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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.

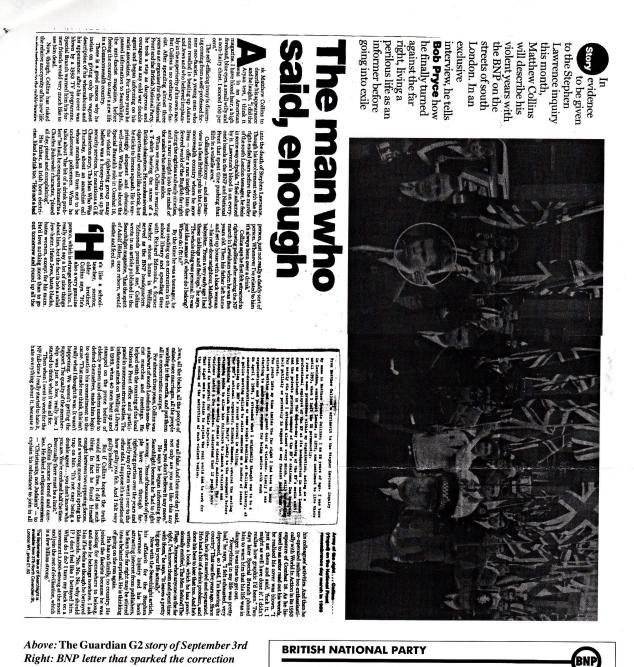
Already, the *Guardian* which has trailered the Collins book<sup>1</sup> has had to issue a correction<sup>2</sup> as to two matters of fact. Which, considering the nature of Collins' book, are major points. Basically, Collins is a liar. This was on the basis of just a few hundred words, let alone an 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,

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Phil Edwards, Press Officer.



Right: BNP letter that sparked the correction Below: Correction from the Guardian



CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

IN AN article headed, The man /IN AN article headed, The man who said, enough, Pages 6 and /7, G2, September 3, we said that / Matthew Collins, had worked for almost three years "as an /organiser for the National Front / and the British National Party". He was not an organiser for the BNP and, in fact, at no time joined the BNP.

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10/09/98

## Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to secure a correction to your G2 section of the 3rd of this month on the story on page 6 entitled: 'The man who said, enough'. The overall impression of the article is that Collins was a BNP member. The preamble went thus: '... Collins will

describe his violent years with the BNP on the streets of south London...? Yet in the selected text of his affidavit, it is quite clear that Collins was involved with the NF, not the BNP. The

preamble was thus, misleading. Furthermore, in paragraph 2, it states: ... After spending almost three years as an organiser for the National Front

enquiries made by myself reveal that Collins was not an Organiser for the NF either 1 am informed that Collins was In summary, I would like a correction stating that Collins has at no time ever been an Organiser for the BNP, nor has he ever been a member.