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On September 11, 2001, the world was horrified by attacks that killed 3,000 people.

While most people believe that terrorists attacked New York's World Trade Centre, others have doubts.

Former MI5 spy David Shayler will visit Derby tomorrow to talk publicly about his theories. He discussed his beliefs with **David Walsh**.

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● **BLAST HORROR:** The twin towers under attack on 9/11.

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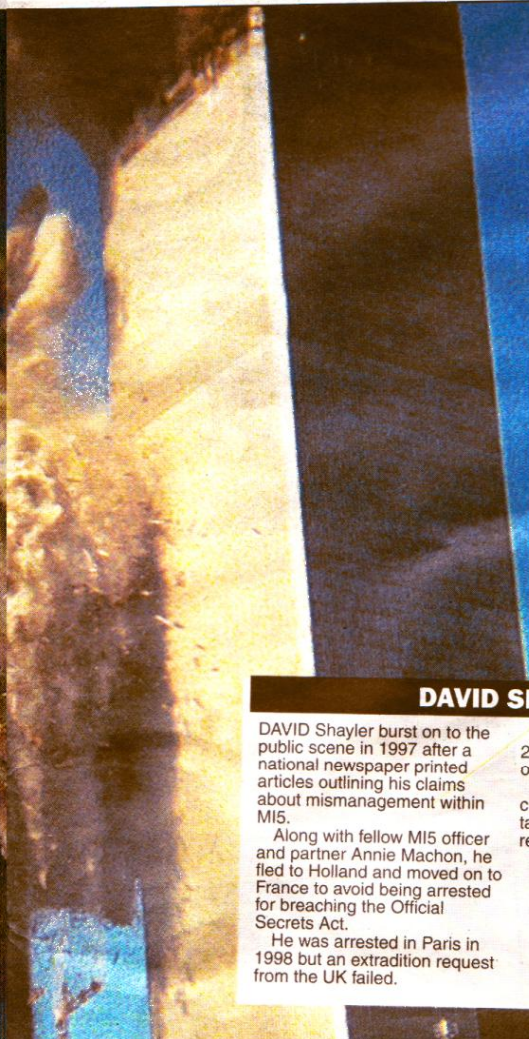
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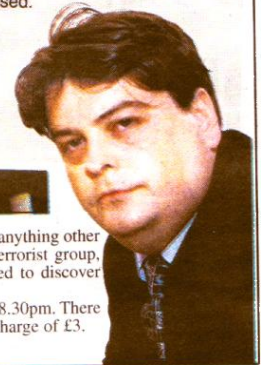
DAVID Shayler burst on to the public scene in 1997 after a national newspaper printed articles outlining his claims about mismanagement within MI5.

Along with fellow MI5 officer and partner Annie Machon, he fled to Holland and moved on to France to avoid being arrested for breaching the Official Secrets Act.

He was arrested in Paris in 1998 but an extradition request from the UK failed.

The pair returned voluntarily in 2000 and Shayler was convicted of breaching the Act.

He spent seven weeks in custody and seven weeks under a tagging order before being released.



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