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Robin

I read your comment on the Guardian in the section "The view from the bridge" with great interest, particularly in light of my own experiences with them.

While I am not certain that in dealings with the secret services one will ever get more than circumstantial evidence, I do think there is enough of that to make a very strong case that the security/intelligence agencies see the Guardian as one of their assets.

Back in January 2013, concerned by their treatment of Assange (whom the Guardian owes a great deal to), and after having read a US article that said that The Guardian was almost acquiring cult status in North America, I decided to do my little bit to try and set the record straight. So I published this internet article, under the name "Rodrus", in the "Daily Kos" based on my own experiences with the Guardian:

[The Guardian in America - Icon of the left, or too close to British Intelligence](#)

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2013/01/29/1182880/-The-Guardian-in-America-Icon-of-the-left-or-too-close-to-British-Intelligence>

The article is packed with provable quotes and instances that do suggest its biases in favour of neocon (indeed spy agency) positions. Though the article was published in Jan. 2013, there were a couple of earlier incidents relating to my experiences with the Guardian that I did **not** refer to in the 2013 article and which certainly suggest that the security services are very protective of The Guardian. Here they are:

1. **Skidding Truck incident (Calgary) following my comments to the Washington Post**

On March 4/5th 2011, I emailed Jeff Stein of the "**Washington Post**" about my "**The Guardian**" incidents. These were the well-witnessed threats that had happened 6 years before because my wife and I had gone to the Guardian in Manchester with our story. We were now living in

Calgary, Canada. CSIS would have known of the contact with Mr. Stein since they monitor my emails (and telephone).

The following day, at 12:05 on Sunday 6 March 2011, I was walking down 30 Avenue in Calgary near the corner with 14th Street SW. Two hoods **skidded across the road deliberately and dangerously in a truck just as I walked past them.**

They then got out of the truck. When I questioned the larger of the two guys (6' 4" plus) about his dangerous driving asking him if it was deliberate and aimed at me, he started swearing and **got very threatening.** I was told **you don't "know your place"**. I told them that this is about basic justice and rule of law, and abuse of power.

As the smaller guy got into his own vehicle (a smaller 4 by 4) to drive off I asked him to tell his handlers what I had said, and he said he would.

As my mail, emails and phone are all monitored it is unlikely that the Washington Post had anything to do with this particular threat. However, when I tried to contact Mr. Stein again, the reply was a form email saying that he had just left on a three month sabbatical and would answer my email when he returned (I'm still waiting!).

2. Zurich Incidents related to my comment on The Guardian:

In August 2012 Trisha and I vacationed in Switzerland. While in Zurich I published a comment on Aug 17th 2012, in Media Lens that relates to a comment by others about the Guardian's treatment of Assange and was headlined "**Hardy Surprising - The Guardian is too close to MI5/MI6**".

My comment is enclosed, by attachment, as it appeared in Media Lens

That same evening on their way back from Zurich to their home, my eldest son and his lady friend, who was driving, were **nearly driven off the road** by a car which the lady said came within less than a centimeter of hitting them. The Security Agencies may have believed that I was in the same car since we had just had a meal downtown together and were returning to the same house; though I had chosen to return to their home by public transport as I normally do for obvious reasons.

Of course, it could have been just a drunk driver; but in the past year there have been other vehicle incidents – though not Guardian related - that could not have all been coincidental.

The day after we returned to Canada from Zurich, Trisha and I were walking across a crosswalk (crossing at corner of 8th Street & 17th Ave. SW Calgary) when a police car, that must have been loitering close to the marked crossing, suddenly turned its siren on (less than a 100 feet before the crosswalk) and with its siren screaming accelerated rapidly across the crossing we were walking on, missing us by about 3 – 5 feet.

Taking the above two instances together with the instances reported in my 2013 Kos article, I thought there was enough evidence to make a strong case re the Guardian's pro-establishment biases – and when one adds in their disgraceful treatment of people like

Assange, etc. and their pro NeoCon biases from a supposedly liberal paper, it all suggests to me that the Guardian is, indeed, too close to the security services for unbiased reporting.

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