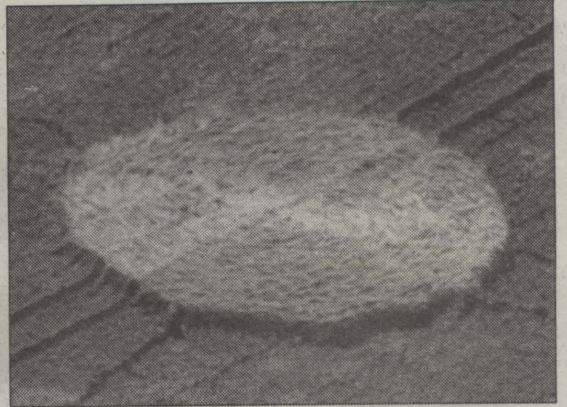


UFO BLASTS TV CREW FROM CIRCLE OF CORN



PUZZLE: Giant circle of flattened corn

A SUDDEN blast of noise may hold the key to the mystery of flattened circles in cornfields.

It was recorded by a BBC TV crew at the centre of one of the circles, which some people say could be caused by UFOs.

There was no sign of a source for the sound, but the man they were interviewing said he felt an invisible force. Today viewers will have a chance of helping to solve the long-running puzzle when a tape of the sound and film of the drama are played on Daytime Live on BBC 1.

An incredible 270 giant circles, mainly in cornfields, were reported between May and September this year, against only 94 in 1988.

But the sound blast experienced by BBC producer David Morgenstern and his team is the first definite evidence of energy forces at work.

Technicians at Broadcasting House have spent weeks analysing the noise but still cannot identify it.

Interview

The blast happened during an interview with electronics engineer Pat Delgado, co-author of the bestseller *Circular Evidence* about the mystery.

He said yesterday: "It was so loud the sound engineer tore off his headphones and I felt myself being physically moved by the energy force.

"This could be the breakthrough we have been looking for.

"Something beyond our scientific knowledge is going on and we cannot rule out extra-terrestrial activity."

Producer Morgenstern said: "We picked up very powerful radio interference from the centre of the circle, but when we moved out it disappeared.

"BBC crews tend to be very cynical about this sort of thing but we were very taken aback.

"Now we want people to watch the film and ring us in with any information about crop circles they may have."

The team were filming in a cornfield near Silbury Hill, Wilts, site of one of the most ancient monuments in Europe.

Tourists in ferry protest

by BRENDA PARSONS

STRANDED British holidaymakers blockaded a ferry after being trapped in France for 20 hours.

Three hundred tourists on coaches defied armed police at Boulogne after cars drove onto a Sealink ferry while they were ordered to wait. The families were victims of a strike by French seamen which began on Friday.

The coaches arrived in Boulogne as early as 2pm on Sunday and were still waiting to board at 10am yesterday. The passengers staged a revolt when Sealink officials allowed only one coach per sailing.

Headmaster David Nell, from Louth, Lincolnshire said: "The organisation has been diabolical."

A Sealink spokesman said: "We have been doing all we can and have now agreed to allow four coaches on the next sailing."