January 26, 2010

To the MUFON Board of Directors

I am resigning effective immediately from the MUFON Board of Directors and my position as MUFON International Director.

It is obvious to me that the Board's desire to maintain the BAASS relationship has completely sidetracked MUFON from its true allegiances and mission. I am infuriated that BAASS has been promised transparency in a response letter that was purposely not copied to me and that I had to receive from a third party because anyone reading it would infer as I did that I am being blamed for why the MUFON-BAASS relationship is in jeopardy.

How dare you bow down to BAASS' demands to a financial audit when they have no right to do so? All of the issues they had with bookkeeping in their critique letter which the Board was "shocked" about were ridiculous and petty and to agree with BAASS that monies were mishandled without first consulting with me is inexcusable. The large \$30,000.00 amount they cite was entered inappropriately in the ledger was transferred to pay for MUFON Symposium expenses and it was part of the administrative fee that I donated to MUFON. All you had to do was pick up the phone and ask me before submitting the response letter to BAASS. You can conduct as many audits as you will like, but in the end my reputation will not be tarnished, and it will be shown that nothing improper was done and that not one dollar was improperly allocated.

I have overseen MUFON through one of the greatest recessions since the great depression and the fact that we are still in the black is testament enough to how I have managed MUFON responsibly, even paying for half of the MUFON San Jose Symposium out of my own pocket, and for which I have still have not been repaid the amount of \$12,000.00. I have sacrificed so much time with my family to serve this organization that does not deserve me or my time any longer.

When MUFON first entered this relationship with BAASS, Mr. Bigelow repeatedly stated that they did not want this relationship to be construed as "managing" MUFON but that is exactly what it has become. I am appalled at how the Board has lost sight of who MUFON answers to as a nonprofit organization. It is not BAASS, it is not even its members, it is the public that MUFON owes its existence.

BAASS illegally modified their own contract in June 2009, and when I pointed this out to the Board, the Board's decision was to maintain the relationship with no legally binding contract in place. Since that day, BAASS has dictated its terms to MUFON and you have caved in to their every demand. Despite the fact that Mr. Bigelow agreed that all left over monies belonged to MUFON, the Board decided that it had to be spent as BAASS wanted it to be spent. When I submitted a PR plan for spending the money, BAASS took the strategy of not sending any monthly checks so that all BAASS related expenses over the November 2009 – January 2010 period would deplete the funds left in the BAASS checking account. I predicted this would happen and it has and now MUFON is left with no money in the bank. Is it not

obvious to you that BAASS simply does not want MUFON to have either increased infrastructure or long term viability?

You have become so enamored of this relationship with BAASS that you have been willing to sacrifice one of your own in the process. That is despicable. My loyalty to MUFON has been unwavering and unimpeachable but this is where it stops. I will no longer be affiliated with what used to be an honorable organization that I once believed in and gave my heart and soul to.

I can only say that I am severely disappointed at how easily you have sold out this organization. MUFON will NEVER get to the truth because it is not the truth you are interested in. There is no need to have a mission statement and goals when they have become empty and meaningless words. MUFON may be willing to be controlled and managed for the almighty dollar, but I am not. I was hoping that my relinquishing of the International Director position would be graceful and with honor, but due to the intolerable decisions made by the Board, that will no longer be possible.

Sincerely,

James Carrion