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From Dick Orgel to Tom, Jerry, Dudley, Ray and a copy to Roscoe.

I looked in on Roscoe's website Saturday. I became highly pissed off but I was not surprised. Roscoe has CRA all over that website. What that means is Cover Roscoe's Ass. That is similar to CYA as used by the C.G. and LCA. At the start of the Roscoe website he has pages of indisputable well known information and data. Included is a photo of Ray, by this time widely recognized as, a leading expert on the hull and construction of the Fitz. To enhance all this he shows Ray in the company of a preacher/lawyer on the Roscoe website. In the middle of all this is a hand sketched drawing showing the Fitz striking a shoal. That is intended to mean that the grounding is just another fact as is the information on the adjacent pages. Roscoe's way of passing on a rotten egg is to place it in the middle of a carton of 11 good eggs. This is what he did in the pages of his website. This was not an accident. He has done it before and I did challenge him then. Roscoe knew exactly what he was doing. Roscoe is and probably always will push the grounding invention as presented by Murphy the hired lackey of the LCA. Roscoe has made himself credible by connecting himself to us the SMRFs mostly me and Ray. Shame on me and Ray. Awhile back in a discussion with Ray we considered Roscoe might wait until we were dead or otherwise disabled then he would do his vague and twisted documentary saying what ever pleases him. I finally have concluded he is a tabloid journalist that prefers the bizarre and sensational over fact. It 'makes more money. That is in his business. This took me a long time giving him the benefit of doubt that he himself generated. Roscoe is intelligent and talented but clearly displays a serious lack of common sense or pretends to for business reasons. I think he does know the truth and there was no grounding. For his own reasons he is stalling for time and plays with fantasy. I'm not sure who the real Roscoe is but I can not trust him. I am disappointed and sorry I told you guys about him. He eventually would have got to you but without my help.

When we first met a told him I would help him in his ambition to televise the Fitz story as long as he would tell the truth. He would often gravitate to the spectacular nonsense and I would spend a great deal of time to steer him back to reality. That would be writing to him drawing diagrams and hours on the phone. I did tell you all about some of this before by words and in letters. For example he miss-understood Don Ericson about ballast water in the cargo hold making Don appear as an incompetent. Roscoe wanted to run with a radio-active secret cargo hidden in the taconite cargo. Then Fitz carried gold, Then the story Anderson Captain was sick leaving the mates alone and lost. Roscoe said he believed the navigation equipment on Fitz failed early in the voyage. Then the Anderson navigated Fitz to the shoal. Roscoe is sure of that. The log book of Anderson was altered and pages were cut out. The Marine Board didn't notice that? On the last trip the C.G. in Duluth wanted to stop Fitz but was ruled over by someone somewhere. Roscoe never got the guys rank or position. To even think about pulling the Certificate the C.G. officer would have to be the OCMI. This must be the same guy, in California and Arkansas, that had a secret meetings with the two mates aboard the Anderson. Then there was the time when Roscoe's well being was threatened by someone employed at the Dossing Museum. About that same time Roscoe met a ragged looking individual thought to be the mate of the Anderson that was there at the Museum wailing in self pity because he was not allowed to warn Fitz they were in great peril.

There is even more ridiculous nonsense dealing with the Dick Race fiasco. Another scam used by Murphy to cheat widows and orphans. Does Roscoe really believe some unverified photos of a Lake bottom somewhere at sometime means anything? That is another example of his absence of common sense. Now in recalling and writing about this I am embarrassed I trusted Roscoe with so much of my time and assistance. I am embarrassed I listened to this nonsense bullshit.

When Roscoe was on to something that might be extremely relative he would let it go. For example the men in Sturgeon Bay that was working on extensive repair for several days on the hull of Fitz. That was only weeks before she sunk. On several occasions I told you guys some of this and wrote you letters calling us at that time SMRFs. Where did the CRA come from? Was it a Roscoe creation? I thought you guys did that. You thought I had something to do with it. I recall when Tom asked "how did this happen?" Did Roscoe create this name CRA for us a very small group of experts that would give Roscoe the only credibility he has. Then he can go with his Hollywood fantasy story what ever that might be. One of you, I think Jerry ask me if I thought Roscoe was in bed with Murphy.. I replied that I didn't think so. Now I am not so sure. Roscoe keeps going back to Fitz grounding. That is right from Murphy's book of dirty tricks on how to cheat widows and orphans. Murphy wrote that book. Is it possible Roscoe thinks Murphy is still part time working and being paid to save the Industry's image and has access to money and support for Roscoe's ambitions to make a big false TV drama blaming the Fitz crew for the loss. I think Ray once suggested that possibility to me. I am afraid Roscoe has no shame or principles to overcome his ambitions. He is in business to male money with his documentary.

Roscoe has me and Ray embedded in his website and records. It appears we are a supporters of his plans what ever they might be including the Murphy deceit of a grounding. I can't let that happen if I can stop it. I will ask him to remove me from his self serving website but I don't think I can force it. Now I realize we all thought others of our little group decided to change our name to CRA and just went along with it. HOW DID THIS HAPPEN? CAN WE GET THAT CRA OFF HIS WEBSITE? CAN WE DIS-ASSOCIAT OUTSELVES FROM THE CRA? Roscoe is using us, our experience and expertise, to promote the Murphy invention that the crew of Fitz were at fault.

We all agree Fitz was a hull Failure. Why, how, where, and her final decent to the bottom needs to be discussed between us. Recently Tom opened this and I responded with my thoughts and reasons for my opinions. To me this is not of great importance. What is important is these guys with the Bradly and Morrell crews , guys like us Dudley, were drowned like rats trapped in a sewer pipe, no fault of their own. THERE IS NO VALID REASON TO BELIEVE FITZ GROUNDED. THERE ARE MILLIONS REASONS (dollars) FOR MURPHY AND THE LCA TO INVENT THE GROUNDING. Murphy was able to do this because the public did not get the truth and of course there are the greedy profiteers and cowards among those we know who helped him by not speaking up. We can't stop Roscoe. We can't trust him. We must disconnect ourselves from him as a group of experts. Please advise,

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After writing the above and thinking about it a few days I recalled a copy of a Tel/PAX to Jerry from Ray dated June 2, 07 COPY ENCLOSED Ray sent it to me about a month ago. Back in June 07 Tom, Dudley, myself and Roscoe had a copy directed to us. I vaguely remember this and responding my approval of the name change. Roscoe is not one of us. He can't give opinions or allude to conclusions for the group no matter what the name is. Ray could not or would not give this authority. Roscoe is way out of line.