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### UpDate: Cheshire Footage - Setting The Record Straight

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For Updates Readers;

Karl Woods has now approached UFO Magazine with a view to promoting the video footage he shot over Hartford, Cheshire on 9th July 2000 at 1345.

We are quite happy with the way in which Graham Birdsall and Russ Callaghan are handling this material - I have had friendly and useful conversations with both men - but some things need to be said;

1 - Karl Woods, it has now been proven, is not a "friend" or colleague of Eric Morris. Apologies welcome.

2 - Karl and friend Mike James asked me to act as an agent for them in order that they might financially benefit from the footage. Neither I nor UFO Magazine (UK) have a problem with that. Karl has said as much; he is happy to know that the footage has a certain "commercial value" (!).

3 - At all times we acted in concert with him. He knew exactly what was happening and received £800 from the Daily Mail via Eric Morris for the exclusive interview he gave them and which he had total control over. Let's face it, he was photographed not me or my colleague Eric Morris.

4 - A regional paper, The Daily Post, received our Press Release and reported the story as per usual. They have done this on a dozen occasions over the last year or two. When I spoke to the Asst. Editor Stuart Brown he said that the image they had used to accompany their story had been "photographed from the TV" - in other words their photographer had photographed a TV screen to pinch the image!

I told Mr. Brown that this was not acceptable and that he should compensate Karl Woods because it was his copyright. Karl Woods confirmed this in a similar conversation a few days later but the story had changed! The Post was now claiming to have received stills from "Quest Publications Ltd" which most certainly did not happen. Neither Russ nor I can understand why the Post changed its story...

Nevertheless, this is not a matter for me but for Mr. Woods and his solicitors.

5 - Karl and Mike are concerned about things having "snowballed" - their words - and yet they were happy for us to go to the TV and Karl spoke to the Daily Mail! I must have missed something here!

6 - Initially, Mike James said that he wanted to stay "in the

background" and "out of the picture". Karl and Mike had several requests and they knew from the start that we'd go to the press in order, specifically, to appeal direct to the public for further information.

Some new sightings and reports have been forthcoming and I now understand that there is a suggested link between the Cheshire events and a sighting in Gloucestershire. The word tentative is a good one in this case!

7 - Karl said that he would "transfer" the copyright over to Eric Morris "for 24 hours" whilst we went to the press. In fact, during the one brief meeting I had with him, he said that we could "do anything you like with it - just keep me out of it". Dave Kelly, a well-known Ufologist in the NW, has signed an affidavit to the effect that almost the same comments were made to him and Eric on their first visit!

8 - Much nauseating waffle has been written and spoken about "analysis". Analysing such a video is pretty much a waste of time but a favourite amongst Ufologists and their associates. Nevertheless, Woods agreed that should any money be forthcoming, we would use it for analysis.

As it happened, I was contacted by NIDS who offered to do this for nothing. Dr. Green at Warwick University also contacted me as did the Physics Department of a South American University.

I told them then that the copyright was with Karl Woods.

So we did what Woods asked - try and get it analysed. Phil Mantle also offered to contact Jeff Sainio of MUFON to help.

9 - We never expected so much interest. My press release (I do work with the media on a daily basis amongst other things) was written quickly and based upon the information to hand, namely that other local sightings had been made including something quite remarkable from Stoke-on-Trent. The media is always interested in footage as any self-respecting Ufologist will tell you...

10 - I have not received any money through this. None whatsoever. Not a penny! Karl Woods, in the meantime, has received £800 from the Mail and should receive more from the Post. He initially offered to split the £800 with us but we'd rather he kept the money to be honest. There is an appearance fee due from the TV but I don't know anything about the details. I didn't appear for a start!!

The blatant hypocrisy displayed by almost everyone in this matter has been incredible. At every stage smears have been dressed up as "enquiries" and the skeptics have made a big deal about it - miserably failing at every stage and ending up looking very jealous and very stupid because they have not seen the footage nor done any meaningful investigation.

Perhaps the only "wind speed" that we should be measuring is the hot air emanating from certain skeptic's computer keyboards and mouths!

Some of them have even written to colleagues of mine "warning" them not to support us publicly.

In the meantime we'll carry on doing what we're good at - investigating UFOs and the Paranormal and going directly to the media. That's our way and you won't find us apologising for it. As a result of the media's self-inflicted blitz we've been asked to appear on various TV and radio shows.

If we get paid, then fine.

This whole episode has done one very valuable thing - got UK ufology into the spotlight again after some lean months. Again, this is all to the good and there are two Conferences on 16th September that may benefit. Let's hope so!

Between now and then many harsh words will be written - but not by me - because I don't care what the skeptics say, and neither do many other UpDates readers many of whom are convinced by the reality of Alien Contact - as am I. All we seek is further proof.....

For those interested in seeing streamed video footage of the object or hearing and seeing Karl Woods, please visit the UFO Magazine (UK) website at;

[www.ufomag.co.uk](http://www.ufomag.co.uk)

Thank you for listening.

Tim Matthews - British UFO Studies Centre.

PS - Some details. In initial conversation Karl said that he estimated a cloudbase of 5,000 ft - not 2,000 as now suggested, nor mentioned that he thought the object was 12 miles away.

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