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### Re: Max Burns UFO Hoax Exposed

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Date: Wed, 14 Jul 1999 16:21:16 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 14 Jul 1999 15:58:36 -0400  
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>Date: Tue, 13 Jul 1999 13:54:05 -0400  
>From: David Clarke <[crazydiamonds@compuserve.com](mailto:crazydiamonds@compuserve.com)>  
>Subject: Max Burns UFO Hoax Exposed  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>

>>From: Max Burns <[MBurns6711@cs.com](mailto:MBurns6711@cs.com)>  
>>Date: Sat, 10 Jul 1999 19:00:16 EDT  
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>Max can rant and rave all he likes - it won't change the fact  
>that no aircraft was lost as a result of UFO action over  
>Sheffield.

>It's interesting now to watch Max trying to discover what the  
>word "fact" means - he wouldn't know what a fact was if it  
>jumped up and bit him.  
<snip>

>1. I challenge Max to name the Tornado pilot he claims was  
>killed as a result of UFO action over the Peak District on March  
>24, 1997.

>2. I challenge Max to name its base and its point of origin, and  
>provide proof that a 20 tonne Tornado has been lost and all  
>trace of its existence hidden from the public.

>3. I challenge Max to produce one single eyewitness who saw a  
>UFO attack and destroy a Tornado aircraft over the Peak  
>District.

>Anything else other than straight answers are purely a  
>distraction. a smokescreen, to hide the simple fact that you  
>have no answers to give.

Hi,

I would say amen to that, David.

I know there are lot of people out there finding this boring, or needlessly vindictive and that surely Max is entitled to his view and David to his. Well, yes, of course, that's true, if it could be left as that. But it can't because the decision to hold to a rational view about this case degenerates into a farcical attempt to accuse anyone denying an alien truth to be a debunker or government agent.

This is the growing problem and why such issues are globally

important. We need to be able to debate facts and evidence openly and in reasonable fashion. We have to avoid making ludicrous accusations against colleagues. I have just been accused, for instance, of giving away 'by body language' my membership as a secret agent because I smiled at a scientist prior to a TV show and that scientist later (in the view of this person) shouted down his theory during the later debate. I had met the scientist three minutes earlier. Did not even know his name and was just being polite. But, no, I was revealing my true origin as an MI 5 agent. Faced with that it is easy to despair of the UFO field. This is not logic and good argument. Its paranoia and we have to prevent it splitting ufology assunder.

Consequently, David has done the right thing here. He has posed precisely the key questions to this case that Max - if he has any reason beyond belief to judge as he does - should be able to answer. I am keen to hear his evidence and facts because as an impartial, non-witness to this case I need to know the evidence that makes someone, evidently sincerely, believe a UFO shot down an RAF Tornado just a few miles from my back door without my seeing or hearing a thing.

As a Derbyshire rate payer I funded the massive (and frivolous) air search rescue that followed. I dont begrudge that because it could have been a life saving venture. But I do begrudge either such exercises becoming commonplace when they are mounted at great expense every time a meteor whizzes by or a thunderclap is heard, because of loud mutterings about secret plane crashes. Or indeed if such exercises were not sent out when they need to be because the authorities got sick of spending thousands chasing crashed planes that simply are not there. One day the incident might be for real and people could die thanks to the promoting of tall tales and incessant crying wolf.

So Max, if you have the evidence, speak up, we are all listening. But evidence, remember, has to be more than so and so told me such and such but I cant give any names because of the cover up. It has to be - like David has provided - names, dates, times, quotable sources and hard fact. Otherwise any reasonable person has to weigh one against the other and decide accordingly.

If you have not got this evidence to provide, then please consider the long term harm you may unintentionally be doing by inferring that such facts exist.

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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