Ronald Siegel and Ada Hirschman Reply

To the Editor:

On page 196, line 18, of our original note (Siegel and Hirschman, 1983) we cited Ernesto Bozzano's 1906 publication on deathbed visions exactly the way Bozzano did in 1923 (p. 14) when he referred to it, in the introduction to a case study, as his "first monograph" on the subject.

Carlos Alvarado and Ian Stevenson's continuing discomfort with things we neither stated nor inferred reminds us of the dying old man in the above case who kept grasping at the hallucinatory hand of his dead son. As parapsychologists should have learned by now, you cannot shake hands with ghosts of people in the grave, or ghosts of ideas hiding between the lines, despite your frustrated desires to do so.

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