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"CLEAR INTENT" IN WESTERN EUROPE

ON a number of occasions over recent months we have referred to the thunderous silence with which the book "*Clear Intent*", by Laurence Fawcett and Barry Greenwood, has apparently been received in all the countries of Western Europe, and we have asked FSR readers in all those countries to let us know of any mention of the book anywhere in any of the media and in any of the languages of the Continent.

We have now heard of two such references, seemingly very brief, in UFO study bulletins in Sweden. (We have received no text.)

We have reported at length on the tremendous success of the massive drive against UFO research or discussion in France, and today, *more than two years after its publication*, we still have no word from anybody regarding any mention whatsoever of "*Clear Intent*" in that country — not even — to our very great astonishment — in our respected contemporary journal *Lumières Dans La Nuit!*

(And here we might mention, in parentheses, that one of our French correspondents reports that not only are there no new books on Ufology in that country, but that it is becoming increasingly difficult even to find any old or second-hand books on the subject there. What is taking place in France is no doubt what we have already seen here in Britain in connection with any books about the nasty doings of the USSR and its agents throughout the world. Anyone familiar with the bookshops of the famous Charing Cross Road in London may have noted the great scarcity of such books there. We understand that the Soviets and their allies have agents going around everywhere and scooping up such "embarrassing" items from the market).

We also understand that there has been no reference yet in Belgium to "*Clear Intent*" though this perhaps should surprise nobody.

Likewise we know of no reference yet anywhere in Spain, either in the

media as a whole, or in the specialized UFO literature.

The sole exception that we are able to report at present is Italy, where, in its July/August 1986 issue (No. 178) the "Fortean" magazine *Il Giornale Dei Misteri* has a three-page report on "Clear Intent", by Pier Luigi Sani. In its headline the article refers to the release of more than 3,000 pages of classified or secret documents under the American Freedom of Information Act, and there is actually an accompanying

photograph of the book "Clear Intent". The same issue also mentions, on its first page, the death of Dr Hynek.

We take this opportunity to ask our European readers once more to be sure to let us have full details of any mention of "Clear Intent" or of the Freedom of Information Act anywhere in the countries of Western Europe. As we reported already, the Japanese got their translation of the book long ago! Clearly what we are observing is a remarkable situation, to use no stronger term.

FOLLOW-UP ON THE BAGSHOT HEATH CLOSE ENCOUNTER: HYPNOSIS SESSION WITH DAVID McMURRAY

Omar Fowler

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In FSR 31/2, Mr Fowler reported on the extraordinary experience of Mr and Mrs David McMurray at Bagshot Heath on the night of Sunday, 15th September 1985, and concluded his article by mentioning that plans were in hand for Mr McMurray to be given hypnotic regression by qualified medical experts should he be willing. It gives us much pleasure to present Mr Fowler's follow-up report on that session of hypnosis herewith. — Editor.

I. Dave McMurray: Hypnosis Session, January 12, 1986

ON Sunday the 12th January, Dave McMurray visited the home of FSR Consultant Dr Leonard Wilder (Stanmore, London), together with Omar and Deana Fowler. The intention was for Dave McMurray to be hypnotised by Leonard Wilder in the presence of Dr Bernard E. Finch, Gordon Creighton and other interested parties, with a view to regressing him to the time of his UFO incident on 15th September 1985.

Initially, Dr Leonard Wilder discussed the event with Mr McMurray, and the hypnotism eventually took place some two hours after introductions had been made. Dr Wilder placed Mr McMurray on a couch in the prone position and the session began:—

Dr Wilder: I want you to relax ... 10, 9, 8, 7 etc ... In a little while I am going to discuss with you your experience with the UFO ... Dave, I want you to go back in time, to the time when you were driving in the car with Sue and your two young children, and start to describe and re-live what happened at the time of your contact with the UFO...

D.M. "It's there"

Dr W. "What's there?"

D.M. "A light"

Dr W. "Talk about it"

D.M. "It's bright, in the road, above the car ... it's gone ... it's there again ... it's flying."

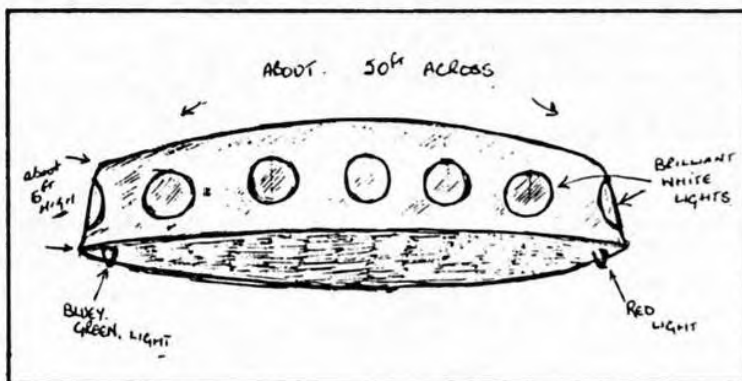


Fig. 1. Mr McMurray's sketch of the craft.

Dr W. "Carry on"

D.M. "... Following ... down the road ... following ... following ..."

Dr W. "What colour?"

D.M. "White light"

Dr W. "Seen anything like it before?"

D.M. "No ... bright .. brilliant"

Dr W. "Any noise?"

D.M. "No ... flying ... still following"

Dr W. "How do you feel?"

D.M. (heavy breathing) ... "Got to get out ... (very heavy breathing) ... out ... walking ... brilliant"

Dr W. "Where is it coming from ... the light?"

D.M. "Windows ... brilliant ... (heavy breathing) ..."
 Dr W. "Is it big?"
 D.M. "Big"
 Dr W. "How big do you think?"
 D.M. "Big ... that big"
 Dr W. "How high up do you think?"
 D.M. "Just above the trees ... *Guardians* ... the *Guardians*"
 Dr W. "Who are the Guardians? How do you know they are the Guardians?"
 D.M. "They *are* the Guardians"
 Dr W. "You know that do you?"
 D.M. "Yes"
 Dr W. "Where are they from?"
 D.M. "Epsilon"
 Dr W. "Epsilon?"
 D.M. "Epsilon ... 44L, 47L ... 44L, 47L ... the Guardians" (heavy breathing)
 Dr W. "Where is Epsilon?"
 D.M. "Away ... far away ... Epsilon ... 44L, 47L"
 Dr W. "Where did you get this information from?"
 D.M. "The Guardians"
 Dr W. "Are they talking to you, or are you getting it through your mind?"
 D.M. "Talking"
 Dr W. "You can hear them?"
 D.M. "Yes"
 Dr W. "What are they saying?"
 D.M. "The Guardians ... Epsilon ... far away ... 44L, 47L"
 Dr W. "Are they friendly?"
 D.M. "Yes"
 Dr W. "Why have they chosen you to communicate with?"
 D.M. "Don't know ... (heavy breathing) ... Guardians ... Epsilon"
 Dr W. "Where is Sue?" (Dave's wife, sitting in car)
 D.M. "Sue, Sue ... Sue ... who ... sitting in the car"
 Dr W. "And you are outside the car?"
 D.M. "Yes"
 Dr W. "Any faces at the window of the craft?"
 D.M. "Too bright, can't see, too bright" (very heavy breathing)
 Dr W. "What is happening now?"
 D.M. "The Guardians, Epsilon, 44L-47L"
 Dr W. "What does 44L-47L mean?"
 D.M. "Don't know, should know, don't know"
 Dr W. "Why should you know?"
 D.M. "Don't know, should know, don't know"
 Dr W. "Are you frightened or not?"
 D.M. "No"
 Dr W. "Do they feel friendly?"
 D.M. "Friendly"
 Dr W. "How are they communicating with you?"
 D.M. "Inside"
 Dr W. "Inside what, inside your mind?"
 D.M. "Voices, yes, Guardians"
 Dr W. "What does Guardians mean?"



Mr. Dave McMurray.

D.M. "*They are the Guardians*"
 Dr W. "Of ...?"
 D.M. "Just the Guardians" (heavy breathing)
 Dr W. "And they come from Epsilon?"
 D.M. "Epsilon 44L-47L"
 Dr W. "Is that a star or a planet, are they giving you the information?"
 D.M. "Guardians, should know, don't know"
 Dr W. "Why do you keep saying you should know?"
 D.M. "Don't know, should know" (heavy breathing)
 Dr W. "Are you able to ask *them* questions through your mind?"
 D.M. "Can't"
 Dr W. "Why not?"
 D.M. "Epsilon 44L-47L ... Epsilon 44L-47L ... the Guardians"
 Dr W. "How many of these craft are there?"
 D.M. "Two ... one ... two" (heavy breathing)
 Dr W. "What is the craft doing?"
 D.M. "It's just there" (heavy breathing)
 Dr W. "You are panting, you seem a little bit distressed Dave, Why?"
 D.M. "The Guardians, I don't understand, 44L-47L"
 Dr W. "Is there anybody else about in the lane, any other cars?"
 D.M. "No"
 Dr W. "Just your car?"
 D.M. "Just my car"



Dr. Leonard Wilder hypnotizing Mr. McMurray.

- Dr W. "Have you switched your engine off or is it still running?"
 D.M. "It's running"
 Dr W. "Why did you leave it running?"
 D.M. "Babies ... Guardians ..." (His children were in car/heater running)
 Dr W. "Describe the craft in as much detail as you can"
 D.M. "Big ... lights ... lights ... brilliant lights"
 Dr W. "What colour did you say?"
 D.M. "Brilliant" (heavy breathing)
 Dr W. "Any heat?"
 D.M. "No"
 Dr W. "Any sound?"
 D.M. "A hum"
 Dr W. "What sort of a hum?"
 D.M. "Just a hum ... 44L-47L ... Epsilon ... don't know, must know ... it's gone ..."
 Dr W. "What's gone Dave?"
 D.M. "The lights gone ..."

II. Comments on the Hypnosis Session

When Dave McMurray was placed under hypnosis we only expected, at the best, confirmation that the incident had actually taken place. Possibly, he might

have remembered a few small details that had forsaken him in his conscious state.

The atmosphere in the room became tense however, as Dave began to recount the incident step by step. He reacted as though he was actually re-living the experience, with signs of obvious stress as the tale unfolded.

The small audience of observers at the session became engrossed, and the tension increased as Dave McMurray revealed that he had in fact been receiving telepathic messages from the "craft" as he stood and watched it. There was a stunned silence in the room when he announced that "they" were "*THE GUARDIANS*" and, as can be seen from transcript of the session, he repeated this over and over again.

III. The "Guardians" contacted Dave again ...

On the evening of Sunday the 26th of January 1986, Dave McMurray and his family were again driving home down Red Road, where the UFO incident had taken place on the evening of 15th September 1985.

Dave had often complained of headaches when they passed that same spot, but on this particular evening the headache became so severe that he had to pull the

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 Primary function Guardians of Planets
 Watching Earth since 12 B.C.:
 Man's development up to early 19th
 Century almost nil:- Key people
 located on Earth early 1900.
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 Recommend that the advancement
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 ASMIZ

The message from "The Guardians".

car over to the side of the road and stop, in order to recover. They then continued their journey home, with Dave still suffering some discomfort.

When they arrived at their home in Farnborough, Dave hastily searched for a piece of paper, sat down and started to write rapidly. "He behaved as though he was in some sort of daze" commented his wife Sue. The message written down by Dave was so strange that it puzzled them both, and they telephoned Omar Fowler who promptly arranged to visit them that same evening.

The message written down by Dave was not in his style of writing nor was it written in his manner of speech. It was as follows:-

EPSOLOM:- Planet location 12th quadrant. Primary function GUARDIANS of Planets. Watching Earth since 12 B.C.:-

Man's development up to early 19th Century almost nil:- Key people located on Earth early 1900; development up to date increasing by 50%:- still have not basic meotcail(?) practice:- Warlike which will not be tolerated:- Still divided on the idea of one supreme ruler:- Will continue to watch and instruct Key people onto the rate of advancement.

Recommend that the advancement be reassessed(?) as to the nature of their planet and that they are allowed to continue at the 50% rate rather than to give them full co-operation. — Asmiz

IV. UFOs ... Can This Be The Answer?

If this message is authentic, then the implications are tremendous. We are faced with the possibility that UFOs have in fact been watching the Earth for several hundred years, and that man's development has been controlled by the information imparted by the UFOs to key selected people on Earth (Einstein etc. ??)

We well know that we are "warlike" and basically not nice to know. That is a good answer to the often asked question "Why don't they come down and talk to us?"

The comment that we are still divided on the idea of "one Supreme Ruler", can easily be interpreted as our failure to recognise that there is only one (we call the power GOD). We have only to reflect on the continuous conflicts raging throughout the world as one religion fights to gain the supremacy of it's own God over another. We have failed to recognise the existence of one Supreme Power, and religions throughout the world fight in one way or another for their own domination.

Our failure on Earth to appreciate the 'rules of the game' has led to what appears a restriction in our rate of progress and knowledge. Who can blame the UFO powers for this, how often has an advancement in science been turned to an advancement in weapons before anything else? ... The answer is in our own hands, but we just cannot appreciate it. — O.F.

NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR

Certainly an impressive and moving experience, as all who were present will testify!

Unquestionably mankind finds itself facing the problem, in this business of the UFOs, of whether we are dealing with certain of those Forces which, according to every religious and philosophical tradition, control us and are in fact probably our owners, and indeed even our creators. Ranged against them there are, according to every one of our religious traditions, certain other Forces which stand in opposition. We all know what these two great Forces are called in our various languages and religions, and one can only say that Mr Fowler's interpretation of the situation cannot be faulted.

The use of the term "Guardians", however, brings to mind something from the very earliest days of the modern UFO Age, and which may hold profound significance. Those who are familiar with the events of 1947 will recall that, on June 21 of that year (three days before Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting of the squadron of nine discs over the Cascade Range), off

Maury Island, lying just a few miles to the north-west from the Cascades, two harbour patrolmen from Tacoma, Harold A. Dahl and Fred L. Crisman, had the eerie experience of finding their boat right underneath a group of five great doughnut-shaped UFOs, at an altitude of only 2,000 ft., one of which was evidently in trouble and was spewing out masses of molten metal that damaged the patrol boat and killed the dog of Harold Dahl's fifteen-year-old son who was aboard the vessel with them.

Immediately after this event, Dahl and Crisman began to suffer all manner of strange and unnerving happenings, some of them ominous and of a "poltergeistic" nature, and all of them decidedly *paranormal*. One of these strange events was the receipt by Dahl of an anonymous letter, containing some extraordinary information. I cannot do better than quote the story textually, as it appeared in Kenneth Arnold's own book, *The Coming of the Saucers*, published by the Amherst Press, Wisconsin, in 1952:-

"Dahl said this anonymous writer told him that the flying discs were actually manned by beings such as we, only less dense, so to speak, than we are. Due to the atomic explosions, the radiation now released in the atmosphere had caused these things to become visible to us on Earth. These flying discs, which were all shapes and sizes, were the vehicles which the gods of this Earth used to protect this Earth from outside dark influences or enemies. Actually flying disks were, and had been for thousands of years, the protectors of life on this Earth. The letter went on further Dahl said, to

say that these beings which manned the flying discs were under a severe attack by other beings who are enemies of the people and the life on this planet.

The impression I got from what he told me about this letter was that the flying discs were supposedly the intelligences called 'gods' by the Indians and by all those who claim to have appealed for help from them and have received it."

We subsequently understood that, to complicate the mystery, Dahl had vanished.

Now it has been our aim in FSR, for many years past, to produce evidence to show that there are indeed "Guardians"; that there are two great factions or forces involved in the so-called 'UFO Phenomenon', and that one of these factions seems to be benevolent to man, and the other one to be deadly hostile to our species and indeed to all life on this planet, as I hope was abundantly demonstrated by many of the instinctive reactions of animals and birds which I listed in my *New Catalogue of 219 Cases of Effects of UFOs on Animals, Birds, and Smaller Creatures*, published in FSR 16/1 to FSR 18/3 inclusive. As I emphasised in that Report, while in some cases creatures displayed absolutely no fear or reaction whatever in the presence of UFOs, in many other cases the reaction was of the most inconceivable fear and panic and even instant death. *From this I deduced that certain of the UFOs might be the vehicles of something deeply inimical to all terrestrial life, and that our animals might know this fact instinctively — G.C.*

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD OF THE MYSTERY "SWIRLED RINGS" IN THE CORN

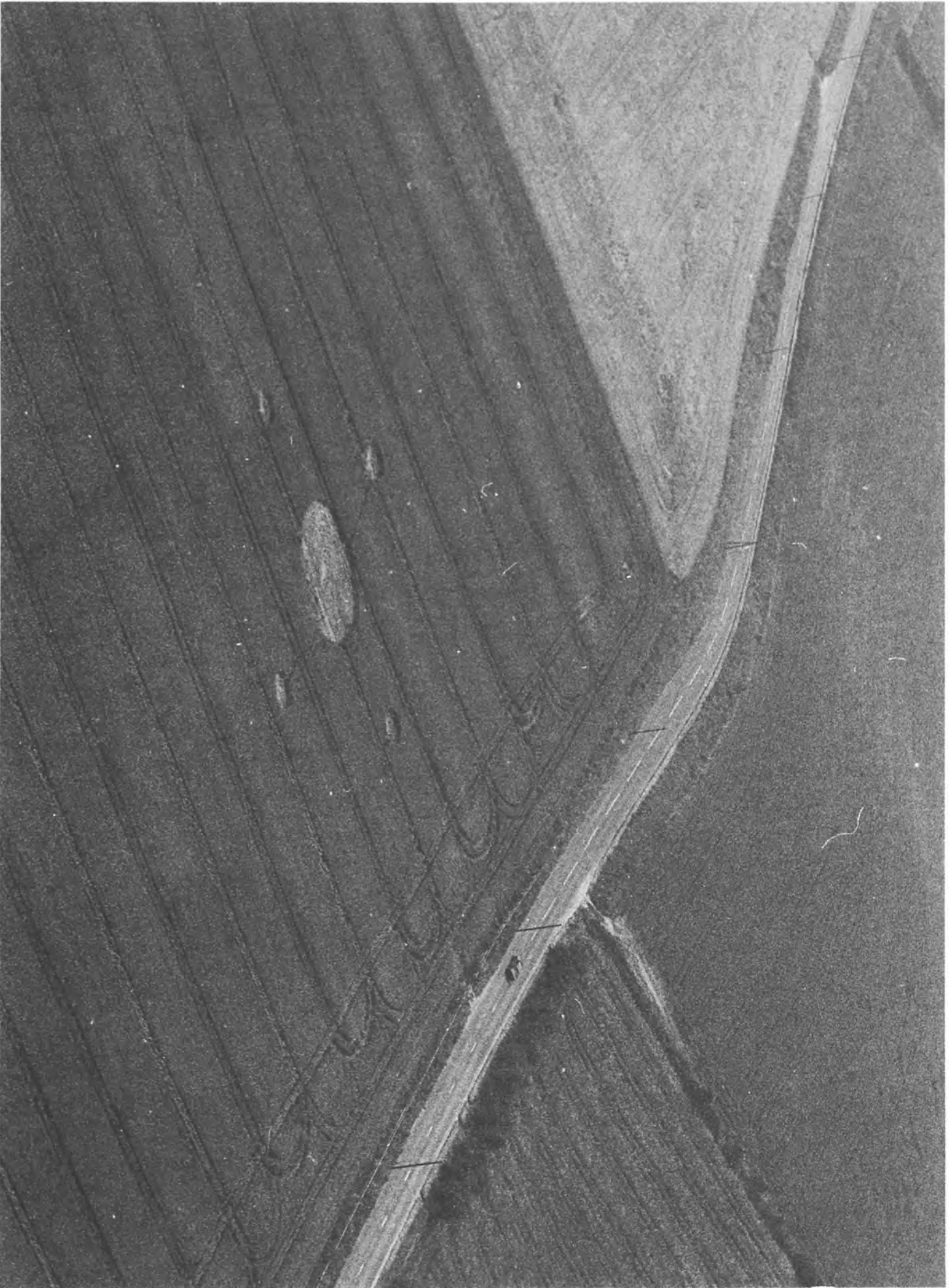
Gordon Creighton

As Mr Pat Delgado reported in his article "*Mystery Swirled Rings In England (1985)*", published in our last issue FSR 31/5, he has learned from rural residents in Hampshire that the rings (called the "Cheriton Rings" locally) have been known to the farmers and their workers, *for the past forty years*, as an almost annual occurrence. (Naturally they have not been too willing to talk much about the matter. Who likes to have his cornfield trampled flat by crowds of curious visitors?)

But "*forty years*" is an interesting phrase to us, *because it takes us neatly straight back to 1946/47 and the start of what has since become known as the "Flying Saucer Phenomenon"*!

And, while we have not yet heard of any witness who claims to have actually *seen* the shapes of any machines or devices hovering low over a cornfield and making these symmetrical marks, we do have a statement from a woman who does not wish to be identified but who says that during the night she once saw five large lights bunched together above a field, the central light being the largest. (It is my understanding that this sight was seen above a field in which the typical "rings" were discovered on the following morning.)

In order to recapitulate for the reader the photographic sequence (only very incomplete) which we have given so far in FSR, it is:-



White Horse, Bratton, near Westbury, Wiltshire (1983)

1. In FSR Vol. 27, No. 5 (March 1982). Pat Delgado's first article, "Cheesefoot Head Mystery Rings", with two photos of the "three-ringer" set found in a field at Cheesefoot Head, due east from Winchester, in August 1981.
2. In FSR Vol. 29, No. 1 (October 1983). Pat Delgado's second article, "Mystery Rings Again At Cheesefoot Head, 1983." This was illustrated by two photographs, showing that this time it was a "five-ringer" set. The larger photo, a magnificent aerial shot (*Daily Express* copyright) was supplied to us by the courtesy of Mr Ted Daley of that newspaper.
3. In FSR Vol. 31, No. 5 (July 1986). Pat Delgado's third article "Mystery Swirled Rings In England (1985)", reported on six sets of "rings" (three in Wiltshire; two in Hampshire; one in Sussex), all found in Britain in 1985. The article was illustrated by more superb *Daily Express* copyright photos, this time taken by another of their ace photographers, Chris Wood. The photos show a "five-ringer" at White Horse, Bratton, near Westbury, Wiltshire, on June 19, 1985; another case at Tolymare Farm, near Findon, Sussex, on June 29, 1985; and a third showed another "five-ringer" at Gander Down Farm, Alresford (a few miles to the south-east of Winchester) during that same summer.

On page 26 of FSR Vol. 31, No. 1 (October 1985) we also gave a photograph of FSR Consultant Dr Bernard Finch, with myself, at the Alresford site in August 1985.

The New 1986 "Crop"

We are now into the summer of 1986, and the "rings" have started up again, and so far we have heard of fourteen new rings at seven sites. *This year, a new factor appears to have been introduced. Whereas, hitherto, it seems that all "rings" were "swirled" solely in a clockwise fashion, we have now started to see belts of standing corn, followed by outer rings of anti-clockwise swirl!*

Obviously it is still too early for us to be able to report on the 1986 "crop", but we shall not fail to do so when all the material for this year is in.

Meanwhile, in order to give our readers the whole of Chris Wood's fine set of pictures, we hark back, with this issue, to the earlier "five-ringer" set at White Horse, Bratton, near Westbury, Wiltshire, in the year 1983. We do not seem to have received any actual details of that particular site in that particular year, but Mr Chris Wood's carefully documented and labelled large envelopes show that the year was indeed 1983, and we are reproducing in this issue four of these 1983 Westbury photos taken by him. (*We emphasise: please note that these are not repetitions of those, also at Westbury, but in 1985, which we have just given in FSR 31/5!*)

Apart from the year and the name Westbury, marked on the back of each picture by Mr Wood, I think that, at present, we do not have the precise date when the Westbury set was found in 1983, nor do we know the date on which Mr Wood took the photos of them.

We are consequently giving them now, "just for the record", in order to keep our documentation as complete and as sequential as possible. And we have several more of Chris Wood's excellent pictures, which we shall use in forthcoming issues.

"Hoaxes"

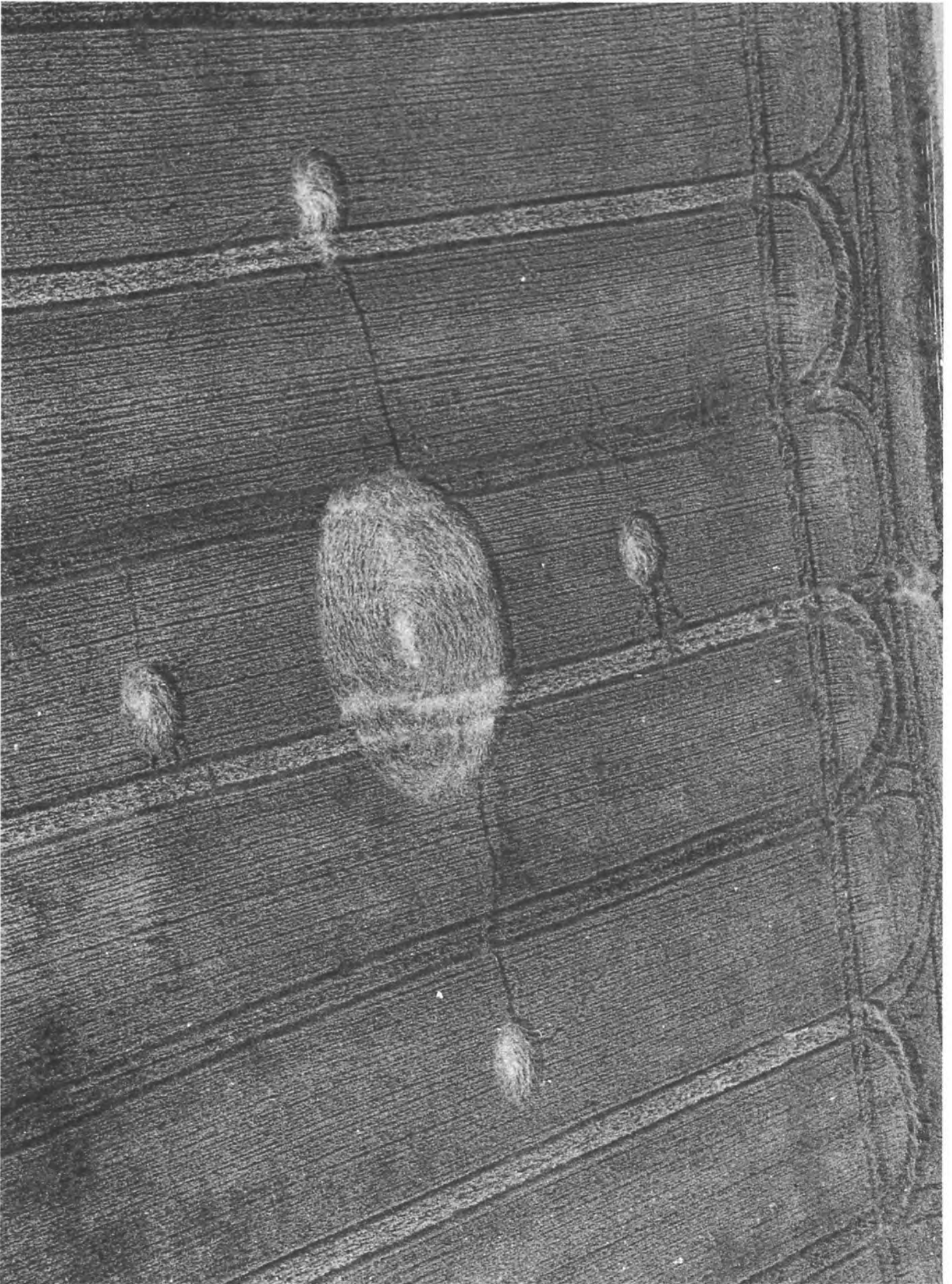
(Several of Mr Wood's photos show linking tracks running through the corn from one "ring" to another, or "blurred", distorted effects on some of the smaller "rings". Is there any need for us to make it clear to readers that these are disfigurements which have been perpetrated by human visitors to the spot, after the discovery of the sets of "rings", AND WERE NOT THERE WHEN THE "RINGS" WERE FIRST DISCOVERED?)

It will consequently be a complete waste of time and postage-money to write in and tell us that these tracks and disfigurements were the work of the hoaxers who made the "rings".)

Among the more popular "candidates" mooted as responsible for these steady hoaxes over a period of *no less than forty years* we find, mentioned most frequently, "rutting deer"; "rutting hedgehogs"; "rutting Hampshire and Wiltshire rustics"; and — last but not least — "the students from the Art School at — was it maybe *Swanage*, in Dorset, or was it *Wantage* (in Berkshire)?" Anyway, we hail their tenacity! (Unusual in folk with the "artistic temperament", so we are told.)

In the meantime, of course, Britain's top-expert on UFOs and Ufology has already settled the matter, ruling firmly that the cornfield "rings" are all due to a simple, natural force — *the wind* — which, it seems, is not averse to whizzing around clockwise in an inner ring while doing precisely the opposite — i.e. going *anti-clockwise* — in another, outer ring beyond, with a neat, symmetrical, and fairly wide, ring of standing corn in between!

This theory about the "wind" was clearly felt at first to be a winner. (*Or could it be that somebody was scraping the bottom of the barrel and getting desperate for good explanations?*) For it seems that a British expert in Geology (*what the hell has Geology got to do with the matter?*) this year leapt into the arena and also pontificated that it was "*the wind*." FSR Consultant Dr Bernard Finch thereupon telephoned to the Geological Institute in Kensington, London, and asked to be permitted to speak to one of their experts on the subject of geological whirlwinds. A lady geologist promptly came on the line and, when he asked her what precisely *her* scientific qualifications were for



White Horse, Bratton, near Westbury, Wiltshire (1983)

pontificating about the "rings" in the cornfields, she said she had a University degree in Geology and turned quite nasty, and was plainly very glad to terminate the telephone conversation.

However, the triumph of the geologists does not appear to have lasted long. They had their little day, and then faded out, like the hedgehogs.

For, on July 16, 1986, an authoritative London newspaper, *The Daily Telegraph*, carried the following equally authoritative communication from a lady who is clearly "in the know":-

QUIRKS OF NATURE?

SIR — THOSE OF US WHO LIVE ON THE SALISBURY PLAIN ARE QUITE FAMILIAR WITH THE FLATTENED CIRCLES OF GRASS LATELY SEEN IN HAMPSHIRE.

THEY ARE CAUSED BY MILITARY HELICOPTERS ON THEIR PRACTICE "HOVERS", MAINLY AT NIGHT.

THE SIZE AND SHAPE OF THE CIRCLES (CAUSED BY THE DOWN-DRAUGHT FROM THEIR ROTORS), IS DICTATED BY THE TYPE AND SIZE OF HELICOPTER.

— GILLIAN N. DRAYCOTT
(MRS)
EVERLEIGH, WILTS

The Reports on Samples of Soil and "Fluorescent Jelly"

Finally, in our attempt to clear up various outstanding points, we would refer again to our last issue, FSR 31/5, on page four of which we mentioned certain laboratory tests that had been run on samples of soil and of a mysterious fluorescent jelly-like substance found on the central "ring" at Westover Farm, Goodworth Clatford, Hampshire, early in August 1985 by FSR Consultant Omar Fowler, President of SIGAP, (Surrey UFO Investigation Group). We found that we were unable to include the two resultant laboratory reports in our last issue, as we had mislaid them. Mr Fowler has furnished duplicate copies of the two reports, which we now reproduce below:—

Laboratory Report No. 1, By G.S. Delderfield,
Dept. of Chemistry, Surrey University, Guildford

Report on Sample 'Sigap 11/8/85'

Mr O.F. Fowler,
Chairman,
Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena.
GUILDFORD

The sample collected from the above address at approx. 8.30 p.m. on 12/8/85 was a yellow-coloured inhomogenous paste, showing light-coloured areas on freshly broken surfaces. Photographs obtained by Mr Fowler show that this paste was originally a much lighter colour when it was found the previous day attached to the stems of a cereal crop.

Initial examination by optical microscopy was undertaken by Dr Moss. He did not find any evidence to indicate that it was a slime mould (*Myxomycetes*) as had been suspected. He noted the following:—

1. A large number of starch grains, which were identified by their reaction with iodine solution.
2. Crystals which effervesced with dilute acid, thought to be calcium carbonate.
3. The absence of slow-dissolving crystals such as sugar.
4. A small number of cell structures which were thought to be of plant origin.
5. A large number of bacteria were present.

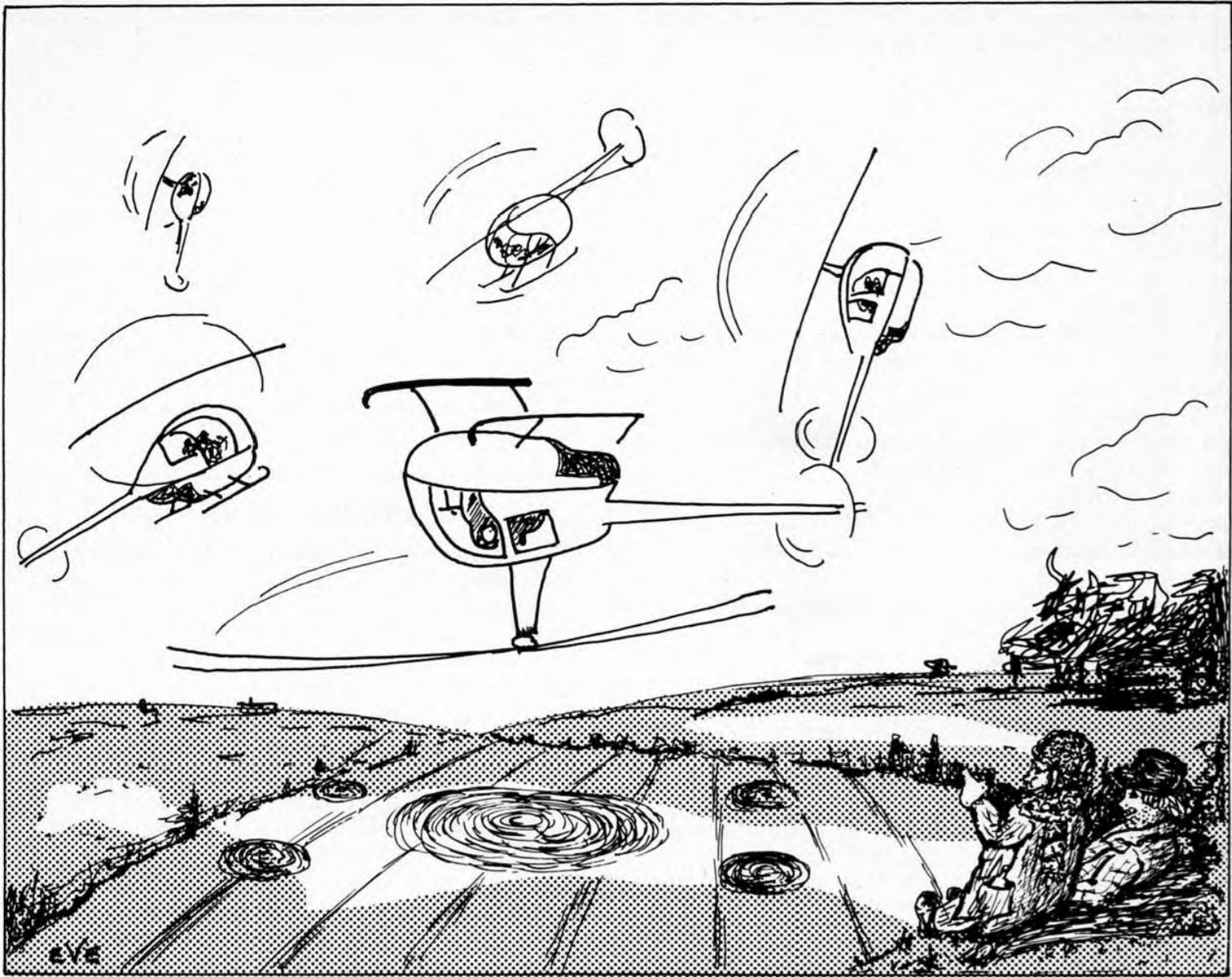
The conclusion he reached was that the sample was *some kind of confectionery* which had "gone off"*. He also noted a slight smell of honey.

The sample was further examined as follows:—

1. The sample was shaken with water. It was incompletely soluble, and showed some frothing.
2. A test for reducing sugars was made with Fehling's solution. This was negative. Glucose syrup used in most commercial sweets and honey give a positive reaction with this test.
3. A small amount was heated in a test tube; it charred and gave off water and an alkaline gas, identified as ammonia with traces of other amines.
4. A sample was heated to red heat, ashed and found to contain about 1% solids. Most of this ash was soluble in dilute nitric acid with effervescence. The residue was thought to be silica. The solution was shown to contain sodium by a flame test, and has been kept for further analysis if required.
5. The volatiles were examined by mass spectrometry and found to be water, ammonia, carbon dioxide, ethyl alcohol, methane, acetone, traces of amines, and maybe a trace of nitrogen dioxide. This has not been confirmed.
6. The sample was vacuum dried over-night, and an infra-red spectrum was taken which showed a reasonable match with one of self-raising flour.

Conclusions

It is very difficult to fully identify an inhomogenous organic sample such as this one, especially when it is in an active state of decay. But the indications are that it is a paste of flour and water with an inorganic additive, possibly an ammonium salt and calcium carbonate (chalk). The ash content of 1% for the wet sample shows that it is not just flour and water, as dry flour



1st Ronnie: "Cor, wot moight them be over there?"
 2nd Ronnie: "Oi reckon they be the Orstrailian Red Devils".

has been checked and found to have an ash content of 0.7%. There is probably some additional protein material such as egg white present.

Further Work

The most informative would be analysis of the inorganic ash residue for a wide range of elements by Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry. Any further analysis of the organic compounds would involve a complex separation procedure and would not be very informative in view of the decomposition which has taken place.

It might be possible to identify the plant cells seen by Dr Moss. This could identify the type of flour. But I feel that this line would be rather a long shot. The bacteria could also be identified but could have been introduced at any point after sampling.

(Signed): G.S. DELDERFIELD
 August 16, 1985.

Laboratory Report No. 2,
 from Albury Laboratories Ltd.,
 The Old Mill, Albury, Guildford, Surrey GU5 9AZ

PEDB/RAA/AL

Mr O. Fowler,
 Guildford,
 9th October, 1985

Dear Mr Fowler,

Received from yourself three samples for examination:

1. Soil in "ring"
2. Soil Control sample
3. Jelly-like material from "ring" centre.

These were subjected initially to a scan for radiation and no X or Gamma radiation was emitted from any of the samples.

The two soils were compared for pH and nitrate and the values obtained are given below:

	<u>Sample 1</u>	<u>Sample 2</u>
pH	6.7	6.8
% nitrogen	0.40	0.35

All samples were viewed in normal and ultraviolet light and no differences were observed.

Sample 3, the jelly, was examined bacteriologically and found to contain normal soil flora e.g. *Bacillus* s.p. and coliform organisms. No distinctive or unusual features were observed.

Comments: In the test applied the samples gave no indication of any abnormal or distinctive properties and the testing was terminated at this point.

Thank you for your recent invitation to the meeting on 13th October. I regret, however, that I will be away on that day and unable to attend.

Yours sincerely,

pp. (Signed): P.E.D. BOWEN

Technical Manager

* Here, I venture to suggest, we have incontrovertible proof of genius at work. For Britain's top expert in UFOs and Ufology had already been widely reported in the press to have ruled that the mystery substance was nothing more than a decaying *Mars Bar* (a somewhat revolting and decidedly fattening chocolate confection much in favour with British teenagers and schoolchildren).

And, indeed, I believe the lady — or the gentleman? — was absolutely right.

But of course the presence of an old *Mars Bar*, thrown down on one of the "ring" sites by some all-too-human gawper, in no way proves that the UFO's crew hailed from Wigan. Older readers of FSR will, for example, well recall

the case of the American farmer Joe Simonton who saw two or three three-and-a-half footers land in broad daylight in their craft just outside his farmhouse door at Eagle River. They asked Joe for a jug of water and, in return, kindly gave him a few little cakes or buns which they seemed to be cooking on a sort of microwave oven. These were secured in due course by the C.I.A., and N.I.C.A.P., and Dr Hynek, and various other people. We were all told that analysis of the product proved that they were precisely what they looked to be — plain old-fashioned *buckwheat-cakes*, and, as anybody who has ever been on an American farm knows, or ought to know, there's nothing in this world that tastes better, or is "more American", than *buckwheat-cakes*.

A lot of folk were of course only too delighted to accept the thesis that, if the little buckwheat-cakes were "All-American", then naturally those who were eating them had got to be 100% American too. Though here and there a few who weren't too "thick" did continue to wonder... — EDITOR.

STOP PRESS!

AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT BRITISH PHYSICIST AND ASTRONOMER HAS NOW CONTACTED US, AND STATES THAT HE PLANS TO SEE THAT HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE PRESTIGIOUS ROYAL SOCIETY ARE MADE FULLY AWARE OF OUR "SWIRLED RINGS IN THE CORN", AND THAT WE SHALL BE "BACKED WITH WHATEVER SCIENTIFIC COVERAGE IS REQUIRED".

— THE ROYAL SOCIETY!

YOU CAN'T GET MUCH HIGHER THAN THAT IN BRITISH SCIENCE!

EDITOR

"EVER-DECREASING CIRCLES" ... by "EVE"

"Eve", whose cartoons have been seen on a number of occasions in our journal, is a talented artist and writer, who holds two University degrees in the History of Art and who in recent years has been in charge of the Art Department, and teaching History of Art and English, in a large college in Hertfordshire. She is also a humorous writer, and her work has appeared many times in "Punch". — Editor

IT has been decreed that the oral part of an English IO-level examination shall take the form of a discussion following the presentation of 'stimulus material' — which can be a video, a tape-recording, or whatever the ingenuity of the organisers can provide.

Lessons preparing for this examination unit quite inevitably result in exchanges of the latest media clichés between the teenagers who are being prepared for life in the eighties by having their noses rubbed in such life-enhancing topics as happen to be in fashion, currently apartheid, lesbianism and drugs.

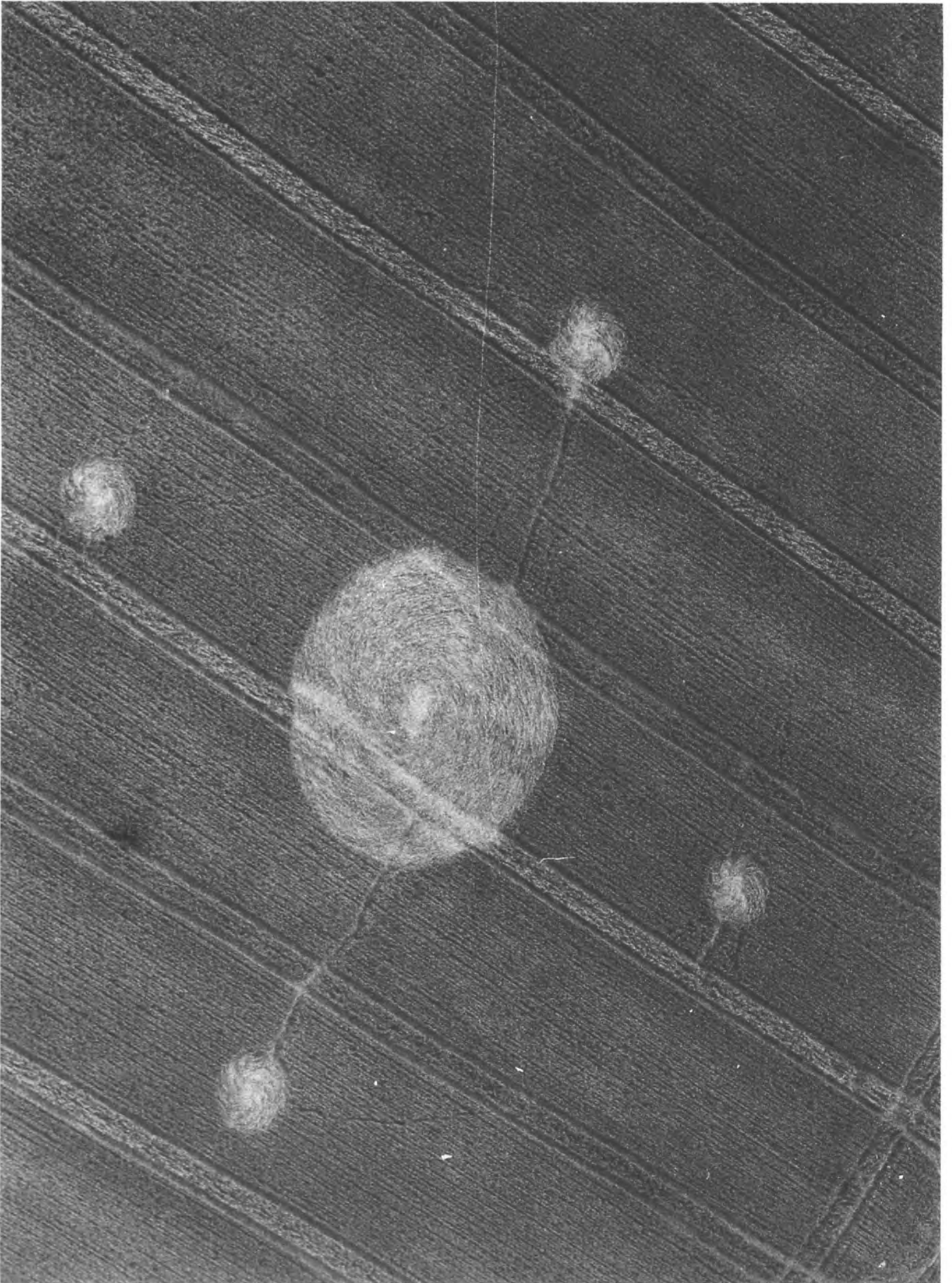
The beleaguered teacher looks with some desperation for fresh subjects, and when a large number of marvellously clear photographs (taken by an expert *Daily Express* cameraman) of flattened circles in growing corn at Westover Farm and other places, together

with an objective report from Lt Col G.J.B. Edgecome of 802 Avn Stds HQ DAAC*, fell into my hands, I decided to have some fun.

There were eight students in the group, and I distributed the photographs, together with copies of the report, without comment, except for saying that this was the subject for discussion, and that I would have nothing to say about it myself. Readers of FSR can check for themselves that there is no encouragement by me to speculate about 'flying saucers' in what follows, and I can assure them that the class had no inkling that I might in any way have been connected with the subject.

Reaction was swift and definite, and most illuminating.

"You don't believe this stuff do you?"



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"What stuff do you mean?"

"This stuff about flying saucers."

"Who said anything about flying saucers? There's nothing there about flying saucers. Anyway you are not supposed to be talking to me, you are supposed to be discussing it amongst yourselves."

Then, from another quarter: "I don't believe it."

"What don't you believe? I haven't asked you to believe anything, only to discuss the photographs and the report."

"They must be fakes."

"What — all those photographs — from five different sites! So what are they supposed to be faking?"

"Flying saucers."

"But they are not flying saucers, they are circles in flattened corn."

"They want you to think they are saucers."

When one of the students suggested that the incidents were hoaxes, I invited them to consider how

such hoaxes could be perpetrated. At all times I refused to answer questions about my beliefs or opinions. Several of the class were clearly annoyed, and one suggested that I was trying to convert them to a belief in flying saucers, and became quite angry when I pointed out that I had never mentioned such a subject — *they* had.

Finally, a girl who had said nothing hitherto delivered what she thought to be the *coup de grâce* — she didn't see what all this could possibly have to do with O-level English, and she thought we ought to be talking about something which might come up in the exam.

I concurred. After all, if students actually began to think for themselves, it might become very dangerous. I promised them that next week we would discuss something more relevant — possibly rape.

* See FSR 31/5.

OTHER WORLDS — FACT, FICTION, OR BEYOND HUMAN COMPREHENSION?

Paul Whitehead, FSR Consultant

A review of the book "*OTHER WORLDS*", by Dr Paul Davies (Dent, London, 1980).

At a recent meeting of physicists in Oxford, discussion came round to the "many worlds" theory of the universe we know, and possibly the universes we don't know. Surprisingly, perhaps, in view of the cautious approach that many scientists take to the subject, half of those present thought it reasonable to suppose that our own universe may be overlaid by other universes.

To the layman looking in, and indeed to many academics, the vote would have looked startling. Yet the physicists who voted "yes" were only agreeing with what a growing body of quantum physicists have been arguing for some years.

It is not only quantum physicists (those who study the world of atomic and subatomic particles) who are arguing the case. Mathematicians, whose calculations apparently show that a multiple-universe scenario is not a contradiction in terms, have added their voice to the chorus.

One such mathematician is Dr Paul Davies, Professor of Theoretical Physics at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, and a well-known figure in the "new physics" mould, whose appearances on television and thoughts on paper* have stimulated part of the British public to broaden its thinking and adopt a more open-minded approach to such matters as religion and science, and the "parallel universe" theory.

(Indeed Dr Davies used sometimes to "sit in on" —

and take an active part in — certain very private small discussions held in London by the Editor and Directors of *Flying Saucer Review* — particularly when Dr Hynek was here on one of his periodic visits, when he greatly enjoyed "getting together with 'The Gang'", as he called them. But more about this, perhaps, on some other occasion.)

It may seem odd to some readers to start a series of reviews with a book that is now six years old. After all, I have a number of 1985/6 books sitting on my bookshelves, dealing in the same subject matter and awaiting review. However, this book is a classic.

What is Reality?

In the introduction, Dr Davies states:— "With the advent of quantum theory, that reality (of an objective world "out there") seems to have crumbled, to be replaced by something so bizarre that its consequences have not yet been properly faced."

He adds: "One can either accept the multiple reality of the parallel worlds, or deny that a real world exists at all, independently of our perception of it."

Atoms and subatomic particles, he argues, are not really "things" at all. "Yet we are all made of atoms; the world about us seems to be directed inevitably to an identity crisis."

Readers of FSR should by now be familiar with the



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parallel universes theory. For those who are not, let me state it briefly. It is quite possible, some physicists say, for an infinite number of universes to exist in the same "place and time" as our own universe. Others state that just one other universe may exist; we cannot see its stars and planets, even though some may be very close to us, but we may be able to detect them via gravitational waves.

To complicate matters, another plausible theory is emerging, and one which also makes allowances for parallel worlds. This states that all the universes are really just one, and that universe is like a hologram — we only perceive it in one way out of very many, and what we see is the universe we know.

This new theory is not inconsistent with some of Dr Davies' proposals. He adds: "The most profound puzzle of all is the fact that, whatever we may experience mentally, time does not pass, nor does there exist a past, present or future."

In its place is an existence of many universes, overlapping at their "edges", where "time" as we understand it is an irrelevance. The universes are capable of interaction both where they overlap and where "wormholes" pass through them and connect them.

These other universes "can actually make their presence felt in the concrete world of our experience". Surprising though this concept is to the layman, some physicists believe it to be so. If it turns out to be true, it opens up some fascinating explanations for a number of phenomena — or rather for why we experience unusual phenomena as we do.

The world as we know it is Spacetime, according to Dr Davies, "with all events, for all times, included". Of our perception of time flowing like a river, he comments: "Possibly an extraterrestrial intelligence would be utterly unable to comprehend the whole idea."

Cosmic Interaction

In the chapter "Subatomic Chaos", the interesting notion of matter/energy being able to interact over vast distances (i.e., many light years, galaxy to galaxy even) is given a fresh airing. Consider the following:

"When we see Jupiter, photons of sunlight reflected from the atoms in the Jovian atmosphere traverse the several hundred million miles of intervening space, penetrate the earth's atmosphere and impinge on cells in the retina, where they dislodge electrons from the atoms therein. The merest brush of a disturbance sets up a tiny electric signal which, when amplified and propagated to the brain, delivers the sensation 'Jupiter'.

"It follows that, through this chain, *our brain cells are linked by electromagnetic forces to the atmosphere of Jupiter. If the chain of interaction is extended by incorporating telescopes, our brains can couple to the surfaces of stars billions of light-years away.*"

At the subatomic level, where these weak interactions operate, some odd things can happen; "material particles can lose their identities and even dis-

appear altogether". (And, as physicists point out, matter can also magically appear as if from nowhere — or somewhere else!)

"Worm-holes?"

The chapter "Superspace" discusses the possible shape, or topology, of our universe, which may be riddled with holes, making it a difficult "thing" to comprehend. To complicate matters, the universe is in a state of expansion, where space and time may connect "in a bewildering way".

The holes may provide bridges, giving easy access to distant parts of the universe. "The possibility of avoiding the long route through intergalactic space would be most appealing if giant worm-holes really do thread the universe," Dr Davies states.

In time, given the correct observations with the correct equipment, it should be possible to ascertain if the universe is riddled with holes — and even what "shape" it is. There could even be holes in time, allowing time to join up with itself, to connect past with the future, and present space travellers with some unusual though useful ways of getting from A to B.

"Although edges and holes in space and time might seem like a mad mathematician's nightmare, they are taken very seriously by physicists, *who consider that such structures may very well exist.*"

Davies returns again to the behaviour of subatomic particles, and their motion. They don't simply move in a straight line; instead their motion is controlled by a wave, which can spread out, occasionally washing through regions which are quite remote from the straight path.

The wave is not a substance, "but a wave of probability" — a notion that is bound up with the many universes theory on which Davies then focuses his attention.

"The wave describes not one world but an infinity of worlds, each containing a different path. These worlds are not all independent — the interference phenomenon shows that they overlap each other and get in each other's way," Davies argues.

A Holographic Universe?

At this point, the theory becomes identical with the "hologram universe theory" propounded in FSR 31/4. All the possible worlds form a "gigantic, multi-dimensional superworld, in which all the alternatives are placed in parallel on an equal footing".

The world we consider to be the "real" one would be a three-dimensional projection from, or section through, this superworld. If the superworld exists it is extremely large with "infinite dimensions of infinity".

Not all the universes within the whole would be like ours. Some would be very different, where life could not exist. Others might be "ghost worlds". Some might be peopled by advanced civilisations, others by people almost identical to, but never exactly the same as, ourselves. There might be another *me*, or several

versions of *me*, all slightly different from *me*. And so on, ad infinitum.

This whole concept is hard to grasp for those with a fixed, conventional view of the universe, where the universe we know is the only one that exists, where everything has a beginning, middle and end, where everything, humans included, follows paths which are pre-determined by the laws of nature.

Davies makes it even more difficult to comprehend, for he proposes that space as well as matter might comprise an endless stream of worlds for each "shape of space". These occupy the same space as the superworld, and he calls this space "superspace".

Contained within it are all the possible space shapes, including wormholes, doughnut-shaped universes, spheres, etc. Even more confusing, "Each space of superspace will contain its own superworld of all possible particle arrangements". But take comfort, we are not confused, thanks to our necessarily simplistic perception of this superworld/superspace universe.

"The world of our senses is apparently a single, three-dimensional element projected out of this stupendously infinite superspace."

However, the world we see isn't just a random selection from superspace. It depends in a crucial way "on all the other worlds we don't see", which exert their subtle influence on it.

Mind the Creator?

The Princeton University physicist John Wheeler even proposes that the observer "literally creates the universe by his observations", says Davies. Wheeler proposes that the universe we know is meaningless or unworkable unless it can produce life, consciousness and observership somewhere in it.

Another interesting chapter in the book is that headed "Mind, Matter and Multiple Worlds". It follows on from Wheeler's proposition above, but explains that few physicists are willing to accept that consciousness creates the world (or conjures up a more concrete world from one of the ghost worlds existing in superspace).

However, Davies apparently believes that it is the logical conclusion of some theories and mathematical calculations. The physicist Hugh Everett even proposes that the "ghost worlds" are actually real, concrete worlds like our own.

Indeed, the Everett theory is sometimes called the "many universes interpretation of quantum theory". It has some profound implications.

Universe Constantly Splitting

For example, it states that the world we know is constantly splitting into countless near-copies of itself. The physicist Bryce Dewitt says: "Our universe must be viewed as constantly splitting into a stupendous number of branches."

Our own bodies are also split time and time again. Our brains and consciousness, too, each copy becom-

ing a thinking, feeling, human being inhabiting another universe much like the one we see around us.

The act of splitting is not observable by consciousness, and it is not possible for an individual to leave one world and visit his copy in another. (But is this so? Davies concedes that attempts are made to explain ghosts as images from other worlds. And would not wormholes, strange twists in time or bending space make it possible for an extremely advanced species to have access to another universe, given the technology to achieve it?)

Possible Life-forms

Davies adds that in some worlds, "the whole Milky Way will be colonized by aliens", Earth included. There will be different life forms, and societies may have developed into advanced Utopias.

He ponders the question of whether life could exist in one of the universes where temperatures are much higher than the average found in our own. The answer, if considering life as we know it, is probably "no".

"On the other hand, there may be forms of life quite unlike terrestrial bioforms, perhaps based on entirely different processes, which could survive and even flourish under widely different conditions from those on earth."

Life as we know it is carbon-based. Both silicon and tin are occasionally proposed as the base for other life forms. Yet, what is life? According to Davies, there is no real definition for it, and the boundary between life as we understand it and non-life simply doesn't exist. There may be complex systems elsewhere in the universe which bear no resemblance whatsoever to living organisms on earth, but are "every bit as living as we are".

As the author says, we may be too narrow-minded in our vision of life.

Consciousness the Key

Davies ends his book with a chapter on Supertime, and speculations on the nature of consciousness and our perception of time. Again, he drives us to question fundamentals: for example, no-one has succeeded in registering the existence of consciousness in experiments, he writes. Does mind exist apart from the physical brain processes?

Certainly, there are mysteries about the "very nature of our perceptions". We are led on to the question of whether our minds can affect our physical brain and other matter (i.e., is there such a thing as mind over matter?).

There is no evidence that this is so, he states, "apart from the ESP (*Extra Sensory Perception*) experiments". Somehow, we might be able to affect the course of the world (the future) through mental means, via an element of chance and an element of choice.

In spite of this conclusion, "there is no reason to suppose that the future does not already exist — even

though it is not yet determined, and even though the individual will have a hand in structuring it". Davies invokes Einstein's Theory of Relativity to support his theory that in some way the future already exists.

He continues: "It is conceivable that advanced communities elsewhere in the universe have long since abandoned the notions that time passes or that things change ... It is probable that if we encountered such beings we would be unable to communicate much of common understanding."

The book ends on a high note. If time really does have the richer structure that some scientists and others perceive, "the nature of reality, of time, space, mind and matter, will suffer a revolution of unprecedented profundity".

Dr Davies' book is recommended for anybody interested in the cosmos, whether from a philosophical, astronomical or scientific viewpoint, or the stand-

point of "Are we alone? Is there anybody out there?" It is refreshing to read a work such as this in a world that is still dogged by orthodox thinking.

* Dr Paul Davies' other books include the following:-
The Physics of Time Asymmetry
Space and Time in the Modern Universe
The Runaway Universe. (Titled also *Stardom* on paperback edition.)

The Forces of Nature

The Search for Gravity Waves

God and the New Physics (Penguin paperback, 1983).

Incidentally, I can confirm that Dr Paul Davies has "sat in with us" (and on several occasions) when a small group of "Mafiosi" have met together in London, in the apartment of an FSR Consultant, to spend an evening with Dr Allen Hynek during his many visits here. — Editor

PRESUMED PHYSICAL MEDIUMSHIP AND UFOs

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CONTRARY to some popular accounts, the early serious UFO literature paid little heed to possible paranormal aspects of close encounters. Despite the plethora of subjective data, the paucity of solid objective data was and is notable. However, the journals and file cabinets soon became replete with detailed and sometimes fanciful subjective accounts of UFO experiences. Still the mystery of the origin, purpose, and *modus operandi* of UFOs was as obscure as ever. In many ways, the same can be said for psi.

Careful study of contactees reveals that many had claimed high-quality psi *after* their UFO experiences.¹ However, deeper scrutiny also yields evidence for many psi experiences *before* their alleged UFO contacts. The common contactee attributes for dissociation, capability for entering a deep hypnotic trance, hypersuggestibility, *etc.* are also found in many high quality sensitives. The overlap between various psychic phenomena such as telepathy, precognition, telekinesis, materialization, dematerialization, teleportation, *etc.* have their analogies in many UFO experiences. Despite the appealing practical and theoretical relationships between psi and close UFO encounters, little has been written about the UFO experiences of *documented* gifted sensitives. Although known almost exclusively for their UFO-related experiences, there is a wealth of anamnestic psychic information for Stella Lansing, Betty Hill and Dr. Herbert Hopkins.¹

One spectacular psi case that I studied involved alleged materialization, dematerialization, cloning, bending a key and coin "melting", writing on a picture window, and paranormal audiotape effects pertaining to UFOs and the experiencers. In this example, the torrent of events was precipitated by the suicide of a young man who had betrayed his two paramours ... each of whom did not know how, at the time, they were being used.

The second precipitating factor was the death of the principal young woman's father who, on his death bed, had importuned his daughter to learn all she could about life-after-death experiences. She sought help from the American Society for Psychical Research, read Jane Roberts' *Seth* books and finally, with her friend, resorted to the ouija board. Per instructions received from the board, an array of psychical events, including several alleged paranormal tapes, ensued. In a few cases, the psychodynamic and psychic factors were that apparent and, in some instances, very tragic.

Despite the multiplicity of alleged genuine psi, there was little that was directly observed by the researcher: i.e. numerous instances when an office telephone rang even when the cut-off switch was open and it should have been electrically impossible; and some experiments¹ involving one of the protagonists to these events and UFO abductees Betty Hill and Marianne Casio.

In a brilliant study, Jules Eisenbud has expatiated on the significance of presumed psychic filmic effects produced by Casio and other alleged UFO experimenters.² Puharich³ has detailed many fascinating UFO aspects in his study of Uri Geller. In 1973, Gordon Creighton⁴ wrote an article for *F.S.R.* on Uri Geller and his remarkable abilities. In a later study, Creighton's son Philip⁵ speculated on the significance of "paranormal metal bending" and ideas of "parallel worlds". In his own book, Geller⁶ said surprisingly little about his UFO experiences. Those who are interested in the interface between UFO experiences and gifted sensitives might consult Woodrew's⁷ account and some spectacular field trip observations by Lee Pulos.⁸ Also, Nandor Fodor,⁹ the highly creative psychoanalyst and psychic researcher, has detailed various UFO relevant aspects of physical mediumship in his classic compilation written long before the terms 'flying saucer' and 'UFO' were invented.

I. SORRAT (Society for Research on Rapport and Telekinesis)

One of the best documented, long-term studies of spectacular physical psi concerns the SORRAT group based at Skyrim Farm, near Columbia, Missouri.¹⁰ The leading protagonists are Dr. and Mrs. John Thomas Richards, Mrs. Alice Thompson, daughter of the late eminent Dr. John Neihardt,¹¹ founder of SORRAT, and Joseph Mangini. They have been in the centre of a whirlpool of high-grade psi. The veteran parapsychologist and world-renowned expert on telekinesis, engineer, magician and associate of J. B. Rhine, William Edward Cox,¹² has studied SORRAT for years and has, with capable assistance, built various devices so that he could obtain hard evidence on motion picture film of materialization, dematerialization, teleportation, levitation, direct writing, blowing up and knotting of balloons, linkage of unsealed rings, spontaneous combustion, reversal of clock hands, etc. Recently James McClenon, who spent considerable time in Missouri studying SORRAT, completed his analysis of the fascinating alleged direct writing of the entities, usually in response to various typed or written questions.¹³

Dr. Richards and I corresponded for six years until we briefly met in Madison, Wisconsin, in 1983. Finally, I went to Rolla and to Skyrim Farm from December 15-18, 1985. While there, it was possible to meet the above-mentioned SORRAT protagonists, scrutinize the locations, and instrumentation, and to observe various examples of alleged psi, including the linkage of painted metallic rings prepared by a leading metallurgist. This event is described elsewhere.¹⁴

With these factors in mind, it seemed to be of more than passing interest to ufologists to prepare a brief account of the UFO experiences of this group which has been so intensively and extensively studied.

1. Mrs. Alice Thompson. As reported in the *Columbia Tribune* of August 18, 1970, at 10.00 p.m. on August 17, 1970, Mrs. Thompson suddenly heard her colt, which is kept outside with a mare, running and acting excited. She got up to take a look and then heard a strange noise like a "pop" which reminded her of a cork coming out of a bottle. She said it was a hollow sound and sounded like it could have been some distance away. She rushed to look out the back door of the trailer, which faced east. Just as she opened the door, she saw an intense light, shining through a nearby tree, which illuminated the inside of her trailer. She also saw something behind the tree. The object moved from behind the tree. It was large and completely round, she said, and either looked like a ball of fire or an intensely illuminated object some ten to twenty times as bright as the moon. She also saw something, which looked like a long piece of rope, possibly with another small object at the end, hanging from the object in the sky. The object was low in the sky, at perhaps the altitude of a small plane, but made no noise. It seemed to be less than an eighth of a mile away and she added, "I'm accustomed to planes because I was a LINK training instructor in the WAVES". At this point, Mrs. Thompson said she called Mr. W. B. Cook, who was sitting in the living room, and he, too, saw the object. As they watched the object, it moved north across the sky at a moderate rate of speed and then suddenly disappeared, according to Mrs. Thompson's account. She had seen it for about a minute.

On December 15, 1985, Mrs. Thompson, in response to my (BES) questions, described her experience as reported above and, in a letter written February 17, 1986, she enclosed copies of the newspaper articles, and wrote that the "object moved into the clear space between two hickory trees. The round space between the trees was about twelve to fifteen feet in diameter and was filled by the round, glowing globe. However, this round glowing object was some distance up, of course. The 'rope' hung down in a triangle effect; at the end was something which reminded me of a basket. I can still 'see' the object clearly in my mind. It was bright, glowing orange-red, with dark spots all over it. Remember — I was very close. The light was blinding (yet I saw clearly). Then it moved north across the front of my trailer and then north-east across our little lake, and seemed to disappear".

In follow-up articles dated August 19 and 21, 1970, *The Columbia Tribune* reported eight other sightings in that area at that approximate time. The Weather Bureau considered unlikely such explanations as balloons, satellites, airplanes, coal company equipment or possible pranks.

2. Dr. and Mrs. John Thomas Richards. The following is from a letter to me (BES) from Dr. Richards,

based on notes taken at the time. The account was also recalled by Mrs. Richards and Joe Mangini. Maria Hanna was not interviewed. "The UFO experience which included Elaine, Joe Mangini, Maria Hanna and me, happened when we were on our way to Columbia from Skyrim Farm. Briefly, we had enjoyed a pleasant table levitation SORRAT session, and left Skyrim (and Alice Thompson) about 11.10 p.m. Driving south on U.S. 63 toward Columbia, we were about two miles from the city limits when we noticed a wavering, brilliant light travelling from west to east at about the speed of an ordinary private prop-driven airplane. The light resolved itself as it drew nearer; we could see that it consisted of bars of light flying parallel to one another and moving very slightly up and down, as though they were separate, not part of some rigid structure. It resembled a Venetian blind moving sideways — that is, the bars of light were like closely-spaced, very bright fluorescent tubes arranged so that they stood upright, vertically, like this: IIIIIII, and wavered slightly on the vertical plane as they moved together horizontally. This light moved at about a height of six hundred to eight hundred feet, although it might have been more; the length was about as long as the Goodyear blimp, and we supposed that it was, in fact, a huge advertising sign on the side of a blimp.

The lights crossed the highway; we parked behind a truck, the driver of which had gotten out of the cab and was watching the lights, too. We watched the lights circle first toward the north, then east, then, finally, south-west, three-quarters of a circle. During this time, there was no engine noise, as would be present if the craft had been a blimp or an airplane. Then the bars of light pulled together to form a single ball of intense white light, which flew off to the south-west faster than any jet which I have ever seen.

We drove around the highway to where the city lights would not obscure our vision, but we could not see any further sign of the UFO. We then stopped at the Howard Johnson's restaurant in Columbia and were eating ice-cream and drinking coffee when four or five people came in and sat nearby. They were very excited and described the lights in the sky which they had seen — from their account, they had seen them from a street in Columbia, looking north and west.

The next day, there was a short article in the *Columbia Tribune* about odd lights in the sky, but no further account or explanation. We took no photographs. In looking over my notes for this event, on August 15, 1976, I find that the successful SORRAT experiment ended at 10.30 p.m., but that we stayed at Skyrim and talked with Alice for a while, so the actual sighting of the lights was about 11.30 p.m."

II. Joe A. Nuzum

Since 1974, I have studied a gifted presumed telekinetic sensitive, Joe A. Nuzum, age twenty-eight, an unemployed iron foundry worker.¹⁵ While completing my report on Nuzum, twelve key books on telekinesis disappeared from my office. Nuzum has been observed and, in some cases, videotaped while performing psychic metal-bending, levitating matches and metal paper clips, presumably draining a magnet of its power, exhausting a 9-volt transistor-battery, presumably opening new combination locks by telekinesis, changing the hands of a watch, stopping the second hand of an electric clock for several seconds, in addition to other various and sundry psychic effects.

Early in the course of the investigations, Nuzum reported an early evening event that involved his girlfriend and himself. They were walking along the railroad tracks near his former place of employment when, "all of a sudden, a glowing, sizzling form of energy came past my head and fell in front of us. It rolled across our pathway, went on sizzling and gliding and then disappeared into nothing. It was like a golden basketball and lasted seconds". There were no discernible after-effects and both Nuzum and his girlfriend remained alert. A second, similar episode occurred during the week of February 16, 1986, when "I was at home, asleep in bed, late at night when I suddenly woke up and saw a big, glowing ball surging with energy, hovering in the air". This event lasted seconds and there were no apparent after-effects.

III. Peter Sugleris

On August 28, 1985, I observed Peter Sugleris, age twenty-two, in a public demonstration of his alleged psychic abilities. On several occasions he, without touching, apparently bent quarters in the hands of other people, levitated a pencil and a page in a telephone book, started watches, including my wife's broken wrist-watch, and bent and snapped spoons brought in by members of the audience.

Later, I examined Sugleris and videotaped some of his feats in my Florida office: i.e. moving a compass needle thirteen times without touching the compass, bending spoons and keys and causing a methylene blue pill to disappear. While interviewing Mr. Sugleris about these and other spontaneous events, including four episodes of alleged total body levitation (three supposedly were videotaped or filmed), he told me of his UFO experiences. Many of his videotaped comments coincided with data monitored from audio-taped radio interviews made shortly after the alleged events in January of 1984. There were no conflicts.

His manager, Mr. Bhupendra Patel, a native of India, independently described the experiences on the radio show and said that he witnessed them in Mr. Sugleris's home while preparing for the East Brunswick (New Jersey) High School performance on February 13, 1984. During the radio interview, Patel said, "I asked him if he knew about UFOs. Peter concentrated and I heard something. Peter said, 'Yes, I'm talking to them'. After a while, the door slammed and cracked, a light bulb broke, and the tapes went (askew). I got scared and asked Peter to stop. His brother, Angelo, came running. In attempting to explore what happened, Peter said, 'When in the trance, I communicated with the aliens and asked them why, if they are intelligent and claim to be so above our race, they create natural disasters that cause deaths. They told me that in the past contacts that was what they did. It's hard for me to communicate with them, but easy for them to communicate with me. Every time I ask questions, it breaks the state of concentration. After I asked them questions, they got angry. Everything went crazy in the room, which I was not aware of. They revealed to me that cave paintings have pictures of flying machines. I do not know much about UFOs. As a youngster, I considered them a hoax. In my youth, I made drawings of UFOs in my notebooks (that I still own) and wrote my name below. I do not know if this was because I would some day come in contact with them. In other contacts with the aliens, they said that if there are more sightings, the governments will not harm them for the mistakes of the past. Now they want me to reveal a few messages... to tell the media and public. Every time I come in contact with them, my powers are stronger for a few days afterwards; if I bent a key for you now it might take seconds instead of five minutes or it might take only two to three seconds concentration to levitate a ring or other object". When looking at some of Mr. Sugleris's oil paintings, including one of a UFO, I met his fifteen-year-old cousin, who volunteered the information that he witnessed Peter in his trance and, while painting, "for a while the paint brush was moving all by itself." As reported by Puharich with Uri Geller, and in some cases which I have studied, Mr. Sugleris also had audiotapes with "screeching sounds" and which subsequently disappeared.

IV. Katie

Since the spring of 1984, I have studied a young Florida housewife and her family, who prefer to remain anonymous. The woman, the tenth of twelve siblings, had to discontinue her education in the third grade in order to care for her ill mother. In addition to data derived from her personal and family history, she has demonstrated a spectacular array of psychic talents, some of which have been videotaped during her entrancement. She has germinated seeds in her

cupped hands, as well as in the cupped hands of others, bent metal directly (and also in sealed jars); and she has produced apports of various objects.

She has had stigmata of crosses, linear markings and, on three occasions, a drawing of a Viking ship covered her whole abdomen (and once covered her back). She has had gold leaf-like material cover parts of her body and she has telepathically produced clues helpful in police investigations, including correctly prophesying the exact location and day for the appearance of marijuana bales on the shoreline. Other alleged effects have included healings, paranormal tape recordings, presumed production of a color photograph of her recently deceased brother in his coffin in a location hundreds of miles away, Katie's alleged teleportation to a distant area, and "bringing back orange clay on her feet from the area she was visiting", and presumed direct writing. In one instance, she observed a capped nylon-tipped pen writing unaided in medieval French which was identified by Stewart Robb¹⁶ as coming from an early edition of Nostradamus. She has demonstrated automatic writing in German, with proper capitalization of the nouns, and has spoken a few words of Dutch. During one of the videotaped sessions in January of 1986, Katie, in her trance, was in alleged contact with various UFO entities. She drew pictures of them.

Once during the height of telekinetic activities in the home, Katie's fifteen-year-old son observed, early in the evening, "orange globes the size of a basketball in the orchard in the backyard". The son was once videotaped bending spoons with his mother and a third person. The stem of one of the son's spoons split so that a sliver of paper could be inserted through the tiny crack. On another occasion, when at his home the son asked his mother if it was possible "to go back in time". With her approval, he immediately went into her walk-in closet, closed the door, lay on the floor and presumably entered a trance. According to what he told me in an audiotaped telephone report shortly after the event, "I wanted to see what it was like in the 1920s and the next thing I knew I was by a Christmas tree and there was an old, bald-headed man nearby. I knocked over an oil lamp, but grabbed a cardboard box when I woke up". Now, apparently the box returned to 1985 with him. Upon opening the box, he discovered (and I later confirmed on personal examination) that it was an "ostrich skinned" cigarette lighter and gold leather pouch inscribed; "Compliments Moragues Bay City, Inc., Mobile, Ala., Christmas 1928."

In a separate videotaped interview of Katie's parents, the mother, who is part Cherokee Indian, recalled an event in an isolated rural area of Tennessee at the end of World War I. "They made peace. We all saw it. It was in the newspaper. We looked at the sky and there were two suns, then three suns, three moons, three rainbows and stars. This was at 10.00 a.m. and then it got all dark and hazy." To date, it has

been impossible to trace this Fátima-like, possibly mass psychic hallucinatory(?) event, to either confirm or deny what many supposedly witnessed and Katie's mother and others recalled. The family history had other unusual possible paranormal events which, in and of themselves, would not arouse undue curiosity if there was not ample videotape documentation of many of Katie's feats.

Discussion. Unfortunately, the need for brevity prevents a more systematic, detailed report and analysis. However, it would seem that the study of documented gifted sensitives can yield a wealth of high quality psi that is entirely analogous to many UFO experiences. By psychiatric study and experiments of these gifted persons, more might be learned about the *modus operandi* of the UFO experiences which, like psi, encompasses a wide variety of enigmatic phenomena.

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CONTINUED ABDUCTIONS AT MIRASSOL, BRAZIL

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(Translation from Portuguese)

FSR 30/1, published in October 1984, contained Senhora Irene Granchi's account, *Abduction At Mirassol*, describing the case of the Brazilian Negro Antônio Carlos Ferreira.

According to a fresh report which appeared in the local Mirassol newspaper, *Diário Da Região*, of 12/18 June 1986, this man has now told Professor Ney Matiel Pires (who has been studying the case since 1979) that he has been picked up again by a UFO twice during the past twenty days, namely in the early morning of Sunday May 25, 1986, and again in the course of Saturday, June 7. This latter episode took place at the Ibraco Furniture Factory in Mirassol, when the alien beings even left marks on the door of the plant and inside the section where Antônio Carlos is employed.

Professor Ney Matiel Pires says he has not yet completed his report on these two latest episodes, and adds that in July of this year some investigators are due to arrive from the U.S.A. to look into this case, when it is planned to have a further session of hypnotic regression with Antônio Carlos in the hope of extracting details about the two events. (The subject claims to have no recollection of what happens to him during these "trips" with the aliens).

On the first of these two occasions, namely in the very early morning of Sunday, May 25, 1986, Antônio Carlos, who, as will be recalled, is employed as a night-watchman at the furniture factory, has told Professor Ney Matiel Pires that he even tried to draw his revolver, as he could no longer put up with the situ-

Strange Marks Left by the Aliens

Antônio Carlos states that it was just before his scheduled lunch-time, at 10.30am, on June 7, that he became aware of the presence of the aliens, and that he at once telephoned to the headquarters of the Municipal Night-Watch Department, by whom he is employed, and asked for someone to come quickly. But when his colleagues arrived at the plant, all they found was his hat and his revolver thrown on the ground. And they also found very clear marks on the ground and on the door, as though of burning, as well as a strange circle on the outside of the building. The Police were called, and Professor Ney Matiel Pires also. However, it was only many hours later that Antônio Carlos was found by them, namely at 6.00pm, lying unconscious in the nearby thicket.



Antônio Carlos Ferreira.

ation in which he was being made subject to these visitations, but he says he was struck by a beam of light which paralysed him and knocked the revolver to a distance. After that, he remembers only being taken to a craft and then, subsequently, waking up again hours afterwards.

Professor Matiel tells us that Antônio Carlos was not found until 6.00pm on that same day, lying unconscious in a dense thicket near the factory.

The Professor is of the opinion that the man must genuinely have been taken by a UFO, since he himself found certain marks on the ground there which looked as though made by the legs of the craft, and also a larger mark, which could have been made by some sort of descending ramp.

On the basis of these marks, the Professor calculates that the craft must have been three metres wide, and extremely heavy, for the marks were very deep.

Professor Ney Matiel Pires says that the appearances of these alien beings come in cycles of approximately eighteen months, inasmuch as the last occasion was in March 1985.

He says however, that the latest case of all (Saturday, June 7 of this year) is unique, inasmuch as, *for the very first time, it took place in broad daylight, between 10.30 and 11.00am.*

On this last occasion, says the Professor, the faint marks left on the ground suggest that the craft had not actually touched down, but took up the watchman and returned him *by means of a beam of light.*



Antônio's alleged "extra-terrestrial" child ("better looking than them").

"Daughter already met"

These last two occasions were the eleventh and twelfth contacts of Antônio Carlos with the beings, and the dossier on him now runs to 63 pages, in addition to many drawings and photographs. Listed in it are the various theories that have been put forward to explain these curious experiences of the almost illiterate night-watchman. He has already described, when given regressive hypnosis previously, (see Sr. Granchi's account) how he had met "green beings" and "brown beings". And how he was forced to have sexual relations with an "extraterrestrial" woman, who had given birth to a daughter (whom he had sub-

sequently met!) On the occasions of the other abductions of him, he had met (possibly "on the Moon") fair-skinned beings, more like humans, and also dark-skinned beings and "hairy" beings.

He also said, during the previous hypnotic regression, that his daughter is dark-skinned, intelligent and "better looking than *they* are," with reddish-coloured hair, and that she has no desire to meet her terrestrial relatives.

In most of the abductions, Antônio Carlos was lifted up into the craft by means of a beam of light, the colour of which is variable. His contact with the aliens is effected by means of telepathy, he himself speaking and hearing without ever opening his mouth.

FORTEANA

Gordon Creighton

In the days when such writers and pioneers as Charles Fort and M. K. Jessup were with us, great attention was paid to such extraordinary phenomena as the massive falls of dead birds or frogs or periwinkles or other sea-creatures (particularly in the latter case, if they were totally unmixed with other species).

In Charles Fort's day, it is true, the time had not yet quite come for speculating about the existence of what we now call "UFOs". In Jessup's day, in the 1960s, such speculation was widespread, and even respected aviation correspondents of leading newspapers would write articles that nobody would dare to write today.

For today, all our wisest brains assure us that the UFO is pure myth.

Such being the case, is the fashionable complaint, "*hypothermia*", indeed the right explanation for the following story? Who knows?

(1) FARM MYSTERY OF DEAD BIRDS

Sunday Express, London, March 16, 1986

By Brendan Mulholland

Hill farmer Mr. Robert Jones was puzzled when he found a couple of dozen dead starlings in his yard.

He had seen many dead birds in his time but nothing quite like this.

Mr. Jones continued on his early-morning inspection of his property.

There had been heavy rain overnight, and he was concerned for the fabric of outbuildings and the state of drainage ditches.

Then 63-year-old Mr. Jones came across more dead starlings further down his yard. This time there were not just dozens. There were hundreds.

Yet the dead birds seemed plump enough, almost well-fed considering the weeks of hard frost.

Mr. Jones, who has farmed at Llanfihangel, near Caernarfon, North Wales, all his working life, walked on towards a quarter-acre coppice where the birds had been roosting.

And there, strewn across the hillside and piled in ditches, were more dead starlings ... about 3,000.

What had killed thousands of apparently healthy birds? Mr. Jones was sure it was not the weather. The cold spell was over and anyway starlings were hardy birds.¹

Could they have been poisoned? He could think of no possible source.

Theory

Said Mr. Jones: "I've never heard of anything like this happening. I have a theory. They had been in the wood so long, I think it is just possible their droppings were activated by the sudden heavy rain.

"Perhaps that created a gas that poisoned them."

Mr. Peter Colston, an ornithologist with the Natural History Museum, was not inclined to go along with the droppings theory.

He admitted, though, that he had not come across such a huge and sudden carnage.

A spokesman of the Welsh office of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said: "I think you can rule out the weather as the cause."

Local veterinarian Mr. Eifion Evans is, however,

not at all sure that the bad weather can be ruled out. He said: "I think that, after the cold weather, the condition of the birds was weakened. Perhaps the best bet² is that they died of hypothermia."

1. My italics.
2. And an even better bet is that none of these gentlemen have ever read Charles Fort or M. K. Jessup! — G.C.

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But how's the following for an even better one! (Credit

and thanks to FSR reader E. M. Jakes of West Sussex): *Sunday Express, London, March 9, 1986*

(2) FINGER MYSTERY

Berlin: Police were mystified yesterday over the discovery of a human finger which fell from the sky with a thump onto a car roof in West Berlin. So far, no explanation has emerged.

TWO SOUTH AMERICAN LANDING REPORTS FROM SPANISH PRESS

(Credit and thanks to FSR reader Sr. Gerard y Holmes of Majorca)

1. From newspaper *Última Hora*, Majorca, of August 21, 1985

UFO LANDING IN CHILE

A UFO landed early in the morning of last Monday (August 19) on the top of a hill in the Chaca Valley in the Arica region of northern Chile, some 2,000 kms to the north of the capital Santiago, according to a report issued yesterday by Radio Capisima.

The radio station stated that a truck-driver named Manfredo Olgún, as well as other drivers of vehicles, observed "an intensely reddish-violet light descending vertically, just like a helicopter, on to the top of the hill, distant some 500 metres from the highway. The truck-driver described the UFO as "huge".

The report went on to say that the local villagers subsequently found an area some 20 metres wide with burnt shrubs and vegetation.

The Chaca Valley lies at some 50 kms. from Arica.

This sighting comes very soon after the observation of a UFO which was over the capital, Santiago, on the afternoon of last Saturday, August 17. It was watched for four hours by personnel of the control towers and meteorological posts at the airports. It was also seen by the crew of an airliner of the Avianca line, and by three astronomers at the Observatory of the University of Chile on the Cerro Calán Peak.

The sighting was in broad daylight, from 4.00pm to 8.00pm local time, on Saturday (8.00pm to midnight, GMT) and caused a sensation in Santiago.

Radio and TV reporters quit commenting on the football games they were covering and, from their posts in the stadia, concentrated on reporting the

movements of the UFO.

It shone brilliantly, having the shape of a luminous sphere six times the size of a normal star. Excellent photos of it were secured both by graphic reporters and by astronomers.

2. From the Majorca newspaper *Baleares*, February 27, 1986

A SQUADRON OF UFOS LAND IN ARGENTINA

A fleet of UFOs were seen yesterday morning (February 26) by a number of residents of the Atalaya district to the south of Buenos Aires and also by troops of the tank unit of the Argentine Army stationed in the nearby town of Magdalena.

The UFOs, which were seen at 4.30am, local time, were in a formation of ten, and were flying at high speed and in perfect alignment.

The entire squadron was seen to land, and on the same area of country where, some weeks before, scorch and burn marks had been found on the ground, presumably left by other previous landings.

The report was given wide coverage in the evening newspapers and on the TV news, and follows upon a number of UFO sightings over Argentina in the recent past.

There are also reports of burn marks from another UFO which were found recently in a field in the Province of Córdoba, 800 kilometres to the north-west of Buenos Aires. Experts described the size of the UFO as very large.

ANOTHER AMERICAN "BOOMERANG" REPORT FROM 1981

In FSR 30/3 and 31/3 we published lengthy accounts of the huge "boomerang" craft allegedly seen by between 30,000 and 50,000 people in New York State over the period 1983-1985. In 31/1 we also gave Antonio Ribera's report on a similar sighting from Cataluña in 1984.

Several readers have now pointed out that, when we are considering "boomerangs", the famous "*Lubbock Lights*" of August 21, 1951, should not be overlooked, and we entirely agree, and we hope to be able to say more on this matter in due course.

In the meantime, we recall yet another interesting and well-known American "boomerang" case from 1981, when a huge object of this type is said to have swooped down over a factory. The details of the affair are as follows:—

Workers on a repair gang at the Morenci copper-smelting plant in Arizona claim a massive spacecraft swooped on the factory in January 1981. It seemed to be examining one of the two 650-foot smokestacks by beaming a light ray down on it.

The four men who were repairing the other stack said the UFO was shaped like a boomerang, *and as big as four football fields*. It had 12 small red lights on its surface, in addition to a large white searchlight beam underneath.

"It just sort of stopped in mid-air above the smokestack and shone the big light right into it", said workman Randel Rogers, 20. His colleague Larry Mortensen added: "I have never seen an airplane hover like that. I got the feeling that it wasn't aggressive. Certainly it did nothing to frighten us. Whoever was in it was friendly."

A third member of the gang, Kent Davis, said that during the craft's examination of the stack, one of the red lights at the edge of the 'boomerang' suddenly

darted away at fantastic speed, returning after a few moments. The whole object then turned, without warning, and shot off like a rocket.

The UFO was also seen by 100 members of a high school marching band who were holding a practice session on the football field of Morenci High School, just over a mile away. Director Bruce Smith said: "I looked up and saw all these lights in the shape of a V. There was no sound. It hovered for a few minutes, then disappeared high into the sky".

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Dr Hynek: A Correction

Dear Editor, — Your issue No. 31/5 was one of the most interesting you have produced — articles as well as Editorial. I was especially interested in the photographs and analysis of the "rings" (Pat Delgado), and in Dr Sarbacher's letter.

However, in the letter from me about Dr Hynek, printed on page 28 of that issue, there is a slight mix-up, due, I suppose, to my obscure "Frenghish". What I had meant to say was, of course, that (1) when visiting Dr Hynek at his home in Evanston, I saw him at the Dearborn Observatory — the one near the lake — of which he was the Director. And (2) he also took me to the Yerkes Observatory, the one with the huge lens-telescope (which is an entirely different observ-

atory) where he was attending a conference.

While Hynek was in the conference, I was left alone inside the cupola of the Yerkes telescope, and thus it was that I had the opportunity to examine in detail the wonderful old machine. It was a great moment in my memory.

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August 20, 1986.

The Mystery Swirled Rings (1985)

Dear Editor, — As you will recall, I visited the site at Alresford with you* in the summer of 1985 soon after the rings there had appeared. I was greatly impressed by the formation, and am certain that this is a phenomenon of no known cause. The pho-

tographs in FSR 31/5 are excellent, and could not be bettered — (even by the M.O.D.).

These circles could not be produced by natural causes. *Whirlwinds (or "wind devils") only occur in hot conditions and in daylight — they are never seen at night.*

Helicopters would cause the plants below to be bent straight out from the centre equally all round — like the spokes of a wheel.

Jet machines, hovering, would leave an area of "scorched plants", and sometimes droplets of paraffin appear on the ground below.

Other alleged causes are trailing cables or anchors of balloons. The effect of these would be totally different from the circles.

Moles (another alleged cause!) produce tiny hummocks!

Archaeological sites are marked by changes in the colour of vegetation.

As for whirlwinds, these would only produce irregular areas of flattening in the line of movement.

I rule out hoaxes emphatically, as these circles could not be produced by any known mechanism.

Yours,
(Dr.) Bernard E. Finch,
(FSR Consultant),
851 Finchley Road,
London, N.W.11
August 12, 1986.

* See photograph on page 26 of FSR 31/1. EDITOR

Quantum Mechanics, etc.!

Dear Gordon Creighton, — Phyllis D. Hall and I enjoyed very much Paul Whitehead's article on Quantum Mechanics in FSR Vol. 31, No. 1, but he failed to make the important distinction between thought generating matter, or matter generating thought. The same holds true for the writings of Dr. Fred Alan Wolf, the theoretical physicist whom Whitehead quotes in his article. So I'm taking the liberty of enclosing an article,* *Quantum Consciousness, A Trap for the Unwary*, embracing my own thoughts on the subject — a good follow-up on Whitehead's work. I hope you find it interesting and useful.

Those of your readers who are not afraid of occult science should find the Diagram II Chart of great interest, in suggesting that flying saucers travel between planets.

Yours sincerely,
Riley Hansard Crabb, Ph.D.,
Editor-at-large,
Borderland Sciences Research Associates (BSRA),
2/16 Tamariki Avenue,
Orewa, Hibiscus Coast,
New Zealand.
May 16, 1986.

**Phew!* — I have some knowledge myself of the Kabbalah and of these etherial speculations of the Theosophists, but I fear that the "Evolutionary Chains" of "Man, Whence, How, and Whither" would be rather heavy going for the majority of our readers, and in any case pressure on space precludes our publishing it at present. — EDITOR.

The Jinn and the Dolmen

Dear Mr Creighton, — Having read "The Jinn & the Dolmen" (FSR 31/4), I pondered for a while on the likelihood of the basic facts of that report being true.

I received the one word: "FAKE"*.
Best wishes,
Sincerely,
A.G.E. Mobey,
54 Kingston Road,
Ewell,
Epsom, Surrey.
June 19, 1986.

* A nice *comforting* solution which no doubt many of our readers will rush to embrace. EDITOR

From a good friend and supporter of FSR

Dear Gordon Creighton, — Hurrahs and bravos for your article in FSR 31/2, "The Bagshot Heath Case in the *British Press*". Well — I will answer your "call to arms" with my obvious renewal, plus two new subscriptions for my friends, which I enclose herewith.

Yours sincerely,
James Ross (FSR reader since 1967),
307 Martin Avenue,
Pittsburgh, PA 15216,
U.S.A.
February 26, 1986.

Another Letter from a Friend in the U.S.S.R.

Dear Mr Creighton, — I was much glad to see my letter published in your splendid journal (Vol. 30, No. 3). Though no foreign publisher has yet responded to the advertisement for the book by Dr A.D. Ursul and myself, "The Problem of Extraterrestrial Civilizations", I have got several letters from FSR readers all over the world. These letters proved to be of great interest to me.

You will find here enclosed a recent publication of mine dealing with the problem of the astronomical lore of the Dogon. It is a subject which I have been studying for a long time, and I hope the article will be of some interest to you.

With all my best wishes,
I remain,
Sincerely yours,
(Dr.) Vladimir V. Rubtsov,
Ulitsa Chernishevskogo 88, kv. 66,
KHARKOV 310023,
U.S.S.R.
July 25, 1986.

P.S. I note with pleasure that the list of your Journal's Consultants and

Correspondents has got much longer during recent time. It is a very good sign of the growing significance of FSR. I wish you and your colleagues every success in your noble work!
V.V.R.

Thought-provoking

Dear Sir, — I enjoy tremendously your editorials and articles in *Flying Saucer Review* and always anticipate the arrival of your magazine as a refreshing experience of thought-provoking, objective reporting.

FSR makes a unique and invaluable contribution to knowledge of a topic which unfortunately many people still consider controversial or even suspect. Our biggest problem, as readers of the most prestigious journal of ufological research, is not so much the irrational fear of our opponents as our own complacency. We are not content with these bewildering mysteries, but would be even less content without FSR shedding light on the matter.

I consider *Flying Saucer Review* so important that I am willing to pay double the subscription rate. Please send me two copies of each issue. I intend to find six new subscribers for you per year by giving the extra copies, with an explanation of why one should subscribe, to the most likely prospects I can find. I hope other readers will do the same!

Yours truly,
Harry A. Wallenberg,
Wallenberg Sales Corporation,
8311 Secura Way,
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CA 90670,
U.S.A.
April 15, 1986.

Fine support, for which we are indeed grateful. — EDITOR.

And Support from another FSR reader "right from the very start"

Dear Editor, — I have pleasure in enclosing my subscription for FSR and wish you and the publication every possible success through the difficult times which lie ahead. Your efforts to enlighten — *light* being the operative word — your readers are much appreciated; your subtle — and often

not-so-subtle — comments are not wasted, believe me.

Your vigorous editorship has been a tonic to the old girl, and, speaking as someone who has read it from the very start and seen the amazing way in which our common interest has developed, your strong grip and leadership are very necessary.

With best wishes,

Mike Stuttle,
The Wayside Cottage,
Belchamp Otton,
Nr. Sudbury, Norfolk.
June 6, 1986.

These are the sort of people we can't let down . . .

Dear Editor, — I wish to congratulate you on a job well done in ensuring the continuation and high quality of FSR.

I am enclosing a donation of US\$25.00, to help with expenses, and I am also trying to drum up some new subscribers for you.

Keep up the good work, and thanks!

Sincerely,

Bob Miller,
111 Bladen Road,
Baltimore, MD 21221,
U.S.A.
April 22, 1986.

A remarkable suggestion

Dear Mr. Creighton, — As regards the urgent need to keep FSR alive, perhaps I have got the wrong kind of friends — but whenever I recommend FSR to them, the only result is that they insist on *borrowing mine!**

As an alternative means of increasing circulation, may I suggest that each reader who really cares about FSR should place a small advertisement at his/her own expense in the most suitable publication in his/her part of the world.

If you approve of this idea, perhaps you would compose a short advertisement which could be used in this way.

Thank you, Mr. Creighton and FSR staff, for your dedication.

Very best wishes,
(Mrs.) June Hill,
P.O. Box 541,
Cannington,
W. Australia 6107.
April 24, 1986.

**This puts us in mind of the stalwart reader who wrote to tell Charles Bowen*

that he was doing a fine job for us, because he always lent his copy of FSR to about a dozen other people! — EDITOR.

The New "A.V.B." Case in Brazil

Dear Gordon Creighton, — Speaking for myself and also on behalf of Brazilian Ufology as a whole, I wish to thank you for your fine long article in FSR 31/3, setting the record straight and giving your complete translation of the work done by Luiz Rosário Real in this case.

I have always reminded my fellow-workers in Brazil that we owe much, if not the whole of our fame (or name), to FSR, and thus to the person behind this fine journal who over so many years has produced such outstanding work — both in volume and in quality.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Buhler, M.D.
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June 6, 1986.

Personality Changes after UFO Experiences

Dear Editor, — In the Mail Bag Section of FSR 30/5, Graham Conway of British Columbia wanted to know if anybody is studying the *personality alteration effects* in people who experience "Close Encounters".

I have been looking into this aspect for many years — since 1955 — and have had considerable correspondence with quite a number of level-headed researchers, some of whom have *themselves* been "encountered". I've also had the opportunity to get acquainted, directly, with eight of them. (In this figure I do not include any regarding whom there is any shadow of doubt as to the reality of their "encounters" . . . (And I've met some of *them* too!)

By 1956 I was already a bit alarmed at personality changes in some of these people (especially those who thereby came into the public eye) as they displayed the signs of deliberately seeking recognition. There was a general tendency among them to "balloon off" on "ego-trips", and establish

personal followings, as self-styled "Authorities" on a great subject on which in fact they knew little more than the vast majority of the public, the "un-encountered".

On the other hand, I observed that those who remained out of the lime-light also experienced personality changes. On the whole, these seem to have proven *positive, in the long run*. There was the initial shock affecting attention-span, interests, and often the health and sleep for some time. *In time, most of this group have widened their mental and spiritual horizons immensely, become more 'World-Citizen' conscious, and taken up some constructive task (beyond their own regular jobs) that is community-oriented.* Some have changed their jobs in course of time to more creative fields.

Not all of those who came into the public eye were overwhelmed emotionally, although some have been more traumatized than others, *and this can occur even when two persons are sharing the same 'encounter'.* I don't feel free to name two of my friends who reacted and responded to the same 'encounter' so differently — the one coming quite 'unglued' (and becoming inimical to the UFO theme) — and the other lighting up with fascinated enjoyment, *following upon which her natural ESP faculties became enhanced.*

I am not trying to say that ALL 'close encounters' are intrinsically benign. However, I have observed, over these many years, that the individual's *response* to the 'encounter' can determine whether the result is shattering — with difficult or incomplete recovery — or whether the experience proves enriching, and alters the bent of that life for the better.

All in all, in the earlier years I was inclined to judge or assess the resulting changes in personality and in behaviour *much too soon*. Profound changes in those persons' orientation to Life often take place following upon the 'encounters', but these changes can take years to work out before the gain is visible.

I don't know whether anyone has yet written a book on this aspect of the UFO experience, but I agree with Graham Conway that it is needed!* And I heartily agree with you, Editor, that anyone delving into this should handle it with *prudence* — and also with *compassion* — which is a rare trait in humankind.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Decker,
340 Calle de la Paloma,
Fallbrook, California 92028,
U.S.A.
August 30, 1985.

**See in this connection George D. Fawcett's letter on personality changes, in FSR 31/2. — EDITOR.*

The Parasites

Dear Sir, — I have had some further thoughts about the possible motivations of entities, especially in view of Mr. R. B. Day's letter (FSR 31/3) in which he suggests that they might be "simply scaring us to death in order to feed off our fear".*

Perhaps they have to make use of our emotional energy in order to manipulate us: that is, that they can only manoeuvre us by using what we are made of, which is a ragbag of thoughts and feelings, not minds that are ordered, and clear, and precise.

This could then manifest as the brand-new Buick cars and airships, etc., appearing here, out of chronological order. This would also fit in with their apparent ability to flit from one plane or level to another, from physical to astral, etc. Rather than risking to be seen handling us *bodily* — i.e. *physically* — they would then be using our astral, etheric, emotional, and mental counterparts (i.e., our subtle bodies) which, as I have suggested, are probably in a worse state than our physical ones are!

I too have noticed the almost total lack of interest in the subject of UFOs on the part of most people. I have, for example, produced copies of FSR at my place of work, and mentioned it to

my friends — of whom I have many — in the Animal Liberation Movement, which is one of my own principal activities. But they are all completely casual about the whole thing.

I know, on the other hand, that if I were to be suddenly shown FSR for the first time, I would be "bowled over by it", and would demand more to read. But these people to whom I have shown it just flick through the pages and don't even read it. It's truly amazing. "The sleeping masses", Gurdjieff called them, and that is what they surely are!

I wonder whether you think that the recent nuclear accident in Russia was "their work"? Well, it has at least woken some people up, and forced them to face a few realities in *this* world instead of wallowing in their usually apathetic stalls. But perhaps it's not really their fault after all!

Yours sincerely,
Margaret Buckingham,
19 Collingbourne Avenue,
Boscombe East,
Bournemouth BH6 5QR.
May 11, 1986.

**Miss Buckingham has hit another nail on the head, but she won't be very popular if she talks about it, so much prudence is advisable. Perhaps there will be other occasions when we can say more on this rather dangerous aspect. In the meantime, it is worth bearing in mind that, according to the remarkable view propounded by the Indonesian Sufi Master, Muhammad Subuh, the present parlous state of mankind is primarily due to the fact (and this is not mankind's own fault) that they are occupied — taken over from below, by Lower Forces. In such a weak and im-*

paired state, it is not surprising that they should be wide open to the attentions of any parasitical critter that chooses to batten on them and tap them for those subtle energies that we engender. If you look at matters in this light, a great deal about our situation ought to become a lot clearer. — EDITOR.

"Malice Abounding"

Dear Dad, — I think you will be amused by a thing that I have just been shown which is called *The Northern UFO News* (issue No. 118, March/April 1986). In it the editor, Jenny Randles, boasts of how she recently blocked Bill Davey of the *Sunday Mirror* from contacting you. She says she refused to give him your ex-directory 'phone number when he was imploring her for it, her reason being that

"Gordon Creighton's ideas were away out on a limb and it was not in the best interests of serious ufology for me to put him in touch."

As you know, what is really funny about all this is that I was at school with Bill Davey and, if I am not mistaken, I was sitting in your house one evening talking to him (and you) somewhere around the date when the passage quoted above was probably written!

Philip (Creighton),
London, N11.
August 31, 1986.

Yes indeed — perfectly true! Bill Davey had first contacted me, about the Bagshot Heath UFO case, on September 25, 1985, and he lives just a couple of miles down the road from me at Denham. (See attached photostat of a page from my address-book.) EDITOR

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