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>>MAM TOR HUNT AFTER "AIR CRASH"

>>The above totally matches Mike France's statement to myself  
>>during the investigation of "The Sheffield Incident" that "it is  
>>a regular occurrence...people mistake aeroplanes taking off and  
>>landing at Manchester airport or they mis-judge the height of an  
>>aircraft when infact it is at a safe height." Mike France 20th  
>>April 1997

>>Heres a neat twist for you on the above. The incident occurred  
>>at Chapel-en-le-Frith. I live at Dove Holes - a mile away. I was  
>>one of the witnesses who assisted Buxton police on this non  
>>event. I heard the aircraft and the explosion and gave details  
>>of both to David Clarke at the Star and to the Daily Mail, who  
>>phoned me. The Mail seemed to want it to be a phantom bomber  
>>from World War Two. There is no chance of that. This was a plane  
>>far smaller than a bomber.

>It's just a thought, but low-flying small aircraft without  
>recognised flight-plans suggest an illicit operation. As  
>Manchester is one of the main centres of the drugs business,  
>could it be a drugs runner dodging radar?

Hi,

The drug running idea was seriously considered by the police  
during the 1997 incident. It remains an option for the untraced  
light aircraft, I believe.

Some of the mystery helicopters connected with the 1973 - 75  
Pennine/Peak District wave (ressurected by Nick Redfern -  
somewhat bizarely in his new tome 'Cosmic Farces' - ooops,  
Freudian slip there, 'Cosmic Crashes' - as possible intelligence  
agency vehicles tied to UFO crashes) were at the time blamed on  
drug smuggling by the police (as well as ferrying illegal  
immigrants and even a home-made helicopter illegally flown from  
someones garage)!

In fact many of these 'helicopters' were merely LITS and the

term helicopter was applied by police who pursued them due to apparent manoeuvrability. As an investigator just starting out then I learned this from Oldham police one night when told - 'we chase these buggers over't hills and they just fly off. I'm damned if any aircraft can do that. So we reckon it must be a 'elicopter'

Hardly anyone actually saw what clearly was a helicopter. But the name stuck.

As for last week's escapade - my main reason to doubt this idea that it was a drug run is simple. A flight in the dark over the fairly remote moors west of Sheffield (as in 1997) is fair enough. A flight in broad daylight literally following the path of the A 6 - chock-a-block at this time of year with holiday traffic and at that time of day with commuters to and from Buxton would be just plain daft. Maybe Del Boy (note for non UK readers - a slightly dodgy dealing, but incompetent TV character in Britain's top rating sit com) was flying it, but I can't see any half-sensible drug runner choosing such a time and locale to sneak through (if sensible drug running is not a contradiction in terms).

Best wishes,

Jenny Randles

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