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Dear Bookseller/Distributor,

Later this year/early next year, a book will be published which will make many serious allegations against alleged past and present members of the British National Party, National Front and other 'right wing' organisations. This book is ostensibly written by a man named Matthew Collins, who claims to have been a member of both these organisations. In reality this book is largely the product of the sick mind of Gerry Gable, a man with a long track record of subversion of both the far right and the left.

You are probably unaware of this but between 1994 and 1996 Gerry Gable's fantasies cost booksellers and distributors like yourself a great deal of money when they were sued for defamation over articles which were published in his lie-ridden magazine *Searchlight* which these booksellers were foolish enough to distribute.

This is not the first time Gable has caused others to lose large sums of money. In 1991 his distributor and printer were sued for libel by the tabloid journalist Garry Bushell, and in the mid eighties he cost the BBC half a million pounds over a 'Nazi' smear on two Conservative MPs.

Gerry Gable is an arch liar. He is extremely plausible so is all the more dangerous. He claims to have an MA in criminology but an extensive search of dissertation abstracts fails to substantiate that claim. He claims to have brought a gang of arsonists to justice in the 1960s, but this is a total fantasy exposed time and again. At this moment, Gable and *Searchlight* are the subject of two individual court actions for libel.

Already, the *Guardian* which has trailed the Collins book¹ has had to issue a correction² as to two matters of fact. Which, considering the nature of Collins' book, are major points. Basically, Collins is a liar. This was on the basis of just a few hundred words, let alone an entire book.

Collins and Gable are bad news. This forthcoming book will be defamatory of many people; some of these people have already taken legal advice in connection with this matter. Booksellers and distributors who are sued for defamation can avail themselves of a defence of innocent dissemination, but such a defence can only be made in good faith where the stockist has no prior knowledge of a publication's defamatory content. You have now been warned in advance! If you publish/stock this book you do so at your own risk.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Edwards,
Press Officer.

1: See enclosure for repro of the *Guardian* piece
2: See enclosure for repro of the corrections.

