Mr. Kal Korff in a moment ... I believe."

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AB: "For those of you not familiar with what is to follow, you may check my website and you will find audio files of the words said by Mr. Kal Korff on the *Sightings* program, a syndicated radio program that can be heard.

I pretty well covered it last night, and as you know, I was very, very angry.

I believe that we have with us tonight Mr. Kal Korff. Ah, Kal, are you there?"

KAL KORFF

KK: "Yes, sir."

AB: "Okay, um, Kal ... I was really, really angry at you last night. My anger has somewhat abated at this moment, but, ah ... um, I believe you've got something you wanta say."

KK: “Yes. Um, everything I said about Mr. Bell was completely untrue and false. I retract everything entirely and further apologize to not only Mr. Bell, but the CBC Radio Network and the affiliates mentioned – KFYI in Phoenix, KOMO and KVI in Seattle.”

AB: “So ... your ... your words about me and what I, um, allegedly said, ah, were totally false?”

KK: “Yes. There’s no evidence at all of ... none of it held up and, ah, you deserve an apology, Mr. Bell.”

AB: “All right, thank you. I want to say something to you, and it is the following: ...

‘Words, Mr. Korff, really do have consequences. In UFOlogy, something we’re both interested in, we’ve got room for all sorts of people: believers, skeptics, even ... even debunkers, like yourself. However, if the goal of our debate is the Truth, then the reckless disregard for it harms all of us, so please, I would only ask this:

The next time you decide to debate with statements of something you call ‘facts’ – make damn sure that you know them to be facts and not slanderous lies. This method, ah, generally effectively prevents embarrassing retractions of the sort you just had to make.’

I really do wish you luck in your future endeavors.”

KK: “Well, thank you. I would also like to, um ... ah, thank you for, ah, you know, um, getting me to check into this a lot, ah, faster, because if you had not done so, the myth about it and the misperception about what had happened would have gone on longer. And I really want to thank you for that, ‘cause what does matter is the Truth, and I’d like to shar something with you that I think your audience will really like.

Ah, I saw a UFO many years ago. And I do support the scientific and objective study of UFO reports and I wish I could find somebody that could explain what it was that I saw years ago in the presence of several witnesses, because I have no explanation for it.”

AB: “Well, that’s what we’re all searching for, Mr. Korff, and, um, in that search we have to try and pursue the Truth or we lose.

I appreciate your, ah, coming on the program tonight. And we’ll leave it there.”

KK: “Okay. And the reason I mentioned my sighting, Mr. Bell, is because I, ah, you know, I get labeled a ‘debunker’ – ah, I have by some people – but I really am just a researcher tryin’ to find the Truth.

And, ah, as a former senior systems analyst at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory on the ‘Star Wars’ program, I still have no explanation for what I saw years ago, ah, as a ‘Star Wars’ toy or any other advance device. I’m not familiar with anything that we make that I could explain what I saw. And my sighting was posted as a matter of public record many years ago, and, ah, I stand by that sighting. And I continue to ... to, you know, like yourself, ah, look into the subject and, ah, hopefully someday we’ll have some answers.”

AB: “Have a good night, Mr. Korff.”

KK: “Have a good night, Mr. Bell.”

AB: “Good night.

So, ah, there you are. And as I said, my anger overall this has abated somewhat and I intend to leave it alone now ... for obvious reasons.

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