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Re: Max Burns Hoax Exposed

From: "Matthew Williams" <truthseekers@truthseekers.screaming.net>
Date: Mon, 21 Jun 1999 20:31:25 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 22 Jun 1999 09:51:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Max Burns Hoax Exposed

This from Max Burns related via phone at 18:30 21.6.99

In light of the protagonists coming forward to lead Max up a garden path... The whole basis for the attached text was to try to get Max to release this falsehood at the recent BUFORA lecture. Unfortunately for the "hoaxers" we were quite aware that this was possibly a hoax, but when investigating incidents your not allowed luxury of seeing into the future and can only investigate cases and folow leads up with sincerity.

Although I have been aware of the falsehood since the 20th March, after taking council from people in Ufology that I trust, the opinion was that you still have to follow leads.

The fact that I have not released any of the information that they have supplied in their story/emails, either in my research or my lecture, as far as I am concerned speaks volumes for my diligence to verify any potential facts. It is quite sad that some people will go to these lengths in an attempt to entice someone to discredit their research fr their own personal gain.

Unfortuantely also for the purputators of this hoax, as I have chosen not to go public with this information they were at a loss, as the fruits of their deception had borne no results. So they have now released this statement to score some points from their deceptive work.

On a positive note: A good day was had out out on the moors by all involved. Well aware that this could be a hoax the whole day was planned more in line with a day out on the moors rather than meeting the witness.

To note: Dr David Clarke recently discredited his own research, the fact of the matter is that Dr Clark maintains that the cause of the whole nights events was due to a covert low flying exercrise which involved six tornados launched from RAF Marham that evening. This excerise culminated in a couple of pilots accidentally breaching the sound barrier whilst performing mid air turns, which gave light to a number of misidentifications of said aircraft culminating in a number of UFO reports as well as a light aircraft etc etc et al.

The problem is that the (Sheffield) seismic events ocured at 21.52 at 22.06 however from Dr Clarks own research PRO (Public Relations Officer) Ed Bullpit that all six aircraft were safely on the ground by 21.35 therefore how could the covert low flying exercrise possibly be the cause for events which happened 17 minutes and 31 minutes after the air group had landed

respectively. The covert low flying exercise could not possibly be the explanation for the night's events. Unless Dr Clark can explain how landed aircraft can be the cause of such events, if that is your case Dr Clark, then you do not have a case. Please explain how this discrepancy could occur.

Max Burns

Now a note from Matthew Williams.

I think that the act of hoaxing for negative reasons is a bad one. The reasons put forward by the "hoaxers" show their motives are less than honorable. Indeed they feel the need to use anonymous email addresses to hide behind because if their identities were known they would be universally shunned by the UFO community for their activities. However in my experience this type of behaviour is typical of what I am terming "northern ufology". This is not to damn all Northern Ufologists of whom there are many, but to highlight an ALARMING trend in certain circles for this type of hoaxing and time wasting. Most of this behaviour seems to be taking place "up north", and involves a very well known band of not so merry people. Many readers out there are probably aware of who these people are and their motives and may have seen some of their other "hoax" works in the past.

The point is that these so called Ufologists are let down by the fact that Max chose to keep details of the Moors trip secret until verifiable details had been gathered. It is obvious that the hoaxers wanted to show that Max is someone who is easily led by any piece of information and this is not the case! Given the fact that the person who originally sent Max the emails told Max to meet him on the moors under specific conditions, and that Max is heavily involved in research on the Sheffield case, he could hardly ignore the request to meet this person. As a warning (which Max was well aware of) myself and other researchers pointed out that this could well be a set up to waste Max's time and money. Many of us have been "hoaxed" like this in the past, so this is nothing new. Max discussed the possibility of the new witness being a hoax with 10 or so people before attending the moors.

However Max chose to take a chance on the person attending and brought with him equipment to detect metal, radiation and record events. This is the actions of a serious researcher, but the "hoaxers" choose to make fun of this. This shows how shallow they are.

I believe that this is a last ditch attempt by some to discredit Max because after presenting an excellent lecture at BUFORA which was both balanced and well illustrated, some people are worried that Max may gain more favour.

Why is it that some people would then choose to attach a researcher by all dirty methods possible. What is it that we are not supposed to learn about the Sheffield case... what is it that they would rather us not hear. These dirty tricks only draw more light onto the case, and now Max is getting even more publicity because of these people's actions - so the hoaxers have lost again!

I would like to draw people's attentions to those who have openly attacked Max in the most underhand of ways recently and make a supposition that these are probably the same people who perpetrated this hoax. These same people left a number of clues behind to their identity in this "hoax" statement which leads straight to their door considering my private emails to them direct - which were not copied to anyone else... very sloppy... but I won't name names. I will leave it up to them to admit to their childish acts. These same people probably also make hoax calls to the police and fire service when their egos are feeling a little low. Now you understand the mentality of the so called "ufologists" we are dealing with here.

Well done children, time to grow up, that's all I can say.

Matthew Williams Truthseekers International.

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