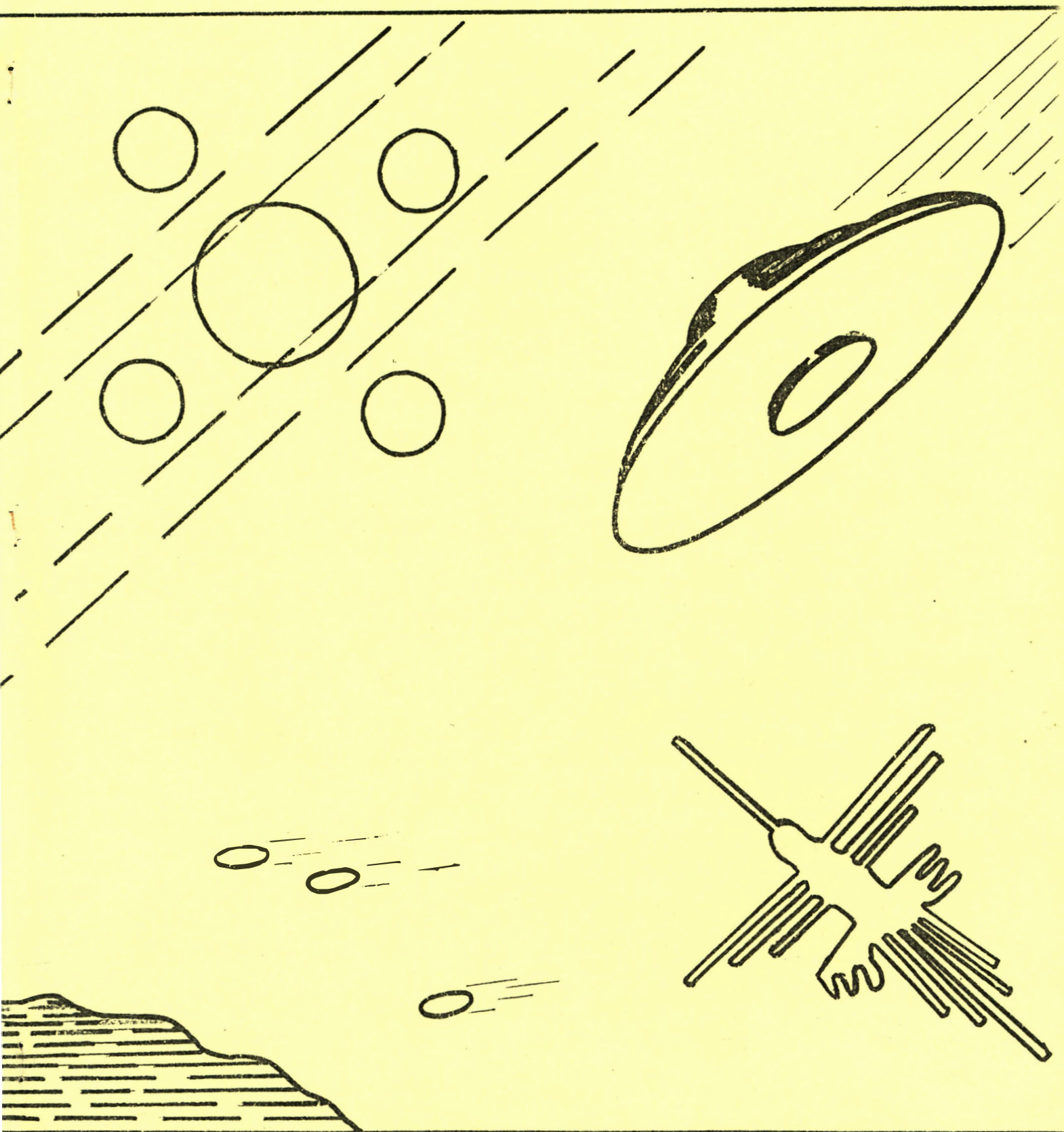


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**THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL CCCS CONFERENCE
(Bath 6/7/8th August)**

Members of the PRA attended the CCCS Conference on Saturday the 7th of August, the day when Omar Fowler, Roy Dutton, Chad Deetken and a number of other well known speakers addressed the Conference.

Omar Fowler introduced the latest PRA paper on the possible cause of the single type of Crop Circle, which we consider to be a natural phenomenon.

The talk, illustrated with slides, covered the period from 1985 to the present time. It showed the PRA's work in the field of crop and soil analysis, aerial photographic work (in both colour and infra-red) and ended with slides illustrating the theory that circles are the result of charged particle interaction in the ionosphere (see sketch 5). The latter theory is due mainly to the work carried out by Paul Foster and Jeff Whitear, who have spent many hours in both theoretical and field study of the Crop Circle phenomenon.

The earlier work of identifying 55cm single standing stems in Crop Circles, often a hundred or more miles apart, was carried out by Omar Fowler. This also resulted in the identifying of "crease" and "burn" marks, which again has been shown to be a world-wide phenomenon in Crop Circles.

During the Conference, members of the PRA met Simon Wescott, a Producer, (Granite Films & TV Productions Ltd.) with his assistant Alice Keens-Soper (see photo). They had recently returned from the USA, where they met Dr. W.C. Levengood a well known biophysicist, who has also been studying the Crop Circle phenomenon. It was quite a pleasant surprise to hear from Alice Keens-Soper, that Dr Levengood "thought very highly" of the PRA's work!

A number of the the PRA's papers were printed for the occasion and these attracted a great deal of interest. Copies were passed to Dr Roger Taylor and the Chairman of CCCS, Michael Green. Several American visitors also bought copies and Chad Deetken (Canada) of the North American Institute for Crop Circle Research, has promised to exchange information on his findings in the Canadian prairie Crop Circles (this includes a report on the "microwaved" porcupine, found in a circle!).

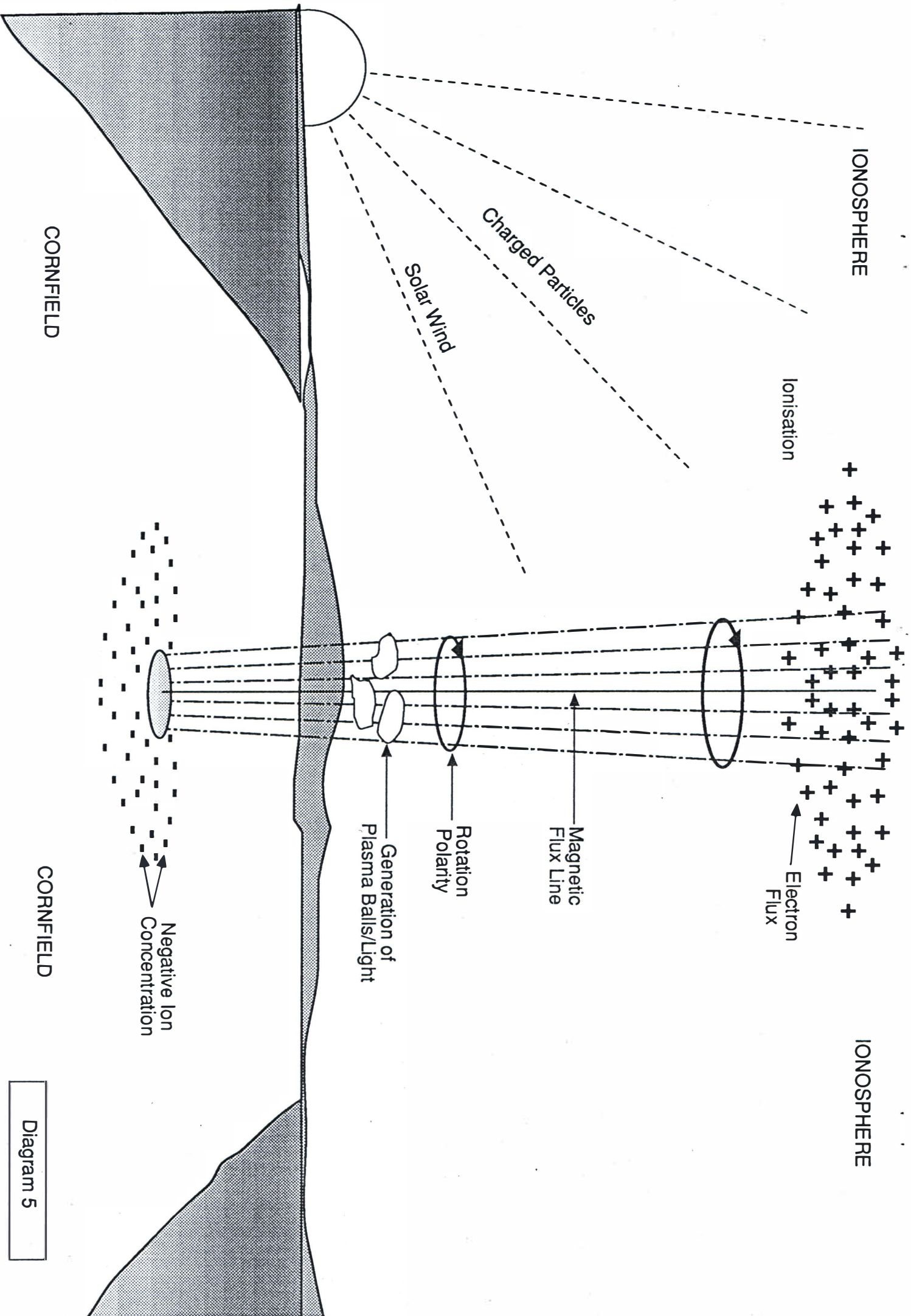
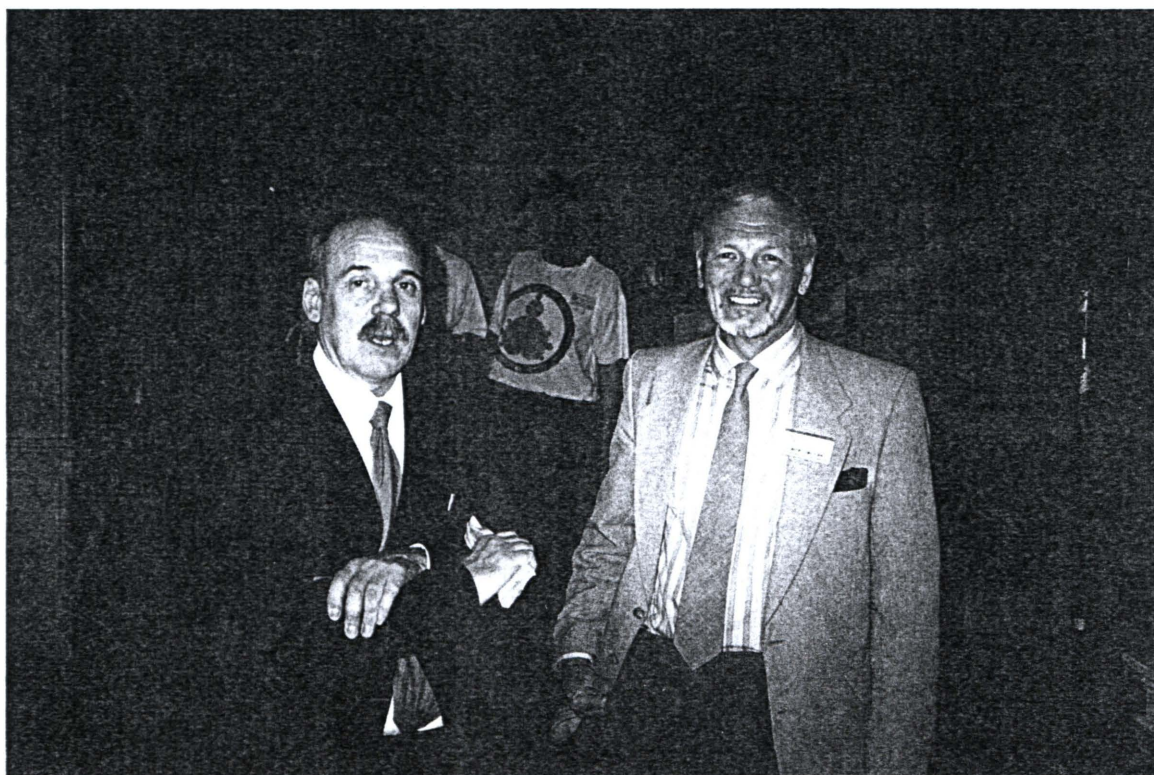


Diagram 5



Omar Fowler, Simon Wescott and Alice Keens-Soper.
Granite Productions are currently seeking material
for a second "Arthur C. Clarke, World Mystery's" series.



Garry Stapleton (PRA) chatting with Roy Dutton.

CROP CIRCLE NEWS

The Centre For Crop Circle Studies (East Midlands) newsletter dated the 29th of July has a cover photo of a prominent pictogram at Charley Knoll Farm near Loughborough.

The cruciform set which measured some 300ft long by 200ft wide and also has two "grapeshot" circles, appeared on the 7th of July this year.

The PRA first heard of the pictogram from Mike Newark (Coventry) on the 27th of July, far too late to carry out any effective evaluation of the incident.

We cannot account for the fact that as a prominent Crop Circle researching group in our own right, or as individual members of CCCS (East Midlands), we were not informed of the incident as soon as it came to their notice.

We deplore a "closed shop" attitude to the Crop Circle subject, which appears to have been taken in this instance.

Our first paper on microwave activity published on the 11th September 1991, commences with the paragraph "The information given in this paper is for the benefit of Crop Circle researchers and is published as a guide to an area of research that is worthy of further investigation and study".

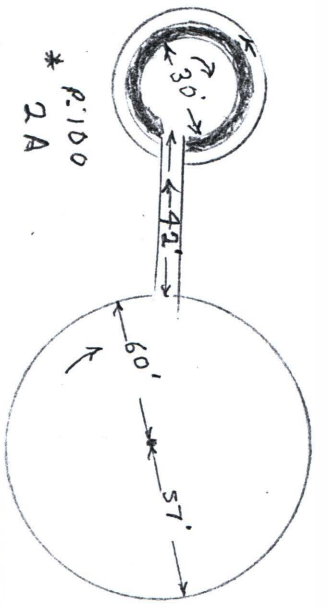
The Crop Circle pictogram drawings shown on adjoining pages are an example of our own "open" attitude to the subject. Both drawings, (which have been sent to us by Jeff Whitear) arrived in this mornings post (17th August). The Surrey set consist of a circle with a "smile", which appeared on the 27th of July, only approx. 20m from where a pictogram appeared last year. The remaining circles appeared early in August. The exact date is not known at present, the Cheesefoot Head pictogram drawing was also undated.

A Crop Circle was spotted by Omar Fowler on the morning of the 6th August. It was visible in a field near Stanton-by-Dale, near Sandiacre.

After driving to the area and locating the circle in a field of Barley, a quick assessment was decided on before calling in other group members with the necessary equipment.

On approaching the circle, the crop showed indentations, typical of someone walking through to the circle area. At a distance of two metres, it was obvious that the circle was a hoax. The floor of the circle was a "mess" with none of the known characteristics of a genuine event (photographs were taken for the record).

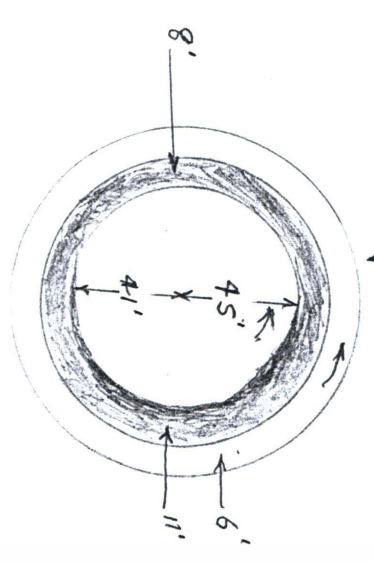
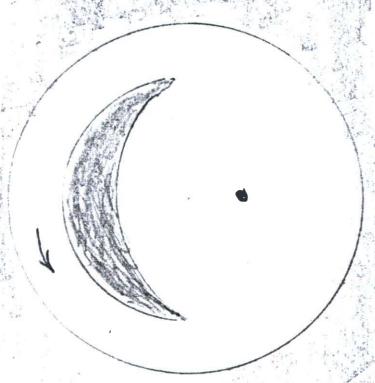
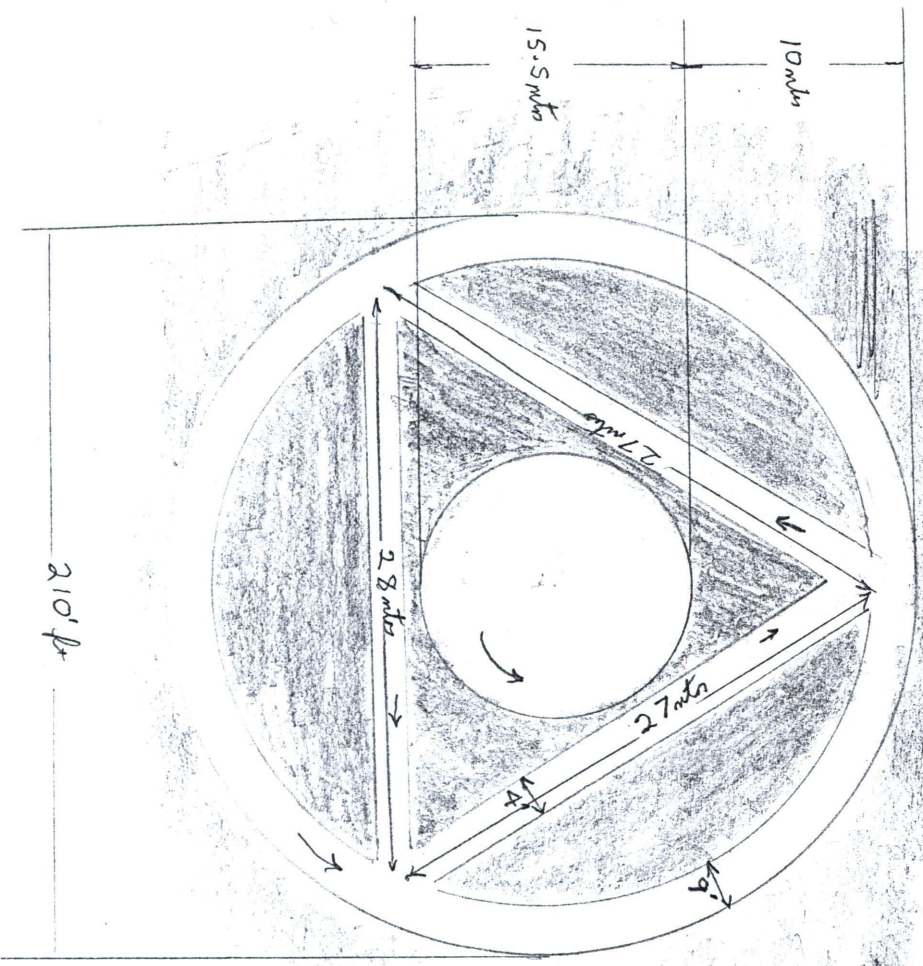
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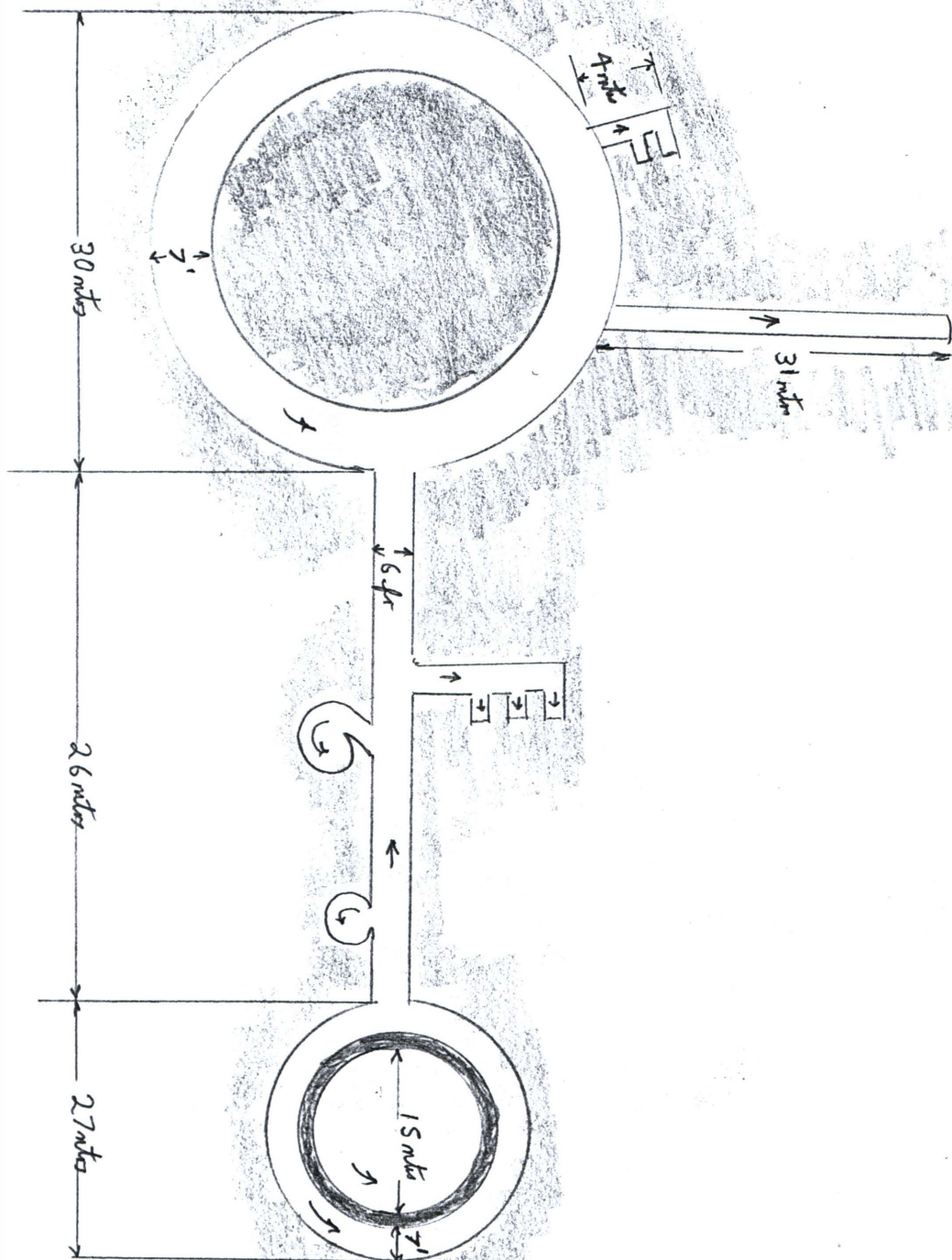
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CHEESE FOOT HEAD.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT
by Pat Delgado

I have thought about the UFO situation for a long time now and the fact that if we were to collect a good detailed report or a sensational video recording of UFO sightings daily, would we be any closer to understanding UFO's?

Forty five years has not produced any "real" information, a mountain of reports yes and with it another mountain of speculation. I know we must keep collecting reports and details, but I am sure the initiative to obtain the key breakthrough does not lie with us, I think we would be arrogant to think it does.

Like other mysteries, they will be dispelled by "others" when it is intended to be so. Meanwhile we have no option but to be content with our present level of intellect.

AUGUST UFO REPORTS

August 2nd: A witness reported seeing six red lights flying independently and at a steady speed SW to NE over Derby at 10pm.

Alan Hitchcock is attempting to trace other witnesses to this event, but so far, none have been found.

August 5th: A Mrs Fox of Allestree, Derby, saw an unusual glowing "rugby ball" while driving home at 11.30pm.

Mrs Fox was driving on the Kedleston Road in the direction of Allestree, when she noticed a glowing ball of light hovering in the sky in the direction of the Derby Rugby Club. The witness stopped her car and watched the light for approx. five minutes. She described it as being in the shape of a rugby ball, glowing with a brilliant light, hazy outline and it appeared to "wobble".

The light from the object appeared to be spikey, as though it was emitting rays of light, but this latter observation may have been due to the fact that Mrs Fox was watching the light through her car windscreen. Mrs Fox also stated that she did not hear any noise associated with the glowing light.

Although Mrs Fox normally carried a camera in her car, on this occasion she did not have it with her. The night was cool and clear (stars were visible). She estimated that the light was only approx. 100 metres away.

After a few minutes Mrs Fox became frightened and drove away from the area towards her home.

Editors Comments on the Mrs Fox sighting:-

The witness watched the object for several minutes and this enabled her to report a number of important features, often an indication of UFO activity:-

- (a) The brilliance of the light
- (b) The "wobbling" or shimmering effect, which could have produced the "hazy" outline
- (c) The recognition that this was "something unusual", instilling fear.

Extracts from the Belgian UFO Magazine "SOBEPS" (Translated by EMUFORA)

We have examined the UFO wave at Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, USA. which took place on the night of 5th Feb. 1992.

There were thirteen witnesses. The observations were made in the same place. The witnesses said that they heard a loud noise, which made the windows and the walls vibrate. When the witnesses went outside, they saw a UFO (flying saucer) and they watched it until it disappeared.

The first observation was made at Linden at about 6pm, but the majority of the others were made at Williamsport at 6.05pm and 6.30pm. The last witnesses were from Lewisberg, Northumberland and Linden. There was another sighting at Selinsgrove at 7.30 to 8.30pm.

According to the witness reports, the object was seen at two different locations, in the same area, but only a few kilometres away. Some witnesses reported the object as being very close, less than 30 metres away and sometimes about 150 metres distant.

The witnesses described the shape as a "boomerang", ten witnesses described it as triangular and yet others said that it was round like a disc.

These reports are similar to the observations made in Belgium in November 1989 and in the Spring of 1991.

The witnesses were surprised at the slow speed of the object (approx. 30km per hour), considering its huge size. They reported two lights at the back of the object and several white ones. Other witnesses reported red lights and also red and green lights. It was described as being like a big capital "V".

Radar stations in the area reported that there were no aircraft in the area at the time and no other radar returns were registered.

TALE ENDERS

From the "Guardian" Friday July 30th, by John Vidal:

A glorious chapter in the annals of British Summertime lunacy appears to be drawing to a close. Only 45 crop circles have been found this year, compared with more than 400 in each of the last two years.

It is a tragedy on the scale of England's cricket demise for the fledgling, bitterly divided cereology industry and a blow to farmers who have earned more from charging people to inspect circles found on their land than growing crops. etc., etc.

Pat Delgado: "There is a very high percentage of hoaxing this year, about 99%"

Busty Taylor: "I'm not happy with 90% of what I've seen".

Barbara Davies the Editor of the CCCS's "Circular" magazine, has pointed out that our comments in the July OVNI were incorrect (?) "Michael Green, Chairman in CCCS was re-elected unanimously by the council in June". We have no wish to make any further comment (Ed.) Incidentally, Barbara mentioned that in Washington state USA, bent crop stems were found, not only bent, but a lateral split!

Busty Taylor has told us that news is just coming through from Virginia State, USA, that a crop circle has been found in the vicinity where a UFO was seen.....more later.

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