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## GENERAL

All UFOIC members and public meetings for 1975 will be held at Science House Gloucester Street, Sydney.

The dates of the meetings and their venue are as follows:

### Small Hall

7th February )  
2nd May )  
20th June ) Members meetings  
29th August )  
3rd October )  
12th December )

### Large Hall

21st March ) Large  
25th July ) Public  
14th November ) Meetings

I am sure all members will agree that Science House is a more suitable place for our meetings. The Railway Institute Hall was too small as well as being too noisy and although Science House is more expensive, we feel that the additional cost is warranted. So please, make a point to come to as many meetings as possible and to bring your friends as well. Admission charge for non-members is 30 cents and goes towards the cost of hiring the hall.

## EDITORIAL

From the latest indications, it appears there are an extraordinary number of low level encounters with UFOs that are not reaching us. To this effect I would request that any member who has friends or relatives who may have been involved in such instances, especially those where physical traces have been left (i.e. burns, flattened areas etc.) to please contact us so that an investigation can be carried out.

All details will be kept strictly confidential at the witness' request. Our main purpose is to find out where these incidents are occurring and also to try and establish if there is any pattern.

A SILVER CIGAR AND LOW LEVEL OBJECT SEEN NEAR MAITLAND, N.S.W.

On Sunday, 16th June 1974, Mr. C.K., a farmer on a small property near Maitland, N.S.W. observed two large lights from his property. The time was approximately 0520 hours. The two lights were stationary for about 10 minutes, when they suddenly flew off in opposite directions and were lost to view.

The next morning at approximately 0525 hours, while preparing to do the daily milking, Mr. K. heard a noise like a "swish and a hum". On looking directly overhead he saw a stationary object which he described as a "big silvery spaceship". The object was bright silver, and shaped like an aircraft fuselage, with no protrusions or surface features. At one end was a yellow "vapour trail" (See Diagram). Mr. K. estimated the object to be at 1000-1500 feet altitude and about 50-60 feet long. Its apparent size was about twice that of the full moon.

After about 3 minutes the object suddenly disappeared, leaving the vapour trail visible. After another minute the vapour trail gradually faded out.

Turning his gaze back towards the ground, Mr. K. then caught sight of a yellow light which appeared over a large hill to the north of his position.

Mr. K's attention was caught by the unusual dull yellow colour of the light and the extreme low altitude, the light seemed to barely clear the trees on top of the hill.

The object was flying from East to West, and as its course brought it closer to him, Mr. K. could see that there were in fact two lights, one dull red and the other a dull yellow, which were part of an object whose black silhouette could be seen against the sky (see sketch). The object moved very slowly and silently, keeping close to the ground. The object was lost to view after approximately 4 minutes as it went over a slight hill behind Mr. K's property, heading approximately in the direction of Paterson airport.

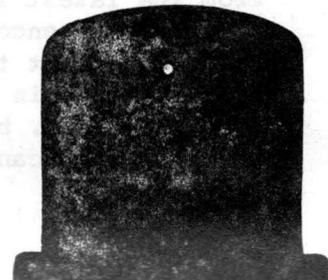
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The witness reported something which to him was obviously unusual. Despite his positive attitude towards extraterrestrial life he did not try to embellish his story in any way, even when asked deliberately leading questions.

It is not possible to apply any type of conventional explanation to either of these objects. The first one does not include sufficient detail, and the observation was too limited to be of any real worth, but is typical of many reports that do not have a ready explanation.

The second object was observed in sufficient detail for explanations such as aircraft, meteors etc. to be excluded with the conclusion that it was an object of unknown origin. In addition to this report, there were a few unconfirmed reports from the area describing multi-coloured balls of light moving erratically at night, however we have not been able to verify these reports.

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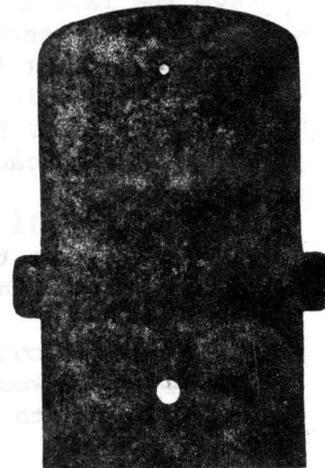
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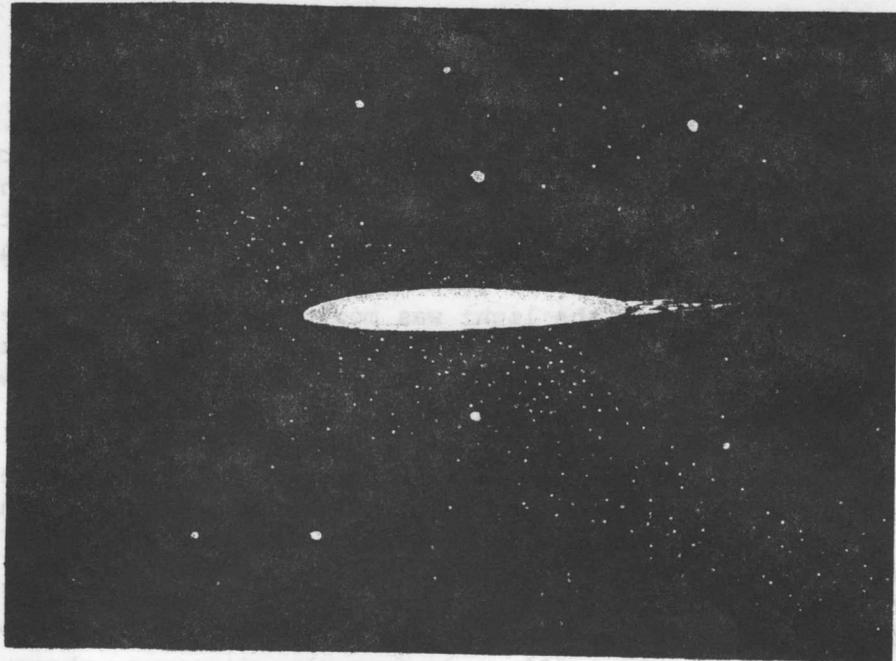
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High Level Cigar-Shaped Object seen near Maitland

#### FIELD NIGHT

Unfortunately, due to pressing country investigations, our March field night will have to be cancelled. The next field night will be on Saturday, 12th April.

For those members who have never attended a field night, this involves going into an area of high UFO activity and spending the night there. In this case, we will be going to Mt. Tomah in the Blue Mountains, an area of sustained activity.

Details of meeting place, times etc. will be available at our March meeting. Members who are unable to attend this meeting should ring the Research Director on 41 4185 after the meeting and details will be given over the phone. Those members who do not have their own transport should contact David Buching and we will try and arrange passage in other cars.

#### URI GELLER

It may be of interest to our many members to note that Uri Geller will be appearing at the Sydney Town Hall on Friday 7th March at 8.15 p.m. Tickets are \$4, \$5 and \$6 and are available from the usual booking agencies.

#### MARCH MEETING

Our public meeting to be held on Friday, 21st March will be an important meeting. The topic of the evening will be "UFOs - The Physical Evidence" and will offer conclusive proof that UFOs do exist. So bring along your sceptic friends!

A LANDING NEAR DENILIQVIN, N.S.W.

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They then noticed that the light was moving from side to side as it approached, causing them to think that it might be a car broken down. As it approached further they were able to discern that it was a single light and not a pair of headlights.

Suddenly, as they watched, the light rose about 20' above the ground, travelled sideways across their fence, then came down to within a few feet of the ground and began moving from side to side again. Mrs P. described this motion as if it was looking for something.

The object then rose above the ground again and flew directly towards the house until it was about 250 yards from the witnesses, where it stopped briefly. At this distance, they could see that the light was in fact a number of lights (precise number unknown) running around the rim of a disc-like object, described by the witnesses as "like a little airship". The outline of the object was seen only as a silhouette and no other features were discerned. The lights around the rim were described as being quite bright. Most were said to be yellow, with some possibly red (see Figure 1).

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The object then turned back, crossing the lane and the fence bordering their neighbour's farm and came to rest on the ground about 1/4 of a mile away from the observer's viewing point. After the object landed the lights dimmed to a dull red glow, looking like a "half dead fire" as Mrs P. described it.

Their curiosity aroused, they decided to try to get a closer look at the object, so wrapping themselves in blankets and armed with a torch they set off up the lane in the direction of the object, which had apparently landed on their neighbour's (the C's) property.

As they walked towards it they occasionally shone the torch in the direction of the object, and even though they were not close enough to illuminate it with the torch beam, each time they did this the lights brightened and turned a large yellow light towards the observers. The object arose from the ground at the same time, seemingly aware of the approach of the witnesses.

As their progress was slow and they did not seem to be getting any closer to the object, they decided to go back to the house and get their truck. The daughter drove the truck (an old Bedford) up the lane towards the object without the lights on. While in the truck they noticed another light off to their right, about 1 1/2 miles away. This light first appeared like a car headlight but suddenly burst into a circular shape, flattened at the top and bottom (see Figure 2). This did not move but shimmered looking like a beacon and appeared larger than the first object (as seen from the house).

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The last they saw of these two lights was the third light heading towards the second, as at this stage the daughter, H, had to turn on the headlights

to see where they were going, and their attention was returned to the object on the ground. Immediately the lights were turned on, the object brightened and turned the yellow light in their direction again, rising from the ground.

By this time, Mrs P. and H. had reached the C's house and they felt that they could not call in that hour of the night, especially dressed in nightclothes. Also the light seemed so bright and close to the C's house that they felt that they must have mistaken the UFO's position. They thought that the neighbours could not have failed to have seen the object, so, without investigating further they decided to return home. (They probably felt a bit apprehensive about approaching the object and bursting in on the neighbours with such a strange tale) - See sketch of the area.

As they drove away they saw the lights dim and the object settle back on the ground.

When they arrived home, Mrs P. went out onto the verandah to see what the object was doing. The object was now hovering about 20' above the spot on their property where it had stopped previously, quite some distance away, and moving from side to side again. Mrs P. was at the time suffering from the flu', and although still interested in the events proceeding, had to return to bed. The daughter also retired at this time, which was about 10.25 (2225 hours).

During the whole of the observations no sound was heard from any of the UFOs. Likewise no features were observed on any of the objects. Mrs P. was of the opinion that the main object was too small to carry any operators (human sized)

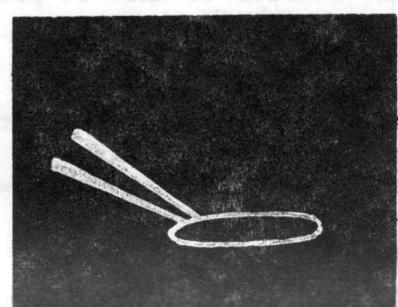
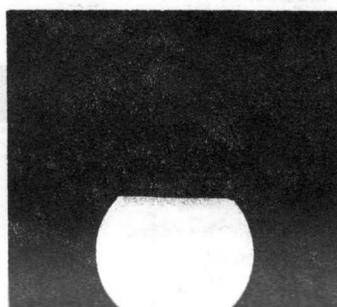
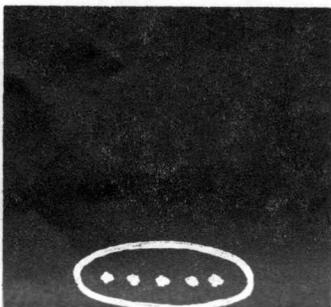
On questioning the C's about the occurrence Mrs P. was met with a reaction of part fear and part disbelief, so the matter was not pursued further and it was not possible to find out if there was any evidence of the object's presence, such as marks on the ground etc.

In correspondence Mrs P. mentioned other sightings of unusual phenomena in the area, so it would seem that this sighting was not an isolated case, although this is so far the only "landing" report from the area.

The original report was received in June 1970, although the new investigation team did not come across it until early 1974 when a subsequent investigation was carried out by mail. The answers to questions asked were consistent with the original details of the first report.

This report might have yielded more hard data had it been followed up at the time, however we must, on the basis of the details above, conclude that this report is unlikely to have been the result of a misrepresentation of some natural event or the result of some unusual meteorological phenomenon.

In order to establish the reliability of the witnesses, it would be necessary to interview them in person, although by studying the correspondence from them, it is obvious that they are genuinely puzzled by the sighting. They do not wish any publicity which would not be consistent with persons perpetrating a hoax.



PRELIMINARY

REPORT ON INVESTIGATION CARRIED OUT ON UNUSUAL GROUND EFFECTS NEAR FORBES NSW

Our attention was drawn to the area by an article which appeared in the 'Sun Herald' on December 14 1974. Arrangements were then made to visit the property, interview the owner, investigate the marks and also collect samples etc. for analysis.

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- (a) the ring and the surrounding area was photographed in detail using three film types i.e. black & white negative, colour negative and colour transparency
- (b) the area was checked for magnetic variation with a negative result
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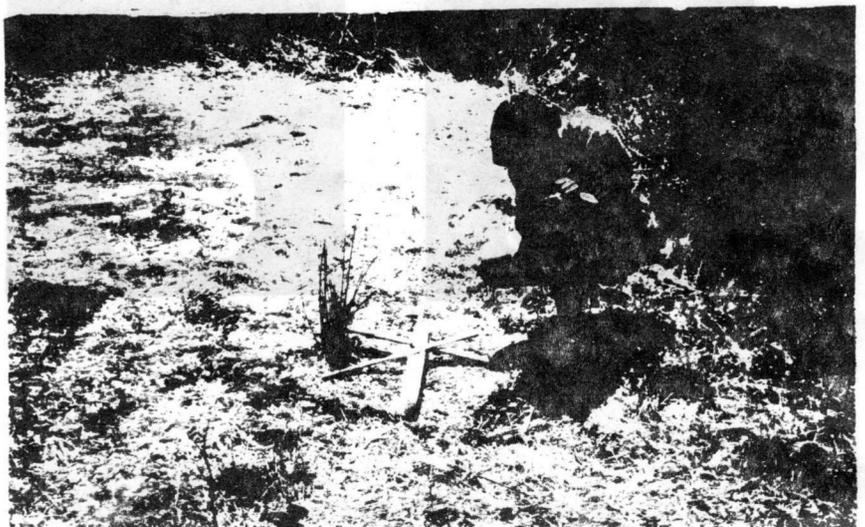
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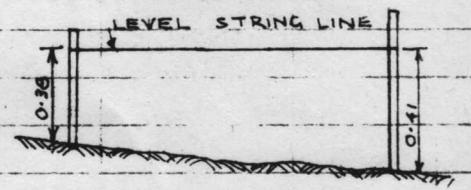
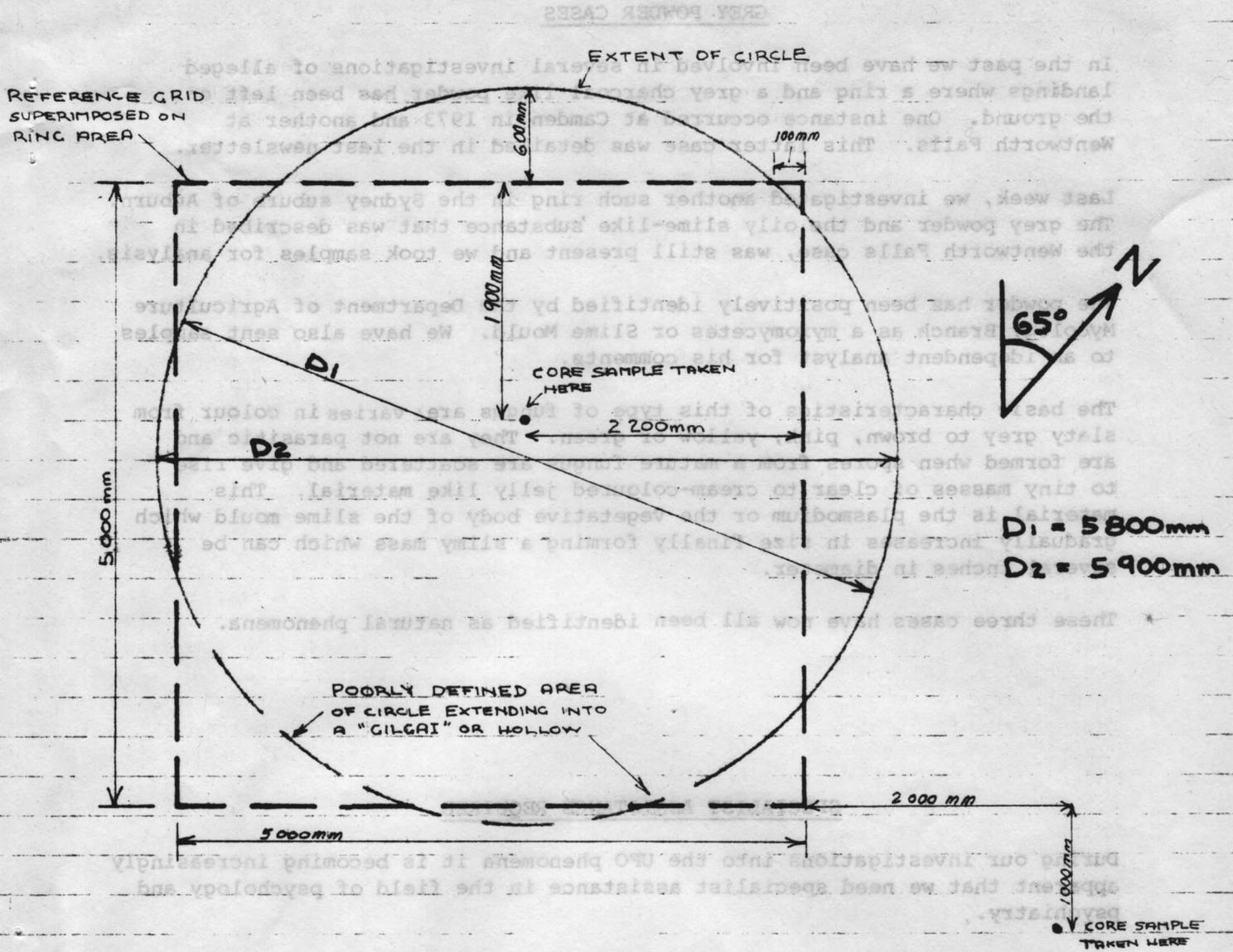
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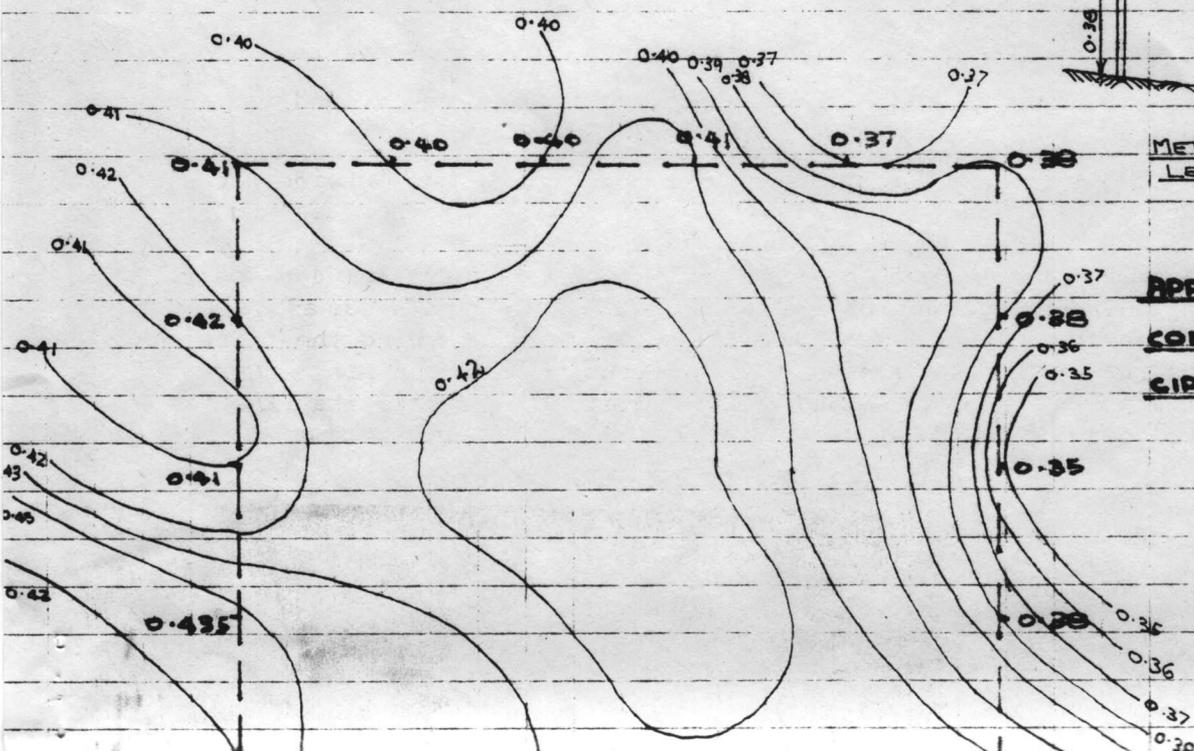
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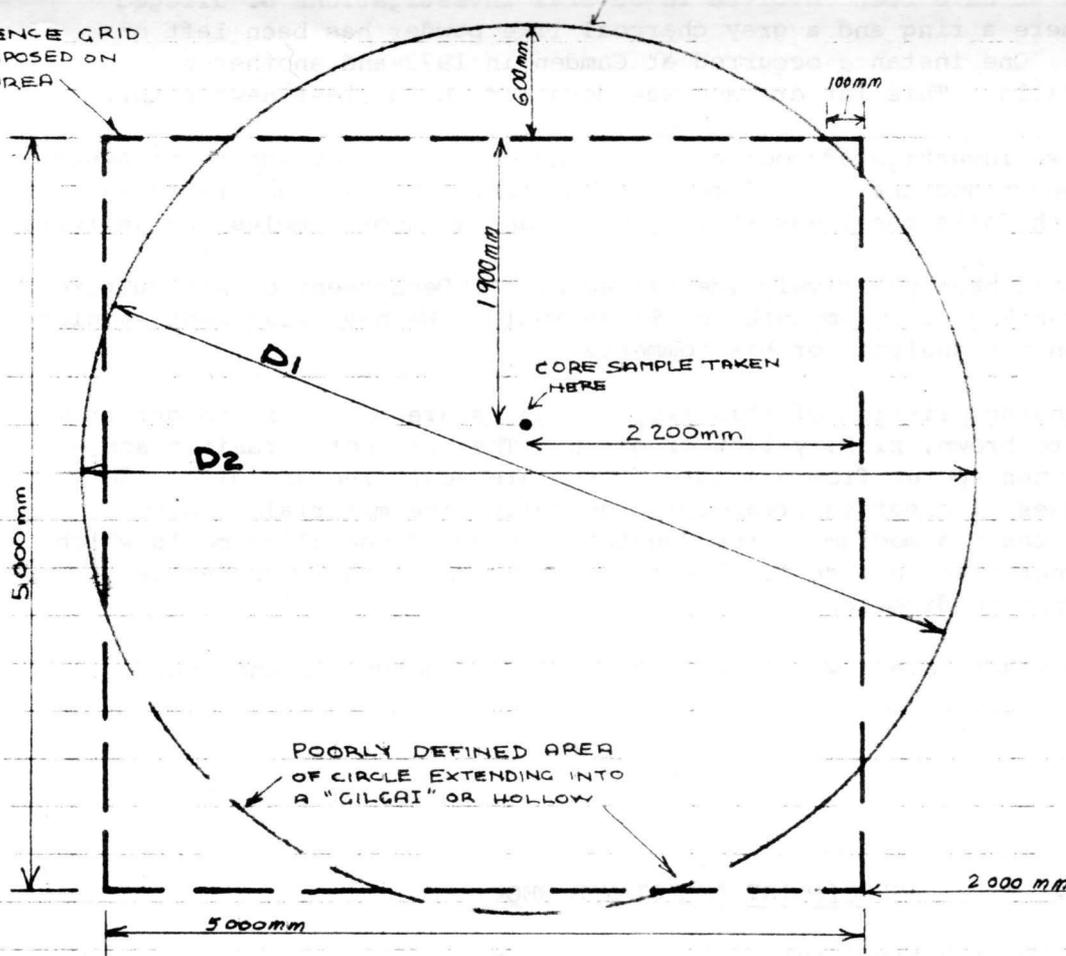


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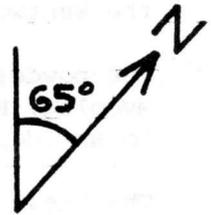


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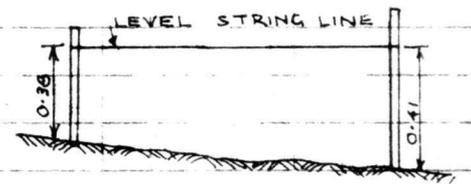
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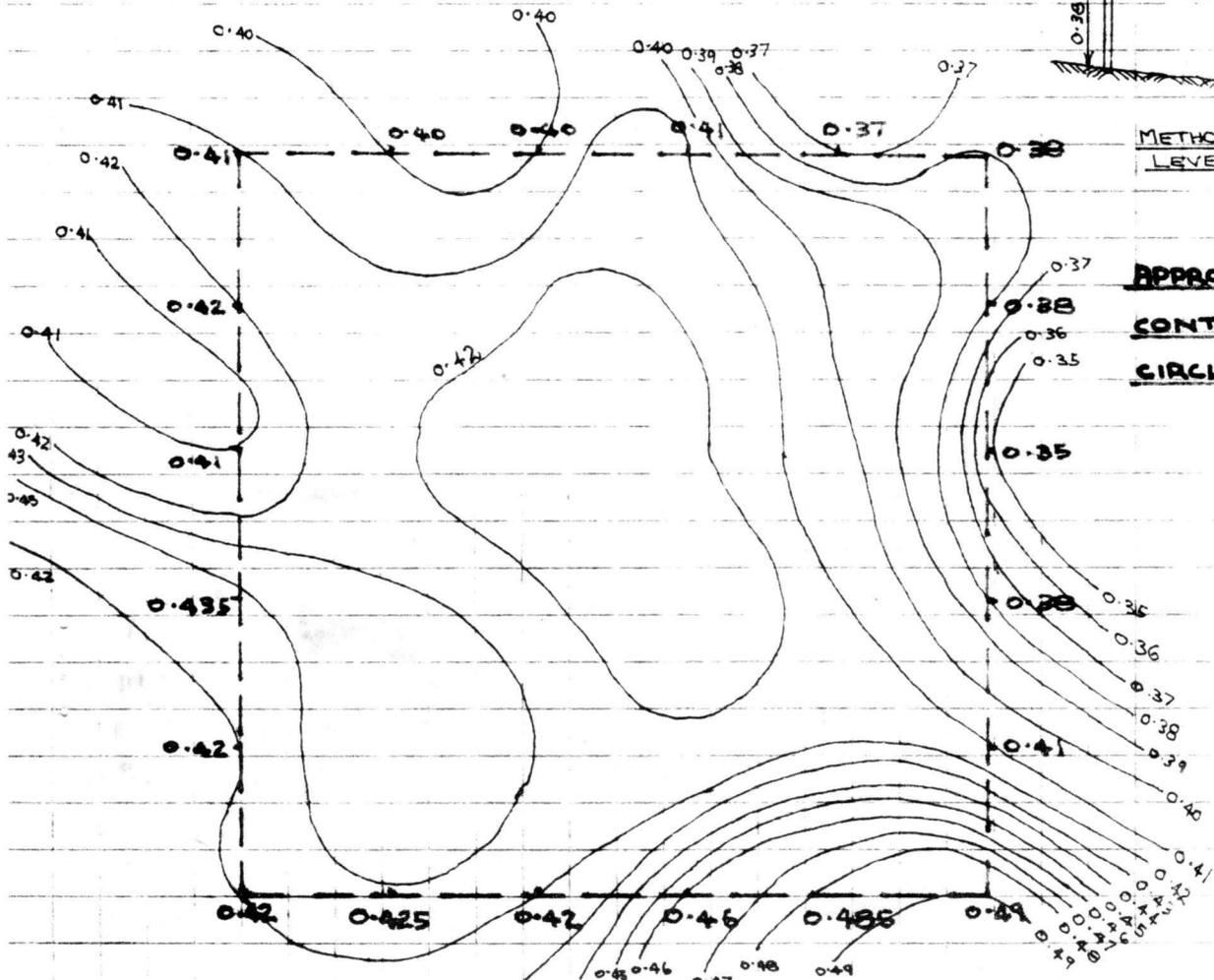
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GREY POWDER CASES

In the past we have been involved in several investigations of alleged landings where a ring and a grey charcoal like powder has been left on the ground. One instance occurred at Camden in 1973 and another at Wentworth Falls. This latter case was detailed in the last newsletter.

Last week, we investigated another such ring in the Sydney suburb of Auburn. The grey powder and the oily slime-like substance that was described in the Wentworth Falls case, was still present and we took samples for analysis.

The powder has been positively identified by the Department of Agriculture Mycology Branch as a myxomycetes or Slime Mould. We have also sent samples to an independent analyst for his comments.

The basic characteristics of this type of fungus are: varies in colour from slaty grey to brown, pink, yellow or green. They are not parasitic and are formed when spores from a mature fungus are scattered and give rise to tiny masses of clear to cream-coloured jelly like material. This material is the plasmodium or the vegetative body of the slime mould which gradually increases in size finally forming a slimy mass which can be several inches in diameter.

These three cases have now all been identified as natural phenomena.

SPECIALIST ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

During our investigations into the UFO phenomena it is becoming increasingly apparent that we need specialist assistance in the field of psychology and psychiatry.

To this effect, if any member knows of any qualified persons in these fields who may be able to help us on a voluntary basis please contact the Research Director, David Buching.

