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### MID YEAR NEWS.

Things are rather quiet again in Tassie after a good run of sightings mid 1988 to 89. So far we have only two cases that remain unidentified, in fact we have to go back nine months to our last unexplained case in 1989. Australia wide the story at time of writing doesn't seem any different, a number of cases with lights but not much else. A video film of an early morning light taken in Canberra on February 17th, turned out to probably be Venus rising in the east.

Overseas in the past nine months has not been so dull, landings and alien beings were reported in the media from Russia. What the media didn't tell us was that there had been a run of sightings in the USSR, but such is the power of the media. Sightings also came from Hungary and recently out of Belgium. In the Belgian event a triangular set of lights have been reported at low level, we even got to see a video of these lights in a news broadcast. I suppose the most frustrating part of the UFO phenomena is that despite embarrassing masses of well investigated and unexplained events science is just not aroused into looking into the phenomena.

#### Magra Sighting.

We received a call on February 14th from a Magra witness, she had just seen something crossing her northern sky and moving away towards the north north east. Immediate checks were possible with the Airport and Weather Bureau. No aircraft were in the area at the time of the event at 10.45am. The weather was fine and calm with a brilliant blue sky, the overlying wind pattern was from the north east to south east, nearly opposite to the direction of travel of the object seen.

Mrs M had been outside hosing down the windows of her rural home, meanwhile her three year old son was playing on the lawn nearby when he started calling her to look at that thing in the sky. She did so and saw a brilliant white round shape against the blue sky. The object was moving across her northern sky and as it did so it seemed to change shape or wobble to present a disc like appearance. It may have also zig zagged in its flight path to the north east. At one point it stopped for a few seconds, then gained elevation and was lost to sight in the far distance. The sighting was mentioned in the local paper but no other witnesses came forward to report the object.

#### Green light to East.

Mrs E had been to her sister's house and was driving home near 4am on April 8th, it was a fine night with some cloud cover. Mrs E lives at Midway Point and first noticed a very bright green light low to the east near Cambridge. The light was almost traffic light green in colour and looked to be very low. As she approached Cambridge airfield the light looked to bob across the road in a jerky manner and take up a position on the northern side of the Tasman Highway. Next the light reversed its direction returning to the right side of the road. Mrs E was feeling a bit disturbed by the lights presence and didn't look for it again until crossing the Causeway to Midway Point, it now looked bright and green over the water. (Contd page 2)

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On reaching Midway Point Mrs E turned left (north) for her home just a few minutes distant. At this point she noticed a green mass of light out to her right that seemed to be approaching her car. At the left of this mass of green seemed to a squarish shape but the right hand end was lost in the mass of light. The object was very much bigger than when last seen out over the water. However, as Mrs E drove on the mass of light seemed to veer away towards the north east being obscured by buildings and trees. Arriving home Mrs E and her husband looked out but only noticed Venus bright and white low to the east over the town of Sorell.

Checks revealed no aircraft in the area until 4.30am when a freighter which Mrs E heard pass over left for Melbourne. The Hobart wether observer took notes near 4am, it was fine with some cloud, the observer did not notice Venus at this time, maybe because cloud to the east had obscured it.

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**A WITNESS FROM WHITNESS**



This remarkable 60-foot circle in a cornfield close to the Kent town of Margate, is the first we've heard of from this county, and may well be the first incident in which the formation of a crop-circle has been witnessed in direct association with the luminous aspect of Dr Meaden's 'plasma vortex'.

One late evening in early August 1989, two young male students - Wilfred Gomez and Simon Millington - were returning home after working late. They had not been drinking, but were driving along the otherwise deserted Nash Road listening to the car stereo when their attention was drawn to a strange sight in a field about "a third of a mile" ahead - "a spiralling vortex of flashing light".

Gomez, 19, of Whittess Green, Kingsgate, said it "looked like an upturned satellite TV dish with lots of flashing lights. It appeared to brush the ground, then all the lights blinked out." Above, or despite the stereo sound, "It was making a noise which I cannot really describe." When they pulled up alongside the field and got out to investigate they found the large circle, the corn flattened in an anti-clockwise swirl, and a smaller circle nearby. Vaguely unnerved by imaginings about UFOs, the lads fled.

The next day Gomez returned to the field with a news team from *Adscene*, and was pictured with his discovery (above). The field was harvested within the week.

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Interested in some old UFO material, books and magazines.....  
Search Magazine 1967-72, Ray Palmers Flying Saucer 1966-71.  
Behind The Flying Saucers by Frank Scully, Riddle of the Flying Saucers by Gerald Head, and Trueman Bethrun's Aboard a Flying Saucer. Contact Brian Lee, 35 Hiller St, Devonport. Ph004 246778.

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Have you ever noticed how prominently extra-terrestrials figure in public entertainment these days? Film, television and popular literature seem pre-occupied with this theme of encounters with aliens.

Before dismissing this as simply a passing fashion, let us recall that President Reagan referred to the possibility of an extra-terrestrial threat to mankind no less than five times in his public speeches, even mentioning it to Mr Gorbachev during the Reykjavik meeting. This led some observers to speculate that the President knew much more about the matter than he cared to reveal. Indeed, Steven Spielberg remarked that at a special White House showing of his film E.T., President Reagan approached him when the film was over, put his arm around his shoulders and said "Steve, there are fewer than six people in this room who really understand the situation". The full import of this remark could not have been lost on the members of a group known as CAUS, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, who had been endeavouring for many years to extract information on UFOs from United States Government archives under the Freedom of Information Act. Eventually, the Supreme Court decided that in the interests of national security, 95% of these documents whose very existence had been denied by the agencies involved (CIA, FBI and NSA etc.) could not be released. The 5% that were released were often so heavily censored as to be unintelligible. In short, the Government of the United States has been lying to the American people for over forty years on the subject of UFOs. To judge from recent events, they are still doing so.

Recently a physicist called Dr Bob Lazar appeared on American TV claiming that he had worked in the high security installation known as Area Fifty-One at Groom Lake, north of Las Vegas, where he became so alarmed by what he saw that he decided to break security and go public. When the TV station in question attempted to check his credentials, they discovered that no birth certificate for him was existence, that the universities at which he claimed to have been educated denied ever having had him there and that the firms at which he said he had been employed had no record of him. However, further checking disclosed the existence of Dr Lazar's name in the handbooks and telephone directories of the institutions involved. Furthermore, an earlier cutting from the "Los Angeles Times" revealed that Dr Lazar was, in fact, what he claimed to be, namely, a well-qualified physicist, with degrees from the very universities which had denied his existence. One may ask what authority is powerful enough to bend universities to its will like this. Dr Lazar alleges that his job was to back-engineer certain alien artifacts at the base, chief among which were nine flying discs with extremely small seats, too small for human beings. He was also told to back engineer an anti-matter generator, which powered the flying discs. This device ran on element 115, an element which does not exist on Earth (we have got no further than element 106) and could have been obtained, Dr Lazar alleges, element generated a gravity wave which, greatly amplified, enabled the alien craft to attain any point in the universe instantaneously.

To call Dr Lazar's statements astonishing would be an understatement. Clearly, the whole matter demands the most thorough investigation. If he is telling the truth, then the most momentous event in human history, namely contact with extra-terrestrial life and access to alien technology has been deliberately withheld from the world by the US government. Disquieteningly, there has been so far no official denial of his claims. Perhaps the entertainment industry's interest in extra-terrestrials is part of a long-term public awareness programme to help us accept the hitherto unthinkable idea that we are not alone in the universe.

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## UFOs light up the sky

BRUSSELS: The Belgian Air Force and police are investigating numerous alleged sightings of UFOs near the border of the Netherlands and West Germany.

Dozens of people in the province of Liege claimed they had seen luminous objects in the sky.

Some described a flying platform scanning the surface with three huge searchlights. Others talked of objects performing a ballet of light in the sky.

Air controllers "found radar blips on the screens that could not be immediately explained," a Defence Ministry spokesman said.

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## Belgium gripped by urge to track down UFOs

BRUSSELS — While most people around the world were celebrating Easter, Belgium was looking for flying saucers.

Lookout teams are spending the Easter holiday hunting for unidentified flying objects in nights of skywatching.

UFOs have been reported in the south of the country over the past four months. Belgium's Society for the Study of Space Phenomena organised a weekend watch with observers at a network of 20 vantage points, police stations taking calls reporting sightings and the Belgian air force providing full radar back-up.

Two planes were standing by to chase space interlopers.

Around midnight on Saturday in poured reports of a silent, luminous low-flying triangle sighted regularly over the hills of southern Belgium.

Ten scientists and observers took off in a plane to search the skies for an hour. They found nothing.

The nightwatch goes on until tomorrow.

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## Experts study reports of UFOs

LYON, France — Reports of flying saucers over Belgium and the mystery of strange circles appearing each summer on English fields are the chief topics of a weekend gathering of UFO researchers.

The hot topic among UFO researchers at the moment was a reported sighting on March 30 over southern Belgium, conference president Perry Petrakis said.

According to the Belgian Society for Studies of Space Phenomenon, several people telephoned that evening to report sightings of flying saucers.

At the same time, two Belgian Air Force F-16s reportedly picked up signals from UFOs on their radars. They gave chase but found nothing.

Participants also await a report by British physicist George Meader on the strange rings that have appeared in fields in southern England for the past few summers.

The rings are formed by flattened, sometimes burned vegetation. No one has been able to provide an account of how the rings get there.

## Running rings around UFOs

ARE UFOs from another planet responsible for the mysterious circular patterns recently found in paddocks of grain in Britain?

Or are the markings actually caused by matting animals?

UFO researchers in Adelaide hope to find some answers to these and other questions by examining if similar phenomena exist in Australia.

UFO Research Australia, a non-profit organisation, is keen to speak to any Australian who has seen unusual

flattened and swirled crop circles.

Researcher Mr Keith Basterfield said there were a number of theories about the rings which often range in diameter from three metres to 20-metre groups of fives.

Apart from UFOs, other explanations included lightning, downdraft from helicopters, whirlwinds or the fact they are animal breeding grounds.

Mr Basterfield said there had been several similar reports in Australia over the past 35 years.

## 'Fairy-ring' fungi at centre of fallen crops riddle

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THE baffling mystery of perfectly formed circles of flattened crops in corn and wheat fields in Britain, Australia and the USA — variously blamed on unidentified flying objects, rampaging hedgehogs and whirlwinds — appears to have been solved.

They are the result not of the supernatural but of an everyday, common variety of fungi.

Biologists Mr Michael Hall and Mr Andrew Macara said the fungi were responsible for toadstool "fairy rings" which could grow to more than 30 metres in diameter.

"The toadstool is only the fruit of the fungus, but its main development is underground from where it spreads in a radial fashion, attacking and feeding off the roots of crops and causing weakness in the stems of the corn," Mr Hall said. The circles repeatedly form with clockwise or

anti-clockwise patterns, the result of prevailing winds tending to blow in the same direction at the same time of year.

"It does not take whirlwinds to blow the crops over. Even the smallest of summer breezes could start the toppling process," Mr Hall said.