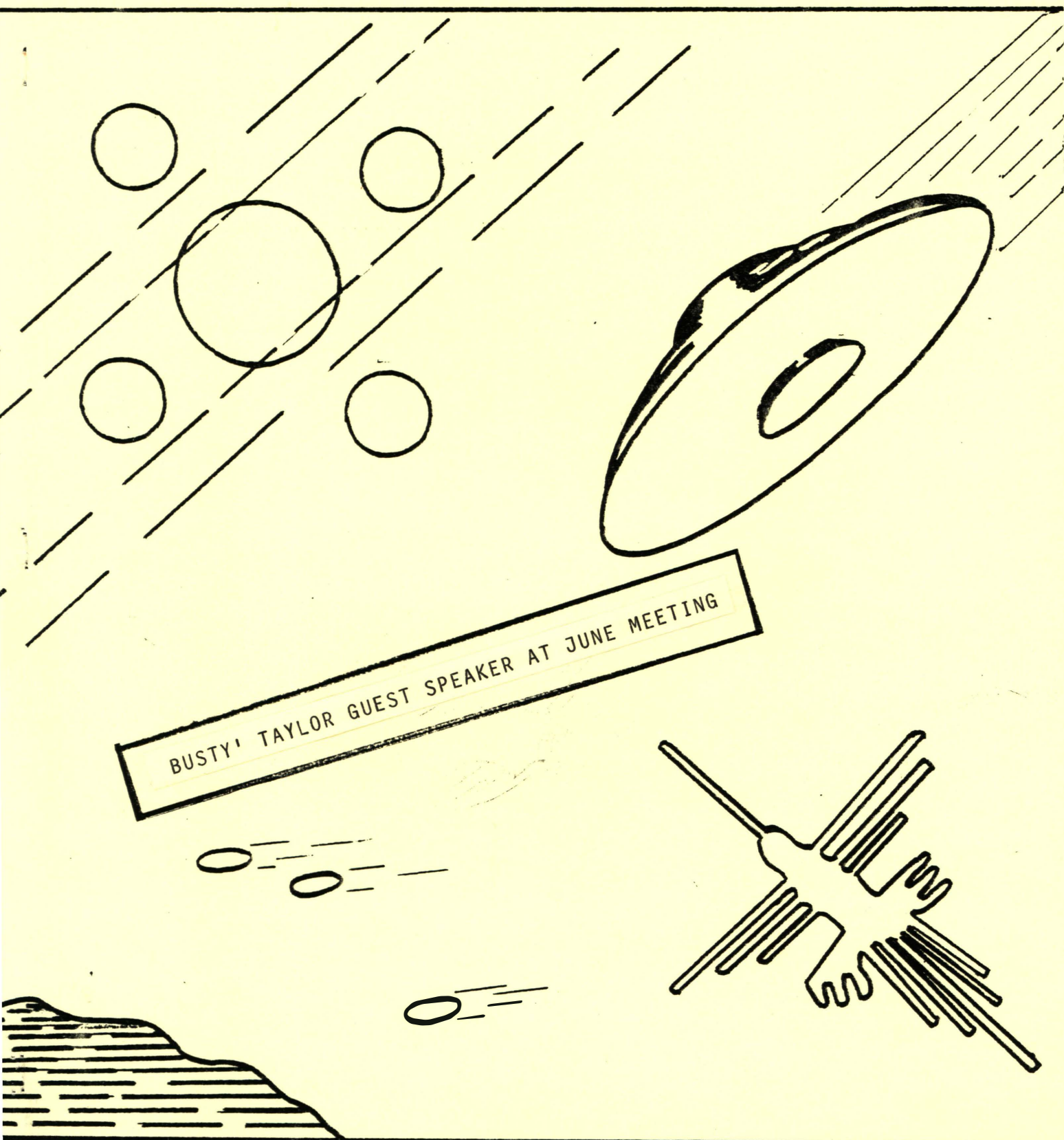


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1992 A DECISIVE YEAR?

"The season has begun" announces the Centre For Crop Circle Studies. It appears that circles have been reported from several counties, but no details have been given in the CCCS statement.

Although we heard several days ago that several circles had been found in Southern England, it was also indicated that a number of them were believed to have been hoaxed.

Your editor telephoned Pat Delgado on June 8th, to get the latest news on the current situation (we worked together back in the early days of 1985).

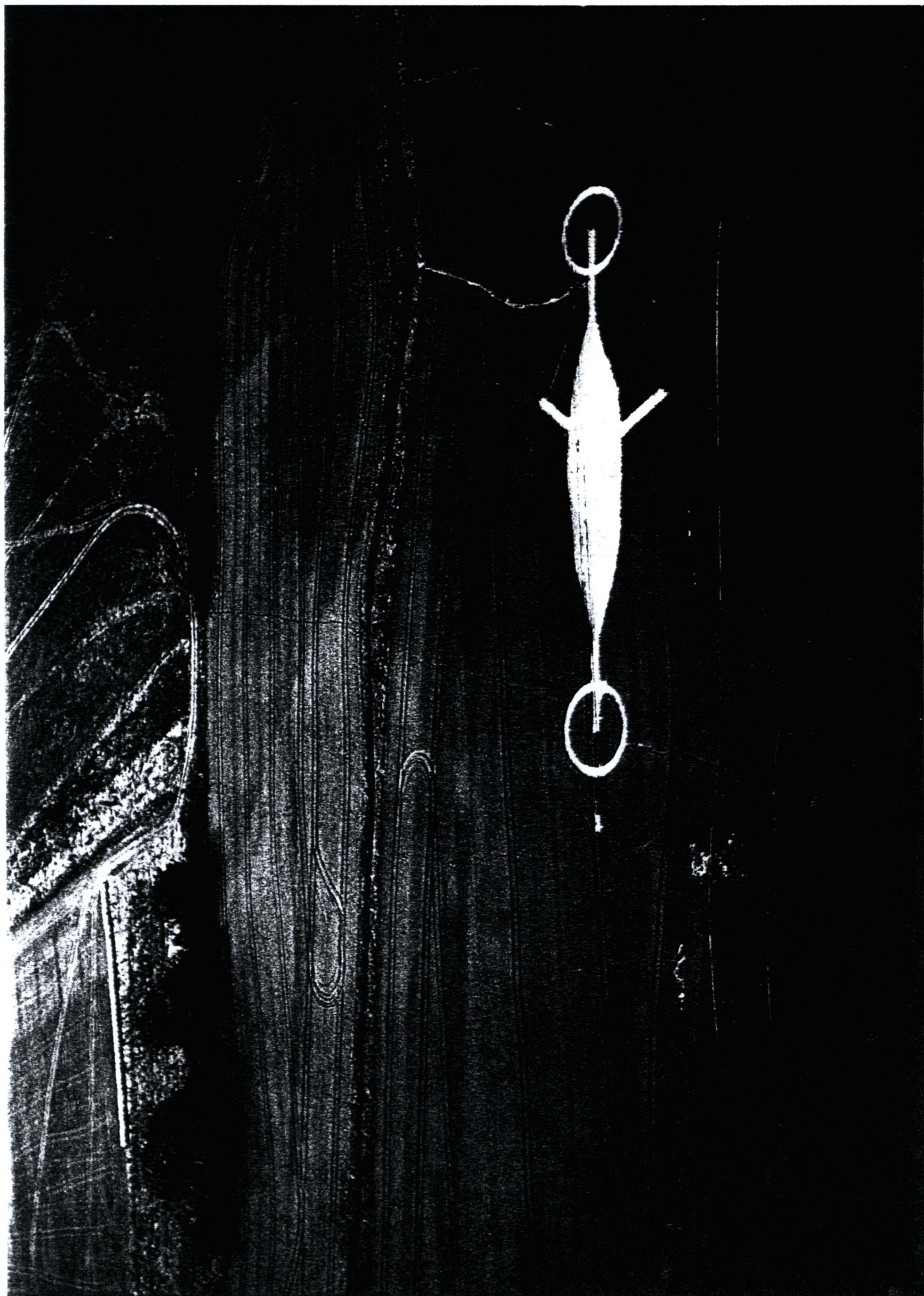
Pat Delgado has reported that there are numerous hoaxes throughout the region, but two nights ago 13 small "grapeshot" circles, 4' to 6' in diameter, appeared in a field of Barley at Lockeridge Down, Wiltshire. Readers may be interested to know that these small circles appeared in the same field as the "Dolphin" last year. All but one of the "grapeshot" circles were situated away from the "tramlines" and there was no sign of any pathways when Pat first arrived at the scene.

Apart from the "authentic" grapeshot' circles, there are three other larger circle events in the area. (a) A circle with two trenches surrounding it, (b) A circle approx. 60' in diameter (c) A 30' circle with a bending channel, leading to a 6' circle (bent dumbell). All of the latter are considered to have been hoaxed.

A "dumbell" has appeared in Oilseed Rape near Beckhampton, but this is considered to be a hoax. There is however another "event" in another field of Oilseed Rape" which Pat Delgado considers to be authentic. There remains one major problem, the farmer, who was very upset by intruders on his land last year, is determined not to allow anyone to investigate the circle, not even Pat Delgado!

The CCCS group is staging a competition this year, to see who can successfully reproduce a "pictogram" in a field of wheat in the dead of night. Although this event may be intended to show up the claims of "Doug & Dave", it has all the indications that this is going to turn into just another "media circus".

Currently, in the East Midlands, the PRA Group is co-operating with the East Midlands UFO Group, Mansfield UFO Group and CCCS (Newark). It is hoped that between us, we should be able to locate any "Crop Circles" in the area quite quickly. Now that we have a number of clues to look for, it will be important to study the "event" before members of the public inadvertently destroy any evidence.



LOCKERIDGE DOWNS "DOLPHIN" 1991 - NOW THE SCENE OF "GRAPESHOT" CIRCLES.

A MILITARY UFO REPORT: May 1942.

Researched by Eddie Sherwood (PRA)

The witness, John Moms, was a military Radar operator stationed on the coast at St.Alban's Head, which is approximately seven miles west of Swanage in Dorset.

The incident took place during May 1942, (Mr Moms cannot recollect the exact date). It was a critical period during WW2 and the Radar station was situated in a strategically important position. Its main purpose was to give immediate warning of enemy aircraft approaching from the French coast.

One morning during May, Mr Moms was on duty as a "plotter", when at about 2am, a Radar "return" signal showed up on the screen indicating something of considerable size. The "return" signal showed that the object was heading on a bearing of magnetic North, directly towards their position at St Alban's Head.

Whatever it was, had moved from the direction of Cherbourg on the French coast and it was estimated to be 1-2 miles wide and travelling at a speed of between 10-12knots, at a height of up to 50' above sea level. The Northerly heading, showed that the object was moving steadily against the existing Southwesterly wind.

The Radar "return" signal was strong enough to show that "something" was there, but all the indications were that it was not a solid object, it appeared to be circular, but was not a craft of any kind as the Radar signal was not dense enough. The return signal was "fuzzy", indicating that the object was very low to the sea. Owing to the limited scope of the Radar then in use, ships gave a poorer signal than the strong "return" given out by an aircraft.

The nature of the Radar "return" suggested that possibly a German "invasion" group of ships were heading towards the Dorset coast and subsequently the situation progressively grew more alarming by the hour. There were now a further three Radar stations tracking the object, the "Needles" station on the Isle of Wight, Branscombe near Sidmouth in Devon and "Brandy Bay" situated in the Portland area.

All the stations were desperately trying to identify the source of the Radar "return" signal and speculation grew that a group of enemy vessels were approaching the coast. Nearby troops and airbases were put on a "readiness" state of alert.

The plot had first shown the object to be 40/45 miles away, but as each hour passed the object drew steadily nearer.

It was about 5.30am when the source of the signal could first be seen. Mr Moms, together with several other personnel, walked outside the Radar building to observe the object approaching over the horizon. "To look at, it appeared to be a very well contained fog bank", he commented. Mr Moms and the other witnesses were mystified. He had seen many fog banks form off that part of the coast, but nothing like this one and then there was the matter of the Radar "return", he had never seen anything like that before.

Once the Radar "return" had been identified as fog, everyone returned to their duties and a "false alarm" signal was sent to each base. Unfortunately no one stayed outside to watch the progress of the mysterious fog bank.

Reflecting on the incident, Mr Moms said "The most impressive thing about it, was the fact that it moved in a dead straight line towards magnetic North, against the prevailing wind".

When questioned about any other "strange" Radar "echoes" that he may have seen, Mr Moms commented that he had seen many unusual incidents. Radar "return" signals performing in such a way that they could not have been aircraft of the day, so they were ignored.

LANCASHIRE "BLUE STONE" 1981

Our curiosity was aroused by a piece of blue stone, recently shown at a Mansfield UFO Group meeting. It may or may not be connected with a UFO sighting that took place sometime in 1981 at Skelmersdale, near Wigan, Lancashire.

The witnesses, Mrs Mary and Tracy Hollingworth, were walking their dogs at 11.30pm near their farmhouse, when their attention was drawn to three lights, "one above the other". The lights appeared to be positioned over a factory, situated on a nearby industrial estate.

The lights then started to move around rapidly, the centre light shooting upwards above the top light and then descending again.

The two witnesses watched in amazement at the behaviour of the lights, there was no possibility that they could be connected to the nearby security floodlights. As they watched, the middle light shot off to the right, over another nearby factory roof...and then they heard a "clatter" and the lights had disappeared!

It had sounded as though something had dropped off the lights and fallen onto a nearby factory roof.

The two witnesses decided to investigate, they walked towards the factory estate and took a roadway which led them in the direction where the lights had been performing. They asked the nearby security personnel if they had seen the strange lights, but they had not.

They then walked around to the front of the building which is surrounded by an expanse of wet and spongy grass, but it was too dark to see clearly and they decided to return the following day.

Early next morning they returned to continue their search and their attention was drawn to a large hole (7"/8"dia) visible in the grass. They were sure that the hole had not been there the day before, as they frequently took their dogs for walks over this area. The hole was big enough "to put your foot in" and could have been a danger.

The two investigators peered into the hole and saw a fairly large (2"/3") piece of blue stone lying at the bottom of the hole. Then one of them, "being curious, I fetched it out", withdrew the stone to study it more closely. The top of the stone was clean, but it was dirty underneath. They subsequently took the stone home and washed it.

The hole size was as follows:- 7" to 8" diameter at the top, although the diameter size reduced at the bottom. The hole itself was about 5" deep. The grass around the hole entrance had been "pushed" down into the hole.

A section of the sample has been given to the PRA for study and Allen Hitchcock has assisted by arranging an initial analysis which showed that the "blue stone" was not a natural stone, but artificial (it has an "aero" appearance). It has a hardness that will mark glass and it resists localised high temperature.

In order to have further analysis carried out, the sample will shortly be forwarded to a scientist at Harvard University (USA).

Meanwhile, if anyone has any further suggestions, the main sample is still being held by the Mansfield UFO Group.

The behaviour of the reported "lights" is similar to numerous other UFO reports, but what would they be doing carrying pieces of rock around is anybody's guess, or did the sample come from a nearby factory, some 100 yards away?

We will keep you in touch with the results of further analysis of the mysterious "blue stone".

Our thanks to Les Truman of the Mansfield UFO Group, for permission to print details of this incident.

"REVELATIONS"

Jacques Vallee's new book "Revelations-Alien Contact and Human Deception" is a mystifying collection of old and new UFO encounters. Even more mystifying are the opinions expressed in the book over several well known cases such as the "Roswell" 1947 incident and the "Bentwaters Case".

Jacques teases the reader by discussing the supposed "facts" and then subsequently sowing seeds of doubt. Even the Jenny Randles "Sky crash" book, which contains full details of the comprehensive investigation into the Bentwaters case, does not convince him. He infers that the whole incident was a "put up job" by military intelligence.

As for the reports of 'little dead aliens', well they are barely considered. Jacques points out that alien bodies lying out in the desert for days would have smelt to high heaven and he states that no mention of such a smell has ever been reported. He has apparently never seen the American video "Roswell Witnesses & Recollections" in which an American Army nurse recalled the overpowering stench of the dead alien bodies.

It seems that his strict scientific discipline will not allow him to speculate that the majority of the witness referred to, might well be telling the truth.

TALE ENDERS

The Centre For Crop Circle Studies are holding a three day conference on the 17th, 18th and 19th of July at King Alfred's College, Winchester. Speakers will include the Earl of Haddington, Montague Keen, Busty Taylor, John Macnish. Tickets- £20 Fri 17th July, £30 Sat 18th, £30 Sun 19th July.

Montague Keen has recently sent us an extract from the CCCS "Field Guide" giving instructions on collecting samples for analysis. We sent CCCS details on how to tell the difference between a hoax and genuine circle, last October. Let us hope that we are given an acknowledgement.

Anne Arnold Silk, F.A.D.O.(Hons.), F.F.D.O., F.R.S.A. OF CCCS, who is also studying microwave activity, has ordered a "MICRODET" H/F detector.

Well known researcher Arthur Tomlinson visited our last meeting at the Stanley Club. Arthur recently appeared on C4's "Clive Anderson Talks Back".

The "Sheffield UFO Group" have contacted us, ref. exchanging information.

NEXT MEETING

Will take place at the "Stanley Club", Stanley Common, Near Ilkeston on:-

Wednesday 17th June at 8pm

BUSTY TAYLOR, a founder member of CCCS will give a talk on "Crop Circles". His work in flying and photography have given him an international reputation. His Crop Circle photographs have been published in 8 publications world-wide. Busty' has just returned from a conference in the USA and has kindly arranged to drive up from Wiltshire especially to speak to the PRA group. Admission £1.00. Non-members welcome.