My arrest on drugs charges was skilfully used even before the 1999 conviction. The prime aims were to stop me speaking about the Sheffield investigation on any public platform, appearing on TV, and prevent magazine/newspaper editors running my story. The intent was to destroy my reputation and thereby investigation into the Sheffield incident. It was a pretext for censorship. Details of the entire court case and trial will be available after I have exhausted all avenues of appeal to try and have my conviction overturned.

Astoundingly, and certainly relevant, Dr Larry O'Hara *(NFB* editor) tipped me off that Roberts himself has a drugs conviction, and suggested I enter into correspondence to see what Roberts would, and wouldn't, reveal. After it became clear I was onto it, Roberts eventually admitted this. His response is of interest "if I'm going to be written about, I would at least like the 'facts' to be correct". Both Roberts and Clarke can rest secure in the knowledge I have made sure the facts in this article are correct. A procedure they flouted while reporting on my legal situation in general and Sheffield research in particular for their book .'UTNW. Roberts went on to say: "I answered several questions a couple of months ago... but if there is anything else I'd be pleased to give you the facts rather than let speculation creep in" [31]. No doubt Roberts will claim he freely volunteered information I wouldn't know otherwise. A lie, but predictable

TWENTY-FOUR IN COURT: Drug offences case 'Tip Of The Iceberg' Police.

"A Cleckheaton man asked for, and got, a suspended prison sentence when he was one of 24 people facing a combined total of 55 drug offences at an all day special court in Dewsbury on Friday". [Also] "dealt with [was] Andrew Jonathan Roberts aged 20 of Hightown View, Hightown, Liversidge" He and a co-defendant "both pleaded guilty. Roberts admitted being in possession of amphetamine sulphate, unlawfully supplying amphetamine sulphate and being in possession of cannabis resin. The article goes on "The prosecution said Roberts had said 'It is in everyone's interest for you to come down here and sort it out'. In a statement Roberts said he had started about four years ago (aged 16). He and Walker had gone to a public house In Bradford where they had bought some from someone called Dave. He normally smoked in the fields near where he lived. He said that they had bought some 'speed' (amphetamine) in Bradford and taken it to a cottage at Roberttown. I won't waste my money on 'speed again' he had said. Roberts said he was a single man with no previous convictions, and a good home background. He had experimented with the drug. Both his clients were released on bail" [32].

This all led to a three months prison sentence suspended for two years and fines totalling £100 for Roberts [33]. How did this case come to court you might ask, what slip up did ultra-cool air-guitarist Andy Roberts make? The truth is prosaic, and disturbing. "Mr JS Robertson, prosecuting told the court, Roberts had walked into the police station of his own accord saying that it 'was in everyone's interest'. Roberts told police officers that he usually went to the pub with Lindsey Howard Walker of Brighouse (who also appeared before the court in a separate hearing), and bought the grass from either a youth called Dave or another, said Mr Robertson. 'GIVEN AWAY' On one occasion it was alleged that Roberts and Walker had purchased some amphetamine sulphate. It was further alleged this was later given to man called Chris Bland of Hightown. When asked by the police Roberts had admitted that they had all tried it. In mitigation, Mr Simon Alexander, commented that it was not his clients habit to use amphetamine and that when he had tried it, had been revolted by it" [34].

Roberts has stated his 1976 drug conviction is common knowledge, as too continued use of drugs since then [35]. Let's look further at Roberts' stance on drugs.

Roberts wrote: "As for my liking for various substances, as you say it's no secret now or then", going on "where we differ Max is I'm prepared to be totally up front about what I do, I can't remember if it says so in the articles from 76 but I do recall telling the magistrates that I fully

supported an individuals right to use such substances they choose, if and when they want to get high. I have always, whoever asked me, stuck to that belief and will do so. However, I don't condone dealing because people get ripped off. Simple as that" [36].

My response is as follows. First. I served 15 months jail for something I was not guilty of. Second I spent 12 months of sentence on a drug free wing and signed the relevant documents which gave prison the right to test me for drugs on any occasion day or night. I was tested on at least 30 occasions in 12 months and never ONCE tested positive for any illegal drug. Something which I suspect could not be said for Roberts in the same time frame. Third. since release from jail I have been working in a place which drug-tests all employees and has a zero tolerance policy. I have passed all drug tests there also. So Roberts' comment "where we differ- Max is that I'm prepared to be totally up front about what I do" is without foundation. While I was initially loath, to mention Roberts' continued use of drugs' throughout adult life, it is reasonable to ask how much constant usage has affected his critical faculties with regard to Ufologlcal debate. I don't care what Roberts does or does, not do, but if he interferes with my research or his judgement comment is necessary.

STAGE 5: SUPPRESSING THE MESSAGE

At the beginning of 1998 I was booked to address BUFORA's AGM, which took, place 2/6/98. Clarke Roberts and company started a behind the scenes campaign to stop me presenting my findings. Clarke called then BUFORA Chairman Steve Gamble "ordering him I should not be allowed to speak" **[37].** ORDERED? With what or on whose authority was Clarke (then merely BUFORA press officer) making demands of BUFORA's Chairman? A continued flotilla of emails & phone calls to various council members from the. 'Usual Suspects' resulted in Gamble calling me at home the night before the lecture at 5.20pm to tell me "the lecture is not going ahead". Judith Jaafar commented recently that Gamble found the incessant intimidatory pressure from Roberts and Clarke over this so distressing that soon after he resigned from BUFORA National Council and to this day is not publicly involved In 'Ufology on a national level [38]. The prime reason BUFORA cancelled me speaking was Clarke's lie I did not have Dagenhart's permission to use his testimony. Because of BUFORA's strict confidentiality rules, a majority of BUFORA National. Council were swayed by this argument. My audio interview of Dagenhart, reproduced in the 'Sheffield Incident' video, shows that once again Clarke had lied.

Roberts wrote about this "Fortunately Max has been prevented from speaking at this event. No doubt allegations of cover-up, censorship and repression will follow. In fact we are all for Max putting his case across in public. We *want* it to happen", Another complete lie. They have always wanted to deny me a public platform at all costs. Roberts continued: "But we want it to be a 'two-sided' debate involving the principal investigator, Dave Clarke, so that the audience see, *both* sides of the coin. Unfortunately Max cannot accept this and has since thrown his teddy out of the pram", **[39].**

In reality Clarke has refused to debate this case with me on a BUFORA platform on at least two - separate occasions and once said he would have to take legal advice before proceeding. Clarke & Roberts even refused Matthew Williams 1998 offer to hold the debate at our expense at a location on their doorstep.

On 7/5/98 I met Phil Taylor *News of the World* features editor at his London office to talk about my investigation into the Sheffield Incident. I was there from 10.30am. and our discussions were going well. At 1.00pm Clarke called the *News of the World and* asked for Phil Taylor by name, informing him I am a drug-dealing liar and was making the whole thing up. This before any trial took place. There is also the issue of how Clarke knew who I was with, when, and what for? I

searched consists of many valleys and massive boggy areas. It's very very hard work, very slow going and it could take weeks to completely cover the entire area'" **[24].** Contradicting Clarke's own reported interview with France.

STAGE 4: ATTACKING THE UFO RESEARCHER DIRECTLY

In August 1997, internet smearsheet *The Armchair Ufologist* hit UK : Ufology like a malodorous parasite. Fronted by Roberts, the whole thing is a dig at anyone in UK Ufology Roberts (or those behind him) thinks should get it. I became very popular among some people after Roberts did his Max Clifford (publicity) thing for me. However, it also (as intended) damaged me with others I didn't know, This publication's main, purpose was, to exercise, malign control, over, people. Those who feared the same snide treatment as myself and others targeted in its vicious outpourings fell into line. This has allowed Roberts & Clarke to say pretty much anything about anyone without proper rebuttal. I would not fall into line and this created a problem for International Rescue. Many such as Nick Redfern have chosen the easy option. Fair, enough. Not my choice, ever **[25].** Others, such as Harry Harris; Margaret Fry, Miles Johnson and even Nick Pope to some extent, find it prudent to not always speak their mind to Roberts and Clarke

Roberts Clarke & Randles wrote in UTNW- "We do not single out Individuals, or groups for criticism, or infer, that they are universally incompetent" (p, 11). This is simply not true, as you will see by quoted extracts from voluminous Internet postings and other publications Roberts and Clarke are involved in. Indeed, these lofty sentiments only lasted for 30 more pages of that book. On p.41 of UTNW Clarke wrote: "The [Sheffield] case may never have been transformed from a, mundane hunt for a crashed aircraft to a UFO cover up were it not for one person...entirely responsible for the promotion of the myth. (Max Burns)". Thus confirming, from the horse's mouth how my research was an obstacle to those wanting to kick the Sheffield case into the long grass. Furthermore, if nothing untoward occurred that March night in 1997, why did Clarke complete an in-depth 26 page BUFORA report before anybody else, including me, had written a word on the case, especially as he claimed no UFO activity had occurred?

In terms of my own background, I was 40 in 2002 and prior to imprisonment (on which more below) had a successful career as a DJ. I have personally been involved in opening over £30 million worth of new developments and won a number of leisure industry awards during 18 years in the business.

To fully understand my later legal difficulties, it is necessary to focus on an earlier event, whose significance I did not fully understand at the time. In August 1997 BUFORA held its annual conference, in Sheffield. Clarke & Roberts attended along with Hepple and Mike Wootten. I spoke with them briefly about the Sheffield case and then parted company. That day, and shortly after the conference, Roberts Clarke and company started claiming to anyone who would listen in private pamphlets, email and in person that I had boasted about bribing a witness in the case with cannabis, and all their partners were willing to give statements to that effect. In July 1999 Roberts wrote on UFO Updates "Actually Max we're stating it, not alleging it. For the simple reason the conversation took place and Max did in fact state clearly that he had bribed a 'traveller' (hippy who lives in an old bus for our US readers) with marijuana to get him to relate his UFO sighting" [26]. A year earlier Roberts claimed I had admitted selling a "witness into the case cannabis to get him to tell me his story" [27]. Selling and bribing: two different claims about the same witness-standard Roberts lying. Firstly I neither bribed this witness with cannabis, or ever claimed such. Richard Conway the main conference organiser was supposedly present during the alleged conversation but has confirmed in writing "I never heard Max Burns make any such claims while in the company of Andy Roberts, David Clarke, Tim Matthews or Mike Wootten and their partners at the 1997 BUFORA conference" [28]. Second, I never said this witness saw a

Roberts continually sent me offensive emails until I blocked his address, and then got co-worker Clarke to forward such. I wasn't interested as everything he had to say was negative. Mark Bell of WUFOG received a private email from Clarke demanding to know why he was supporting my research.

I also received one mail from Tim Matthews AKA Timothy Miles Hepple informing me. "Max you are all on your own with this". This whole thing had a pattern: organised and deliberate, Tim Matthews/Hepple also warned Matthew Williams to 'stay out of It'. Williams later wrote after watching the situation develop since March 1997:

"You seem incapable of keeping it 'un-personal' which is why behind the scenes I have now joined In the little 'war' going on. Not to defend the Sheffield case, not even to defend Max Burns, but instead to defend anyone who should come under the massive attacks you and Andy Roberts make against them. If somebody disagrees with you, god help them, that is all I can say. This has been noticed.., by many people, not just myself" **[44].**

This situation, as intended, made many in UK Ufology fall into line, which assisted Clarke and Roberts quest to control Ufology and the Ufological debate, I was being censored at every turn, misquoted, statements I made were altered and: lies fabricated about me and my research by this small but powerful group of Individuals. Not everybody fell in line. Vice-President of BUFORA Lionel Beer heard my Cornwall lecture of. 13/9/01 and informed Malcolm Robinson he was impressed **[45].**

STAGE 7: HOAXING TO ORDERS

My June 1999 lecture was booked that February and on March 20th I received an email from somebody calling themselves BLUE HARE claiming to have explicit details concerning the crash of a Tornado jet in the Peak District 24/3/97. I got several more emails from BLUE. HARE and arrangements were made to meet this individual, who claimed, to be an ex-forces, man present oh 24/3/97 as part of the rapid response team with a brief to secure the area, I discussed this tale with a number of people In. UK Ufology: Malcolm Robinson, Judith Jaafar, Matthew: Williams, Omar Fowler and Richard Conway among others. We all agreed-this was an almost-certain hoax. However one -feature of rigorous research is you fail to follow up all leads you may miss something vital, I decided to attend the arranged rendezvous. BLUE HARE was a no show. Two days before my lecture BLUE HARE again posted me saying "It. is imperative that the truth comes out soon". Obviously an enticement to reveal information supplied by the HARE at my lecture two days later. I did not use it, as this information was not verified, and in my considered view bogus. Tim Matthews/ Hepple turned up at the lecture, he apparently got up at 6.00am to be there, tape recorder In hand waiting for me. to regurgitate BLUE HARE data for posterity. To Hepple's evident disappointment I did not reveal or refer to any part of the BLUE HARE disinformation. At this stage, all BLUE HARE contacts had been private, nothing was in the-public domain. Within four days of the lecture, after Hepple supplied an audio copy* Clarke' nonetheless sent a characteristically inaccurate critique of my presentation to BUFORA National Council as already mentioned, also posting a copy to UFO Updates mailing list.

The BLUE HARE game plan was to come forward after I released bogus information as fact and thereby discredit my investigation into the Sheffield case. When that failed, the originators released the disinformation in-such a way as to look like, they had pulled off some sort of intelligence coup. The only thing it actually proved is I verify facts before using them not the impression disinformers sought to convey. The title of the. post announcing BLUE HARE's debut on the UFO Updates mailing list was outrageous to say the least. 'Max Burns Hoax Exposed'. Considering, my only involvement in this hoax was resisting it, this was rather rich. This was a

interview Dagenhart repeated the man stunk of aviation, fuel at least 6 times and even said he would put money oh it **[15].** Yet Clarke maintains Dagenhart instead told me he reported the Incident to the police next morning after hearing a plane had crashed, and only told them he thought the man was behaving "suspiciously". This is untrue, as the South Yorkshire police incident log shows. Clarke continues: "More than a year later, when contacted by a UFO investigator, he had begun working for the RAF as a jet engineer at RAF Cosford and was able to claim that the 'diesel' he smelled that night resembled the aviation fuel he was familiar with at air bases" **[16].** Completely different from the audio interview I conducted a week earlier.

Matthew Williams made this observation:

"Another interesting fact is how all Max's witnesses changed their stories after you and Andy R. got to them. You then made big claims about how you could show that Max Burns had lied about their witness testimonies and that the witnesses were claiming their words had been twisted. However the truth of the situation, as you well know, is that Max Burns played a tape recording of one witness who states that he was happy to allow Max to use his name, details of his statement and claimed that the man he encountered stank of aviation fuel. After you got to the witness the story changes to the witness having not given permission to Max to talk about his case and Max had twisted his words. Your eyes lit up when you tried to use this against Max but sadly you have been put back in your seat because Max then produced the audio taped recording of this man's voice" **[17].**

Roy Hale who attended my lecture commented:

"Everyone at the Max Burns Lecture clearly heard Mr Dagenhart express to Max his position and the clarity of his statement. If Clarke & Roberts are stating that Mr Dagenhart did not say the things he did, how do they explain the taped phone call between Max and Mr Dagenhart? Concerning the interview which was given by Mr Dagenhart to Clarke & Roberts were these interviews taped so we can hear their method of questioning? This would be interesting to many researchers simply because they are stating that the witness withdrew/denied what Max played (audio tape) at the lecture" **[18].**

Rebecca Jackson said regarding Dagenhart:

"I was with Max at the time he spoke to and recorded the Jonathon Dagenhart interview. I know it is a true piece of evidence as I was listening to the conversation. I was also there when a very frightened Mr Dagenhart changed his story after being pressured" **[19].**

Clarke had been making noises to BUFORA National Council and anyone who would listen that I was using Dagenhart's testimony without permission, however I had his permission as clearly stated during the interview. This was purely a ruse to stop such MAJOR TESTIMONY being included in my research. After all I was claiming a jet had gone down an hour before Dagenhart encountered the man on the viaduct stinking of aviation fuel. Which as we all know is used in jet aircraft.

STAGE 3: Attacking UFO Research Directly

Clarke and Roberts only quote my early writings on the case, including in their book UTNW. This was deliberately intended to caricature my position, and thus stifle reasoned debate. Not ONCE did Roberts/Clarke contact me to discuss my up to date findings before completing UTNW. A pity, since of the many weapons in their arsenal, the only legitimate one is discussion of my research. Though their treatment of it fell well outside the bounds of accepted discourse.

Comment by Max Burns: I see a conspiracy because Blue Hare was one in pure form "more than three people acting against another". Based on the facts presented thus far. From the dictionary "Conspiracy" is "An agreement to do wrong" "Conspire" is " To unite for an evil or secret purpose ".

BLUE HARE continued:

"As part of our hoaxing experiments we decided to see just how good a researcher Burns and his supporters were and devised a scenario which would test their investigative powers. Burns was, emailed from an anonymous' source on 20 March 1999. As time went on it became clear that Burns was prepared to manipulate facts to promote his fanciful version of the Sheffield Incident".

Comment by MB: Hoaxers accusing me of manipulating facts -hilarious!

BLUE HARE resumed: -

"According to Dr David Clarke's investigation of the Howden Moors/Sheffield Incident there was no evidence to indicate either a Tornado had crashed or that a UFO had been Involved. Nor did Dr Clarke find evidence of a cover-up. As far as we could: see, Clarke's investigation was comprehensive and exhaustive. The case was closed - but NOT apparently for Max Burns" **[49].**

Although we pretty much knew Roberts Clarke & Matthews/Hepple were behind it hard evidence was needed. In the bar after the first day of the annual *Fortean Times* UnConvention in London 13-14/4/02 Malcolm Robinson & Judith Jaafar demanded to know why Roberts and Clarke had both tried to plant false information into my research. As Roberts had been drinking he was loose-lipped; and did not deny he and Clarke were behind BLUE HARE. Useful as this admission was, it was still relatively private. The next, day Roberts and Clarke were on the panel. Matthew Williams dropped it on his toes in front of 500 people, asking him to confirm or deny what was admitted the night before. Flustered, Roberts again conceded involvement in the BLUE HARE hoax as another member of the panel, Judith Jaafar, was present the night before when under the influence Roberts let slip his and Dr Clarke's involvement, Clarke seemed concerned about Roberts' admission, with good reason. Eight days later (22/4/02) Roberts sent an email to Matthew Williams via Judith Jaafar.

"I'd like to make a clear, unequivocal statement which you can cut out and keep to show whoever you like - but which, I'd like you to always quote in full and not out of context. *[Max **Burns:** Yet again, Roberts demands a hearing in full and not to be misquoted. Courtesies he and his associates deny critics].* "Dr Dave Clarke, myself and others as yet unnamed were behind the Blue Hare hoax (Tim Matthews came along for the ride but wasn't actually 'involved')". * We are also behind several' other UFO (as yet un-revealed) hoaxes dating back to the late 1980s. These have / are being carried out as controlled experiments to test: - how belief spreads - how easy it is to introduce new motifs into the subject - how competent UFO investigators are - how easily the media can be manipulated Results-of some of these experiments will be made public when the time is right. Others, necessarily so, will remain embedded with the subject" **[50].**

Matthew Williams wrote via email to Graham Birdsall, editor of *UFO Magazine* (UK) about this admission by Roberts, and it's implications for Ufological research **[51].** He said:

"I do not agree with Roberts' assertion that his 'experiment' to introduce disinformation [into Ufology] is a valid one. We know media and researchers can sometimes be tooled, by disinformation. Compounding the problems to serious UFO research by introducing such information would surely damage the credibility of Andy Roberts or Dr David Clarke. So I am asking them to reveal which disinformation have they given out in order to clear up false research

Warton, Suspected home of the Triangle on the night of the noisy sighting. The explosion was powerful enough to be picked up by Edinburgh University's seismic unit".

I asked Matthews the source of his information, but got no proper response, just routine abuse **[4].** Yet seismic readings were not picked up by Edinburgh University, but three different stations. The 22:06 seismic disturbance was picked up by Haverham park, Holmfirth and Leeds University, all in the Immediate area of the explosions. **[5].** It seems Hepple was trying to close the case before any serious investigation got moving.

He was not the only one. Within ten weeks of the incident Clarke (at this time acting as press officer) wrote a 26-page report for BUFORA (British UFO Research Association) putting the case to sleep. According to associate Andy Roberts, Clarke proved the FT to be merely a Bolide meteor or routine military exercise. As far as Clarke Roberts and Dr Jacqueline Mitton of the Royal Astronomical Society were concerned the case was closed. It has now been confirmed by Fylingdales RAF station in Yorkshire there was no space debris in the atmosphere over the north of England on the evening of 24/3/97. Which in itself would have been known almost immediately by the military and Mitton, however this disinformation was propagated unchallenged in Clarke's local media article and report for BUFORA.

STAGE 2: UNDERMINING/LYING ABOUT WITNESSES

UFOs That Never Were (UTNW) contains an important joint statement that in any investigation "the starting point must be witness testimony, sought out immediately-before the elements of contamination get in the way" (p.10). Too true-the only problem being Roberts, Clarke and their allies are themselves key contamination sources. I am not overstating the case, as you will see. *Alien Encounters* issue 12 featured a witness report (p.42) from Dan Grayson, I supplied his phone number and those of other witnesses to Martin Jeffrey who claimed to be investigating, the case independently of Clarke, Roberts or myself. A lie. He passed Grayson's number to Clarke after which his testimony apparently changed. A phenomenon Jeffrey knows all about. Manchester UFO investigator Stephen Mera came across Jeffrey very early on. As he puts it, Jeffrey "told me he was first on the scene". Unless he was out and about around the Peak district by 22.30 on 24/03/97, that claim is untrue. Mera continues "he claimed to have seen a crashed UFO which had apparently turned the grass blue in colour, then suddenly many military personnel turned up and immediately escorted him away from the site, apparently not before Martin took several amazing photographs of the crashed UFO and the blue grass, which he told me he sent to *UFO Reality* magazine. I then telephoned Jon King of *UFO Reality and* Jon knew nothing of Martin nor any photos" **[6].** Mera was not just wise long after the event, in 1999 he raised these points on UFO Updates **[7].** The close connection between Jeffrey and Clarke is indubitable--they co-wrote a report on the Sheffield incident **[8].** I had early contact with Jeffrey, as just stated, indeed he sold me a version of the police log, which he has since denied, if Clarke's real aim was objective UFO research, how come he co-wrote a 1999 report with Jeffrey about Sheffield? The answer is that neither Clarke nor Jeffrey, sadly, is an objective researcher.

After being passed his details by co-conspirator Martin Jeffrey, Clarke re-interviewed Grayson, claiming Grayson never told me he saw a UFO or Triangle that night, and was now convinced he merely saw the search and rescue helicopter **[9].** This is a complete turnaround from what he said In *Alien Encounters,* before I wrote about this case anywhere. Dan Grayson actually wrote. "Although my sighting was later than everyone else's, I know what I saw was no plane or helicopter" **[10].** After Roberts & Clarke accused me of fabricating Grayson's testimony, I cross-referenced this and Roberts lamely responded, "witnesses...change their minds" **[11].** Certainly, but not proving the un-retracted allegation that I lied about Grayson's testimony. The main point: why did this witness change his mind?

further theorised the crash had been covered up by the Government who had also initiated a 'dirty tricks campaign' against Burns and others. To add Idiocy to stupidity Burns also alleged that some British Ufologists were undercover secret agents, acting as part of the cover-up" [55]'. I hope that you, the readers, can now judge these lies against the facts.

A joint Clarke/Roberts letter provides useful insight into their hypocrisy and double-standards. Nick Pope, well known within Ufology as the ex MOD UFO deskman, is author of books on the subject and now works in Whitehall media relations. Clarke and Roberts were not happy with Pope's review of their book 'Out of the Shadows' and in the letters page of August 2002 *UFO Magazine* wrote.

"If Nick is choosing to invoke OSA (Official Secrets Act) as a reason why Information we have been given is invalid, we would suggest people immediately stop buying his books for the simple reason that by his own argument nothing he says should be taken seriously because he remains bound by the OSA. All his writings and lectures therefore count for nothing and may actually be regarded as disinformation because by his own admission he 'knows' yet cannot tell".

Yet another case of projecting their actions onto others. Sure Nick is, due to his full-time employment, still bound by the OSA, anything in his books has to be cleared by the government first. Yet he is open about that and not 'Standing In The Shadows' as Clarke and Roberts are. We have already seen Clarke's hypocrisy, quoting favourably emails from Pope in 'UFOs That Never Were' against my interpretation of the Sheffield case (UTNW p,42). No hint there Pope peddles disinformation.

Consider also these UTNW quotes;

"We are willing to debate any case in this book in a friendly and civilised fashion" (p.13). We know what that means'.' The Inside back cover describes Dr David Clarke as "a journalist and writer who has established a unique working relationship with the Ministry of Defence on various-investigations". At what- moral' price? My personal favourite "Why would anyone create such a web of deceit around themselves for no discernible reason?" (p.142). Why indeed?

One answer is that if everybody accuses each other of being state-compromised, those who genuinely are get off the hook. How fortunate for Roberts and Clarke.

IN CONCLUSION

Having outlined in sequence key aspects of the modus operandi used by disinformation experts within Ufology, some key points and reflections:

A: Roberts and Clarke, by their own admission, are two members of a group placing disinformation into Ufology since the late 80s, now spanning three decades.

B: They tried to place disinformation into my research to discredit me and my Sheffield investigation.

C: It has been shown they are less than honest.

D: They use Intelligence service style tactics to suppress opinion and control Ufology and the Ufologlcal debate.

E: Roberts is a convicted drug supplier & still uses drugs by his own admission

F: Roberts and Clarke are not genuine Ufologists, even sceptical ones, but something else entirely.

INTRODUCTION

I am a Ufologist, and came to NFB's attention while the editor was writing 'At War With The Universe' (hereafter AWWU) with Steve Booth. Subsequently I wrote to Larry O'Hara from jail just as that exposure of state asset Tim Matthews AKA Timothy Miles Hepple landed on doorsteps late 1999. This was the first time I had any contact with O'Hara, contradicting Hepple's fabricated story we were both involved in a lunatic smear campaign against him. This is untrue, as covered in AWWU (p. 121-22).

This article is based on the premise the state are Interested in Ufology. In which case they would have people on the inside to gather information on groups and individuals.

WHY would the state be interested in UFO researchers? For three reasons:

Sightings of Flying Triangles, accepted by most within Ufology as a real phenomenon may be military, and anyone looking at this technology almost certainly comes under state scrutiny for obvious reasons.

A tot of researchers stake out military installations in the hope of seeing craft first hand. Any might in principle use the cover of researcher to spy on British and American installations for foreign powers.

Some believe FT's are extra terrestrial in nature. If so, there must be lots of information being covered up involving the state anyway.

All of the above would evoke interest from the intelligence community. Yet despite forever going on about cover-ups, X-Files conspiracies etc. when evidence of what appears to be state operations against Ufologists and Ufology emerges, Ostrich Syndrome takes over and most simply bury their heads in the sand. Although many have spoken to me off the record about the modus operandi of certain individuals, including those named, few will go on the record. Three factors inhibit Ufologists speaking out publicly: intimidation tactics, ridicule and lie manufacture. Ail three are standard practice in the Intelligence World, and for some in UK Ufology too. Coincidence? Hardly. These facets will be covered in this article as well as some of the people behaving in this manner. Hopefully this will encourage the wall of silence to be breached.

On the night of 24/3/97, witnesses saw a Flying Triangle craft, and, reports persist of a pursuing military jet crashing in the Peak District near Sheffield. Rescue teams were scrambled, but nothing was officially reported as found. That is not the whole story and I have been attempting to draw together diverse, strands and follow up leads in this case since then. My involvement was no mere paper-shuffling exercise: that very night, accompanied by witness Emma Maidenhead, I scoured the Moors for evidence. While our aim was the search for truth, it is my contention, and events from then on seem to show it, other interested parties had different motives. Immediately after that first fateful night, a conscious planned campaign of diversion, smear, sabotage, disinformation character-assassination and entrapment was launched. I was, at first unknowingly, the principal target of what looks like a military operation and it probably was. So extensive, and exemplary, was this operation, it even encompassed fitting me up on a drugs charge, leading to a jail sentence. Would anybody go to such lengths to stifle independent Ufological research? I think they would, and have. Review the evidence below and make up your own mind.

The main instruments used in this operation to cover up the truth about Sheffield 24/3/97 were not formally accredited military personnel, but others whose apparent Independence from the machine I have serious reason to doubt. After reading this piece you'll understand why. Given the state seeks to intervene in Ufology, the next question is who are the people used to do so from Inside? This article looks at some of the contenders. Now is the time to review the evidence

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