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IT IS TIME TO RECONCILE OUR INTERNECINE DIFFERENCES
 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, TO EVERYONE IT DOES CONCERN. A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, AN EXCELLENT
 writer and friend of the research community, Mr. Charlie Drago, should be commended for his brilliance in
 settling a seemingly irreconcilable situation. Namely, my recent misgivings about Lancer, COPA, and the whole
 notion of formal conferences. However, since my most heated words were directed towards Lancer, I felt I
 should clear the air here. As Charlie so eloquently put it, "For God's sake, if we cannot reconcile our internecine
 differences, how can we hope to support a reconciliation/ amnesty/ immunity effort for JFK/ RFK/ MLK?"
 Whether one agrees with the amnesty notion or not, the point is clear---it is EXTREMELY easy to fall into the
 trap of in-fighting (geez, look at all the flaming going on on a DAILY basis in the newsgroups alone!); ultimately,
 this serves no purpose but to give the media/ jaded public/ the true enemies---the conspirators---fuel for the
 fire. First, nothing takes away from the following positive points regarding Lancer: 1) They provided my wife
 and I an opportunity to go to Dallas, one we never would have been able to afford on our own; 2) I was able to
 make another major presentation (inc. the Q&A session, it ran to over 1 hour) and, despite some brief, early
 "technical difficulties", it came off well and was very well received; 3) In relation to #2 above, the conference
 was videotaped; 4) Their excellent website has provided me with a forum for my article(s); 5) They have helped
 revitalize my book which, although it sold VERY well between 1994-1996, was basically dead in the water until
 they came along and gave me the opportunity to update/ revitalize it for 1997/1998; 6) They are going to
 publish a very lengthy article of mine in the very next KAC... So, although we ARE unable to go to the
 conference this year, I should have left it at that---any misgivings I have about Lancer---or, for that matter,
 COPA or anything/ anyone else---are better left unsaid. As a "newbie" to the internet, I was naive enough to
 believe that there was such a thing as PRIVATE e-mails (go figure)[although I did let everyone know I was
 unable to attend this year's conference, to avoid disappointment, etc.]. In fact, I fell victim to a phenomena
 very common to this community: "throwing the baby out with the bathwater" (the title of an editorial of mine
 in the next JFK/ Deep Politics journal): focusing on the negative/ things we disagree with rather than
 the POSITIVE/ things we CAN agree on. Again, the enemy is the conspirators, the cover-up specialists, and
 certain members of the media (or a blend of all three). Allegations, suspicions, paranoia---even ethical/
 moral issues---should be viewed in the context they appear. For example, there is a certain researcher that has
 been accused, rightly or wrongly, of stealing certain research materials. Although unethical, IF TRUE, this still
 does not take away from the fact that we would not have these materials AT ALL if it was not for him/ her. Get
 it? What I am saying is this: even if you or I still hold reservations about any organization or researcher, we

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