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FYI - Max Burns

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <updates@globalserve.net>
Date: Sat, 02 May 1998 09:23:23 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 May 1998 09:23:23 -0400
Subject: FYI - Max Burns

For readers who are a little perplexed as to the reasons for the apparently sudden BUFORA embroglio, there follows a message which may help to clarify.

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Date: Fri, 10 Apr 1998 07:21:25 -0400
From: Miles Johnston <TMilesJ@compuserve.com>
Subject: Max Burns
Sheffield Incident Response To: UFO Updates <updates@globalserve.net>

Please ignore the file sent on this matter a day ago.

Many who received the file, found that it immediately deleted itself, once opened.

Hopefully this posting will not vanish before your eyes, as the last one did.

Please note that this posting took well over 36hours to be received. The snail mail version arrived first.:- and was posted in error.
IS the Email Being Bugged????

In view of the Skywatch total delete last week end, after me sending material to the Skywatch list on this matter, I can only surmise, that it may be due to this Sheffield incident involving such sensitive issues, that even the "Psi-Corp" version of the National Guard is out on this one. (I stand to be totally corrected, as this is pure speculation).

Max has been subjected to severe personal attack on his report, which is simply his report on an incident, involving RAF jets, civilian aircraft, military helicopters, massive sonic booms of unknown origin, the possible loss (NOT CRASH) of an RAF Tornado attack interceptor aircraft, and the reported sighting of a MASSIVE, quote "HUGE" triangular UFO hovering feet from houses in Dronfield, near Sheffield.

David Clarke who has also compiled a full report on this incident disputes Max Burn's claims as made in his report.

Thanks to David questions raised in the House Of Commons (March

1998) have now successfully revealed that RAF did have aircraft in the area, and that they were breaking regulations by allowing aircraft to go supersonic over a built up area.

In essence the Official line is :- Sorry we were a bit naughty, and some of our pilots did a few boo boos.

The Unofficial, and vitriolicly opposed line is that at least one massive triangular UFO was engaged with RAF jets at this time.

Whether this meant ETs were involved is a matter for conjecture.

Further attempts to discredit Max Burns, siting his arrest for a drugs offence have been inaccurately reported. These reports may be subject to legal proceedings. Mr Burns was today again given bail and will be fighting his case, at Sheffield Crown Court in due course.

In essence he has stated that the drugs case is a dirty tricks department operation in order to get him out of the way, so his findings on the Incident will not be reported. Mr Burns has already received a commendation after saving a policeman's life, at great personal risk to himself, in a separate incident in the Sheffield area.

It is hoped that Both Max Burns and David Clarke will be able to argue their respective points of view, at a BUFORA meeting on May 2nd, in London.

Here follows Max Burns' formal reply to the recent events, including direct responses sent to Burns, via my email address. I might add, that the tone, and personal insults addressed to me, over my "crime" of simply talking to Max, speak, in my opinion for themselves, and reveal more about the sender, that they should have allowed themselves to.

Miles J

To: All researchers world-wide UFO groups journalists & anybody with an interest

Subject: The Sheffield Incident March 24th 1997.
(Debunkers of the world unite)
The accused...Bufora , Andy Roberts , Tim Matthews, David Clark.

From: Max Burns

First of all what you are about to read is the transcript of the acidic e-mail that was sent to Miles Johnston from Mr Andy Roberts, purely for the purpose of trying to discredit me and to attack me personally as part of the onslaught from the above mentioned, to try and discredit my research into the Sheffield incident. What all this has to do with them must mean only one thing! I'll let you all decide what that is. Followed by my response.
This will be my one & only response to these juveniles.

To: Miles Johnstone, TMilesJ
From: Andy Roberts, Briganta
Date: 4/3/98, 2.53pm
Re: Sheffield UFO Crash

Hi Miles,

I gather from Max Burns you are confused about the true nature of the Sheffield Moors UFO event. Dave Clarke (BUFORA AI) has done the*real* research on this case and indeed was the first person to write about it.(Sheffield Star, March 1997).

I have had several conversatios with Max about this and it is clear tht his predeliction for the ETH is governing has critical faculties. All Max has in the way of 'evidence' is a few reports of what may or may not be unexplained aircraft. Oh, and a copy of the police log which Max did not actually get himself but has recieved from another researcher in Sheffield but is now pretending is his own research.

Saying that something is ET in nature without a scrap of evidence is sadly indicative of the way ufology in this country is going.

Additionally, claiming that a member of the armed forces lost his life - whether in an accident or via the ludicrous claims of a UFO incident - is a serious matter and could cause needless worry and distress in certain quarters. This is not good or responsible UFO research and quite frankly Miles I am astonished that you should wish to be connected to it.

Dave Clarke has produced a *full* report on #this case and I will be presenting his findings to the public shortly via at least one major newstand magazine. *This* is proper UFO research and not the half baked tripe Max is hawking around. I am sure that if you contact Dave he will fill you in and I am also attaching below details of Dave's sterling work in approaching the problem through official channels and which have already produced results.

I gather that some 'presentation' regarding this case is to be shown at the BUFORA AGM tomorrow, based on Max's interpretation. It is a great shame that BUFORA members will be subjected to this unsubstantiated nonsense and it will in fact lower BUFORA's esteem further within the serious UFO Investigative community. You are obviously compliant in this and must shoulder the blame when people question BUFORA members' ability to interpret cases clearly.

Furthermore Max tells me that his current drugs charge is a 'set up' by British Intelligence and that he is going to call Tim Good as a witness and the whole case will collapse.

Do you believe that nonsense also Miles?. His guilt or lack of it is for the courts to decide as I am sure you are aware. But, our sources in 'Intel' inform us there are also two warrants without bail outstanding for Max, one for failing to answer bail in court and the other for owing over two thousand pounds to Rotherham Council.

I would have copied this to Max but I don't have his current e-mail address. Perhaps you would be good enough to forward this to him for me.

Happy Trails
Andy

_____ Max Burns.....response

Let me inform you of some disturbing events that have come to pass over the last few weeks, last Saturday April 4th the BUFORA AGM was held in London and as arranged prior to the event. A video presentation was to be shown from Miles Johnston as well as that the full 22000 word forty page report of my extensive twelve month investigation into the Incident over the Pennines.

However by the Friday before the BUFORA AGM it became evident that during my many conversations with Mr Steve Gamble after he had received the first twenty pages of the report that the opinion was growing from unknown quarters in the organisation that perhaps that only part of the report would be able to be read out under the guise of not enough time to read it all to the AGM. I made the comment to Mr Steve Gamble current President of the group that I felt that this was censorship of the report and without reading the full document that the members would not be aware of what I believe, from the evidence I have collated, from various areas and therefore would not be able to make an accurate judgement on the veracity of my conclusions.

The AGM went on till 4.00pm and the video presentation would have run just under 60 minutes which still left 30 minutes to cover any other business, but it was decided to censor the video presentation as well as the report that was scheduled to be read to the AGM.

Mr David Clark (the Sheffield Star) BUFORA A.I. has also supposedly been carrying out extensive research into this incident and I have over the last twelve months been sharing my research with David who has continued to debunk witnesses whom I have spoken with without even speaking with them. This seems strange, as Sigmund Freud said "sometimes a cigar is just a cigar" then perhaps using this analogy sometimes a huge 200/300 ft across flying triangle with the control of gravity is exactly what the eye witnesses say it is...

This is another example of Mr Clark's excellent unbiased reporting came, about six weeks ago when a couple from the Sheffield area reported that they had witnessed an enormous flying triangle over the area. They said "the triangle was zig zagging all over the sky." In the Sheffield Star Mr Clark reported that what they had in all likelihood seen was the 20.00 arrival from Amsterdam into Sheffield airport. I think that the witnesses who have nothing to gain from reporting what they had seen to the media as concerned citizens know the difference between an enormous triangle shaped object zig zagging all over the sky and the 22.00 arrival from Amsterdam. Why does it have to be something else? Why can't what the witnesses say they saw be exactly what they say they saw, a huge triangle craft? This I feel is one of the many debunking exercises that Mr Clark is involved in under the guise of unbiased reportive journalism. As well as that I called to see David about six weeks ago to share with him copies of the police log that I had obtained from a fellow researcher and at no point have I ever tried to take research supplied to me by another researcher and not give them credit for the assistance in my investigation by any such help as is the accusation made by Mr Andy Roberts the editor and compiler of the Armchair ufologist, as if anyone would care to speak with Mr Clark, I'm sure that maybe for once he will put the record straight and acknowledge the fact that when he asked me who I had received the police log of the incident from I did not want to reveal my source but when David suggested the name of a certain researcher I immediately confirmed to him that he was correct, as well as that I have hand written confirmation from David Clark himself which reads.

"Max...Here's the edited police log I was given by the CID. It doesn't tell you anymore than the log which Martin gave you. Hope the implant isn't playing up and send my regards to Miles Johnston - in his tunnel!."

Mr Clarke has also claimed that he was the first investigator on the scene arriving on the scene the morning of the 25th March, not that it was a race to get there first, or is Mr Clarke asserting that as he was there first his version or should I say story is correct. but once again just to put the record straight as I was stopped by P.C Mick Eccleshare in Castleton at 23.45 on the night of the 24th for a routine vehicle check, he then sent myself & Emma over the the Strines and Dale dyke reservoirs, where there he told me that there had been reports of a crashed plane this information is a matter of police record and having that I have spoken with P.C Eccleshare on numerous occasions he will confirm that I was on the scene at approx midnight on the 24th March where I photographed the R.A.F Sea King helicopters searching the area with infra red. The photographic evidence I still have in my possession.

another case of incorrect reporting and as Mr Clarke has he stated that he has spoken with all key witnesses, and they have confirmed that it was a light aircraft, he however has not spoken with any of the witnesses to the flying triangle, and may I also say that no one is disputing that there was light aircraft in the area in fact a former RAF officer stated that Military jets flew low and fast over Dronfield then a twin engine plane circled the area twice very low obviously searching for something I believe that the light aircraft had the triangle under surveillance because of the slow flying speed of these triangles it is easier to pin point them for the jets when these triangles at such a low altitude makes it very hard to track them on radar. Hence why the light aircraft was spotted all over the pennines that night it was obviously tailing the triangle for the military, Mr Clark has also stated that my entire version of events is a fabrication, Well let me put it this way if my claims are a gross fabrication as Clark, Mathew's, & Robert's claim.

Why has Clark claimed that my "Gross fabrication which could lead to unnecessary anguish among service families." Surely Mr Clark you have just exposed yourself and your associates to what you really are a group of authorised debunkers, if no pilots have been killed during this incident and no service pilots wives or husbands have been to their husband or wife's funerals, how would my report cause unnecessary anguish among service families, "those are your words" unless it would bring the true nature of how family members had lost their spouses, instead of the standard "your husband or wife lost their life on a mission and died with honour in the defence of the realm type bog standard military statement." Thanks for confirming that my research is correct and exposing you and your associates for what you really are a group of debunkers for and on

behalf of the secret keepers.

I hope that Mr Clark will also acknowledge the fact that I supplied him with the opportunity to photo copy what ever documentation from my rough draft of the incident including my initial conclusions and hand written witness statements which he did. But Mr Clark had told me that he had a police log of his own and in return he would supply me with copies of the log which he claimed to have in his possession, the content of which he claimed had multiple triangle sightings about events over the Pennines on the 24th March.

MR Clark also states that the search lasted 18 hours, but in actual fact the search lasted 15 hours at maximum, another case off miss-reporting

For the benefit of Mr Roberts, in the acknowledgements in my report and during the report I have made repeated thanks to all concerned who have supplied me with data in particular to the researcher who supplied me with the police log so all I can say to the unbiased Mr Robert's is please get your facts 100% correct when your are going to personally attack me for no reason.Or have you got some hidden agenda? And what has any of this got to do with you anyway?

I feel that as an individual living in a democratic society exercising my right to present my evidence and place it in the public domain and let the free minded individuals of this planet draw their own conclusions. Considering that the friendly Mr Roberts has not even seen or read my research he is in way over his understanding or comprehension of such matters of great importance and I suggest that you stick to writing about lights in the sky...

Now referring to the police log that David Clark alleged to me that he had in his possession and in return for the exchange of data he would forward to me in the post.

What I believe I recieved through the post after checking with a police contact who confirmed to me that any police documentation including police logs would have on it the police force district and relevant incident numbers so as that police from other districts or forces can pull an incident from its incident number and therefore keeping all data relevant to a particular incident in the same file, as Mr Clark stated that he had recieved his log off a member of the CID.

I also inquired about CID. police logs and it was confirmed to me that all departments of all police forces operate off the same paperwork for unification off operating systems, so as to make the passing of data between forces comprehensible to all. So I must conclude that what I recieved from Clark was nothing more than the official log that I supplied to David which had been scanned in, then a quick cut and paste of various portions of the text into a new document which was done poorly due to the second line of any cut and paste had not stayed in line with the edge of the beginning of the document due to the tabs not been set on the new document the text was all over the page, then with a couple of footnotes written into the border with some dates a quick photocopy and the attempted piece of deception was complete..

"its a pity that some people judge me on there own intelligence" when I spoke with David with regard to the lack of evidence in his poor attempt at deception, he denied ever making claims about triangles in his version of his supposed police log which he had in his possession, also on my visit to David's office the afternoon of tea and debate of obviously two individuals with different opinions with regard to the UFO phenomena, which may I say is everyones right, took a more insidious nature when one of David's colleagues arrived back from an assignment, the two of them turned on me with personal attacks ranging from my knowledge of the subject to the amount of time I have in the research field what bearing any of that had with regard to the incident over the Pennines except for the beginning of the onslaught of personal attacks against me in the hope of discrediting me so as then to debunk my research.

Mr Tim Matthew's has continued to attack me with some varacity during the last twelve months including the sending of very acidic e-mails to the editor of one of the magazines that I have been writing for which were kindly re- e.mailed to me. One of the strange things about this was his pointing out that I had spelt the name of a certain operative incorrectly, so my whole article must be tarnished...petty or what perhaps the

spelling mistake was down to the production editor we will never know!

One of the worlds great unanswered mysteries. He then informed the editor that there was no point in reporting the second Brazil crash as it was all made up. Now considering that the only person who knew that my next article was the Brazil incident other than the editor was myself, I consider it to be a brilliant piece of guess work on the behalf of the unbiased former B.N.P stalwart Mr Matthews. Keep up the good work Tim. "You're a thoroughly jolly nice chap"

Going back to Mr David Clark I am quite amused by the fact even with my continuing endeavours to share information with Clark purely on the basis that if we all conceal what evidence then we are effectively doing the job of the intelligence community and we have become no better than the beast.

Clark has turned up the pressure on me by revealing to all and sundry with regard to my present legal situation appertaining to my charge as an ecstasy dealer as reported by Matthews Roberts & Clark who I will now refer to as Stock Aitken & Waterman, one of which was also known as the Hitman I don't know which one is 'her'...in the vain attempt to discredit me and therefore discredit my research. (for anyone who does not know Pete Waterman used to present a TV show called the Hitman & her with Michala Strachan.)

These drug charges which they have alleged information is also being reported incorrectly the dealing of ecstasy is a class A charge but I have only been charged with a class B charge. Another case of mis-reporting still serious charges though and with also the big scoop of the year that I apparently owe over =A32000 to Rotherham Council.

This information is also incorrect not that it has anything to with Matthews Roberts & Clark, the agreement with my former landlord was that my rent was inclusive of council tax and although the council may be trying to recoup this money from myself I have not been formerly served with any such documentation. May I also state that if unless Matthews Roberts & Clark have recently changed the law Kangaroo courts are illegal.

I have pleaded not guilty to the lesser charge, and therefore I am innocent until 12 members of the public decide otherwise. With regard to my current bail situation I will be in court on Wednesday to address this and the decision of which will be up to the sitting magistrate.

I would remind my unbiased friends that misreporting of charges against me is quite possibly as well as malicious could be deemed liable.

Mr Clark has also telephoned Steve Gamble at BUFORA and quite firmly has instructed him that no part of my research should be heard by the council or members, as a journalist for the local paper The Sheffield Star, in his capacity as area investigator for BUFORA I don't quite understand with what or whose authority he is issuing these orders on the current president of BUFORA. Mr Clark is soon he hopes to be appointed to the position of press officer for the BUFORA group.

during my debate in his office he stated that he has been a researcher in the study of UFOs for fifteen years and that none of the millions of UFO reports world wide are due to the fact we are being visited by extra terrestrials, - glad you put us all straight on that one Dave - fifteen years studying UFOs and believes none of the sightings could possibly be due to the visitation of ET is that the same as an atheist reading the bible !.

I feel it would be of no benefit to the members of BUFORA to have a press officer with such a biased nature, and one sided approach to the field of UFO research, I my self acknowledge that not all sightings of UFO are alien ships, some are hoaxes some are miss-identifications. But I also feel that some of the sightings are extra terresstial in origin.

If BUFORA want to do the right thing they should have a press officer who is not involved in the research field and has no hidden agenda, when will BUFORA release the 600 case files they have absorbed so research can be continued into these cases, they are a research organisation but there appears to be very little research going on just the holding of case files.!

I propose that David should have the opportunity to present his

research and his conclusions as an individual. there is always room for everyone's opinions it's a free country I think? And at the same time I should also be allowed to present my findings and my conclusions inviting the national media to be present at the presentations and let them report what they believe to be the facts about what happened one cold cloudless night.

In itself assuring that BUFORA is still the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association and not the British Absorption of Information and Burial of Evidence Debunkers Society for and on Behalf of the Government which sadly the rumours and behaviour of certain members of the group would seem to point to being true.

With regard to my pending court case I feel it would not be prudent to discuss the case with regard to the laws of subjudisy and that I do not wish to reveal what evidence the authorities do not have or what evidence I have with regard to my defence obviously you know the old saying "forwarned is forarmed" but I will say you can lock me up, but you will never take my freedom.

May I also let everyone know that I am 35yrs of age and have no previous convictions and in 1992 I received a commendation from the chief constable of Derbyshire Police for saving a Policeman's life at great risk to myself while he was being attacked by three thugs at great personal risk for my own safety.

There is only one thing worse than being talked about. " Not being talked about".

So if I am so far from the mark with regard to the incident over the Pennines on the 24th March 1997 why am I being attacked from the usual debunkers with such varasity so badly even to the point of them trading personal insults in a vain attempt to discredit me and therefore discredit the incident it is a sad state of affairs when these so called professional people are allowed to behave like this.

But all I can say is my research is right on the money, on top if it wasn't then I would not be attracting this much aggression from those who seek to conceal the truth.

Yours Faithfully

Maxwell Brierley Burns

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