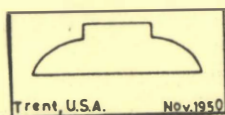
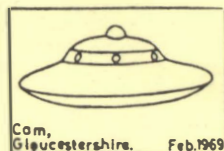
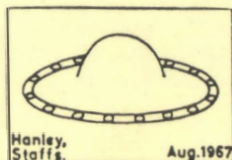


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EDITORIAL

In the last Awareness, the editorial mentioned the work being carried out on the "Corn-Circle" phenomenon. Contact Int. had not carried out any investigation work on these creations hitherto, but within a few weeks of publication of our last edition, low and behold, a circle formation of the quintuplet type (one large and four small circles) appeared at a place called Bedgrove on the outskirts of Aylesbury, Bucks, less than 20 miles from Contact U.K headquarters. Our investigators, Bill Foley and Stephen Poulter, have thoroughly measured up this formation and we have circumstantial evidence that 4 UFOs were seen around about the time that the formation appeared. We have been warned not to make any wild inferences that UFOs are responsible for the circles, but having seen for myself the position of this circle and the swirls created in the corn one begins to doubt a whirlwind or wind vortex explanation as being promoted by Bufora's principal investigators and meteorologist Dr Terence Meaden.

I was directed to the site around the back of a housing estate via a path next to allotments through a dried up ditch and hedgerow. The formation was in a very narrow field which was completely flat. On one side were tall trees only a few feet from the first circle, and on the other side there were power lines. If a flying craft had landed there it would have been a very risky business getting down. The likelihood of a whirlwind building up in this area seems extremely remote and if a hoax - why choose a place where nobody could find the site without considerable assistance? It is understood that the formation was discovered by a casual walker and it may have been there several days before discovery, as the farmer had not visited the field recently. There is still a long way to go before we have an answer to the corn-circle enigma and we are asking all investigators to report anything unusual they see in the fields of their areas throughout 1990.

An answer phone is now installed at Contact U.K headquarters. The number is Oxford 726908, so if you have important news of UFO sightings, please ring at any time.

The organisation is holding a UFO conference at Oxford Town Hall on Sat 6th January 1990. This is the first conference we have held for several years due to our difficult financial position. Please make every effort to attend as our membership has changed considerably since the previous occasion and chances to meet up are few. We have agreed to have free admission to encourage a large attendance. Please see preliminary notice below.

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# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT - UFO CASES UNEARTHED

By Data Research

The following cases have been released by the USA government under their Freedom of Information Act covering 25 year old documents. They prove beyond doubt the existence of a physical phenomenon being extensively investigated by the U.S military and the C.I.A in the period 1948 - 1952. The locations of the sightings - East Germany (a closed country behind the Iron Curtain, then and now.) French Morocco and West Africa, and at sea off the coast of Canada are outside the areas where UFO's are most often reported showing a global phenomenon.

There is no explanation of any of these sightings on an official basis-presumably if there was, there would no longer be any need for UFO Investigation Groups! It is merely satisfying to know that the highest authorities in the worlds' most powerful country have recognised the phenomenon.

Translation of Attachment 01 to IR 6 879 0077 74

SUBJECT: Strange Detection of an object on Radar AN/FPS-88  
(Course or Pathway U13L of 28 Feb 74)

1. At 09292 on 28 Feb 74 an object was detected at coordinates FL1502, moving at great speed at a NW direction and turning soon after to a NE direction. It was designated as U13L.
2. During about one hour, this object stayed on the radar scopes, although it was lost a few times for only short periods. It described almost three (3) irregular circles of great amplitude, centred in the radar station's region, but encompassing the whole of northern Portugal, and Spanish territory and part of the Atlantic besides - reaching 12 W.
3. Its velocity varied between 1200 and 1800 knots.
4. It is notable that it could only be detected on every other sweep of the radar beam, and invariably so.
5. Various attempts at detecting this pathway on the indicator of the altimetric radar were fruitless. Only once (at 09572) was a weak signal obtained on the HRI, at 55,000 feet, which, by the position might be attributed to the U13L; but it was not possible to confirm this later.
6. Upon information from the maintenance staff, it was stated that the pathway could not have been generated by any interference of the radar equipment itself. To be interference it would have to come from without. Besides, the graph of the pathway doesn't have any similarity to the various types of accidental interferences observed to date in the radar equipment of this station.
7. After the pathway cancelled no object with identical characteristics returned to the radar.

Country - GERMANY Subject - Military; Scientific  
Date Published 9th JULY 1952 Source: I Kathimerini

## FLYING SAUCERS IN EAST GERMANY

Berlin, July - Furnished with the sworn testimony of an eyewitness, Oscar Linke, a 48 year old German and former mayor of Gleimershausen, West Berlin intelligence

officers have begun investigating a most unusual "flying saucer" story. According to this story, an object resembling a "huge frying pan" and having a diameter of about 15 meters landed in a forest clearing in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

Linke recently escaped from the Soviet Zone along with his wife and six children.

Linke and his 11 year old daughter, Gabriella, made the following sworn statement last week before a judge; "While I was returning to my home with Gabriella, a tyre of my motorcycle blew out near the town of Hasselbach. While we were walking along toward Hasselbach, Gabriella pointed out something which lay at a distance of about 140 metres away from us. Since it was twilight, I thought she was pointing at a young deer.

I left my motorcycle near a tree and walked toward the spot which Gabriella had pointed out. When, however, I reached the spot about 55 metres from the object, I realised that my first impression had been wrong. What I had seen were two men who were now about 40 metres away from me. They seemed to be dressed in some shiny metallic clothing. They were stooped over and were looking at something lying on the ground.

I approached until I was only about 10 metres from them. I looked over a small fence and then I noticed a large object whose diameter I estimated to be between 13 and 15 metres. It looked like a huge frying pan.

There were two rows of holes on its periphery, about 30 centimeters in circumference. The space between the two rows was about 0.45 metres. On top of this metal object was a black conical tower about 3 metres high.

At that moment my daughter called me, she had remained a short distance behind me. The two men must have heard my daughter's voice because they immediately jumped on the conical tower and disappeared inside.

I had previously noted that one of the men had a lamp on the front part of his body which lit up at regular intervals.

Now, the side of the object on which the holes had been opened began to glitter. Its colour seemed green but later turned to red. At the same time I began to hear a slight hum. While the brightness and hum increased, the conical tower began to slide down into the centre of the object. The whole object then began to rise slowly into the centre of the object. The whole object then began to rise slowly from the ground and rotate like a top.

It seemed to me as if it were supported by the cylindrical plant which had gone down from the top of the object, through the centre, and had now appeared from its bottom on the ground.

The object, surrounded by a ring of flames, was now a certain number of feet above the ground.

I then noted that the whole object had risen slowly from the ground. The cylinder on which it was supported had now disappeared within its centre and had re-appeared on the top of the object.

The rate of climb had now become greater. At the same time my daughter and I heard a whistling sound similar to that heard when a bomb falls.

The object rose to a horizontal position, turned toward a neighbouring town, and then gaining altitude, it disappeared over the heights and forests in the direction of Stockheim."

Many other persons who live in the same area as Linke later related that they saw



an object which they thought to be a comet. A shepherd stated that he thought that he was looking at a comet moving away at a low altitude from the height on which Linke stood.

After submitting his testimony to the judge, Linke made the following statement: "I would have thought that both my daughter and I were dreaming if it were not for the following element involved: When the object had disappeared, I went to the place where it had been. I found a circular opening in the ground and it was quite evident that it was freshly dug. It was exactly the same shape as the conical tower. I was then convinced that I was not dreaming."

Linke continued, "I had never heard of the term 'flying saucer' before I escaped from the Soviet Zone into West Berlin. When I saw this object, I immediately thought that it was a new Soviet military machine."

"I confess that I was seized with fright because the Soviets do not want anyone to know about their work. Many persons have been restricted to their movements for many years in East Germany because they know too much."

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THRU : Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Unidentified Flying Objects 1952

1. On 20 August, the DCI, after a briefing by OSI on the above subject, directed the preparation of an NSCID for submission to the Council stating the need for investigations and directing agencies concerned to co-operate in such investigations.
  2. In attempting to draft such a directive and the supporting staff studies, it became apparent to DD/T, Acting AD/SI and AD/IC that the problem was largely a research and development problem, and it was decided by DD/I to attempt to initiate action through R&DB. A conference was held between DI/USAF, Chairman of R&DB, DD/I, Acting AD/SI and AD/CI at which time it was decided that Dr. Whitman, Chairman of R&DB, would investigate the possibility of undertaking research and development studies through Air Force agencies.
  3. On approximately 6 November, we were advised by Chairman, R&DB, that enquiries in the Air Staff did not disclose "undue concern" over this matter, but that it had been referred to the Air Defense Command for consideration. No further word has been received from R&DB.
  4. Recent reports reaching CIA indicated that further action was desirable and another briefing by the cognizant A-2 and ATIC personnel was held on 25 November. At this time the reports of incidents convince us that there is something going on that must have immediate attention. The details of some of these incidents have been discussed by AD/SI with DDCI. Sightings of unexplained objects at great altitudes and travelling at high speeds in the vicinity of major U.S. defense installations are of such nature that they are not attributable to natural phenomena or known types of aerial vehicles.
  5. OSI is proceeding to the establishment of a consulting group of sufficient competence and stature to review this matter and convince the responsible authorities in the community that immediate research and development on this subject must be undertaken. This can be done expeditiously under the aegis of CENIS.
  6. Attached here to is a draft memorandum to the NSC and a simple draft NSC Directive establishing this matter as a priority project throughout the intelligence and the defense research and development community
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SOURCE : Newspapers as indicated

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS OVER MOROCCO AND FRENCH WEST AFRICA

EYEWITNESS REPORTS SAUCER OVER DAKAR - Conakry, La Guinee Francaise, 12 July 1952

France-Afrique [Dakar Weekly] reports the statement of an eyewitness who claims to have observed a flying saucer above Dakar at 0608 hours on 3 July 1952.

According to this account, the object was flat and tapered in shape, and issued forth bluish and reddish flames which were quite long and very clearly visible. The report further stated that the object was moving southward at a great rate of speed, at an altitude of approximately 1,500 meters. The report added that the stars were no longer visible at the time of the saucer sighting and that there were no aircraft in flight over Dakar at the time.

FLYING OBJECTS SEEN IN MOROCCO - Casablanca, La Vigie Marocaine, 16 July 1952

It is reported from Mechra bel Ksiri that on 12 July 1952, two flying saucers were seen by two policemen on night duty at Had Kourt. The saucers were elongated in shape, followed by a trail of white light, and travelled at a high rate of speed from north to south.

On 13 July 1952, two inhabitants of Fedala reported having seen, at 2345 hours, a blue-green, ball-shaped object, followed by a short trail of light, and moving at a rather high rate of speed. According to the eyewitnesses, the object disappeared after about 3 or 4 seconds as though it had literally melted in the sky.

On 14 July 1952, a man and his wife reported having observed for about 30 seconds, at about 0900 hours, a mysterious flying object traveling from Ifrane in the direction of Meknes.

FLYING SAUCER OVER MEKNES, MOROCCO - Algiers, Echo d'Alger 11 June 1952

Two witnesses reported a flying saucer above Meknes at 1300 hours on 7 June 1952. One of them said that he saw a bright spot in the sky moving at lightning speed. He was able to compare its speed with that of some T-33 planes flying near the Meknes base, for they seemed very slow by comparison. The unknown apparatus emitted a white trail of smoke and made no sound. It drew near, described a parabola in the sky, stopped, and then disappeared toward Ifrane in the south.

FLAMING DISC ABOVE TAOURIRT, MOROCCO - Algiers, Echo d'Alger, 16 June 1952

On the morning of 15 June 1952, a strange phenomenon appeared above Taourirt, French Morocco. For 30 seconds, dock workers saw a disc of white flames surrounded by two circular strands, with smoke trailing behind it. The fiery object, which seemed to move earthward, vanished rapidly.

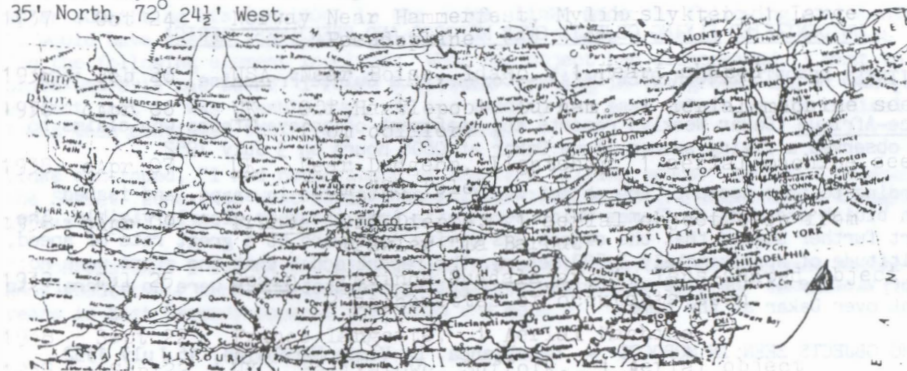
SAUCER OVER CASABLANCA - Algiers, Journal d'Alger 16 June 1952

After Meknes and Marrakech, Casablanca had its flying saucer on 15 June 1952. It was observed by Andre Assorin, a former pilot. The Meteorological Bureau claims that it has not seen this unusual apparition above Casablanca.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Airborne Object  
 DATE OF INFORMATION: 4 Aug 1950  
 SOURCE: Reported the following observations at 10.00 a.m. EDT on 4 Aug 50 39° 35' North, 72° 24' West.



1. On 4 Aug 50 at 10 a.m. my ship, while on a heading of 245° true, with smooth sea and clear weather, visibility 14 miles, barometer reading 30.03, was underway from Walton Nova Scotia, to an East Coast US port. I was in the chart room just aft the bridge when Third Mate, who was at mid-bridge checking the compass, shouted that there was a flying object off the starboard bow. I immediately ascended the conning tower and by this time the object was on our starboard beam. It was travelling on a reciprocal course to ours about 50 or 100 feet above the water at an estimated speed of over 25 mph. From the conning tower I observed it with my binoculars for a period of approximately one minute and a half when it disappeared into the horizon in a north-easterly direction. I would estimate that the closest it approached my ship was one thousand feet and it was an ovular, cylindrical shaped object the like of which I have never seen before. The object was quite small and I would judge that its diameter was approximately 10 feet. It had depth but to what extent I was unable to observe. The object made no noise and as it passed abeam our ship it appeared to pick up considerable speed. It was not flying smoothly but impressed me as having a churning or a rotary motion. It had a shiny aluminium colour and sparkled in the sunlight.

2. I was on the main deck, port side, just forward of the bridge when the Third Mate shouted there was an object on our starboard bow. I looked off to the starboard and saw an object of elliptic shape looking like half an egg cut lengthways travelling at a great rate of speed on a course reciprocal to our own. I immediately ran to the stern, port side, and with my glasses was able to observe the object disappearing into the horizon. From the time I was first alerted to its presence until it disappeared from sight, 15 seconds elapsed. I believe that it was travelling at a tremendous rate of speed, possibly faster than 500 mph. During the time I saw it, it was approximately 70 feet off the water and I judge it was approximately 10 miles away. I clearly saw its shadow on the water. I last observed it off the starboard quarter and it seemed to be increasing its speed and ascending. It had an elliptic shape and I could clearly see that it had three dimensions. It wobbled in the air, made no noise and was a metallic white in colour. The length was approximately six times the breadth and its belly had a depth of possibly 5'.

3. At 10.00 am on 4 Aug 50 as I was checking the compass at mid-bridge through a bridge port hole, I observed a flying object off the starboard bow. I immediately shouted to the Captain who was in the chart room and the Chief Mate, who was below on the port deck, of my observation and went out on the flying bridge myself. It came toward us and was approximately 70' above the horizon at a distance of 12 miles.

It came towards us, then ran on a course reciprocal to ours and turned off into the horizon in the northeast. I clearly saw its shadow on the water. My impression of the object was that it was elliptical, not unlike a Japanese diamond box kite in shape. I have no idea of its size but the length was about six times the breadth and it had a depth of from two to five feet. It made no noise and was travelling at a tremendous rate of speed. As it travelled through the air, it had a spinning or wobbly motion. After it disappeared in the horizon I saw it re-appear several seconds later, ascending at an even faster speed than when I first observed it. I have no idea what this object was, I never saw anything comparable to it before, and it was one of the most frightening experiences I have ever had. I roughly estimate that the object travelled 28 miles during the 15 seconds I had it under observation.

The Collector's Note: The Chief and Third Mates were interviewed on 8th August by two intelligence Officers. The Captain, who was absent at that time, was interviewed on 9th August by only one of the two Intelligence Officers. In describing the occurrence, the Chief and Third Mates re-enacted their behaviour at the time of the sighting, and the period from the time the Chief Mate saw the object abeam until he reached the after deck and saw it disappear off the starboard quarter was timed at 15 seconds. In laying the angles of observation out on a chart and assuming the object was ten miles distant and taking the time into account, it is evident it was certainly travelling at a very high rate of speed, which approximated 400 to 500 miles per hour. It will be noted that there is a tremendous discrepancy between the Captain's estimate of the speed and the estimate of the two Officers which could not be explained as they were very careful in making their statements and asserted that their observations had been correct. All three men were quite evidently very much upset by the sighting. Aside from the discrepancies, it was quite evident to the Intelligence Officers who interviewed these men that they had certainly seen some very unusual object which they could not identify but was just as certainly not any conventional type of aircraft.

## UFO'S - HISTORICAL SIGHTINGS 1900-1947 Part III

### Data Research Catalogues

1934	Feb 05	Norway	Fager Mountain near Malselv, 1 Pseudoplane 2 entities seen from landed craft
1934	Feb 15	"	Over Boroy-sund, Melbo, 1 Huge Pseudoplane
1934	Mar 31	"	Over Altenfjord, 1 Huge Pseudoplane
1934	Jul 06	France	Lyon, Rhone, 1 Dark Object
1934	Oct 01	Spain	Gargantua la Olla, C'aceres, 1 Undefined.
1935	c Apr 05	"	, Aznalcaznar, Sevilla, 1 Undefined
1936	Oct 02	Spain	4 reports from Burgos/San Sebastian/Biarritz fast moving light/greenlight/falling light.



1937 Feb 11 Norway Off Kvalsik, 1 large Pseudoplane  
 1937 Jun 11 USA Highlands, North Carolina. 1 Brilliant Light  
 1937 Oct 24 Norway Near Hammerfest, Mylingslykten, 1 Large Pseudoplane  
 1938 Feb 20 USA Near Boise, Idaho. 1 Heart-shaped  
 1938 cApr 06 UK Off Hartlepool, Durham. 1 aerial machine seen from collier.  
 1938 cApr 07 UK Near Dudgeon, Lightship, 1 aerial machine seen from "SS Pole"  
 1938 cApr 09 France Off Dieppe. 1 aerial object seen from trawler "La Barbue"  
 1938 Jul 25 Spain Province Guadalajara, 1. Lens-shaped object 2 silhouettes of occupants seen.  
 1938 Sept 22 France Langette, 1 Aerial Machine  
 1938 c Sept 22 UK Felixstowe, Suffolk. 1 Aerial object  
 1939 May USA Over Mt Rainier, Chinook Pass, Washington State, 7 spheres.  
 1940 cAug 18 Hungary Bata, 1 Fiery Cartwheel  
 1942 Feb 26 Australia, Over Timor Sea, 1 Large Disc  
 1942 Apr 4-10 Algeria Adrar-en-Abnet, above Ouallen, 1 small sphere, remained 2 days  
 1942 May Peru, Miraflores. 1 Silvery object, cigar-like with cut off ends.  
 1942 Aug 03 Spain Sierrade Alfabia, Balaeric Isles. 1 Undefined  
 1942 Oct UK Radway Green, Cheshire, 1 Domed cigar-shaped left scorch marks.  
 1943 Sept USSR Pushteion. 1 Disc  
 1943 Sept Argentina Oncativo. 1 Saucer-shaped  
 1943 Dec Norway Oslo Fjord, 1 Bell-shaped object. Ground Marks. Car Stalled.  
 1944 May 07 UK Ipswich, Suffolk. 1 Cross-like object  
 1944 Sept USA Oliver Springs, Tennessee 1 white object  
 1944 Sept Belgium, Brussels. 1 transparent Oval  
 1944 Oct 20 USA Minnesota, St. Paul. 1 Saucer shaped.  
 1944 Nov 23 France Alsace-Lorraine. North of Strasbourg, Several glowing balls  
 1944 Nov 27 Germany Speyer South of Mannheim. 1 huge orange light.  
 1944 Dec 24 Germany Unlocalised area of Rhine Valley. 1 Pseudoplane  
 1945 Mar US Navy attack transport "DELAROF" off Aleutian Islands, 1 Dark Shape  
 1945 Mar UK Harbourne, Birmingham. 3 Dense Black Rings (Stationary)  
 1945 Mar 22 Holland Lights in formation

1945 Aug 10 USA, East Patterson, New Jersey. 1 triangle shape  
 1945 Aug 20 Caroline Islands Ulithi 10°N, Lat 140°E long. 1 Bar "Fiery"  
 1946 Mar 05 Brazil Araçariguama, Sao Paulo State. Powerful Ray.  
 1946 Mar 14 USA US Highway 136, E of Havana, Illinois, 1 large orange globe.  
 1946 Jul 09 Sweden, Norrby 1 Fiery Object  
 1946 " 11 " Orebro. 1 Triangular Object  
 1946 " 11 " Njurenda. 1 Sphere  
 1946 "c 19 Norway Lake Mjoso. 2 winged cigars  
 1946 " 29 Sweden Lake Kolmjerfsjon. Ovrekallix. 1 Rocket-shape  
 1946 Aug 2-3 " Norrland Area. 2 Cigar shaped  
 1946 " 05 " Skane, Kristianstad. 1 Disc  
 1946 " 08 " Gotland. 1 Rocket-like  
 1946 " 09 " Gävleborg. 1 Ball of Fire  
 1946 " 12 " Göteborg. 1 Fish shaped object  
 1946 " 13 " Uddevalla. Göteborg och Bohus. 1 Round object  
 1946 " 14 " Kristienstad, Skane, 3 Rocket-like  
 1946 " 19 " Laxå, Orebro. 1 Cigar shaped with spheres at nose end.  
 1946 " 22 Eire Waterford. 1 Aerial object  
 1946 Sep 01 Greece. Many locations. 1 Rocket shaped or Flare-like.  
 1946 Sept 7 " Koziani 1 Rocket-like  
 1946 Sept 7 " Chateau 1 Fiery Ball  
 1946 Oct 09 USA San Diego, California, 1 Hugh Bat-like  
 1946 Dec 30 " " " " 1 Bat-like

#### CONCLUDED.

There is a significant increase in sightings in 1945-46. This may be coincidental with the conclusion of war and less restriction on reporting. Possibly the advent of the Atomic Bomb in 1945 was a cause of the increase of UFO activity which of course became a frenzy after the Arnold experience in 1947.

THE AUTHORITIES PROVE OUR CASE: 1

by Michael Soper.

Under the American Freedom of information act a remarkable report from 1955 has been released -- back in the days when the Russians had not yet sent up a satellite and used thermionic valves exclusively. On 14th Oct 1955 Senator Richard Russell, Lt. Co. E

U. Hathaway, Army, and Mr. Ruben Efron, on route from Kiev to Prague saw two daylight discs from a train: On 4th October 1955 at 1910 hours between Atjaty and Adzhijabul, ten minutes by rail after departing Atjaty in Trans Caucasus region, two round and circular unconventional aircraft resembling flying discs or flying saucers were seen taking off almost vertically one minute apart. Disc aircraft ascended near dusk with outer surface revolving slowly to the right and with two lights stationary on top near middle part. Sparks or flame could be seen coming from the craft. No protrusion seen on the aircraft which then passed over the observers' train. Both flying disc aircraft ascended relatively slowly to about 6000 feet, then speed increased sharply in horizontal flight both on a Northerly heading. Flying attitude of disc remained same during ascent as in a cruise, like a discus in flight. Two operating searchlights pointing almost vertical seen near take-off area located about 1-2 miles south of RR line. After sighting Soviet trainmen became excited and refused permission to look out of windows. US observers firmly believe these unconventional aircraft were a genuine saucer or disc aircraft.

Here follows the more informal transcript of their account:

We met at 0900 on 13 Oct in the larger office of the Army Attache and proceeded with the debriefing amid adequate safeguards for talking. Present were: Lt. Col. Hathaway, Mr. Efron, Col. Dooley and myself. Col. Dooley and I took notes and provided paper for sketches. Sen. Russell was busy with the Chief of Mission and was unable to attend. Due to the departure time of the group, we were unable to spend more than one hour talking, the interview ending about 1000. Col. Hathaway did most of the explaining and answering with Mr. Efron supplementing and adding support.

Lt. Col. Hathaway proved to be an excellent observer and Mr. Efron had kept detailed notes which he referred to for times and places.

Hathaway led off with "I doubt if you're going to believe this but we all saw it. Sen. Russell was the first to see this flying saucer and he called us to the window, and we both saw the second one (pointing to EFRON who nodded yes). We've been told for years that there isn't such a thing but all of us saw it, including Sen. Russell. "It was emphasized that Sen. Russell saw the first flying saucer or flying disc ascend and pass over the train on a northerly course, taking off from the left side of the train's direction, which places the take-off area on the south side of the RR line on which they were travelling.

I stated that I don't disbelieve anything after having been in Czechoslovakia for 17 months. The following raw notes are quoted with my additional comments after:

1. "Two flying saucer type aircraft were seen between two railway station stops after we left BAKU".
2. "It was after we left ATJATY, we were there at 1900 and we saw the aircraft at 1910. The next place we saw was ADZHIJABUL." (Efrons notes).
3. "They took off straight up and then the speed increased greatly as they moved straight ahead, horizontally and disappeared to the right of the train". (Questioning

revealed that the angle of ascent was not exactly "straight up" but rather in a slight arc just off the vertical line.)

4. "The whole object whirred and then levelled and zoomed off at very high speed." (Questioning revealed that the outer surface of the object revolved slowly in a clockwise direction or to the right, with the rate of ascent being relatively slow in comparison to the high speed which the object took off at when it reached altitude.)
5. "The take off was at an angle to about 2000 meters." (Both objects were said to have ascended almost vertically to an approximate altitude of 6000 feet before sharply increasing speed in level flight.)
6. "They were seen out of window on left side of train."
7. "Two searchlights were seen pointing at an angle near where the saucer took off." (The angle was nearly vertical and evidently, I gathered, that the angle of one searchlight beam was nearly vertical approximating the arc which the disc ascended to 6000 feet, while the second searchlight beam was pointing at another spot. Lack of time prevented complete clarification of the searchlight beams. Dusk was falling at the time of the sighting.)
8. "Some sparking or flame came out of the bottom as craft rose."
9. "After we saw the two discs, the Soviet trainmen became excited, closing curtains and telling us that we were not allowed to look out of windows." (The behaviour of the trainmen was such as to indicate that the US passengers had seen something that they were not supposed to see.)
10. "Approximately one minute elapsed between the first and second takeoffs of the aircraft." (It was explained that Sen. Russell had seen the first flying object and recognised it as something drastically different, rushing in to get Mr. Efron and Col. Hathaway to see it. Col. Hathaway stated that he got to the window with the Senator in time to see the first while Mr. Efron said that he got only a short glimpse of the first due to crowding. However all three saw the second disc and all agreed that they saw the same round, disc shaped aircraft which was the same as the first.)
11. "The take-off area was about one mile away, maybe a little further." (Searchlights were located in the same area.)
12. "There were two lights towards the inside of the disc which remained stationary as the outer surface went around." (Both agreed firmly on this point.) "The lights sat near the top of the disc." (If a line representing the diameter of the disc were



divided into three segments, the lights would have been located at the two points of division between the middle segment and the two outside segments i.e. see sketch drawn with aid of Mr. Efron.:



13. "The aircraft was circular." "The aircraft was round." "It resembled a flying saucer." "It seemed to be the shape of a discus, round and circular - revolving clockwise or to the right." (It was definitely round or at least circular in the eyes of these two observers, containing no protrusions or "sticks" or bulges. No estimate could be obtained either from thickness or diameter from observers.)
14. "There was no noticable colour." (It was stated that dusk prevented any colour impressions.)
15. "After reaching 2000 metres, it whipped off at a great speed from our left to our right, or towards the north from the south." (Speed differential was very noticable between ascent and level flight speed.)
16. "We could see the take-off on the horizon to our left or south of our train."
17. "Outer part revolved slowly to right." (There seemed to be a different impression of the disc's movement while climbing and after assuming level flight, with the terms 'revolving slowly' used for the climb and the term 'whirring' for the cruising flight.)
18. "The disc rose in the same position as it was in when it sped away." The flying attitude of the flying disc was said to resemble a discus in flight.)

Note that these prominent Americans risked loss of credibility as well as US government paid trips abroad and other concessions in disclosing information like this, and that the reports are very precise in every detail and well motivated, as also is the behaviour of the Russian Railway men. These objects definitely were seen. Could they have been a Russian hoax? Unlikely - since the close control of a rocket-powered disc in high speed flight would have been beyond the state-of-the-art of soviet cybernetics at that time.

Could the whole thing have been a hoax by the Americans to take the heat off American authorities near Washington who were hard-pressed

to explain their own national sightings? Unlikely - since such a scheme could so easily be revealed to the American public by the Russians who, whilst the cold war was on, might just have liked to stir things up. Thus we are left with a sighting that appears to have the necessary solidity to clinch the case for UFOs as a physical phenomenon.

Therefore we have here a strong case which in conjunction with many others revealed by the Freedom of Information Act gives us a remarkable brief for the proponents of the physical existence of UFOs. The strength of the case is that the evidence was collected and filed by 'unbelievers' -- after all for members of a cause to falsify evidence to prove their case is not at all unheard of. A compelling feature of this account is the fact that the witnesses risked so much to tell their tale and made a point of bringing the evidence to the notice of the authorities as early as they possibly could.

After all the years of trying, to find such unequivocal proof of our thesis is slightly numbing -- but the evidence is there for anyone who cares to obtain the documents from CAUS, and the majority of the evidence is very solid indeed.

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### COVER-UPS 1989 Part III

by G.E. Ambler

In this edition I am looking at 2 recent political situations in the International field which have almost certain elements of "Cover-Up" about them.

The North Trial: The events around the "Iranagate" scandal have been well reported over the past few years. The basic fact we are led to believe is that Col. Oliver North, former US Marine, and working as a trouble shooter for the Pentagon arranged the covert shipment of arms to the regime in Iran so they could continue their war with Iraq which was finally concluded after eight blood-spattered years. The revenue obtained for these arms was transferred to the right wing rebel 'Contras' in Nicaragua without government authority. In defence of this action, Iran was to guarantee release of American hostages in Lebanon.

No doubt this is not the whole story. The Iran-Iraq war lasted eight years. How did the supply of arms to Iran keep going? She had mainly Western weapons and aircraft bought in the days of the Shah, so spare parts had to be arranged. With relations between Iran and USA and Europe at rock bottom for most of this period- 1980 - 88 no government was likely to sanction exports of arms to Iran openly. Vast numbers of wheeler-dealers were no doubt operating on this project lead by the billionaire Adnan Khashoggi, now languishing in a Swiss jail.

A recent Channel 4 documentary spared no one - indicating that the Reagan - Bush administration were part and parcel of arms deals to Iran almost from taking office in 1981. Their go-betweens named as



Klines, Shackley, Secord and Hakim operated covertly from various parts of the Middle East. The strange thing was that Iran released the American hostages on the very day that Democratic President Jimmy Carter left office, causing him maximum embarrassment. It was implied that Carter was "whiter-than-white" and would do no undercover deals with Iran, but the incoming Reagan team with their big business backing had already arranged undercover arms sales even as early as this - hence the sudden release of the hostages. The part played by Reagan and new President Bush will almost certainly be covered-up beyond recall, Reagan's bumbling explanations at the time the scandal first came to light were feeble to say the least - but the old actor knew how best to handle the situation.

After a long protracted trial, little of which was made public - as compared to the previous hearings on the case before the Congress Committee - Col. North was found guilty of 3 out of 12 charges. His sentence followed two months later being a predictable "suspended" sentence, reflecting guilt but no doubt appeasin North's huge grass-roots following in the country who would have created a massive outcry had their hero been jailed.

#### The Death of President Zia of Pakistan

On August 17th 1988 a Hercules C-130 carrying President Zia-ul-Haq, autocratic leader of Pakistan together with 8 of his top generals, the American Ambassador and General M. Wasson head of American military aid to Pakistan were all killed when the aircraft crashed near Bahawalpur at 3.51 p.m. just 5 minutes after taking off from a military air-base. There were no survivors of the 31 on board.

The fact that Zia had met an untimely end came as no surprise - the man who had former Pakistan prime-minister Ali Bhutto executed ten years earlier would always be an assassination target. The question of whether his plane, the flagship Pakistan Airforce I (PAKI) was shot down, blown up or crashed because of mechanical failure remains to be answered. There was an untimely haste to hold the funerals of Zia and most of the others on board, before autopsies could be held in most cases. Little else was mentioned about the very suspicious circumstances of the crash after the funeral and no terrorist group has ever claimed responsibility. A deathly calm prevailed as it were. No threats of vengeance were ever uttered and all portraits of Zia and other dead generals came down within days. (Compare the hysteria at Ayatollah Khomeinis' recent funeral).

Edward Jay Epstein carried out an investigation for the magazine Vanity Fair which was reproduced in the Times on Saturday June 17th 1989. In the article, Epstein is convinced the Zia affair was murder, but the method of its carrying out more sophisticated than most.

Apparently Zia had not travelled in PAK I for 2½ months and he had to be persuaded by General Durrani the Commander of the Armoured Corps to pay a visit to see a new American tank in action near Bahawalpur. Durrani insisted on Zia being there as the entire army command would be present together with the American Ambassador. All the top generals in Pakistan returned with Zia on the ill-fated flight except Lt. General Mirca Aslan Beg, the army's vice chief of staff who claimed to have another meeting scheduled elsewhere. The flight was cleared after a Cessna-security plane had completed a final check of the area - a routine feature ever since a terrorist

group tried to fire a missile at Zia's aircraft 6 years earlier. The Hercules took off and after one acknowledgement from the pilot, the control tower heard no more. Within 5 minutes witnesses saw the aircraft nose-dive downwards after a series of loops and exploded on hitting the ground.



Epstein goes into discussion of who could and would want to assassinate Zia and the possible method used in causing his aircraft to crash.

The leading terrorist group call Al-Zulfikar or "The Sword" was lead by Mir Murtaza Bhutto, brother of Benazir Bhutto, the present freely elected Prime-Minister of Pakistan. Murtaza claimed at least 5 previous assassination attempts on Zia over 9 years, and initially claimed this one although retracted the claim when he heard that the American Ambassador had been killed in the crash. With his sister likely to campaign in the elections to he held at the end of 1988, Murtaza had good cause to want Zia removed bearing in mind the treatment of his father.

The USSR was also considered a possible source of the murder attempt. Zia was supporting the rebel armies in Afghanistan against the Russian supported puppet regime.

In spite of agreements in Geneva for the West and Pakistan to stop the flow of arms into Afghanistan, Zia had continued to supply the Mujahdin rebels as the Russians began to pull out. A KGB trained Afghan Intelligence Service was operating in Pakistan where it had been responsible for a number of bombings in the past year. Could they have laid the plot?

India might have an interest in removing Zia. As well as the long religious feud between India and Pakistan, premier Rajiv Gandhi had threatened Zia after learning he was secretly supplying arms to Sikh terrorists.

Finally the USA itself-supposedly a strong ally of Pakistan may have had reason to remove Zia, having established he was diverting their



arms shipments to an extremist fundamentalist group in Afghanistan, which was strongly anti-American. Indeed, in spite of the loss of their Ambassador, the American involvement in looking for the cause of the air crash was extremely low key.

How did the C-130 aircraft meet its end? It was not blown up in mid-air either by a missile or bomb on board. Wreckage would have been strewn over a wide area had this happened. Heat effects from a missile would also be apparent. There was no doubt that the plane had been intact when it hit the ground.

A fire on board was also ruled out. The autopsy on the American general found no soot in his lungs as would have been the case. Similarly engine failure was not the cause. The state of the propellers indicated they had been moving round at full revs at the moment of impact. Bad fuel was also ruled out by examining the residue in the tanker used to fill PAK-I at Bahawalpur. Electrical failure was similarly eliminated - all clocks on board stopped at the precise moment of impact. Weather conditions were just about perfect in good day-time light. The aircraft had three separate mechanical systems to keep it flying in the event of hydraulic failure. Again, all systems were considered to be sound.

Having eliminated all these malfunctions of the aircraft, the only other explanation is a complete loss of control of the aircraft by the pilots - meaning that they were somehow removed from command of the controls most probably by falling unconscious. A chemical known as PETN, an explosive commonly used by saboteurs was found in traces in the wreckage. This could have been used to explode a flask containing an odourless poison gas which would knock out the pilots. An autopsy on the pilots would undoubtedly indicate traces of poisoning, but as previously stated all the Pakistanis were hastily despatched to their funerals before any autopsy could be done.

The pilots being unconscious accounts for the complete loss of communication with the control tower. Four other aircraft flying nearby were in communication with PAK-1. A voice recognized as one of the generals on board could be faintly heard calling out indicating an open microphone picking up a background sound. If the crew were awake they would have surely called "May-Day" or, if being overpowered, sounds of a struggle would have been picked up.

This brief account of Epstein's report shows the mechanics of a "Cover-Up" at almost every angle, but let the last word come from Benazir Bhutto who quotes in her autobiography "Daughter of Destiny" that "Zia's death must have been an act of God". It seems that the Pakistan nation must have treated it as such!



### CIRCLES IN THE CORN

By Michael Rutter \*

Place:- Aylesbury Buckinghamshire.

I was first alerted about these circles when it was reported on

the front page of my local newspaper with a picture. Being a member of BUFORA and having recently attended their conference, where these circles were high in peoples' interest I decided to do my own investigation.

These circles arrived in Aylesbury sometime between the 31st and 3rd July/August and were spotted by a jogger who uses the path by the side of the field approx 4 times a week. I decided to contact the paper to find out where they were: After establishing my keen interest in the circles they told me. I ventured to the spot and found a few children also there but, having arrived on spec i.e. no camera or measure I had to return. As far as I know this is probably the first instance in the Buckinghamshire Area of Corn Circles reported apart from the Winchester and Hampshire Borders.

Armed with tape measure I began and noticed that there were 5 circles a large one 38 feet approx in diameter with 4 smaller ones at approximately the 4 cardinal points.

No. 1 circle was 23 feet approx. in diameter and 24 feet approx. from large one also at North position.

No. 2 circle was 23½ feet approx in diameter and 14ft. 6" approx from large one at West position.

No. 3 circle was just under 23 feet approx in diameter 23 feet approx. from large one at South position.

No. 4 circle was 23½ feet approx. in diameter and 16½ feet approx. from large one in East position.

No. 5 circle was 40 feet in Diameter.

I inspected the centre of each circle and could find no trace of freshly dug earth to indicate a hoax i.e. Rod stuck in middle and taut rope to walk around with to make it with. The farmer strongly believes "There is no way these are Man Made"; he also reckons that the combined area in lost grain is approx ¼ acre. At the first time of being on the scene the farmer could see no signs of footprints also the corn is not crushed but folded. Circles 1, 3, 4, and 5 the corn lays in an Anticlockwise pattern and Circle No.2 lays in a clockwise pattern.

The field lays at the back-side of a housing estate in Aylesbury with an allotment field a hedge and a ditch separating them, I estimate from the back of the houses the distance is less than ¼ mile away - I have photographed them and also photographed the way the grain lays within the circle

- I await them with anticipation!

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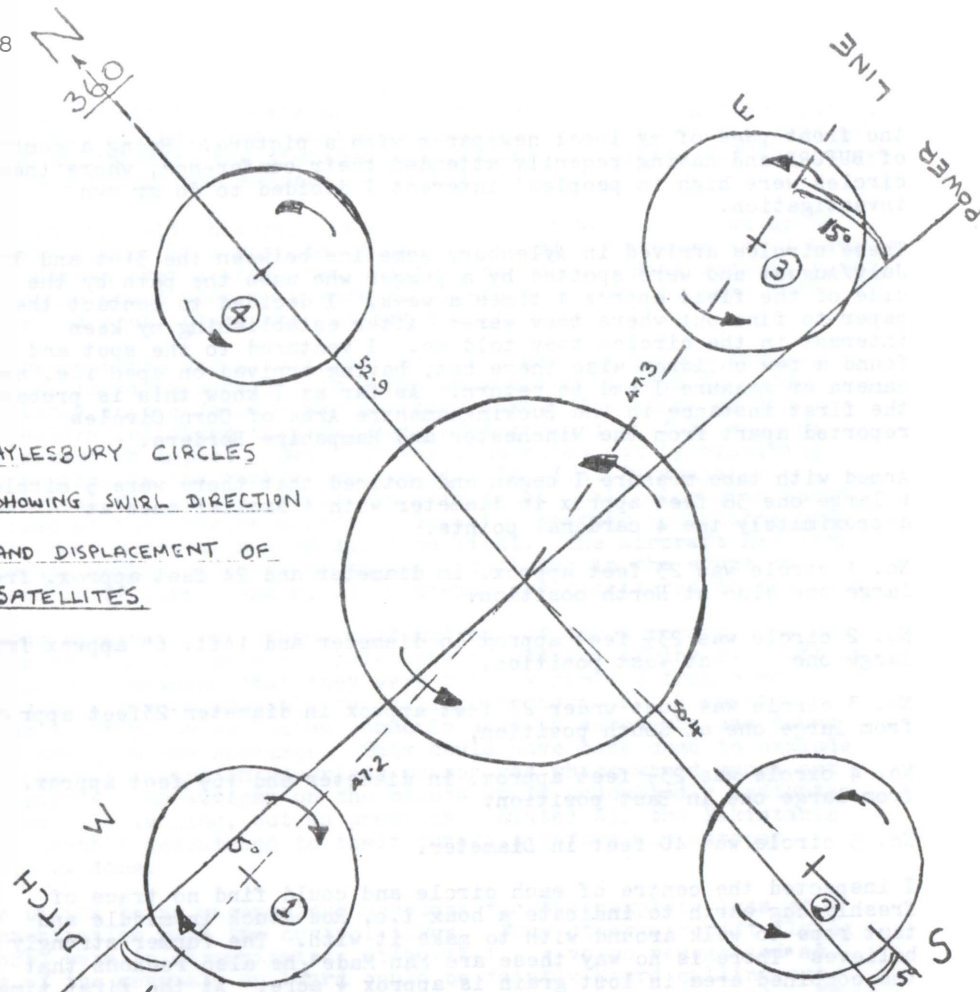
At 10.30 p.m. on the local News 4th August 1989 there was a flash where circles were found in Cheltenham. I do not know the exact location.

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AYLESBURY CIRCLES  
SHOWING SWIRL DIRECTION  
AND DISPLACEMENT OF  
SATELLITES



Editors Remarks: The majority of the Data Research team have now visited the site of these circles and are fairly convinced the formation is genuine from the swirled layering of the corn and sharp edges of the circles. The surprising feature of this location is that it is absolutely flat ground on a very narrow but longish field sandwiched between a tree lined ditch and power cables. If a "craft" had landed there it would have been an extremely difficult site to negotiate. If a hoaxer had been at work why choose a field where virtually nobody can see the formation without being directed to the spot?

From the photographs in the new book "Circular Evidence" ( Andrews/ Delgado) the formation is almost identical to the 1987 appearance at Upton Scudamore near Warminster (pp 86-89). The ratio of the small and large diameter circles is almost 1 : 2 and the large circle and 3 small circles are swirled anti-clockwise with just one small circle swirled clockwise. The Aylesbury formation is Type F in the classification on pages 118-9.

Further measurements on the displacement of the smaller circles show they are not all at the cardinal points of the compass and we are

now making an in-depth study for future publication. We also have reports in preparation of 4 UFOs seen around the time of the formation of the circles.

The majority of circles have hitherto been reported in very open fields on rolling downlands giving credence to the "Whirlwind" or "wind vortex" theory of their origin. Our initial feelings about Aylesbury is that the site is a most unlikely area for whirlwinds to occur. It must also be the most urban location found yet - a large housing estate being less than 400 yards from where the circles lay. In fact, from all previous reports, the phenomenon seems to have entered new territory and the mystery of how the formations are made becomes even more difficult to explain. A paranormal explanation is still very much a possibility.

UFOs: FACING UP TO SOME FACTS

by J. Bernard Delair

1. Introduction

There will doubtless be quite a few 'ufologists' who will not be overjoyed at the main substance of this article and there will be others who, knowing the general character of the subject before us will be delighted at the statements made. No advance apologies are therefore tendered, especially as the 'facts' of ufology, as they currently stand, do not themselves require one.

There can be few topics more permeated with speculation and assumption, and even downright wishful thinking, than ufology, yet there are those who appear to want to believe as proven various aspects of the subject which, quite frankly, are entirely circumstantial and in many cases presently unprovable. This article seeks to take a fresh and unbiased look at the general fabric of ufology and at the kinds of individuals who can justly be described as its practitioners and to then assess what can be accepted as genuine 'fact' and what is assignable to the arena of conjecture and mere inference. Some of the results may be surprising.

2. The General Background

Over 40 years have now elapsed since the late Kenneth Arnold reported watching an unusual aerial phenomenon which then contemporary newsmen quickly likened to 'flying saucers'. Soon other observers reported essentially the same kind of aerial spectacle elsewhere, and the phrase 'flying Saucer' rapidly became established in everyday language virtually the world over. Indeed, 'flying saucers' soon became the focus of a protracted and often heated debate which still awaits a satisfactory solution --- despite what some individuals would otherwise have us believe. It was only later that the less crude but still emotive replacement phrase 'unidentified flying object' (UFO) came into general usage. Outside of mental institutions there can be very few people anywhere today who remain unfamiliar with the term UFO.

Since Arnold's classic sighting (in 1947), immense numbers of



sightings (reports) of highly variable quality and credibility of alleged UFOs have been recorded from quite literally all over the world. The UFO phenomenon, or at least the reporting of its supposed manifestations, is apparently global. Catalogues (including computerised examples) have been painstakingly assembled of these.

Hundreds of photographs and scores of films (both long and short) purporting to show UFOs have been taken and analysed. Catalogues also now exist of these.

Collectively, the 'sightings' and the 'photographic' catalogues indicate that not all UFOs are saucer shaped but apparently exhibit an endlessly bewildering range of configurations and sizes. The reported performance characteristics of many alleged UFOs also appear to put them in advance of present 'Earthly' technology, as both solid and seemingly ephemeral (transparent or disappearing) UFOs, and others reportedly capable of altering shape and size to order, also feature in these catalogues.

A whole series of unusual and often unnaturally symmetrical, transient ground markings have been recorded from many parts of the world. These are, from their very circumstances often difficult to ascribe to conventional terrestrial causes, and have accordingly be attributed to landed or low-flying UFOs, even though nobody to date has actually witnessed the physical production of these ground markings. Catalogues now exist of these too.

The observers of witnesses likewise encompass the entire spectrum of modern humanity. Individuals of both sexes and of every race, creed, and social or political persuasion, of every shade of erudition and ignorance, laymen as well professionals and specialists, including the honest, the dishonest and the misguided, figure in the now vast concourse of reporters of alleged UFO manifestations and/or supposedly associated phenomena. A willingness, even in some cases a desire, to report UFO (or UFO-like) activity evidently exists internationally within a sizeable segment of humanity and, moreover, occurs on virtually a daily basis somewhere or other in the world.

One stratum of the UFO 'edifice' is characterised by reports, of individuals claiming to have had actual physical contact with UFOs or with entities (usually described as of approximately human biological design) within or very close to them. Some even assert they have been taken on board UFOs for a variety of reasons, both voluntarily and on an abduction basis. Catalogues have also been compiled of these claims.

Many of those (now usually styled ufologists) who have studied the UFO phenomenon (conveniently called ufology) have interpreted these particular claims as suggestive (or as proof) of either (a) that UFOs are real physical vehicles of transport for otherworld entities, and are therefore non-terrestrial, or (b) that a surprisingly large number of people are susceptible to hallucinations, mental aberrations, or downright invention every-time typified by a recurrently similar theme of startling originality.

Irrespective of whether they are real or imagined, or that Hollywood has produced some famous films on this theme (e.g. Close Encounters, E.T. etc.,) these episodes (cases) have been divided by students of these claims into 'close encounters' of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd kinds, each category reflecting the scenarios of individual cases. Catalogues of these cases have also been compiled.

The collective testimony of all the foregoing has been accepted by ufologists as 'evidence' of the real existence of the UFO phenomenon. Inevitably, numerous theories have been proposed since 1947 about UFO origins, their mode of propulsion and their intent. None, however, enjoys universal acceptance or genuinely succeeds in establishing UFOs as incontrovertably real.

Some ufologists have countered this shortcoming by arguing that although UFOs are real they are not of our space-time continuum, or are largely psychological phenomenon unsusceptible to in-depth investigation dependant upon any set of accredited scientific laws or methods presently in use. As an adjunct to this attitude, it has also been advocated that UFOs represent a culture and technology so advanced that no investigative effort by Man to understand them will succeed until Man's own currently limited mental development is raised to higher levels. This of course, is merely 'passing the buck', for even if the argument turns out to be valid the use of that argument doesn't prove by one iota that UFOs really exist.

There is also an 'area' ufology which fosters the belief that actual physical specimens of 'captured' UFOs or genuine fragments of 'crashed' UFOs, not to mention the preserved remains of a number of UFO 'occupants', are stored at secret military bases in various parts of the world, but that governmental policies have precluded the general public of being aware of such momentous possessions. The reasons for governmental secrecy of this kind, if this belief has any foundation of truth at all, are not difficult to divine. Despite several sturdy efforts to get to the bottom of this belief, however, nobody has succeeded in doing so to universal satisfaction, and the suspicion continues to lurk that covertly stored physical evidence of the reality of UFO is just so much wishful thinking on the part of those who would like such a scenario to exist. Certainly such beliefs cannot be regarded as 'evidence' of any kind. They are simply rumours.

At the time of writing, therefore, Man is no further on towards understanding or solving the UFO riddle than was Kenneth Arnold over 40 years ago. Indeed, Man is still unable to positively state that UFOs really exist in terms of the kind of hard evidence which would be accepted as such in a court of law or in the arena of pure science. The phenomenon of people reporting, photographing, and studying what they think are UFOs cannot be denied. That phenomenon is real enough: but are the so-called UFO images recorded by these means actually evidence of UFOs' physical reality? That is a very different question. It is examined more fully below.

### 3. The 'Evidence': Actual and Imagined

Having briefly surveyed the principal aspects of ufology's main fabric, and found that, as a subject, it is far from securely based, we now turn attention to the 'evidence' upon which its very existence rests.

There are several kinds of evidence.

Hard physical evidence brooks no argument so far as its tangible existence is concerned. Ufology has produced no certain example of such evidence which is known to this writer.

Circumstantial evidence is valid as far as its limitations allow.



The photographic/film images of alleged UFOs fall into this category. The film emulsions do indeed record something, which, if not chemical blemishes of some kind, may be presumed to be that something's general likeness. At the same time, however, hard confirmatory evidence of that something's physical reality is still lacking.

Interferential evidence is precisely what it claims to be and nothing more. Those accounts describing agitated animal behaviour or disrupted electrical or automobile power, for example, when noticed on the occasion of what witnesses claim to be a UFO, could fairly be classed as inferential evidence, since the contemporaneity of (a) the object, (b) the unusual animal behaviour, and (c) the electrical and/or automobile power disruption, suggests a common factor and a causal agent. In such cases, the UFO would seem to be the most likely agent, whereby eyewitness statements that such an object manifested when the other two effects were experienced could be regarded as indicating an inferable cause ---i.e. the UFO. Nevertheless, even such instances are not conclusive evidence that UFOs actually exist, especially in night-time cases of this kind when the UFO resembled just a bright light or vaporous ball of the kind that was conceivably ball-lightning or an electrical plasma generated in some way by the electrical failure itself.

Anecdotal evidence is by far the largest category of 'evidence' which comprises the raw materials of ufology generally. Eyewitness accounts of specific events, scenarios, and experiences form the main bulk of this raw evidence. They refer to alleged manifestations of UFOs without producing any tangible evidence of the reality of the UFOs reported. As material they represent nothing more than a series of personal recollections, even when, as happens quite often, they are accompanied by eyewitness sketches or by the circumstantial evidence of films or photographs. Individually they can never completely prove the existence of UFOs, however detailed the reports might be.

A large percentage of ufological material in this category lacks critical detail, and usually doesn't take the ufologist very far in his/her quest for a solution to the UFO enigma. Although all too rare even detailed reports have serious shortcomings, as such reports are little more than an equivalent of, say, a report on a holidaying family observed (by eyewitnesses who subsequently drew-up the report) enjoying a picnic. Such a report tells one quite a lot about the family, what they wore, how they behaved, what they ate and how much, how many of them were involved, what they travelled in and what time and date the picnic was held on; but it tells absolutely nothing about the millions of human contemporaries elsewhere, or whether the observed family was even typical of the relevant local community (they may, for example, have been foreign tourists). It would convey little of the social and political structure of the race to which the family belonged, and nothing at all as to whether picknicking was common or rare among that race or indulged in by only a particular segment of it. Their religious beliefs, if they had any, would be a closed book, while their overall outlook on life generally might be conveyed in only the very sketchiest of outlines, if at all. The detailed UFO report is in virtually the same position as that just summarised for the holidaying picknickers. They sometimes tell a lot about a very small segment of the wider UFO phenomenon, but leave us hardly any the wiser vista. Consequently we do not know how significant are even the events described in detailed reports relative to the UFO phenomenon as a whole. Ufologists might conclude that they are significant, but the question must still be asked: are they actually significant? They

could be just incidental.

With so many variables attached to material in this category it is small wonder that it cannot be classified other than anecdotal, and as such it is far from being ideal raw material for any kind of investigation.

Neither should it be overlooked that a percentage (perhaps a relatively high percentage) of this anecdotal 'evidence' is probably spurious or false for, although investigated by ufologists within its limitations as 'possible' or 'likely' UFO activity, the absence of critical details within it renders its validity very questionable. Yet to summarily discard or ignore all such material would be premature and tantamount to 'throwing away the baby with the bath-water'. This becomes apparent when the purely anecdotal 'evidence' is considered collectively rather than case by case. Even unpromising reports of, say, 'lights in the sky' or 'slow meteors', not infrequently form part of a wider pattern of discernibly unnatural extent, intensity, or duration, and clearly emerge, for all their shortcomings, as portions of some phenomenon outside that commonly regarded as normal. The strength of anecdotal 'evidence' lies not in their individual messages but in their collective testimony.

#### 4. Eyewitnesses

As mentioned previously, these include the widest possible range of individuals. Their motives for reporting what they claim to have seen are as varied as their ethnological and social backgrounds, varying from genuinely honest desires to report incidents which they considered sufficiently abnormal to be important enough for someone else to know of, to screamingly blatant inventions and hoaxes. Many have been reluctant to communicate their experiences, but others have proved positively eager to relay relevant details to anyone who would listen. This variable clearly related to whether or not witnesses tried to avoid publicity or craved it.

The overwhelming majority of eyewitnesses have proved to be ordinary everyday people who, as often as not, have not enjoyed an especially high education and are not trained in observational techniques. As purveyors of information (accounts of sightings) they are not as a group, therefore, particularly encouraging. Recognising this, quite a few ufologists have from time to time concluded (even assumed) that such eyewitness testimony cannot be reliable, or at least not as dependable, as those received from trained observers such as meteorologists, civil and military pilots, coastguards and policemen.

This attitude towards eyewitness testimony has proved to be quite fallacious. Some of the most informative reports have been made by ornithologists, fishermen and farmers -- people who, though not trained professional observers, rely heavily on close or everyday observation of their surroundings to successfully prosecute their chosen hobbies or livelihoods. Conversely, some of the potentially most important UFO reports received from professional observers are surprisingly devoid of various crucial details of the kind which their reports could have been expected to have featured. Yet it is understandable that a pilot or a policeman could easily miss significant details of the alleged UFO manifestation simply because, simultaneously with trying to observe it, he or she was also in the process of flying an aircraft or negotiating a tricky road or heavy traffic. Under such circumstances eyewitness-missing of important



details, while unfortunate, could be forecasted. It could also be a direct consequence of such witnesses being in a changing or mobile situation at the time of their observations, and of the aforementioned farmers, fishermen, and ornithologists being virtually stationary at the times of their sightings. The position, mobility or otherwise and ability to accurately memorise details at the times of such observations are not only all crucial factors but largely determine the ultimate quality of the individual sightings and are themselves facts. It is the combination of these facts during the time of any given observation that usually controls the final value of the subsequent eyewitness report, (but not of the actual UFO manifestation). If the combination is not favourable, then irrespective of how many potentially expert the eyewitness may be, the ensuing report is unlikely to prove of particularly high value to the ufologists. That, too, is a fact.

Other aspects of the 'Eyewitness Factor' have been discussed in considerable depth by various other writers, so need not be repeated here.

### 5. Ufologists

By their very name, ufologists are all those individuals who have a group or a private interest in UFOs and/or supposedly related phenomena. Like the eyewitnesses just discussed, they include folk who embrace the entire present social and educational spectra, and like the eyewitnesses, include both the scrupulously honest enquirers and those (authors excluded) who exploit the subject for power and/or financial gain (e.g. the occult and quasi-religious cults syndrome). As a result, ufologists are an exceedingly mixed bunch, and their motives equally variable.

These motives are usually rooted in what, as individuals, ufologists want UFOs to be.

It is scarcely necessary to enumerate all the known motives here, although it may prove helpful to remind readers that UFOs have been variously interpreted by different groups of ufologists as space ships piloted by both otherworld (alien) entities and remotely, as time-travelling objects, as the returned flying vehicles of the gods and deities of ancient myth and folklore, as modern emissaries of an ancient inner-Earth civilization linked to the fabled Agnarti and/or Atlantis, as secret military aerial crafts, as Nazi war devices, as heavenly warnings and signs of religious portent, as manifestations of satanical connotation, or as psychological aberrations.

The intellectual range represented by such a gamut of beliefs or suggestions usually reflects the social, intellectual or religious needs of ufologists subscribing to each of these contradictory and conflicting explanations. Those who prefer to study UFOs scientifically within the limitations of the 'evidence' by dispassionate and fact-oriented methods have long experienced the difficulty of converting ufologists who for example, prefer to interpret UFOs as 'inner-Earth', 'devilish', or 'returned ancient gods' phenomena. The converse situation has also been experienced. In short, ufologists at the present time appear to be facing in all directions at once. These are also facts.

Keeping options open in this manner may seem healthy, but it also makes for disharmony among the various ufological groups and thereby suggests to the non-ufologically involved general public that all

ufologists must be cranks who should not be taken seriously. Unfortunately that ignores the high calibre of certain (semi-isolated) ufologists.

### 6. Some Conclusions

This article has attempted to sift facts from possibilities and fancies in the general framework of current ufology. The conclusion has been reached that despite a super-abundance of varied eyewitness testimony (claimed experiences), extensive field-studies by investigators and conscientious catalogue-making, no decisive facts presently exist in support of the absolute reality of UFOs, but that the photographic 'evidence' while still not fully conclusive, at the moment appears to constitute the most promising proof of that reality.

The variability of the so-called 'evidence' overall has been discussed and the scientific value of the vast bulk of it found to be highly questionable. It has also been concluded that the internal patterns and trends in a collective assessment of the otherwise derided anecdotal 'evidence' offers the most scope for study and probably provides the best chance of delivering a universally acceptable answer to the UFO problem.

Eyewitness limitations have been surveyed and in some instances explained. The shortcomings of their testimony while inevitably variable, have also been discussed.

Finally, ufologists as a whole, and some of their motives and conflicting interests, have also been touched upon, the resultant picture hardly being a favourable one and certainly not conducive to generating public confidence in them as a group.

All the foregoing has been reviewed to determine what in ufology is a genuine fact and what is not. Far too much often essayed as fact proves on analysis to be merely inferential, anecdotal, or personal opinion or interpretation. Worse still, too often supposition and theory have been advanced as undeniable fact, when of course they never could be fact.

Ufology has been found to be demonstrably a subject presently governed by an abundance of variables, the real significance of any one of which is as yet scarcely determined. As a topic it appears to parallel that which students of supernatural or poltergeist activity strive to understand. That may be a spurious comparison on final analysis, but presently it appears to be a rather apt one. If ever ufology is to be taken seriously with regard to professional scientific support or to the large-scale financial assistance it surely ought to merit, then it must change its image accordingly, however much certain factions within the overall ufological fraternity object or would prefer otherwise. The subject as a whole demands such a change, and that change can only derive from the stringent segregation of real from imagined facts like those already discussed. Handled along such lines ufology should take its rightful place as one of the last great frontiers which Man has yet to cross. The vistas beyond that frontier may be more wonderful (or dreadful) than in our wildest dreams: but until it is crossed we shall never know. It is high time that the ufological 'act' was 'got together'.



### Reviews

Circular Evidence: by Pat Delgado and Colin Andrews

190 pp, Bloomsbury, £14. 95.

Not a lot of book for the asking price but the superb quality of the photographs of the corn circles and drawings relating to the "swirled crops phenomenon" makes this volume worth every penny. Divided into six sections, the actual photographic evidence occupies over half the book, with the technical details and theories of origin being kept to a modest amount towards the back. The authors seem humbled by their experience of the corn circles, and their aerial photographs of some of the formations make it easy to see why. How these perfectly formed geometric shapes could appear as the result of whirlwinds or hoaxes defies belief. The ever increasing complexity of the pattern discovered over the period 1980-1988 when the search was carried out makes a single explanation increasingly difficult to formulate. The authors report para-normal experiences to themselves and others in the vicinity of the circles. A limited association with UFOs is also mentioned although the authors do not completely lend themselves to UFOs being responsible. However, they do state categorically that they do not believe that the circles are created by freak whirlwinds as per Dr. Meaden's theory.

As one who has allowed the "whirlwind theory" to dominate personal thinking without looking too closely at the evidence, I must say "CIRCULAR EVIDENCE" has completely changed my attitude towards the circles phenomenon and we are only at the beginnings of something very special.

G.E. AMBLER.

Controversy of the Circles: Paul Fuller and Jenny Randles

112 pp, Bufora, £3. 95.

This paperback contains a wealth of information on the history of Corn Circles; the various places they have appeared and the explanations for them. The ten chapters are written by Fuller or Randles in random order, so the overall effect is sometimes a little disjointed and the very small type face a bit hard to read. Unfortunately Ms Randles first piece on "The Social History of the Circles" takes a very patronising attitude towards some of the other (non Bufora) researchers on the subject particularly Messrs. Andrews and Delgado and their mouthpiece the Flying Saucer Review. Not for the first time have we seen this type of approach from Jenny Randles who fails to come up with her own original explanation in later chapters and concludes that the origin of the circles lies in Dr. Meaden's whirlwind theory. Mr. Fuller starts his sections with the "The Ufologists Paradigm" - a rather heavy account of why a UFO explanation to the circles should be treated with the utmost caution and laying out the ground rules which all BUFORA investigators should follow. Most informed readers of UFO material would already be aware of these constraints, and one assumes Mr. Fuller is thinking of the casual reader by going into such detail about UFO investigation. Having started on a defensive note it is no surprise that Fuller ends up opting for the whirlwind explanation as did Randles.

An interesting last section wherein a number of distinguished scientists, writers and meteorologists were asked their opinion of the circles resulted in no clear conclusions of the origins. Nobody opts for UFOs, but on the other hand very few of the experts entirely concur with the whirlwind vortex theory.

The other chapters are full of valuable information on the circles phenomenon and overall the booklet is good value for £3.95.

G.E. AMBLER

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

On behalf of CONTACT Italia, I am responding to you concerning your members UFO survey. Being probably the best English speaker and writer among our group, I am periodically given the copies of AWARENESS which are sent to us. During one of our meetings I was able to gather the following information. Though our response regards only PART A - I hope it can be of some use to you.

Gianni Posella:	a,	c
Raffaele Caldana:	a,	c
Iacopo Caldana	c,	
Massimo Barbabella:	a,	c
Franco Lanari:	a,	c
Simone Faccio:	a,	c
Maurizio Pieroni:	a,	c
Eugenio Pensabene:	c,	a

(Editor:- The Categories used were

- (a) Extraterrestrial i.e. From Outer Space
- (b) Intraterrestrial (From within the Earth's atmosphere or underground.)
- (c) Examples of time warps or 4th dimension
- (d) Natural phenomenon
- (e) Man Made Objects.

Sincerely Yours,

Maurizio Pieroni.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter, I am working with another new Member to your Investigation unit, namely Trevor Owers of Shripney, Mr Bognor Regis in West Sussex. As you mentioned in your letter I did indeed write to my local newspaper, The Evening Argus, which covers news items for the whole of Sussex. I requested that if possible they forward me with any information regarding past and present sightings in the County and was greatly surprised when one of their reporters



telephoned me one evening.

She said that she was very interested in Contact International and would like to write an article about me and the organisation's aims for the following nights publication.

I agreed to the article and added that I would be pleased to hear from anyone who had seen anything at all in Sussex to contact me so that I could pass on the information to Contact. The article was printed the following night and to my surprise was much larger than I expected, albeit over-embellished as you can imagine.

The next night I was even more surprised when a local radio presenter called Peter Quinn phoned me. He started by saying that he worked for Southern Sound as a presenter and had a late night programme called The Eleventh Hour which he would be delighted for me to do a piece about UFO's on. I nervously agreed to the short interview and to cut a long story short recorded a couple of small pieces with him, hoping that it would draw enough local interest to provide some investigation material.

Peter Quinn was so interested in other stories I told him after the interview, many of which I quoted from the book "Above Top Secret", that he invited me back the following week to "do some more" as he put it. The problem since however, is that we have received no response whatsoever from any quarter, either via my local paper or local radio station. Even Sussex Police kindly agreed to keep my name on file in case anything occurred within the county. I did wonder as your letter seemed to suggest, that it was generally very quiet, and I have talked endlessly with my friend and co-investigator about the possible reasons.

Sun-spot activity as you say may hopefully provide us with a new rash of sightings, but I sometimes wonder if the sightings increase only when important events are occurring throughout the World, such as Military Operations of any importance or Nuclear testing etc.,

Having recently re-read "Light Years" by Gary Kinder and also "Above Top Secret" by Timothy Good which in a small way re-kindles the story, I wondered if there were any new developments which have occurred. His experiences above all others seem so detailed and so thoroughly investigated at the time that any new developments would be of the utmost significance and importance.

Any suggestions as to how my colleague and I can further our attempts at local investigation would be most useful, especially as the last UFO Register shows several dates throughout the rash of sightings in 1978 that were actually in Sussex, Gatwick, Patcham, and Bexhill etc.,

Yours sincerely,

Kevin John Knight. Portslade, East Sussex.

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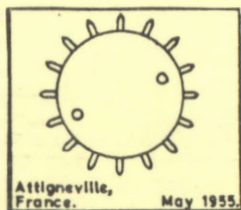
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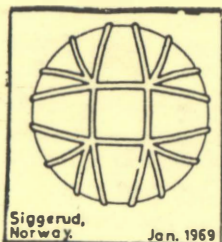


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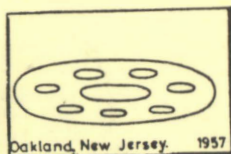
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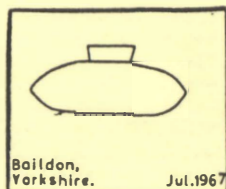
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