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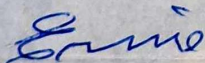
Grant Cameron
649 Silverstone Ave.,

Dear Grant:

Thanks for your letter of Aug. 10, 1988. Its very interesting and should be fascinating to see the follow up UFO reports by USA military etc. I was aware of the Kenora UFO report but I failed to follow up on it, I suppose because of my increasing personal skepticism. I have no doubt something is happening out there but there never seems to be a conclusion with evidence.

I went to Steinback on Aug. 29 on business and while enroute stopped off at Hadashville and asked a few people about the Hadashville incident approx 1978 as mentioned by Bill Yankewicz, both oldtimers had not heard of a Hadashville incident and both concluded that the report must be confused with Falcon Lake May 20, 1967 Steve Michalak and I'm now satisfied with that explanation.

Yours sincerely

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Ernie Epp

July 18, 1988
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Grant Cameron
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Dear Grant:



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Organization of the "Professional" Brass-Pounder



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William W. Yankewicz

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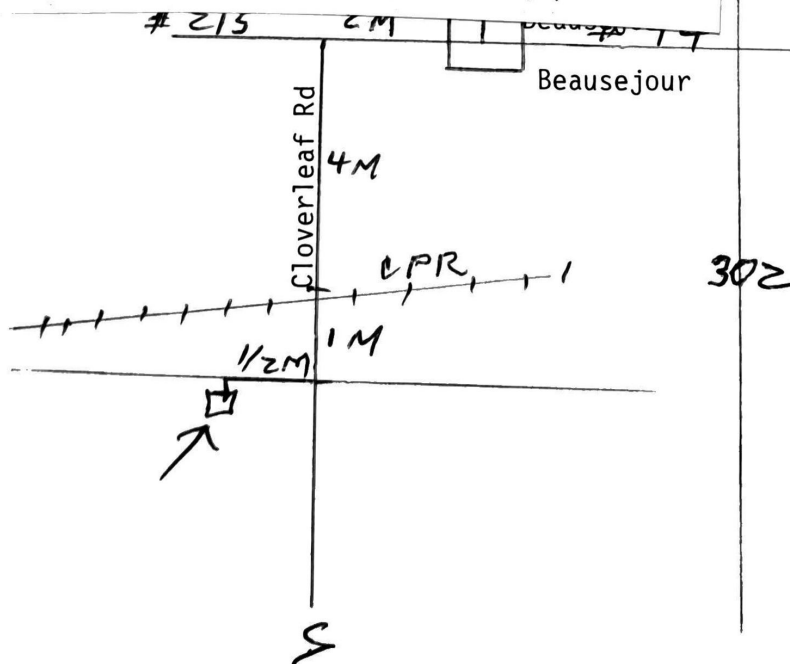
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DEDICATED - to the men who "went down to sea in ships" as Wireless Telegraphers and all those who have earned their living "pounding brass" as wireless or radio ops since the day of Marconi.



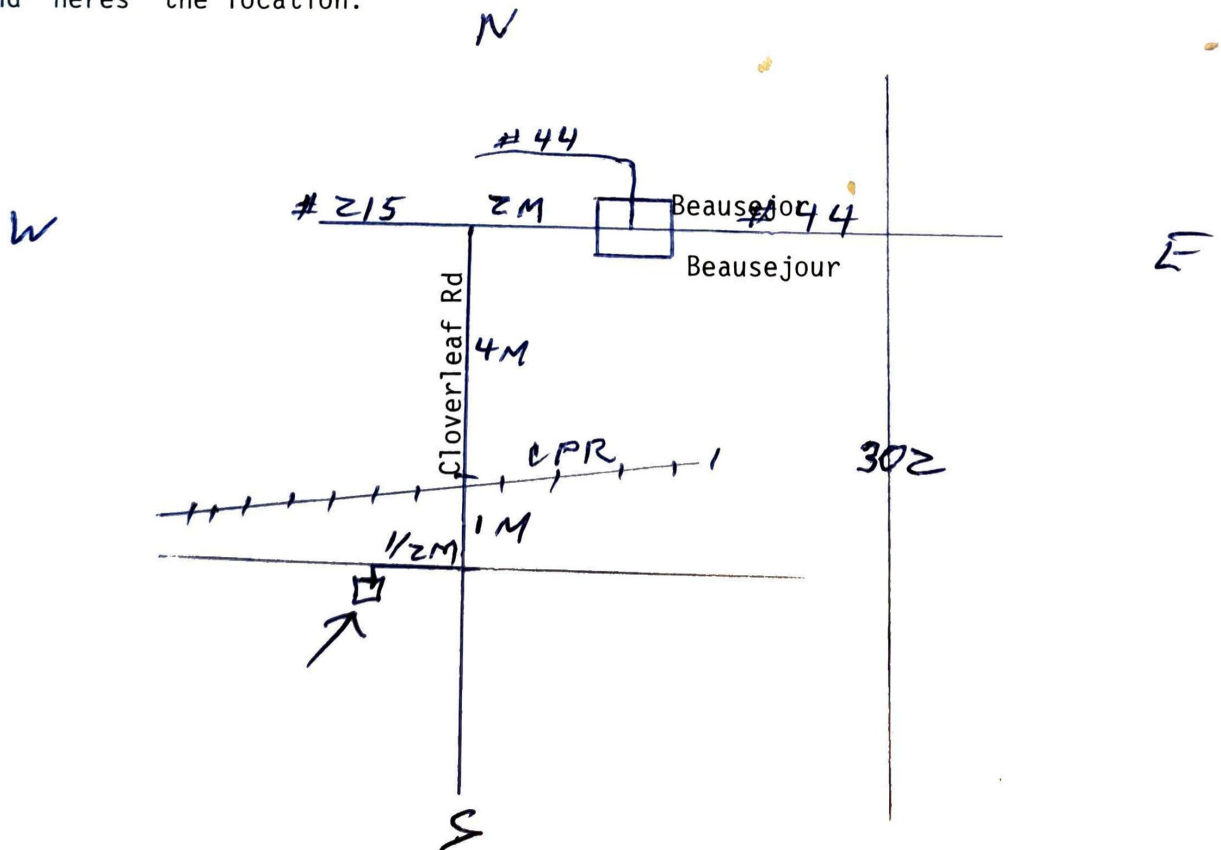
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Grant Camèron
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Winnipeg Man .

Dear Grant:

I visited William W. Yankewicz yesterday July 17 and found him to be a very fascinating personality. Strangely enough, we did so much talking that I didn't discover too much of the subject that you're interested in i.e. the 1960 U2 landing in Northern Sask. He was handling the camera equipment because he was employed with the Fairchild Corp. who owned the cameras. Unfortunately I never got around to asking if he was on the site or not.

Although he's a Ham, he was not well known and it was hard to find him. He doesn't have a phone. He's got a Wireless Museum alright but unfortunately a fire last April destroyed a good part of it. He and the other members are just getting around to putting up and finishing new buildings and of course he's looking for more antique radio donations. I'm enclosing a copy of the Museum QSL card and here's the location.



Aug 4. 88

Dear Mr Yeats

I have written you after talking with Mr. Ernie
Epp who had talked to my friend Bob Diemert.

As the story goes you have some details and involvement
in the crash of something (a V-2?) in Northern Sask. in
1958 or 1960. (I have heard both dates)

I first heard this story thro' DOT people who stated
the accident investigator from Winnipeg was not allowed on
the sight while some Americans recovered an object.

As the accident investigator is dead, you are the
only witness I know who might have the details I seek.
I wanted to file for records as to Canadian govt involvement
but I don't have even the proper date.

My interest is mostly in WHO recovered it and How
it was done and naturally WHAT it was. The Americans
have an operation known as Project MOON DUST which recovers
Russian Space hardware and UFOs. This particular case is not
among there records. (Naturally their records show nothing
significant over 40 years)

Anything you can do to address the questions on the back
is appreciated. Many thanks

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1. What was the year of the crash?
2. What crashed? How do you know for sure?
3. Were you on the crash site?
4. Do you know of any Canadian who was there?
5. What was your involvement?
6. Who contracted you for your job?
7. Who performed the recovery? Marines? Air Force? What base?
8. How long did the recovery take?
9. Did you see any photos of the object?
10. What is your best guess at where the crash site was?
11. Was there a Canadian Security clearance involved?
12. Why would the U.S. military come to you for equipment that they surely must have had themselves?
13. Were there any other such experiences in your career?

July 9, 1988
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Grant Cameron
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Dear Grant:

I've just returned from a trip to Man. and Sask. to several Tree and Plant Nurseries. The Boughen Nurseries at Valley River and Skinners at Dropmore Man. have made a very significant contribution to trees and plants suitable for the Prairie climate and have been recognized by the Horticulture Society etc. I guess I should have given you a call while in Winnipeg, however, my timing was off.

I dropped in to see Bob Diemert while visiting Aubin's at Carman and I mentioned your interest in obtaining more information on the northern Sask. U2 landing. approx 1960 winter. He recalled the story quite clearly and was convinced that the incident was a U2 crash landing. An acquaintance of his a commercial photographer, in Winnipeg, Billy Yakowicz, was involved in handling photography equipment that was to be used to take pictures of the scene but of course, as you said, no one was allowed to do anything at the site except for the USAF officials and the rule was enforced with a 45 revolver by the pilot. Perhaps you've already spoken to Bill Yankowicz. He is now apparently living on a farm within about 7 miles of Beasejour and has established a wireless telegraphy museum there which he is looking after. If you have not already do so I suspect that it would be worthwhile to get in touch with him to get more info. I think he was actually there? Come to think of it I think I'd like to see his wireless museum and may decide to make a trip there as well.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ernie".

Ernie

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Jan 6, 88

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Dear Ernie,

After finally talking to my father Bob CAMERON. I was able to find out that you had gone to Kendra some years back. I don't know if you remember me, but we discussed UFOs and the work of Willard B. Smith when you were in Winnipeg.

After many years of fruitless work the ship has started to leak, and now there is a major discovery every second week. I have many interesting documents related to Willard's work which have not been made public yet. If you are interested in copies I would be pleased to send them to you.

A couple items I hope you can help me with.

① You I think had mentioned that Bob Devlin had been involved with Smith. Devlin wouldn't speak because Mrs. Smith was still alive. Could you fill me in on his connection.

② More importantly, a story told me by my father. I only got brief details because it is a sensitive area and I don't want to say my only source is my father. In the late 50s a U-2 crashed in northern Saskatchewan. An accident investigator from Winnipeg whose first name

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was BERNIE went to the sight.

Already on the sight there were US military people and before he got to the sight a guy with a machine gun told him to get lost. A telex to Ottawa confirmed the Canadians were not allowed on the sight.

Have you heard this story. My interests are

- ① BERNIE's last name.
- ② I want to ask him about the marking of the uniforms and how they knew it was a U-2.

This recovery team was probably the "Blue Berets" connected to "Project Moon Dust." They are able to secure an area and remove items without local witnesses or interference. They are the same ones used to recover damaged saucers.

A witness to a TOP SECRET document in the US. claimed there had been 18 crashes ^{WORLDWIDE} and Canada was mentioned. The story told about the U-2 is the only lead to any type of crash I have.

Hope you can help me out.
Keep in touch.

Sincerely
Bob

January 11, 1988
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Grant R. Cameron
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Dear Grant:

I was very surprised and pleased to receive your letter of Jan. 6/88. I moved to Kenora July 1 1979 and as result broke a number of connections to Winnipeg. Just about a month ago I learned of the new address of an acquaintance that had retired and moved to Penticton B.C. and a month earlier had heard about a former Ham radio acquaintance that I had broken off with about 35 years ago. I'm very happy to meet up again.

I'm not active in following up UFO incidents like I used to be although I've done a bit. In 1985 July, I took a trip to visit a friend at Wolsely Sask. and while enroute went to Langenburg to visit the site of the Sept. 8 1974 incident involving Edwin Fuhr. Edwin was not home at the time so I went next door about a quarter mile away which is the residence of his brother William I think. That particular UFO incident was still very much on their minds at that time. William had indicated that there had been hundreds of people visiting their farms at that time and dozens of researchers from all parts of the continent.

The JAL sighting over central Alaska Nov. 17 1986 and Jan. 11 1987 caused quite a stir that has as yet not been solved to my knowledge. I've been intending for the last several years to go back and talk to Steve Michalak about the Falcon Lake incident in 1967, May 20. There was a follow up article about him in the Wpg Free Press Dec. 6, 1975 but I've never heard the final chapter about that incident either and I've heard that Steve is now living in retirement on Lindsay Ave in Winnipeg. I'll look him up some day.

I've actually given up on ever seeing a logical and positive conclusion to the UFO phenomenon. Too many hundreds of very well qualified researchers have tried without producing tangible results. I was quite amazed to see Roy Bonisteel's program Man O Live recently on the subject of UFO contactees and this was the second time it was shown. The first I think was in April 1987 where several people stated publicly that they had in fact been examined by UFO occupants!! I don't know what to make of it. In spite of the so called eye witness reports the phenomena cannot be reproduced at will and there is no solid evidence.

Regarding Bob Devlin, I think he has moved to the Edmonton area and I suppose he is still there. I never heard from him again after he retired. The memory of his remarks about Wilbur Smith has faded. I don't recall to what extent that he worked with Wilbur or was aware of him. Lou Colpitts was the one who made more specific reference to Wilbur. Lou used to work at the Ottawa Ionosphere station where Wilbur had his gravity detection equipment set up and was aware that some unusual alarms had been set off but again I can only vaguely recall that stuff. I also recall that either Bob or Lou had mentioned that Wilbur was at the Parliament buildings from time to time while trying to attract the attention of politicians to the strange phenomena that he was observing and he did I think gain some support for having a serious look at it at that time.

Regarding the northern Sask. incident, yes I was aware of the U-2 crash in about 1959 and I was working at Saskatoon at that time and I got my information from airtraffic controllers Clare Fife, Bruce..... Bilingsley who I think are still in the Saskatoon area. I just now spoke to a fellow technician that was there at the time as well and he says that the U-2 according to airtraffic controllers was enroute from somewhere up north to Minot ND and that his flight followers in Minot decided that at some point up north that the aircraft was too low to continue to Minot and so ditched in northern Sask. I think that the U-2 had actually flamed out. I can't recall Bernie's name. I never had any reason to believe that it was anything other than a U-2. A great deal of information has been published about the U-2s and their type of performance and operation since those days. I've read several aviation magazines several years ago containing a lot of detail. I understand that several better performance versions of the U-2 have been built and that they are still active world wide despite the parallel use of satellites. A friend of mine in Winnipeg visited the weather satellite photostorage site near Rapid City SD which is open to public tours and there as shown some U-2 photos taken of the streets of Moscow as well as the usual Landsat satellite photos and their capability to analyze the photos in great detail.

That's about all I have on the subject. My latest hobby is trying to get back into Ham Radio. I'm looking for second hand H.F. Ham band transmitter of about 100 watts for CW use only. I used to be an active Ham from 1949 to about 1967 and then dropped the hobby. My! how the technology has changed since then! I have Comtex Clone computer which is equivalent to the IBM XT which I get a kick out of. And of course I've got a number of good quality programs which I obtained from a computer store bankruptcy sale in Dryden Ont. Three of the techs here got together and bought out a large portion of the left over software. I don't have a modem as yet though in order to keep the longdistance telephone bills down.

I'm also into the hobby of trying to grow backyard fruits. My boss has a three acre lot in the country on Lock Bay, lots of space for trees so I'm planning to do some experimenting. I've visited the Morden Research station a few times in the past and last summer at the corn and apple festival and I'm in the process of

gathering information from various sources on the art of propagating apple trees. I just received a lengthy document from the so called East Malling Research station in Kent England on the subject of hardwood cuttings and also from the Ontario Govt Dept. of Agriculture and Food concerning commercial orchard practice. No I'm not going commercial. Hi.

Yours sincerely

Ernie Epp

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JAN 14, 88.

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Dear Ernie,

I very much appreciate your taking the time to write. I especially appreciate your information on the U-2. Hopefully by following this with this story Dean show that the govt can keep a secret, and that there is a special American tactical unit in the U.S. for such secret recoveries.

There is rumor that at least one of the 16-18 captured saucers was recovered in Canada. I at this time have no lead as to where or when.

Have sent along some Smith material that show ① the extent to what Wilbur might have known ② the fact that we might be close to cracking the mystery.

The final interview I have enclosed was done Sept 1, 87. The scientist's name was given to us by Dr. Robert Sarbacher shortly before his death in July 86. I am one of three researchers in on this. Since Dec 79, a researcher only seven miles from this scientist is trying to get the notes. The scientist was former Chancellor of the Univ of Penn. and has 12 doctorate degrees (most honorary).

On April I hope to get to Ottawa to try to uncover the paper trail left after Smith original interview with Dr. Sarbacher.

On other matters. A new article will be published in the U.S. this year about Michalak. It is written by a researcher at the U of M. who is written up in the latest OMNI magazine (UFO section).

On JAL - the same person who is now trying to get the note in Penn. wrote an article on JAL stating the AFare had actually perumped jets. Later in the spring there was a radar sighting over Thunder Bay (enclosed).

My father Ed has been retired since April 87, although he has been offered a one year consulting contract which he might take. He too is now heavily into computers - I think an IBM kind. I tried to get him to hitch a ride on a computer with 1800 members. He was not too warm to the idea. Apparently many of the UFO people in his office have these computers that they all bought in a group.

Two 600+ page books were published last year on this crash retrieval stuff. Time will tell what we come up with.

Keep in touch

Sincerely



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Jan. 10 , 1977

Dear Gary

These are the clippings that I mentioned to you the other day. Wilbert B. Smith as mentioned in Flying Saucers Serious Business (I've marked it) was known personally to Lou Colpits and Bob Devlin and can give you a lot of information that was never mentioned in publications.

The clipping Miami has saucer scare
The Tribune Mon. Oct. 14, 1974 shortly after
radio news reports were made in this area also.

As I said before newspaper libraries are generally cooperative in responding to information requests. I usually fone the library for newspaper names and addresses which are contained in the directory called Ayer Directory. I also usually enclosed a stamped and self addressed envelope. If its in the USA American stamps can be purchased at stamp dealers or ordered from the Post Master of nearby American Cities such as Grand Forks ND.

Ernie.

Aug. 1 1989
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Dear Grant:

I received this article from an acquaintance in Europe yesterday. The letter was dated July 21. Again its one of those explainable happenings. These copies are in black and white which is really quite disappointing compared with the colour of the magazine they came from. The end of the article sates "Circular Evidence will be published by Bloomsbury on July 13, 1989 at L 14.95" which is about \$30.16 canadian. I presume this will have colour in it.

Yours truly

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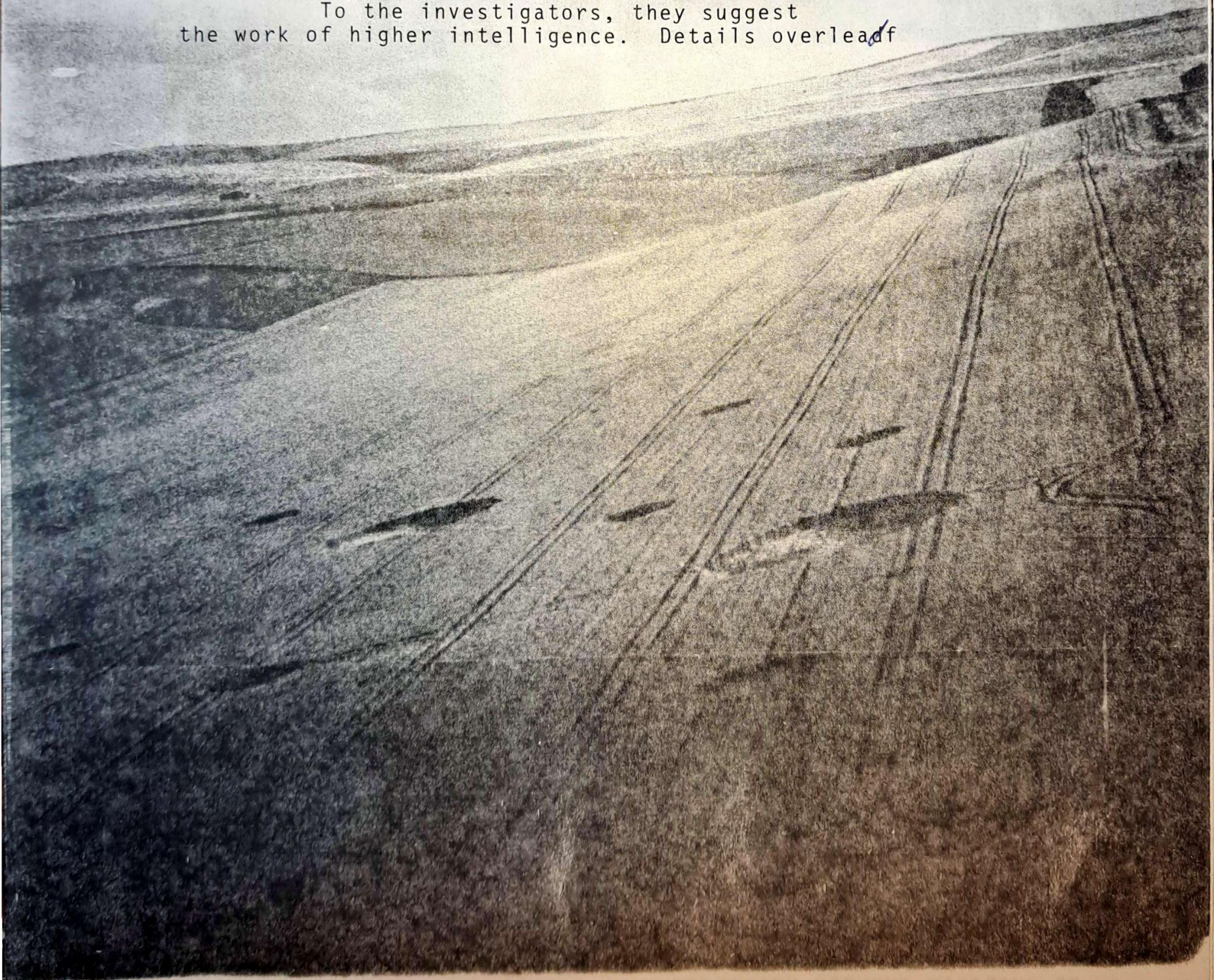
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EVER-INCREASING

**No human has yet managed to make a circle exactly like those
that regularly appear in cornfields around the country.
Now a team of amateur sleuths has completed a comprehensive study
— and they are hoping to solve the mystery.
ELISABETH DUNN reports**

The circles shown have an uncanny symmetry.
To the investigators, they suggest
the work of higher intelligence. Details overlaid



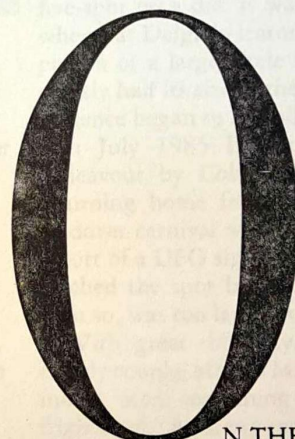
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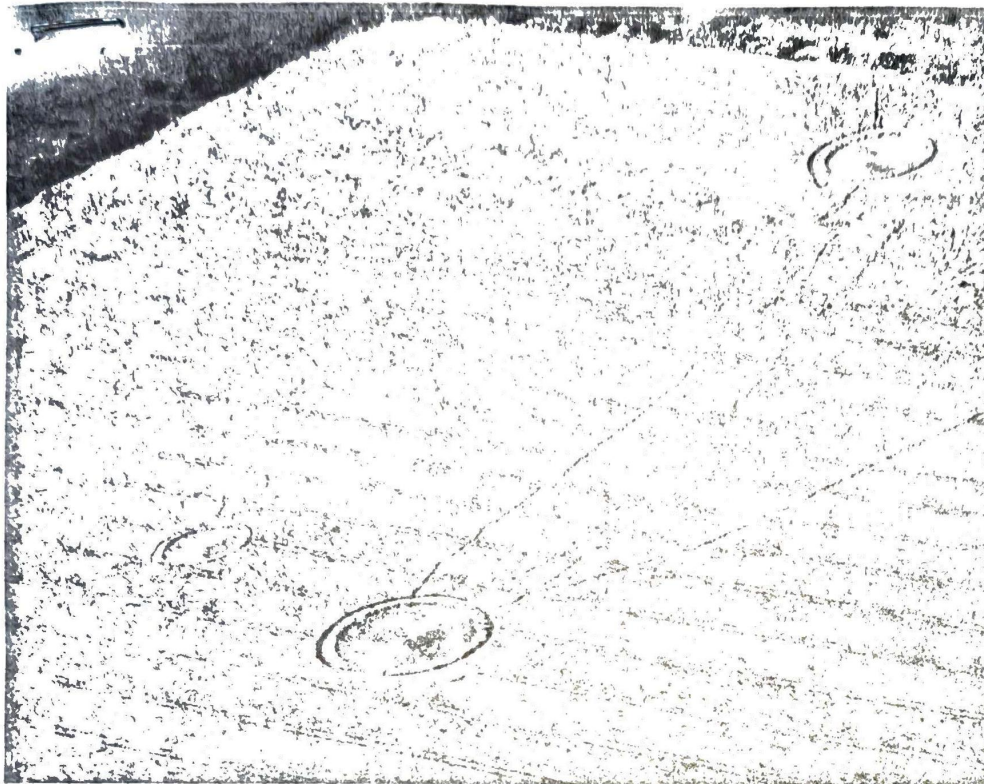


the tape, which had been running all night, they

ON THE NIGHT of July 6, 1986, a sign-writer and a retired electrical engineer sat on the edge of the Punch Bowl, a beauty spot near Winchester, Hants. Equipped with light-gathering binoculars, cameras and a tape recorder, one or other of them had waited here day and night for the previous three weeks. Just after midnight, the engineer went home, leaving the sign-writer on watch.

Time passed uneventfully. By three o'clock, when the engineer returned, a light drizzle was falling. Three-quarters of an hour later, as the sky began to lighten, the pair noticed that something had happened in the field below them. About 300m from where they sat, a silent, unseen force had swept a vast circle in the corn.

The floor of the circle was pressed flat to the ground, describing a beautiful clockwise swirl. Its circumference was defined by a wall of standing corn and encircling this was a ring of flattened cereal, swirled in the opposite direction. Although bent to the horizontal, none of the corn stems was broken and, as the season wore on, the crop continued to ripen as if nothing had happened to it. Outside the ring, the corn was untouched. The watchers on the hill had seen nothing, heard nothing, but when they played



SILBURY HILL, WILTS, July 1988, previous page, main picture: Ten circles appeared in the wheat field opposite the ancient mound. The night before, a passing motorist had seen a golden satellite-shaped object in the sky. Over the next eight weeks, 41 more circles appeared in the vicinity

BRATTON, WILTS, August 1987, previous page, above right: The first double-ringed circle to be found was a vast clockwise/anti-clockwise formation located near Bratton Castle. As in all cases, the flattened wheat remained unharmed and the surrounding stalks stood perfectly upright

CHEESEFOOT HEAD, HANTS, July 1986, above: A central circle appeared, followed a month later by the top circle, which had the clockwise/anti-clockwise imprint, and an arc of spurs. The smaller formation to the left was hoaxed by youngsters, and does not bear these characteristics

WESTBURY, WILTS, August 1987, below: Pat Delgado and Busty Taylor examine one of the most impressive examples of radial swirl. The effect suggests that whatever had created it was revolving with enormous force, breaking up the crusty soil into powder as it turned



were rewarded with occasional burlblings like the human voice recorded backwards.

Hurricanes (rare in Hampshire) make circles in the corn. So do crows and helicopters and courting couples. But their circles are crude and clumsy compared with the sculptural precision of those investigated by Pat Delgado and Colin Andrews, whose study of the phenomenon is published this week.

The Delgado/Andrews circles are formations of great beauty that apparently owe nothing to chance; but after eight years of study to date, the investigators remain as mystified as to their origin as they were at the outset. Every time they think they may have identified a common factor in the appearance of the circles, a new refinement of shape or pattern is introduced, leaving them baffled but renewing their determination to find an explanation.

If it is the case that the circles have been appearing for hundreds of years, they had gone unchronicled until 1975 when a farm-hand at Headbourne Worthy in Hampshire noticed a single clockwise-swirled circle in a field alongside the A34. The circles returned in the following years and in 1978, he found one large circle surrounded by four smaller ones set out like the five-spot on a die. It was not until July 1981, when Pat Delgado learned from a golfing companion of a large circle flanked by two others exactly half its size in the Punch Bowl, that the evidence began to be collated.

In July 1985 Delgado was joined in his endeavour by Colin Andrews. Andrews was returning home from an evening out at the Andover carnival when he heard a police radio report of a UFO sighting near Stockbridge. He reached the spot before the constabulary but, even so, was too late to witness the visitation.

'With great difficulty, I tracked down the elderly couple, Mr and Mrs Collins, who had definitely seen something and who were very frightened,' Andrews recalls. 'They were about 200m away from something that looked like a fun-fair wheel standing on end. Mrs Collins said it had lots of yellowy white lights around the edge and more lights along spokes leading into the centre of it.'

The following morning, five circles appeared at Alresford and, in August, five more materialised at Goodworth Clatford, the three incidents forming a dead straight line. His imagination fired by the coincidence, Andrews contacted Delgado who was by now enjoying some celebrity as a circles consultant.

As in all the best sci-fi tales, Delgado and Andrews are straightforward, regular guys. Delgado is a retired electro-mechanical design engineer with two years at the Woomera missile range and a stint with NASA in Australia behind him. Andrews is chief civil engineer for the Test Valley Borough Council. They were joined by two like-minded sleuths: Don Tuersley, the sign-writer and veteran UFO enthusiast, at one time a close observer of the Warminster Thing; and Busty Taylor, proprietor of a driving school in Andover and holder of a private pilot's licence.

As a group, they have been distressed over the years by public reaction to their findings. Con-



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men nor nuts-and-bolts flying saucers have any role to play in the formation of the magic circles. Delgado and Andrews are happy to entertain the idea that the wheels in the wheat are nothing to do with the extra-terrestrial; they simply do not know. Theirs is a methodical study of the most dramatic of the formations to appear since 1975, an analysis of a mystery.

There are, it seems, particularly favoured sites where the circles appear year after year. The Punch Bowl is one; Seven Barrows near Litchfield on the Hampshire/Berkshire border is another, Kimpton another. Often the formations appear near the scenes of unexplained happenings — repeated road accidents involving only one car, for instance. At Winterbourne Stoke in Wiltshire, where in 1987 some particularly fine specimens appeared, the body of the Harrier jump-jet pilot who mysteriously ejected, leaving his plane to fly on and crash into the

Atlantic 90 miles south-west of Ireland, was found lying in the field next to the circles.

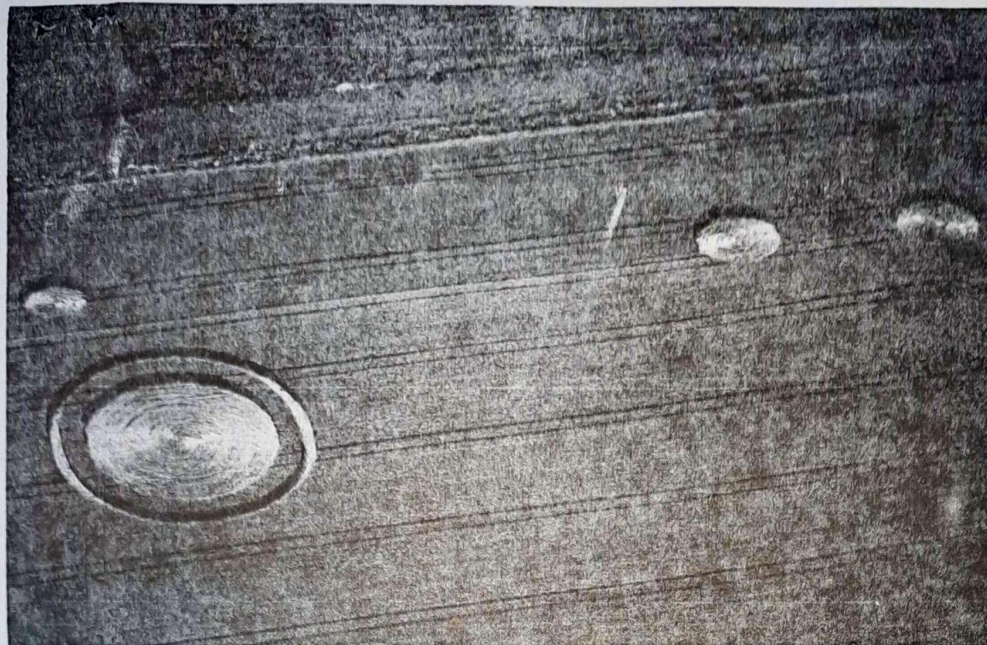
In their researches, Delgado and Andrews have felt their own blood crystallise on certain occasions. In 1986, they visited a circle-and-ring formation at Childrey, near Wantage, a shape that had an intriguing new refinement — a short, straight pathway leading away from the ring and ending in an arrow-head. At the point of the arrow, a bowl-shaped area of soil had been scooped out of the ground but no discarded earth was anywhere to be found.

Andrews returned home to Andover with a sample of the soil taken from the bowl and put it in the outhouse specially reserved for circle data. Like his house and garden, the hut is protected by burglar alarms. Minutes later, the alarm went off inside the hut. At 4.15 the next morning, the garden perimeter alarm went off and the time clock, run off the mains, had also stopped at

Colin Andrews crouches down to gather flattened straws of wheat for examination. Behind him stand, from left, Pat Delgado, Busty Taylor and Don Tuersley

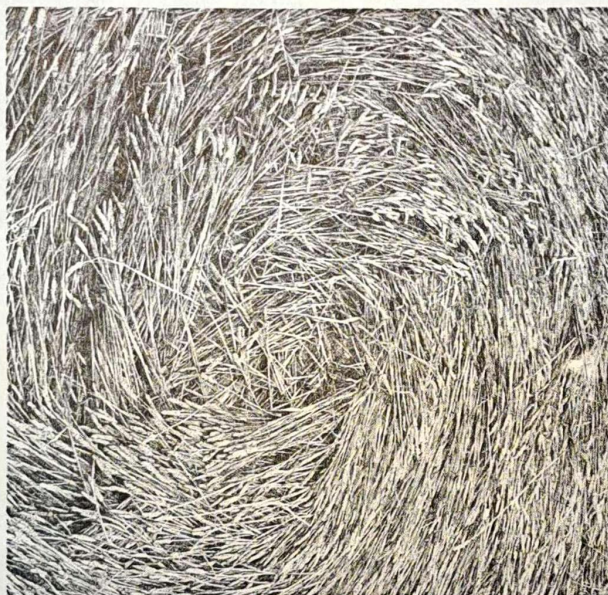
4.15. A designer of burglar alarms, Andrews could find no fault in the system and it was reset. Two nights later, at 4.15am, the office and the perimeter alarm both went off. Throughout the next fortnight, they continued to sound without intruders, always at 4.15. Mrs Andrews failed to persuade her husband to give up his research, since when circles have been banned as a subject for family conversation.

Recounting a visit to an oval ring at Kimpton, Andrews describes the stems of wheat as being flattened outwards radially around the outer edge of the ring and facing inwards towards the centre of the inner edge — two opposing forces working in close proximity. It was, he says, like



WINTERBOURNE STOKE, WILTS,
August 1987 (above): this group of one
large and three small circles was
discovered by chance in a rye field
while on a flight south-west of
Stonehenge. All the plants had been
compressed hard into the ground,
forming a striking centrifugal
structure, as shown in close-up, right.

Two months after the sighting, a
Harrier jump jet was passing over the
field when it lost radio contact. It was
spotted, pilotless and without its
cockpit canopy, by an alerted aircraft.
The missing Harrier pilot was found
dead the next day in a field
overlooking the Winterbourne circles



nothing he had seen before, but he was now becoming used to the capricious nature of the circle-forming force: 'As soon as you think you're getting somewhere, something happens, as if it's saying: "What do you think of it now?"'

At the top of the oval was a heart-shaped indentation, spread into the ring as if pushed by some giant breast-stroke swimmer. Andrews and the whole team visited the ring several times in the days after its appearance. On one occasion when he was alone, Andrews, standing in the ring, observed a black flash 'as if the sun were blotted out for a fraction of a second'. Later, he and his father walked the family dog in the same field. On coming parallel with the formation, the dog grew obstinate. Coaxed over the flattened wheat into the centre of the ring, it began to retch and vomit, and had to be returned to the car. It was quite recovered within 20 minutes.

Returning that evening, Andrews recalls standing some 30ft from the edge of the ring in the fading sunshine when a noise like electrical static began to crackle, apparently coming from some unseen source eight feet or so away. It

grew louder, to a pitch where I expected a bang to follow.' With great presence of mind, he stood his ground and within six seconds, the noise stopped. He was extremely frightened.

Then there was the case of the white jelly, found in the centre of a circle at Goodworth Clatford. A sample was sent to the University of Surrey for analysis. Initially it was thought to be some kind of confectionery that had gone off but a further test found no evidence of the glucose syrup usually used in sweet manufacture. Busty Taylor and the team from the *Andover Advertiser* that accompanied him somewhat imprudently handled the jelly, and were all afflicted with severe chest colds shortly afterwards. The substance remains unidentified.

The reaction of the healthy sceptic is to dismiss the circular phenomena as a hoax. But Delgado and Andrews patiently explain that not only have they seen unconvincing hoaxes, they have also systematically tried to reproduce the circles themselves and found it impossible to exert enough force to flatten the huge (20m diameter) areas of corn, let alone achieve an elaborate and

exact floor pattern without breaking a stem or without leaving tracks in the field.

Based on all his observations, Delgado has drawn up a specification for the force needed to form all the variations of recorded circles. It must be: silent, short, strong, contra-rotative, swirling, whorl- and vein-forming, swathing, stem-bending, horizontal growth-inducing, non-growth interfering, straight path-forming, plant-extracting, total darkness-operating, gap-seeking, superimposing, circle group-forming, weather condition-free, extraneous marks-free, damage-free when flattening, topographically conditionless, world-wide operative force.

Delgado's examination of the theoretical possibilities leads him to eliminate most of the explanations known to science. Electro-magnetism, for example, has been shown to make plants move but not to flatten them and would require so much hardware in a remote field as to be impracticable and certainly detectable.

He examines the likelihood of the circles being formed by gravity or by piezo-electric generation, an electrical charge originating deep inside the earth which interferes with standing crops as it is discharged through the earth's crust. Similarly, the solution to the enigma might lie in the subterranean build-up of gas pressure, resulting in the circles as the gas escapes.

Almost shamefacedly, Andrews and Delgado incline towards a theory that whatever force creates the circles is controlled by an intelligence: 'We may be looking for an unrecognised force that is already in existence at certain locations but requires control and manipulation. Or a force that is transportable and used at will by some controlling power. Both these ideas suggest there would necessarily have to be an intelligence wanting to produce these manifestations.'

They then lead into a complex discussion of quantum physics and parallel worlds. Calling as witness no less an authority than Einstein, they demonstrate the bridge between mass and anti-mass which, they argue, fully supports the theory that the circles are created by an unknown force manipulated by an unknown intelligence. Which is not a little green man.

It does, however, appear to have a sense of humour. Last year, observing the season's crop of circles in the Punch Bowl, the farmer (becoming increasingly cheesed off by the manifestations attracting tourists to his field) was moved to ring Delgado with some urgency one morning. Delgado arrived, scanned the field, rubbed his eyes and sped off to the airfield at Thruxton from which Busty Taylor flies his photographic missions. Together they flew to the Punch Bowl to shoot the scene before the corn was harvested.

The picture — which does not appear in the book because its authors felt they had stretched credibility quite far enough — shows the Punch Bowl with its regular circles and tramlines created by the farmer's tractor for sowing and spraying the crop. Between a set of tramlines, there appears a legend described in the familiar, precise, heavily indented, horizontal but unbroken-stemmed corn: *We are not alone.*

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