

MAILBAG

The "Doug 'n Dave" Story

Dear Gordon, — Something has turned up in F.S.R. which I did not expect to see. In the latest edition (FSR 36/4), George Wingfield has written untruths and has got his facts wrong about me in his Doug and Dave article.

On page eight, second paragraph, he is attempting to describe what went on in my house when Graham Brough, of the *Today* newspaper, brought the two men to speak to me.

Wingfield writes, "In quick fire succession they confronted him with proof that they had made the Kent formation". This is not true, they actually said they had not brought any proof that they had made it, and the fact that they were telling me they had made it should be good enough.

Wingfield goes on, "then laid claim to this circle and that circle and so on until he was literally reeling on the ropes". This is untrue, I was not reeling on the ropes, the discussion was held in a calm atmosphere as I listened to what they had to say, it was all discussed in a most rational way.

Wingfield writes further, "Graham Brough then wrung all sorts of unwise concessions from his hapless victim which were subsequently printed in the paper". This is untrue, no 'concessions' were wrung from me, it was not in the nature of the meeting to do so

Lastly, he writes, "Pat's daughter Jan called Colin Andrews telling him to come at once since Pat 'had collapsed'. This is untrue, I was cool, calm and unemotional during the whole of the meeting. Colin was asked by Jan to come to my house saying something important had arisen. She did not mention my condition because I was in my normal calm healthy state and was unruffled.

I am very disappointed that none of the facts of this particular episode were checked and I am sorry that you are the victim of publishing false facts. Wingfield's imagination and his eagerness to sensationalise has brought you unnecessary trouble.

Of course, I am now requesting that this very serious mis-information is corrected and the only way this can be done is through F.S.R. where the untruths appeared in the first place. Wingfield is writing about mis-information in his articles, it would have been intelligent of him to check facts himself before presenting them to you for publication.

As an author I fully understand the trap that Wingfield has fallen into to exaggerate, but I am determined it will not be at my expense.

Gordon, will you please arrange to have an apology and correction printed in F.S.R.? I know you will understand why I feel it is unnecessary for me to request anything further than that at this stage as we have both suffered the ignomy of misinformation and what can be lengthy consequences. I

trust my justified request for a published correction will be speedily implemented.

Kind regards, Yours,

Pat Delgado,

1 Arle Close, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 9BG. December 29, 1991.

Dear Gordon, — In reply to Pat Delgado's letter of 29 December accusing me of untruths and sensationalism, I would like to reply to the points which he raises, starting with the last.

In saying that Pat "had collapsed" I was merely repeating what I had been told by Colin Andrews and had no cause to doubt. Of course these words were used figuratively, as too was the metaphor "reeling on the ropes"; nevertheless Colin was initially under the impression from what he was told on the telephone, albeit mistakenly, that Pat had had a heart attack. Thankfully this was not the case and I intentionally excluded this from my article.

Whether or not the metaphor "collapsed" was appropriate, there are many of us who find it incomprehensible that Pat should have apparently accepted the unsubstantiated claims of the two con-men, Doug and Dave, without any apparent objection. (Pat corrects me in saying that the pair brought no proof that they made the Kent insectogram, which I accept.) Only the previous day, I myself had heard Pat lecturing at Glastonbury on the nature and power of the energies which produce the Circles. Quite undoubtedly this was with total conviction. Then two virtual strangers arrive at his house and tell him that they are responsible for making the circles and he accepts this without demur.

He is reported by *Today* as saying, with reference to Doug and Dave's faked insectogram in Kent, "There is no doubt your test proves they are all hoaxes". The story told in *Today* indicated that he accepted all

that Doug and Dave said, and he is quoted as having said "It's quite a relief it is all over". If these are not "unwise concessions", I don't know what are; I repeat that I find this acceptance to be incomprehensible.

If *Today* newspaper is lying in its report of what he said, he should publish this fact and he should also take legal action. I have, together with Pat and others, signed a complaint about *Today's* conduct which has been sent to the Press Complaints Commission. There is considerable sympathy for him as regards the way in which he was deceived and became the victim of a fraudulent campaign, but I hardly think that he needs to attack my description of these events which I have certainly not tried to sensationalise.

Yours sincerely, George Wingfield,

Hearne House, North Wootton, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 4HW. February 4, 1992.

Dear Gordon, — Thank you for your note and for the copy of George Wingfield's reply.

You asked whether both letters should be published and I agree provided that the following short statement is added please. In doing so it will help to clarify the information published so far.

In response to George Wingfield's reply to my letter and not wishing to prolong this matter, I will say only this:-

The position has been somewhat relieved now that he claims his words about me were 'figurative' and 'metaphoric', especially the words 'heart attack' and 'collapsed'.

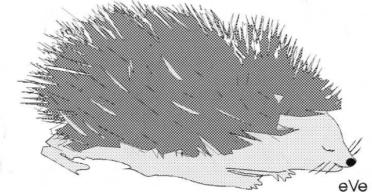
My daughter was astounded and upset by being quoted untruthfully.

He has never asked me for verification on any points, therefore his references to what I said or did, associated with Bower and Chorley is based on hearsay.

Kind regards,

Pat.

February 11, 1992.



Signing off! I'm hibernating.
No more circles till the summer.

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