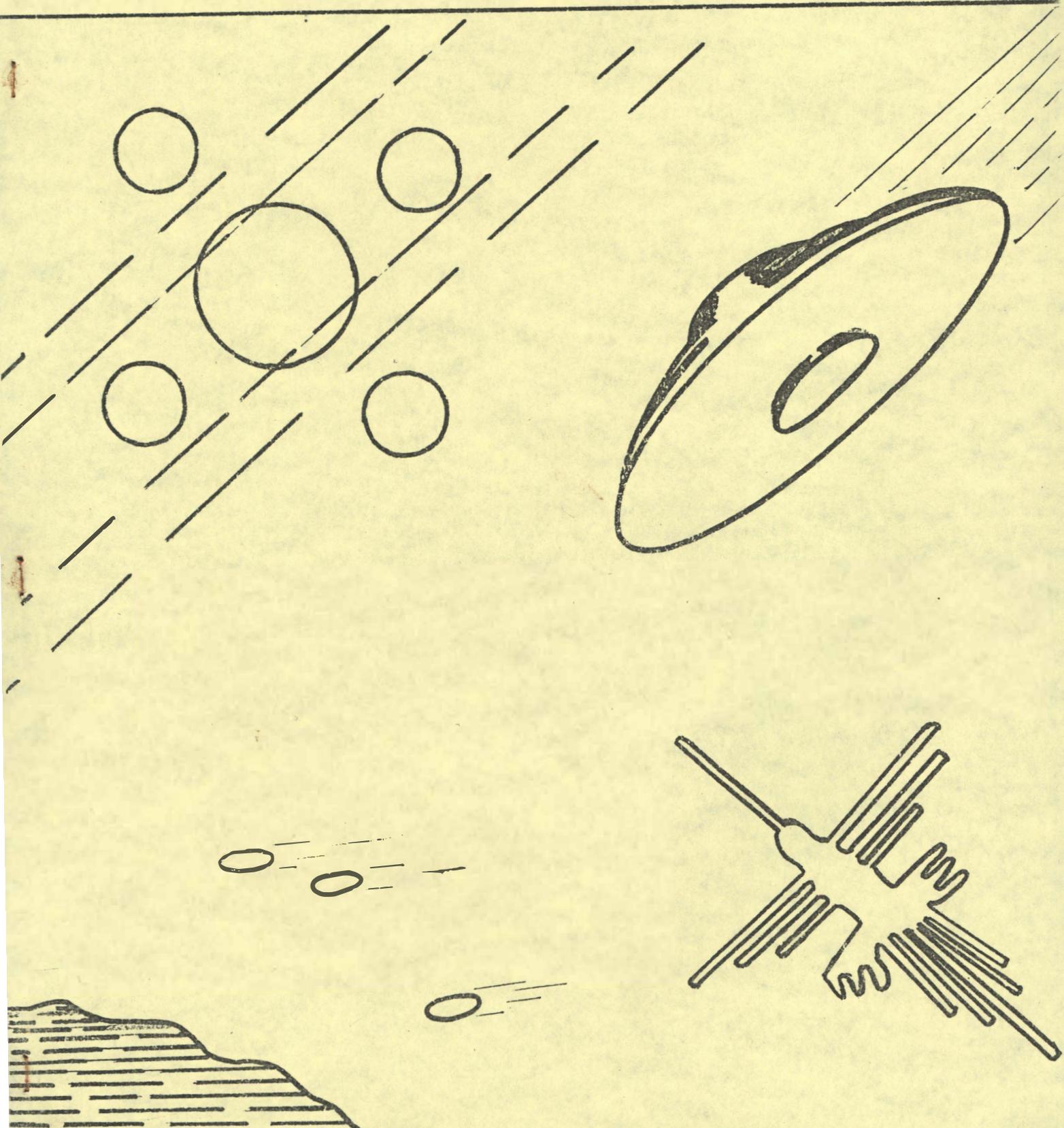


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DOUG & DAVE PROVE THEIR POINT ?

The new Crop Circle season has opened and so far has gone off like a damp squib.

Veteran researcher Busty Taylor has expressed the view that in his opinion, not 1% of the Crop Circles found so far this year are genuine. Busty tells us that there are numerous circles alongside the M25.

Pat Delgado has also told us that he is doubtful about the Crop Circles that he has seen to date.

We understand from various sources, that CCCS (Centre for Crop Circle Studies) are in great turmoil at the moment. Michael Green is no longer chairman and Montague Keen looks a doubtful runner for the position. At one stage Colin Andrews was approached and offered the position of chairman, but has declined.

Meanwhile Doug Bower has set himself up as a "raconteur" of hoax crop circle events and has currently arranged a number of lecture venues on the subject (see page 2).

Doug & Dave's claim that they had manufactured the majority of Crop Circles over recent years appears to be difficult to disprove. They stated that now they had given up the manufacturing of hoax circles, no more would appear.

To date we have heard of and seen a number of Crop Circle events, the nearest one being just S.E. of Melbourne, in a field of Barley. The circle has one strange feature, it has a white scarecrow situated in the centre!.....

Mike Newark, who gave us such an interesting talk on dowsing and Crop Circles last month, has been busily inspecting every site and has kindly supplied us with a list, complete with his comments. The list is reprinted in this newsletter.

The PRA continues to express the view that the simple Crop Circles (which have been seen for over a hundred years) are the result of a natural phenomenon. The pictograms that have appeared over recent years, show signs that an intelligence has been involved (two legged or otherwise).

CORN CIRCLES

SPEND an evening with **DOUG BOWER** of Doug and Dave Circle-hoaxing fame (and with his amanuensis Ken Brown).

HEAR how he started making Corn Circles in 1976, and of Quintuplets, Rings, Swastikas and the revolutionary Pictograms.

LEARN the secret of the Radial Swirl pattern, which 'experts' claim was created by a non-human intelligence.

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*Wednesday 28th July at The Nafferton Hall,
Ironmonger Lane, High Street, Marlborough, Wilts.
(Entrance by Midland Bank, near Town Hall).*

*Wednesday 4th August at Neal's Yard Meeting
Rooms, Covent Garden, London.*

Photographs and Equipment on display from 7pm.

Discussion 7.30 - 10.00pm. £5 at the door.

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DOUG will DEMONSTRATE their hoaxing equipment — The Crosspiece, Tripods, Measuring Sticks, shrouded Torch, sighting Cap and the famous Stick-and-Rein.

VIEW Doug's own photographs of their Corn Circles, some never seen before, incl. Punchbowl 1980 and all 3 Westbury Circles of 1980.

QUESTION Doug to your heart's content and decide for yourself whether the entire subject is a hoax started by Doug and Dave — or is Doug really a Government Secret Agent trained to lie?

Doug Bower of the "Doug & Dave" team appears to be out to capitalise on their past activities. What started off as a "lark" soon had investigators scratching their heads. The phenomenon often appeared to take a new turn with its design in the fields, just when people thought that they had it all worked out. As Pat Delgado once commented "it seems as though they are listening in on our discussions".....Doug and Dave now admit that they often were!

Crop Circles in 1993
By Mike Newark

I went down South in early July to take a look at some of this years circles:

Two circles in oilseed rape, south of Oxford near the A34, I consider to be genuine, while two pictograms found nearby were hoaxed.

One hoax pictogram was just alongside the A34 south of Oxford, near a real circle. The pictogram had a double circle with a shaft running right the way through them and a hand and a claw at the bottom of the shaft. They had no Earth energies at all, while the small circle in oilseed rape had Ley lines and other energies.

The second pictogram that was a hoax was just West of junction 13 on the M4. This one was similar to the other one, but had a lower ring instead of a circle, again with a shaft going right through the middle. It's a pity the pictograms were hoaxed, they looked quite nice from the road.

Two more circles are just N.E. of Silbury Hill and I think they were both dumbells again. I detected straight away that they were hoaxed, it's a pity those people who spent time making them realised that it's just a waste of time, I wish we could get through to them.

One good thing about my day out, the small ring and offset circle just south of Silbury Hill, I found last time. It's an exact copy of the the Silbury Hill Earth energies that come from it. You have in this ring and circle, a picture of what the power lines look like coming from Silbury Hill, a ring with star burst lines coming from the offset circle within the ring. The offset circle within the ring shows how Silbury Hill's Earth energy is offset. For me it's my "circle of the year", it has to be!

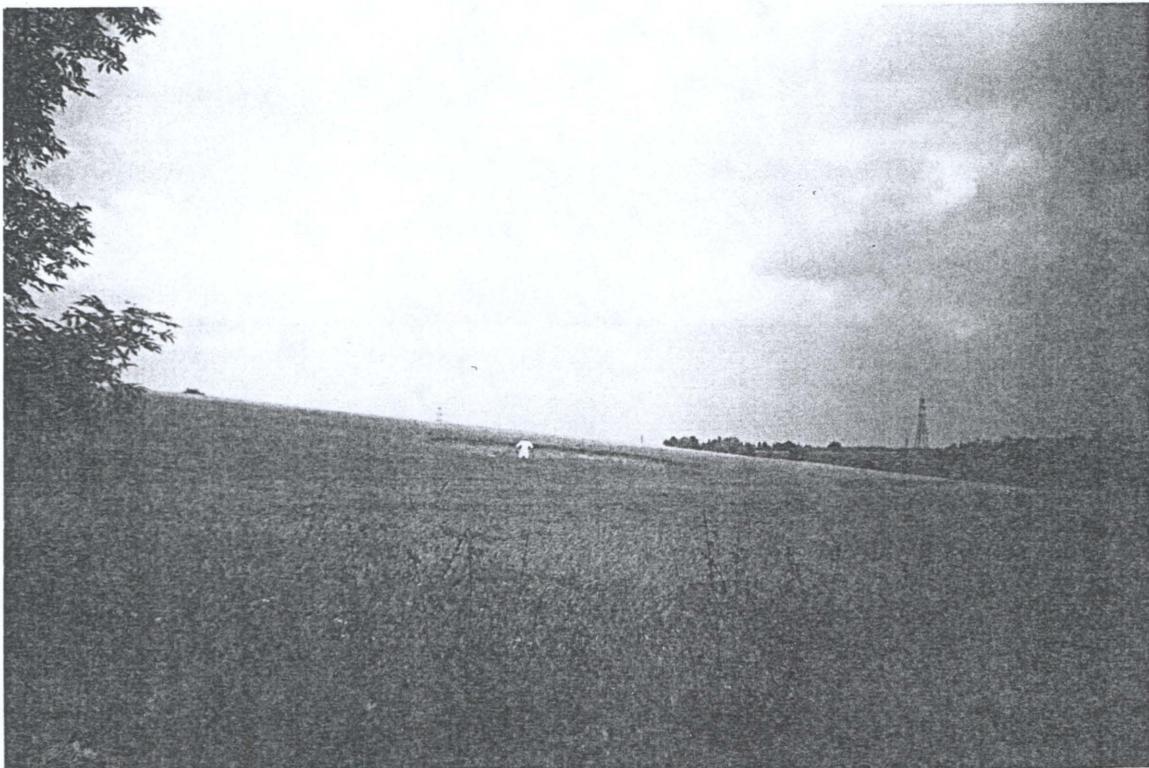
This is the Earth energies coming from Silbury Hill, other circles may tell us even more. It proves to me that I am on the right track, the way I feel about Earth energies. It's as if the ring and the circle were just left for me, to show me that I am on the right lines. With some of the things that have happened to me this year, I don't feel out on a limb any more, although not all of my predictions have been correct.

I have used different ways to get to them and the predictions received by one method have all come true, while others have been off. So I will use the lines for predicting what is going to happen in the future. I am still learning as I go along.

M.N.



Photographed by Tony Upton from Silbury Hill on 20th June 93



Spotted in a field of Barley, S.W. of Melbourne, Derbys. 30th June 93.(note the scarecrow in the centre). Photo O.Fowler.

"Norway News"
(Translated by Eileen Fletcher)

On Thursday 23rd March 1989, Channel 1 entertainment programme "Svepet" took up the subject of UFO's.

Tomas Bdme and Agneta Bdme-Borjefors interviewed Sten Lindgen, Daniel Glantz and Bertil Kuhleman. Also in the studio was professor of astronomy Aage Sandquist. The programme made history because it was the first time that Sten Lindgen and Daniel Glantz had spoken out publicly about their claimed contact with "space beings".

During the programme viewers were invited to ring the studio and tell of their own UFO incidents. According to newspapers the following day, Orjan Oberg claimed that over 12,000 people had telephoned the television switchboard in one hour!

Orjan Oberg explained that he put all the numbers registered together, therefore many people could have tried more than once to reach the switchboard and registered several calls.*

* (Otherwise if each person took three minutes to tell his/her tale, the TV studio must have had 600 telephone operators? Ed.)

Hakan Blonquist reports: "It was absolutely incredible, like a gigantic craft". Out of the 12,000, it was no more than 100 who were lucky enough to talk with the telephonist about their experiences. The telephonist made a note of about 70 shorter accounts. Some did not wish to give their name or telephone number. These have been divided amongst 22 researchers around the country for a collection of written reports.

A woman from Nybro related the following:-

The night between Friday 18th and Saturday 19th November at 2.30am. I was with two friends on our way from Kalmar to Nybro. Just outside Kalmar, we saw something very strange. One of my friends who sat beside me on the front seat, said "what's that light"?

All three of us saw it quite clearly, it was many hundreds of metres in front of us and there were no woods or forest to obscure our vision. It was as if it stood still over the ground, as if to land. It was quite incredible, like a gigantic craft, so enormous in size. It had very bright, blinding lights and it had sparks and smoke around it. We slowed down as we got nearer, then it lifted and moved across the water to the right, then changed course to the left and went over the water again.

I felt under control, but my friend was scared and insisted that we make haste to Nybro.

Another group that telephoned in stated that they had seen objects that were oval, round, cigar shaped and flying saucers.

"Some years ago, I saw a large round object about 75 metres in circumference, with "footlights" around the bottom. It made no noise". "I have seen many craft and UFO's and I've signalled with a torch that they came opposite me". "I saw a lighted object that hummed (buzzed or whirred), it was metallic and approx. 100/200 metres in diameter. It flew off at enormous speed".

A total of twenty letters were sent to the TV programme, including "near contacts", "astral journeys" and contact with "space beings". Examples are as follows:-

(1) "After a UFO observation in Goteberg in 1985, I had an astral journey to Halden in Norway in (back to) 1891. I witnessed an officer being hunted and shot by soldiers. I wonder if anyone can enquire and see if there were any executions in Halden in 1891. It could be very interesting to get confirmation". (the source does not state how he knew it was the year 1891? Ed.)

(2) "I will tell you of an experience during my student days in Uppsala, I believe it was in 1977. There were two couples who had been to the cinema in Uppsala centre, it was winter and about 2200 (10pm). As we walked the cemetery on the way to the students quarters, we saw three dimly lighted objects in the sky. They flew very fast, one in front and two behind in triangular form". "They moved from our left hand, very high in the sky. No sound was heard and the speed was great. Suddenly the two behind got nearer and resumed their original places (?) All three were similar in size and we thought they were thicker in the middle and narrower towards the edge".

"That night one of our friends was on duty on the radar at the local airport, where he did his military service. So we quickly went home and rang him, but he had not seen anything special on the radar".

(3) Eva Karlsson, Kista, relates:- "We were staying at a house in Jakobsberg, once when I was outside reversing my car, I saw a bright light to the right. The time was about 2300 in August 1984. I backed onto the road and just sat and stared at the object as it flew higher and then flew away at a dizzy speed. The light came from a swaying flat disc, shining straight out from the underside. We saw the object from the side. My friends dogs were going crazy, howling and barking during the time we saw the light".

(I regret that due to lack of space we cannot include more cases Ed.)

CURRENT INVESTIGATIONS

Two investigations are currently being undertaken locally at the request of Jenny Randles. Jenny was contacted by a number of people after appearing on TV's "This Morning" programme a few weeks ago.

Case 1. Involves a Nottinghamshire woman "S.P." who claims to have had several strange experiences, including possible abduction and contactee encounters.

In a recent interview with Garry Stapleton and Omar Fowler, "S.P." related how several years ago she had woken up at night during an encounter with possible alien types at her home. She had rushed into her parents bedroom, but had been unable to wake them. This is typical of several well known cases and may possibly be linked to O.O.B. (out of the body) experiences.

"S.P." has had a number of experiences, dating back to when she was nineteen years of age. Currently she is being investigated in depth by the Mansfield UFO Group, who have arranged to have her hypnotically regressed.

The PRA have agreed to leave further investigation of the witness to the Mansfield group, as they were the initial investigators. However, we understand that the hypnotist involved in the regression is not experienced in the CE4 field and this is not something to be delved into lightly.

A more detailed report on Mrs "S.P." will be included in the next issue of the OVNI.

Case 2.

M.H. AND A CLOSE ENCOUNTER

A Derby woman Mrs M.H. recounted a UFO encounter that she witnessed with members of her family in February 1987 while travelling in a car near Macclesfield.

Mrs M.H., her boyfriend and sister were travelling back to Derby in the early hours of the morning (approx. 12.30/1am) after attending a wedding reception. Her boyfriend who was driving the car, commented on a very bright star in the night sky, which had also caught the attention of Mrs M.H. and her sister.

They had been watching the star for over ten minutes, when it moved and headed across the sky towards the car. It stopped just ahead of the car and was much closer to the ground (Mrs M.H. described it as only being house high). The object which was described as circular, appeared to be like stainless steel in colour. The witness could hear no sound coming from the object, which they estimated to be some 100' in diameter (see sketch).

It appeared to "sit" there for a while and then after a short time, it tilted towards the car. The witnesses were able to see what was described as a "row of windows", there also appeared to be "railings" going around the circumference of the craft.

The disc had initially headed towards the car, head on with the top of the disc facing the car, then after a short time (a few seconds), it flipped over and they were presented with a view of the underside. They were now able to see a number of lights underneath the craft (described as red/white and bluey/green). There was also a reddish glow coming from the underside.

After a few seconds, the disc tilted "right back", away from the car and disappeared! Mrs M.H. commented "you never actually saw it go, it went that quickly".

When they reached home, Mrs M.H. telephoned the local airports, to ask them if they had any aircraft in that area. They were passed around and finally someone took down the details. That appeared to be an end to the matter, but next morning a newspaper reported that a UFO had been seen over Macclesfield and it had hovered in the vicinity of a Police station. The policemen on duty at the time stated that they too had seen a series of coloured lights underneath the object, together with the railings and portholes. The only thing different was the fact that the "red glow" lit up the whole street.

Mrs M.H. is certain that what appeared over the Police station was the same UFO that had approached their car. "It couldn't have been anything else, it didn't look like an aeroplane or helicopter, it came quite close and we were able to pick out the different markings on it".

Question: Did the journey take any longer than normal?

M.H. "It didn't seem to, but one thing that has bothered me is, we left the hall at 11pm and we should have got back at 1am. but we didn't get back here until twenty past two in the morning"....

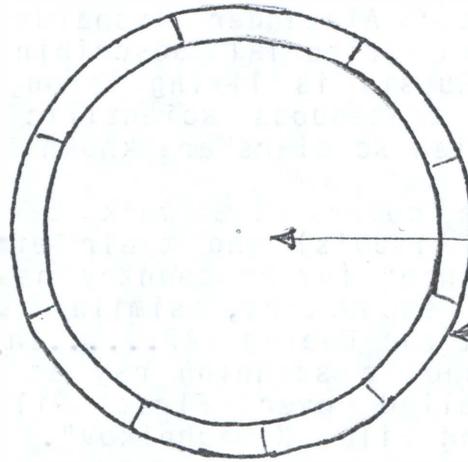
"I looked at the clock and I said it took us longer to get back than it did to go there". "With the weather being bad, he was probably driving slower, I don't think there was any factor there". "I think we did stop on the way back and we never when we went, so that probably had something to do with it as well".

When questioned about any previous UFO sightings, Mrs M.H. remembers seeing a cigar shaped craft when she was a small child (believed to be two years of age). Her mother later confirmed the sighting in later years when M.H. was twelve years old. Further investigations are continuing.

O.F.



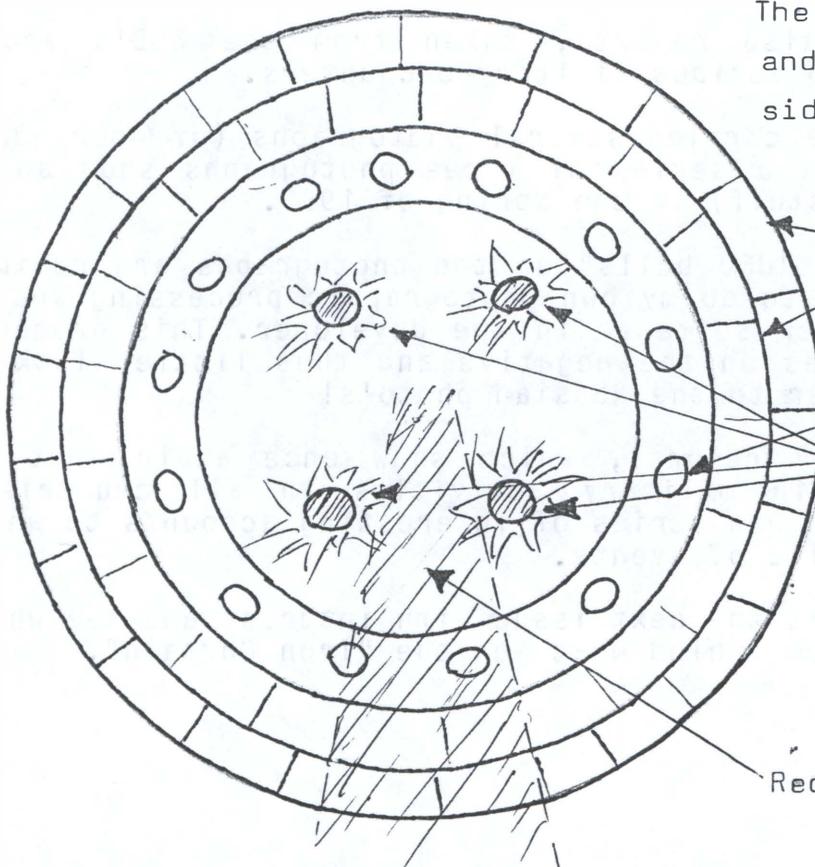
When First Seen
as a brilliant star



Objects initial
approach (Top View)

Colour: Silver

"Railings"



The craft then turned
and showed its under-
side.

"Railings"

"Portholes"

Coloured Lights

Red/White/Bluey Green

Red "Glow"

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

A new magazine published in Moscow called "Aura-Z" has recently come into our possession (issue 1 March 1993).

Published quarterly in Russian, English, Spanish, French and Italian, the features include UFOLOGY, BIOENERGOINFORMATICS (Laws of the spiritual world), DOWSING, CRYPTOZOOLOGY (Bigfoot etc.), MEDICINE, FURTHER EXPERIMENTS (Visual hallucinations), SCIENCE, KNOW-HOW.

The Scientific Editor Alexander Avshalumov, introduces the first issue with an editorial describing how despite the economic hardships Russia is living through, the country has always possessed a tremendous scientific potential and the achievements of Russian scholars are known the world over.

The UFOLOGY section covers the work carried out by early Russian researchers (1960's) and their efforts to break the USSR's "wall of silence" (every country has one!). There are the usual aircraft encounters, similar to the West, just substitute a TU 134A for Boeing 747.....In one instance a UFO is stated to have shot a scanning ray at an aircraft. "The scanning ray travelled over First Pilot Gotsiridze and partially over Second Pilot Kabachnikov". Several days later Gotsiridze was taken to hospital where he died of a disease which resembled myeloma. A similar disease made Kabachnikov an invalid for life!

It seems that the NATO were not the only people concerned about UFO's (ref. Bob Dean), as Stalin asked for a report on UFO's and whether they were a threat to the USSR, back in 1947.

There are also reports, taken from the KGB's archives and referring to various military encounters.

The magazine carries several photographs (of poor quality), in one instance a series of three photographs show an IL-96-300 plane (big stuff) in the spring of 1990.

The claimed "UFO balls" on the photographs are reminiscent of when I used to do my own photographic processing and forgot to add the water softener in the developer. This produced little white bubbles on the negative and thus little black balls and runs, similar to the Russian photo's!

The military reports, which show once again that UFO's are interested in military activities in all countries of the world, add a new series of interesting accounts to what must be a bulging file of events.

We will await the next issue with interest and see what else is revealed from behind what was the "Iron Curtain". O.F.

TALE ENDERS

We hear that electronics whiz kid Paul Foster has shot off to Wiltshire where our old colleague Eddie Sherwood, reports that strange things are happening at night!

Fortean Times No.64 Aug/Sept. 92 carried an article by Andy Roberts (BUFORA) taking the "Mickey" out of our old friend Arthur Tomlinson for appearing on TV's "Clive Anderson Talks Back" show. Arthur told us that he knew what to expect on the show and was ready for the witty remarks. When he referred to the "Grays" as little bald headed people, Clive Anderson protested that he wasn't one! (The Andy Roberts article did little to enhance the reputation of the Fortean Times).

Thanks to Des' Harrison for supplying us with a chart showing the importance of "Chakra" points on the body, in the "Chakra Awareness Guide". It's been a puzzle since we listened to David Icke last year in Nottingham.

Omar Fowler took part in a twenty minute chat show on BBC Radio Derby on the 28th June. Everything went well until someone came on claiming that the new Jesus was alive and well and living in Hackney and all UFO's came from Venus etc.....

As a result of **Timothy Good** mentioning the PRA group in his latest book "Alien Update", we have received a number of enquiries about our activities.

One could speculate that the "Earth Changes Report" might have got their earthquake predictions slightly wrong in view of the recent earthquake (6.8) in Japan. They predicted no later than May 9th 1993. But as Pat Delgado pointed out, if you predict it often enough, one day it will be right.

SKY TV's "Unsolved Mysteries" of 10th of this month, showed the research that has been going on to find the missing Avenger aircraft of "Flight 19" (The Bermuda Triangle Mystery). The theory that the single experienced navigator on this training flight, got his sums wrong seems to be correct.

It was only after the Shuttle disaster, when underwater craft were searching the sea bed looking for shuttle pieces, that they came across an old Avenger....exactly where predicted by the American researcher. (Video loan available to PRA members)

Omar Fowler will be giving a presentation at the CCCS Conference (Bath, Wilts. 7/8 August). Detailing H/F research work carried out by the PRA..."Crop Circles, The Final Solution?"

OWING TO THE HOLIDAY SEASON BEING UPON US, THERE WILL BE NO MEETING THIS MONTH.