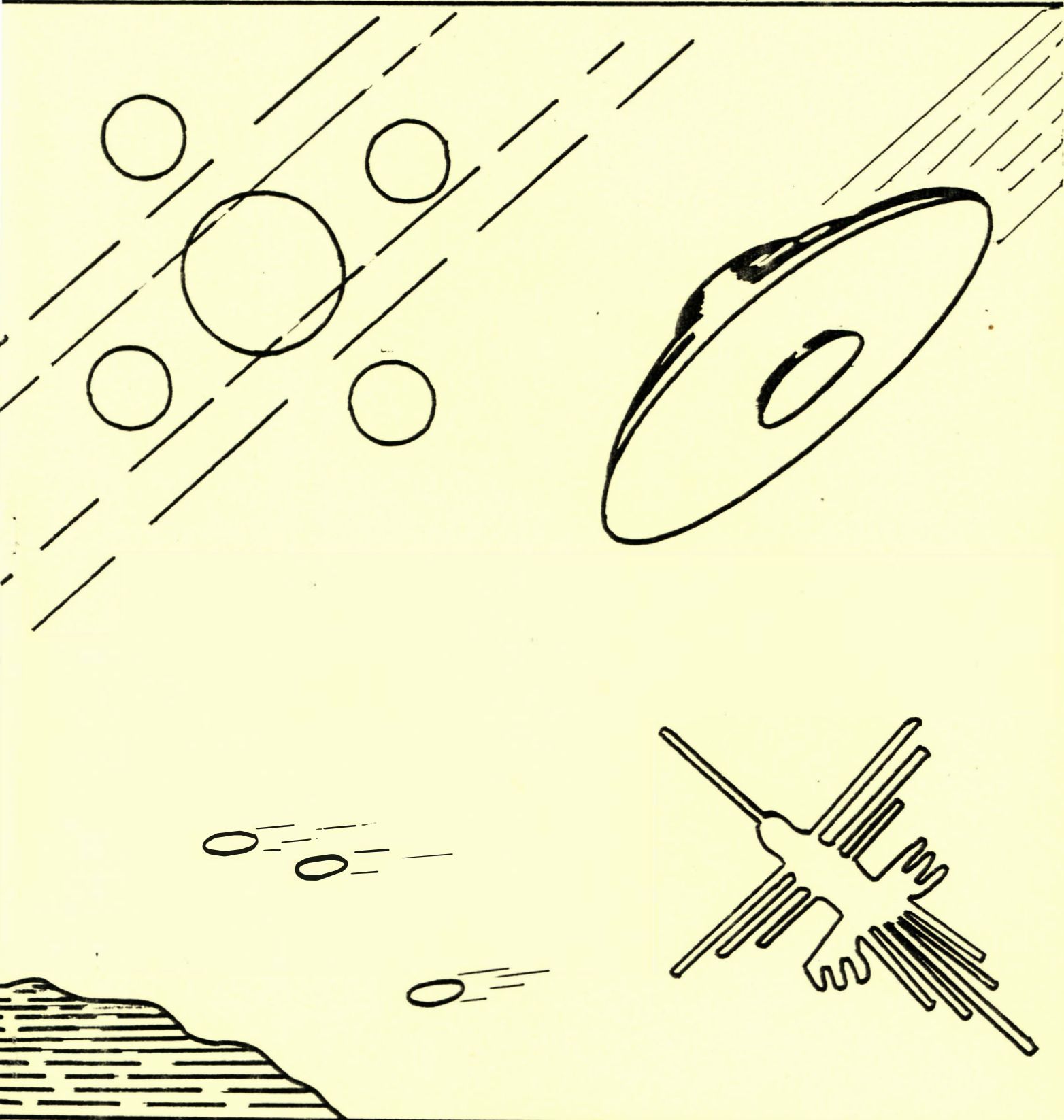


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### THE DEMISE OF THE CIRCLES ?

With the headline "How we made the circles and fooled the world", two 60 year old men, Douglas Bower and David Chorley revealed their secret in the Today newspaper of September 9th 1991.

They proved without doubt that their cleverly manufactured hoax "pictograms" had fooled the experts, including the well known researcher and author Pat Delgado.

The damage that these two gentlemen have done to circle research will affect it for years to come. Their complicated circles and various shapes had mystified investigators for years and while several kept their tongue in their cheek, others proclaimed an "Alien Intelligence" was at work.

In retrospect, the claim that an intelligence was behind the formations in the cornfields was not far out. There seemed no way that a natural explanation could be found for these mysterious shapes. The only fault was, the intelligence was two legged and clever in the extreme.

While the world throws up it's arms and states that "this is the end"..... is it really? It may well be the end of a belief of any kind in complicated "pictograms", but is it the end of the summertime circles?..... I don't think so!

It was only just a fortnight earlier that the "Mail on Sunday" published an eye witness account of a "crop circle" forming around a couple out for an evening walk. "The air was still and humid" (note that) and then the Tomlinsons suddenly found themselves at the birth of a corn circle. "The noise was tremendous" and their hair stood on end as there was a rushing of air and they had a "tingling" sensation, "there was a mist hovering above and the couple heard a high-pitched sound. There was pressure pushing them from the side and from above and they were surrounded by whirling air. "The whirling air seemed to branch in two and zig-zagged off into the distance. We could still see it like a light mist or fog, shimmering as it moved".....No sign there of our hoaxing friends!

This account brings to mind the terror of the farmer and his wife (OVNI August) as a screeching ball of coloured light settled in front of their Nottinghamshire farmhouse.....No sign of hoaxers there either, although the Carlton-on-Trent circles were four miles from the farmhouse incident ( 195 miles from the hoaxer's homes in Southampton).

Vivienne and Gary's experience at Hambledon was music to Dr Terence Meaden's ears, but not to Vivienne's, she has been suffering earache ever since her experience (remember the farmers wife "it was so loud it made your eardrums click").

Dr Terence Meaden, a professor of physics and founder of the Tornado Storm Research Organisation (TORRO) is based at the Oxford Polytechnic and has been researching the circle mystery for years (haven't we all). His theory tends to change from year to year, but currently relies upon an invisible column of spinning air, brought about by a rising wind from a nearby hill. This in turn produces a bulge of electricity, which then moves down the spiral of air to the ground, does it's twisting work in seconds and then bounces away again? In the meantime, we have not been idle and have a theory of our own. It is somewhat similar, but produces a High Frequency swirl and leaves behind some interesting markings on the crop stems!

During the investigation of the crop circles, it was noticed that there were often single stems of Wheat or Barley left standing in an otherwise flattened area of crop. These stems were random placed on the floor of the circle and were bent over at an angle several inches up the stem. During the routine measuring operation undertaken during a circle investigation, the standing stems were measured. The measurement taken was 22"/55cm of vertical stem at the point where the bend occurred.

This evidence has been collected from a variety of "circle" sites over a period of several years and up to 50 miles apart. This feature has put us on the trail of an interesting phenomenon. With the samples collected from a site, we now have the opportunity to study physical evidence as well as theorise about the cause.

It became evident over a two year period, that this measurement was a common feature in "genuine circles" (we are not talking about pictograms here). The force that was flattening the wheat left this common 'signature', in the form of single standing stems bent at this regular dimension of 55cm. It was soon recognised as a means of identifying a genuine event from an elaborate hoax.

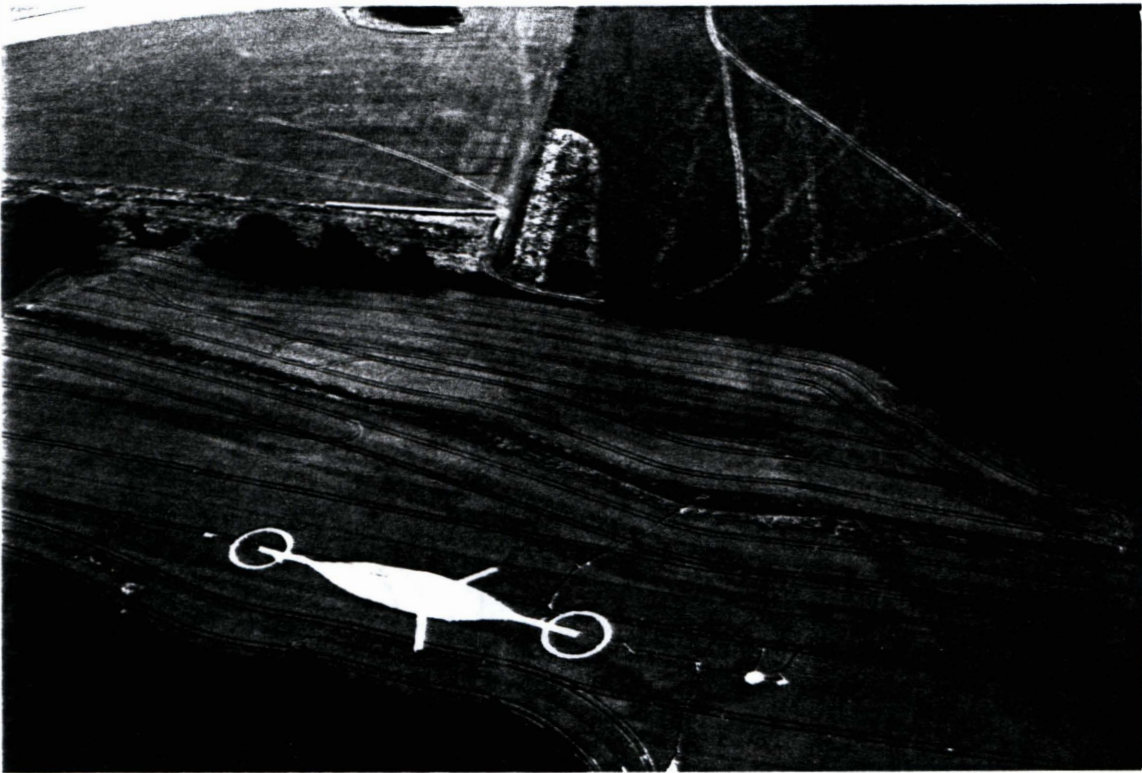
During discussions with various members of the PRA Group, suggestions were advanced as to the possible cause. "Could the 55cm be the wavelength of the power involved"? This was one of the first questions asked and I am indebted to Derek Hodgson, George Sabey and especially to Paul Foster for their original ideas and work in formulating a workable theory.

Upon closer inspection of the samples, small "nick" marks were found at regular intervals up the stems of the "standing" samples. Burn rings have also been identified at regular intervals up the stem and both of these features have been found to be unique to the standing 55cm stems.

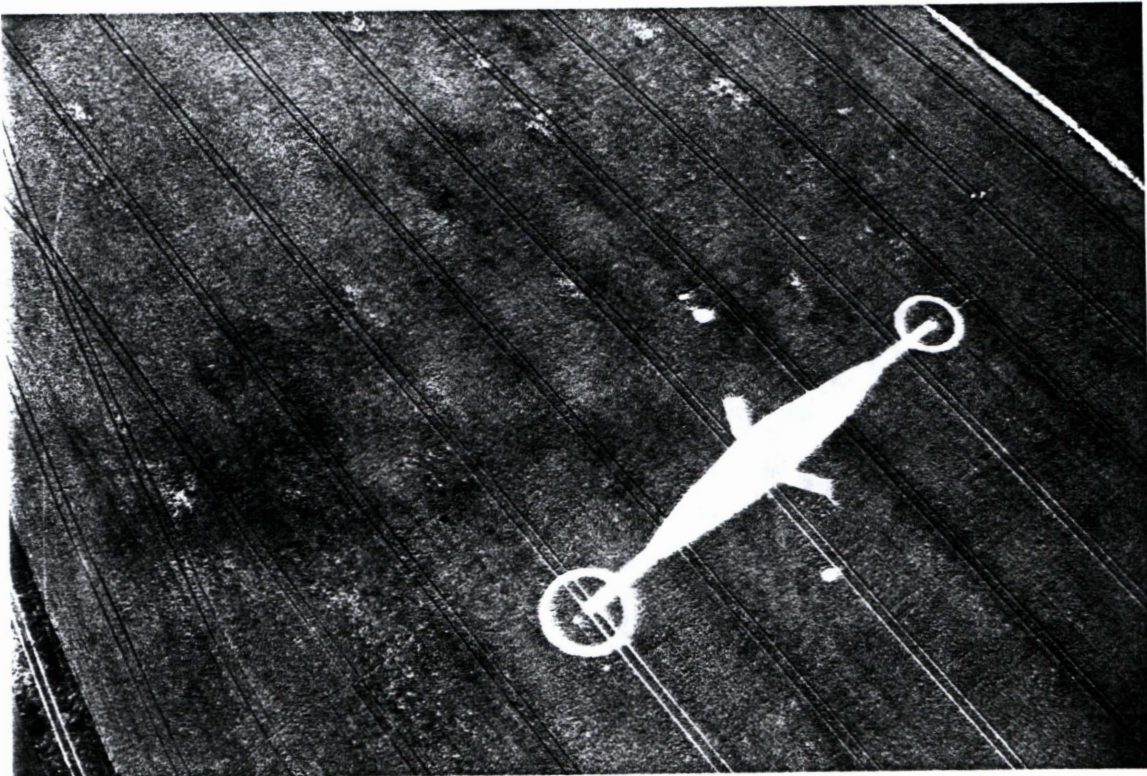
The evidence at this stage, points to High Frequency radiation in the lower GHZ waveband (Microwaves)!

The sample stems feature in our display intended for the Leeds Conference and should certainly turn a few heads...





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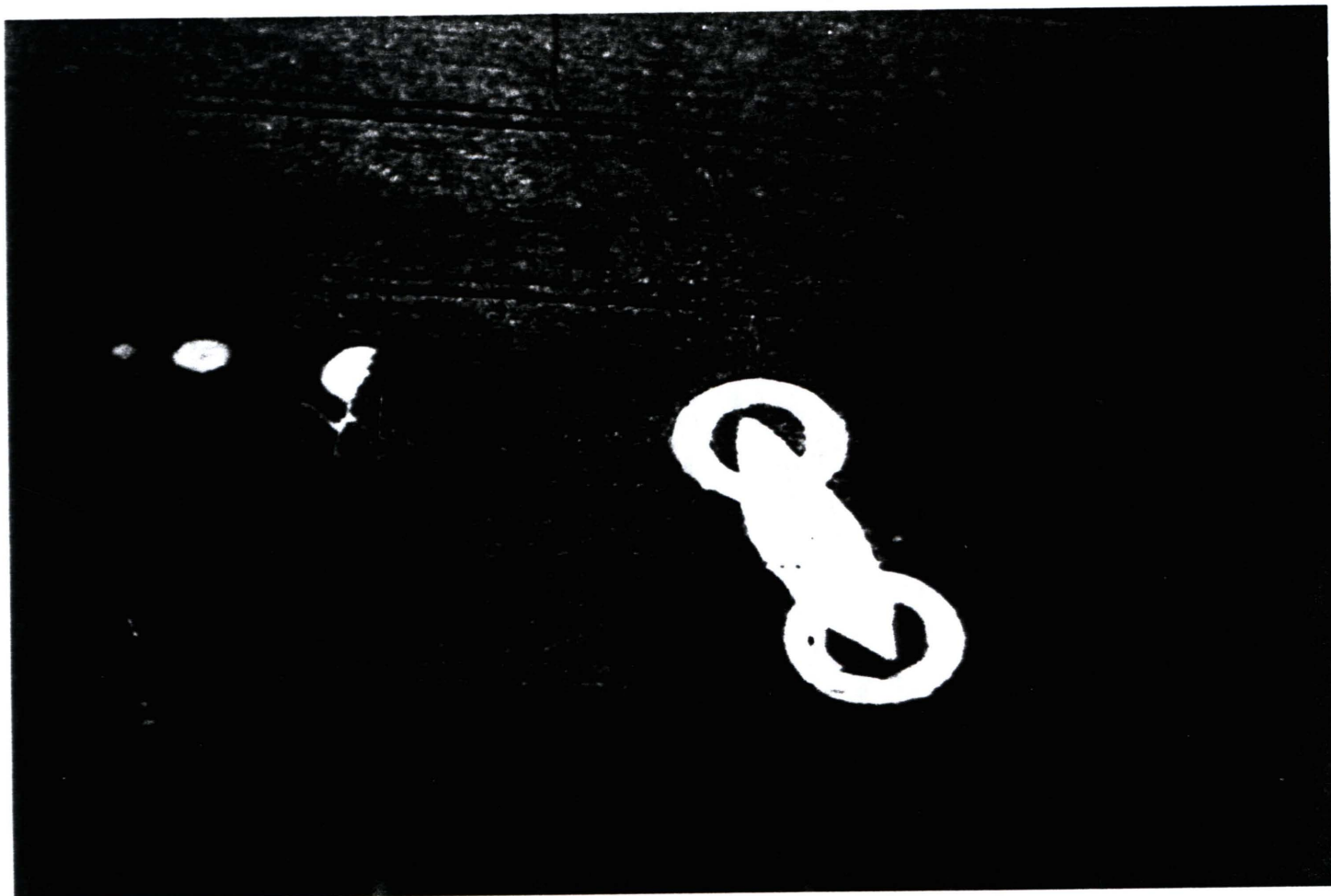


Beckhampton Penning

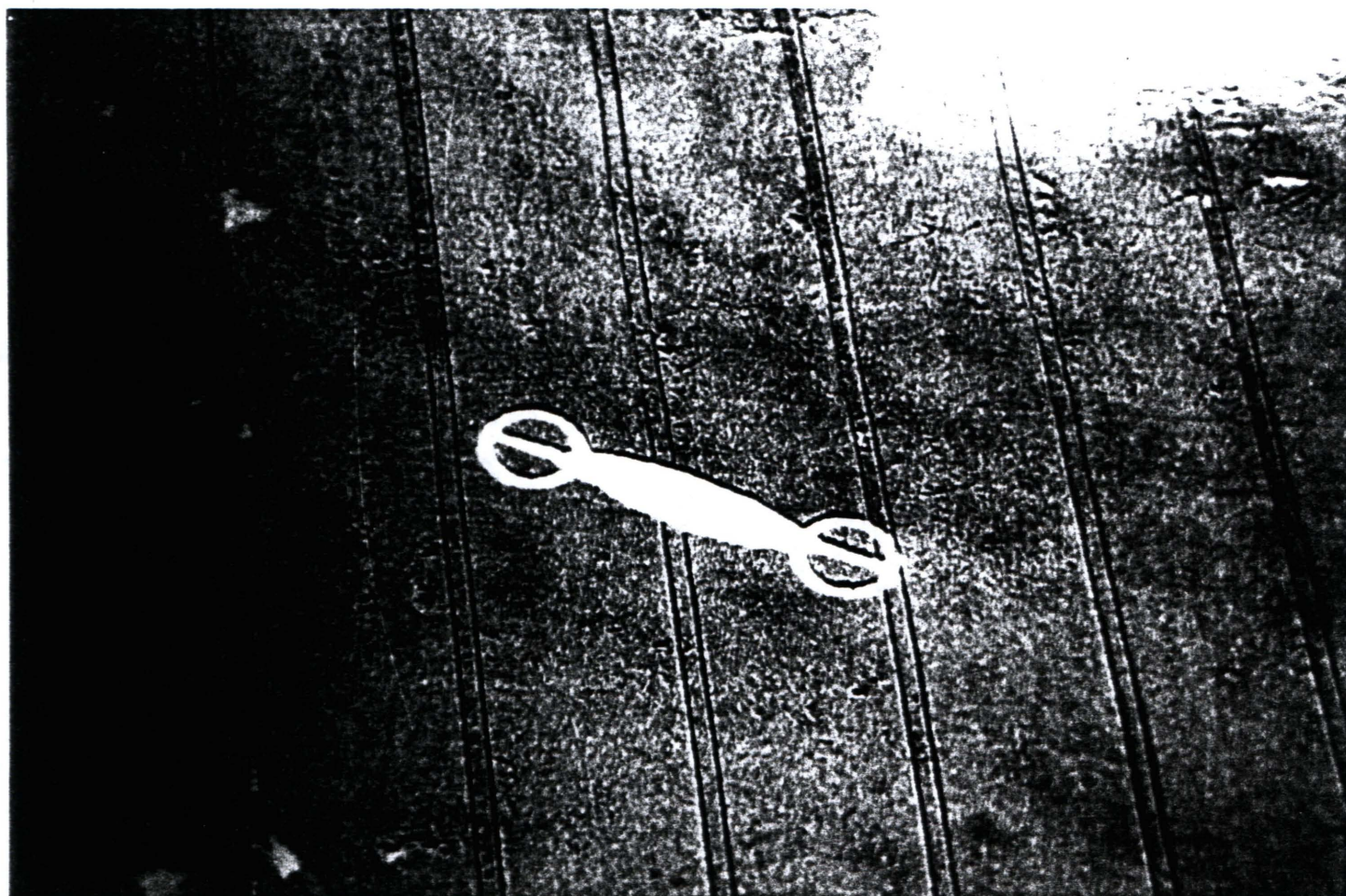
Will these strange shapes prove to be true events, or hoaxes?  
Only time will tell.

(Aerial Photo's by O.Fowler)





BECKHAMPTON PENNING: WILTSHIRE 9-8-91



WODEN HILL: WILTSHIRE 9-8-91

IN OUR OWN BACK GARDEN (Well Almost!)

Membership of our PRA Group is continuing to rise as the interest in the subject of UFO's, Circle's and other strange phenomena increases.

During the last month a number of new cases have come to light in the Derby area. These range from Ghost stories of strange figures scurrying around old houses to meeting Aliens in Australia!

At present all of the information is being correlated and the cases will be introduced to you at some future date, either at our monthly meeting or through the pages of our newsletter.

It may be prudent to state at this stage that the production of our little newsletter costs money and those of you who intend to join our happy band should send off your £7.00 yearly subscription or pay it at our forthcoming meeting. Details are given below:

The venue has been changed from the Friends Meeting House in Derby to the following:-

WEDNESDAY 25th of SEPTEMBER  
The Stanley Social Club  
Common Lane  
Stanley Common

Stanley Common is situated on the A609, halfway from the turning off the main Derby to Heanor Road (A608) to Ilkeston. The club is next to the small grass common, on the right if you are going towards Ilkeston.

The time of the meeting will be 7.30pm for 8.00 start. The change of venue has enabled us to reduce the evening charge from £1 to 50p. **Non-Members Welcome. Refreshments available.**

This will be the first meeting of our organisation, although I have now had the pleasure of meeting a number of you at my own home. Come along and bring a friend!

Main topic for the evening, "Mr Burtoo's Encounter With Aliens 1983" (Slides and tape recording of witness). Introduced by Omar Fowler.

THE LEEDS CONFERENCE 1991  
(Sponsored by Quest International)

Several members from our group are expected to attend, the start is 11.00am on Saturday 14th September. Admission £5.00. The Civic Theatre Leeds.

Although we anticipated having a display stand at the conference, this may have to be dispensed with in view of the "Great Pictogram Hoax". A photo display of aerial and circle photographs was to be the main theme. It may still be possible to show the display, concentrating on the High Frequency radiation theory and this should promote some interest.

Finally: Can anyone assist with the translation of foreign documents?  
Omar Fowler