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CULTS, UFOs, THE ANTI-CHRIST, CONSPIRACY, COVER-UP, ESPIONAGE & INTRIGUE - ALL PART OF THE WEIRD CONTINUING SAGA OF GULF BREEZE!

(A summary of many newspaper articles and personal interviews by your "Smear" editor.)

About July 9th, six young American soldiers disappeared from a classified Intelligence unit in Europe and showed up mysteriously in Gulf Breeze, Florida. At first they were said to be members of a religious cult called "End of the World", but it was later established that this is an unknown group, if it exists at all. The soldiers had been assigned to the 701st Military Intelligence Brigade at Augsburg, West Germany, where their duties included analyzing foreign Intelligence communications.

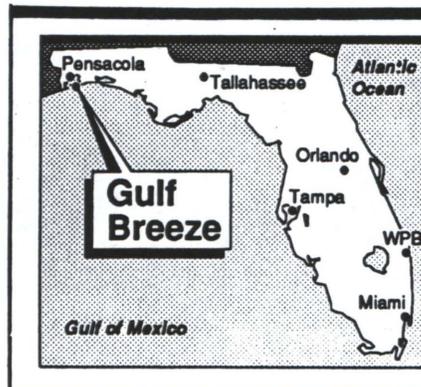
A broken tail light caused a van driven by one of the soldiers to be stopped by a Gulf Breeze policeman. The frightened soldier is said to have begged the officer not to seek out his identity, as "you will be signing my death warrant". But the identity was discovered, and the soldier was arrested for being AWOL. By the next day the other five had been captured - all but one at the home of a mysterious Gulf Breeze woman named Anna Foster, whom one of the soldiers had become friends with last summer.

Anna Foster is a psychic who used to either own or work at a bookstore in Gulf Breeze called the New Age Shop, and (worst of all!) she is known to have attended the recent MUFON convention in nearby Pensacola. We have been unable to learn much more about her than that, because she is not in the phone book, and furthermore has been instructed by her lawyer not to discuss the case with anyone. We did reach a friend of hers named Jim McDade, who refused to discuss the woman's beliefs with us, and told us, "She has been asked not to comment because this is a military matter."

According to one of our sources, it was Anna Foster who got one of the soldiers, named Kenneth Beason, interested in "a manuscript describing a Government cover-up of alien visits to Earth". Hence the tie-in with UFOs. According to this source, part of the group's mission was to reveal this cover-up to the public!

There is a rumor, incidentally, that Anna Foster used to be a babysitter for Ed Walters' children, but Ed categorically denies this.

The Gulf Breeze police did not question the soldiers about UFOs or cults, but somehow a document called "The Cooper Papers" was mentioned, as we will explain fur-



SMALL-TOWN SUSPENSE

Six GIs with top-secret clearance and training in cryptology mysteriously appeared in Gulf Breeze. Theories about what brought them range from involvement with 'Rapture' cults to an organization called 'The End of the World.'

CALVIN AND HOBBS

BY BILL WATTERSON

UFOs! ARE THEY REAL??
HAVE THEY LANDED IN OUR
TOWNS AND NEIGHBORHOODS?



DO THE CHILLING PHOTOGRAPHS
BY AN AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER
REALLY SHOW A SINISTER
ALIEN SPACESHIP AND THE
GRIM RESULTS OF A CLOSE
ENCOUNTER, OR ARE THE
PICTURES AN ELABORATE
HOAX?



LISTEN TO AN EXPERT ON
SPACE ALIENS SPECULATE
ON THEIR HIDEOUS BIOLOGY
AND THEIR HORRIFYING
WEAPONRY! ALL THIS
AND MORE...



...ON CALVIN'S
SHOW AND TELL
... NEXT!

CALVIN,
WILL YOU
COME HERE
PLEASE?



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ther on. Agents of the FBI, CIA, and NSA soon contacted the Gulf Breeze police, showing how seriously the Government took the whole matter. The soldiers were thereafter sent by the military to Fort Benning, Georgia, and held incommunicado. Later they were transferred to Fort Knox, Kentucky.

A man in Tennessee who sold the soldiers the van in which one of them was caught, said they told him they were Christian fundamentalists who wanted to go to Pensacola Beach for "The Rapture". "The Rapture" is a Born-Again Christian concept which has it that Christians will be taken up bodily from Earth by God or whoever, before the forthcoming end of the world. Or, the soldiers may have believed that Jesus Christ is an astronaut and would arrive for them in a spaceship.

Now, "The Cooper Papers" must refer to the writings and ravings of a far-out ufologist named Milton William (Bill) Cooper, who, among other things, has written a really weird tract that we have in our possession, called "The Secret Government - The Origin, Identity and Purpose of MJ-12". This is the document from which we quoted several issues ago, in which it is purported that George Bush used to be the head of a world-wide drug cartel. The tract also alleges that there are aliens under the U.S. in top-secret underground bases, etc., etc.

There is apparently some link we don't fully understand between Bill Cooper's ravings and Ed Walters' recently-published UFO book. We happened to come across the following "channeled" information in an obscure tract called "Revelations of Awareness". Under the heading "The Web of Conspiracy (Part 6): The Alien Presence", an alien entity states:

"...This Awareness indicates that it is seen that there are a great number of questions in regard to the information recently released through the William Cooper material and follow-up readings. It is also seen that as a result of this information, of this entity's release of such information, other information has been released by other entities, and also, a specific book which was released in February as opening to the public another view of the alien question. This Awareness refers to the book, 'The Gulf Breeze Sightings'."

The above is strangely-worded double-talk, but we give it to you for what it is worth.

According to a July 20th newspaper story (Reuter), the six soldiers were on a religious mission when they came to Gulf Breeze. The six had told fellow soldiers in Augsburg, West Germany, that "they were heading for northern Florida to hunt down the AntiChrist". The article also states that the soldiers had been charged with desertion - a serious crime.

And who, you might ask, is the AntiChrist? There are several theories on this, but Ed Walters fears that some deranged people may think it is him, and he made a statement to this effect in a recent TV interview.

Ed Walters, D. Cook et al:

After reading THE GULF BREEZE SIGHTINGS, I conjured up this ironic scene in an effort to poke fun at the terminally closed-minded and to share my sense of outrage with the people who have been victimized by debunkers.

John F. Figue (sounds like "unique")
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Ed also said that he now fears for his safety and for the safety of his family; and he has talked several times to Police Chief Jerry Brown about this problem.

Duane Cook of the Gulf Breeze Sentinel tells us that his belief is that the Government has been involved in a cover-up of the Gulf Breeze sightings, and sent the six soldiers "to muddy the waters." And, Chief Brown tells us, on the other hand, that the six were not in Gulf Breeze to search for the AntiChrist, but only to rest up on their way to Texas or Mexico. As you can see, almost everyone has a different slant on this bizzare and complex matter.

Bob Reid, a retired Army officer loosely associated with

MUFON, theorizes that, with the collapse of Russia as a symbol of the Anti-Christ, the soldiers may have turned to UFOs and Born-Again Christianity. Reid feels that there is a lot more to this case than meets the eye. He also tells us that some people believe the phrase "military Intelligence" is a contradiction in terms!

One theory has it that the six soldiers were "set off" on their strange cult-related tangent by having seen startling information about UFOs in the course of their highly-classified Intelligence work. This idea is confirmed by the fact that the Sentinel, as well as several other news sources, received a very strange teletyped communication on July 25th, accompanied by photographs of UFOs. We do not have the pictures, but we have obtained the exact text of the communique:

ABC, NBC, CBS, AP, UPI
US ARMY:
FREE THE GULF BREEZE SIX.
WE HAVE THE MISSING FILES, THE BOX OF 500+ PHOTOS AND
THE PLANS YOU WANT BACK.
HERE IS PROOF WITH CLOSE-UPS CUT OUT.
NEXT WE SEND THE CLOSE-UPS AND THEN EVERYTHING
UNLESS THEY ARE RELEASED.

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This communique could well be dismissed as the work of some prankster trying to get in on the act, except for one startling fact: Two or three days after it was sent out, all charges against the "Gulf Breeze six" were dropped by the Military; and the soldiers were released and discharged by the Army! Are we to believe that the Government was actually blackmailed? It seems hardly likely, but in this crazy case, almost anything is possible.

Incidentally, the Answer Code apparently refers to Augsburg, West Germany. To the best of our knowledge, none of the media had the nerve to print or even refer to this "extortion letter" - except fearless "Saucer Smear"!

Even more bizzare than any of this - three of the six soldiers re-
turned to Gulf Breeze immediately upon their discharge, rather than going home to their families in various southern states. In a TV interview, they

denied ever having been interested in "The Rapture" or the AntiChrist, and said they had merely come back to visit a friend - presumably the same mysterious Anna Foster, who still isn't talking!

As of this writing, we have conflicting reports as to whether the three are still in Gulf Breeze or not.

Stay tuned!

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Back to the never-ending saga of whether Mr. Ed's UFO photographs are real or not: Around August 1st, WEAR-TV in Pensacola, as well as the network TV show "A Current Affair", carried photos taken by TV reporter Mark Curtis in an effort to prove that Ed's pictures could be double exposures. Whether this effort was successful or not depends entirely on whom you talk to. Mark Curtis is, in our judgment, an excellent reporter who is neither Believer nor Debunker, but is (guess what?) actually trying to get to the truth of this matter, just as we are. Curtis tells us that he is working on a book about the Gulf Breeze phenomenon, but has reached no conclusion on the subject yet.

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

A careful reader has called our attention to a key error in our July 10th, 1990 issue (Vol. 37, No. 5). The first words in the fourth paragraph on Page One should be "Tom Smith", not "Tom Adams". Adams is a cattle mutilation expert whom we have known for quite awhile, but he has nothing to do with the Gulf Breeze case....

We want you-all to know that Tim Beckley ("Mr. UFO") is throwing a "National New Age & Alien Agenda Conference" on the weekend of September 7th-9th, at the same motel in Phoenix, Arizona where last year's NUFOC convention was held. (Quality Inn West, 2420 West Thomas Road, Phoenix.) Over twenty-five speakers are scheduled, including your humble "Smear" editor, who will speak on the Gulf Breeze affair and whatever else comes into his head. Hope we'll see some of you out there! For details, phone 212-713-5976 in New York City, or 602-230-5381 in Phoenix....

In our April 1st, 1985 issue of "Smear" (Vol. 32, No. 3), we ran an exclusive story in which we solved the alleged mystery of Coral Castle, Florida - a strange stone village built by an eccentric Latvian immigrant in the 1920's and 1930's. Our informant was an elderly man named Earl Lee, who is still alive, and watched the builder as a child. Some of the stones in Coral Castle weigh almost thirty tons, and crackpots have long believed they were moved with the help of some supernatural or mysterious force. The truth is that they were not.

Anyhow - we recently turned researcher Bob Oechsler onto Earl Lee. Bob listened to the Coral Castle story in more detail than we did, and is ready to write a professional article about it. A summary of Oechsler's findings will appear in a future "Smear"....

A well-known professional writer named Howard Blum is about to come out with a book called: "Out There: The Government's Secret Quest for Extraterrestrials". In it, he documents details of how the U.S. Government has spent hundreds of millions of dollars studying the possibility of intelligent life on other planets, and investigating UFO sightings - despite denials to the media and Congress that such activity exists. Phil Klass claims to have found a number of errors about himself in the book, and has already condemned it!....

The mysterious circles of England have attracted a team of engineers and photographers from the U.S., who will study the phenomenon with two million dollars worth of heat-seeking cameras and other sophisticated gear.

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MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

DR. BRUCE MACCABEE writes as follows:

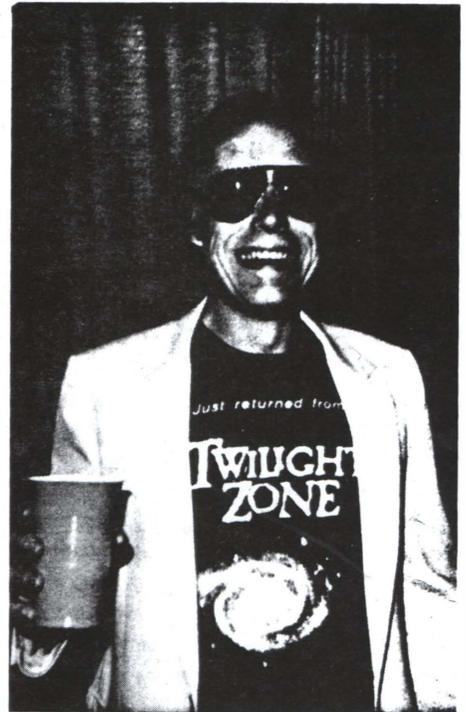
"Regarding Tommy Smith's (abbreviation: TS) testimony about the six UFO photos which he claims that Ed took, you have stated in the recent 'Smear' that TS 'would say' the photos were taken 'after' Ed's first published pictures. Instead, I infer from his published testimony that he claims that they were taken about a month or two before Ed's first photos were published, when, according to TS, Ed was 'just fascinated, always talking to me about it.' It is true that 'Rob' has said that TS's photos were taken by TS and shown to Rob before any of Ed's pictures were published.

"You might have mentioned to your nonsubscribers that, in January, 1988, a young man had come to Ed with photos of a UFO that looked like what Ed had seen. This young man asked Ed for advice about going public with the photos. Ed advised him to do what he, the young man, thought was the right thing to do. (Ed was, at that time, still withholding his name from the public and felt that he should not make any recommendations to the young man) The young man did not want Ed to reveal his name to anyone and he did not 'go public'. However, Ed told the young man's story to several MUFON investigators....But since the young man did not want to talk to MUFON investigators, nor be mentioned publicly, Ed did not reveal his name despite entreaties by the MUFON investigators. When TS's father publicized his son's name in May, 1990, however, Ed stated that it was, in fact, none other than TS himself that had come to Ed in January, 1988.

"Jim Melesciuc of 'Orbiter' fame says he finds TS's testimony 'believable'. This sort of statement could only come from one who is, to put it mildly, uninformed. In particular, he defends TS's explanation of how the circle in the field was created. TS claimed that Ed told him that he (Ed) turned a small trampoline upside down and jumped up and down on it to kill the grass....

"However, what Melesciuc does not say (or did not know) is (1) The circle was found during the winter (yes, northern Florida has a 'winter'), when the grass was mostly dead anyway. (2) The circle was found a few hundred feet from school buildings in a high school athletic field that was in use at the time; (school was 'in'). (3) The circle appeared virtually overnight according to a teacher whose room overlooks the circle. (4) The grass was thoroughly dead for months and began to revive in the summer after the school used fertilizer, etc., to get rid of the circle; and (5) During the MUFON symposium of this year, a bus tour of 'famous UFO sites' included the site of the circle. Vestiges of the circle are still evident more than two years after its discovery....

"One of the largest question marks in TS's story is one you should point out to your non-subscribers: TS claims that Ed took the photos TS had and then gave them back to TS to keep, even though TS was no longer part of the hoax! If Ed was so careful with potentially incriminating evidence as to burn the supposed first set of fake UFO photos (a la TS testimony), then why didn't he keep or burn the second set? Are we to believe that Ed let TS keep the second set as a 'souvenir' of the grand scale hoax-to-come?"



Dr. Bruce S. Maccabee
(Alias "Joe Cool")

MUTUAL UFO Journal, Number 246, October 1988

MOLLY SQUIRE, recently changed by marriage to a new name - MOLLY HANSON, writes as follows:

"On Page 5 of the current 'Smear' you suggest that Mr. Ed engaged in 'truly bizarre behavior' on the 40-minute videotape. I saw that video... and I said at the time that Ed's behavior was not 'demonic' or deranged. I said it was well within the realm of expected behavior considering the circumstances. It was the middle of the night. The man was on his way to look for UFOs in the first place, with a friend who apparently trusted him and believed in him. He also had a video camera trained on him. I think we are looking at a man of average intelligence and capabilities going on 'overload' with a camera recording every thought. He probably is an open character, and the presence of the camera made him feel obliged to express his inner thoughts at the time, since it was pretty boring to be silent and intense for the whole trip. He was also venting a combination of fear, anticipation, and excitement. Whether this was due to the apparent success of his 'hoax' or a genuine fear of an encounter with aliens, I find his behavior totally within normal ranges.

"I say this as (1) Having seen the tape; (2) Having a graduate degree in psychology; and (3) Having been accused of being demon possessed (as you suggest Ed's actions might be labeled) myself...."

Arch-skeptic ZAN OVERALL writes:

"Congratulations on your increasingly hard looks at Ed's tales.

"I regret I can only give you a C+ on the book(let) report you did on my 'Gulf Breeze Double Exposed'. You missed its main objective. It presented evidence that the Ghost-Demon photo was a double exposure, not in order to prove Ed's other photos were double exposures, but to examine whether Ed was lying when he said he didn't know how to double expose. If he's proven a liar, his house of cards collapses.

"There's a corollary question even easier to prove: Was Ed lying when he said the Ghost-Demon photo(s) were accidental events? His predictions that they would occur establish that they were not accidents.

"One other serious flaw in your report. You didn't include the price of the book...An oversight, no doubt.

"Another point: Ed's wife Frances writes in the 7/19/90 Gulf Breeze Sentinel: 'It is not now, nor has it ever been, a secret that I write romantic fiction. I'm an active member of the West Florida Writers Guild and the Romance Writers of America, and have always openly discussed my writing with my friends.' Not a secret? I didn't find it mentioned in the 'non-fiction(?)' book she co-authored with Ed, 'The Gulf Breeze Sightings'. Did you know about her tale-spinning talents, Jim?"

We're trying to decide which is worse - to be an admitted fiction writer or an admitted forger. Both are crimes of the 14th magnitude or beyond! And, sorry we didn't include the price of your book(let). - Editor.

Researcher TOM BURCH writes:

"I just finished reading Ed Walters' book about the Gulf Breeze sightings. I would like to thank you for encouraging him to go public with his account.

"I think that Gulf Breeze has now become the standard against which all future UFO reports will be compared. In my humble opinion, the cynics and debunkers (both inside and outside the UFO community) were the big losers on the Gulf Breeze battlefield. Their approach to the case, attempted manipulation of the media, and conscious distortion of reported and recorded events, demonstrates a shameful lack of integrity on their part. Indeed, the armchair experts have exposed themselves for what they are- smug, self-righteous elitists and petty demigods. In their desperate attempts to explain away the Gulf Breeze sightings, the debunkers didn't just jump to conclusions - they hurled themselves!..."

ERIK BECKJORD of Bigfoot fame writes:

"I fail to see why you waste so much space on the Gulf Breeze controversy and others, when I have THE ANSWER: The Answer is simply that there is a PHENOMENON that likes to play with us. It creates UFOs, Bigfoot, Nessie, etc., and now CROP MYSTERY CIRCLES in Britain and also in Ed's area. The Phenomenon likes to confuse us, and it's doing a damned good job of it, too!"

DAVID PURSGLOVE of the New Being Project writes:

"...What was the intent behind a front page shot (in 'Smear') of Dr. Laibow, who, for some reason that I'm guessing you disapprove of but noticeably omitted mentioning, did not show up at the MUFON Convention? And to top that, the photo makes her look amblyopic. Is she, or is that Xerocitis making it seem so? If you're trying to provoke her into sending you scathing (printable?) letters, the shot and caption might work. But are you??? Ahhh! More UFO-related mysteries!..."

We have promised to print the letter below, which comes from a long-time contactee and UFO researcher who wishes to remain anonymous. Make of his letter what you will:

"What I gain: absolutely nothing. What I might lose - my life!"

"MJ-12 document real, an extension of Pres. Eisenhower's 5412 Group. President, CIA, Joint Chiefs of Staff, DOD, and FBI involved. Military pilots (worldwide) told to photograph and shoot down UFOs; saucers hostile. I saw alien remains in storage tanks in Virginia (CIA facility). Secret & Top Secret security clearances held by me. Also saw saucers in other facilities.

"MJ-12 said extraterrestrial aliens exist and began to show their presence here during WWII and nuclear detonations. Most hostile. No one knows just where they are coming from, but tracked coming from outside our solar system. U.S. Government knows they exist but can't tell civilian public for fear of panic and interference. Our space program is a supreme ruse and cover-up. 'Little Washington' involved too.

"MJ-12 further said - aliens reported three to seven feet in height, some with huge eyes and no hair while others very furry. Creatures have odd blood type and internal organs; very unusual skin; sometimes less or more digits (fingers), often webbed; and quite often the creatures communicate with telepathy. Their ships propelled by powerful electromagnetic engines and/or magneto-hydrodynamics with force field generators - very advanced technologies. Scoff and laugh off this, but it is the entire truth. 250 of us were told the same.

"I saw the above in super secret research facility and it is entirely true. More in-depth facts here, but space won't permit. My identity to remain a secret. Nothing further ever again."

England's CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes as follows:

"Further to the letter from Grant Cameron in your July 10th issue: Some time ago I asked him if he would kindly give me the name of the British-born engineer who allegedly helped in the recovery of crashed UFOs and alien bodies at Wright-Patterson in the late 1940's or early 1950's. He never replied....I can now reveal his name myself. He is Eric Arthur Walker, born in Nottingham in 1910, emigrated to the U.S. in 1923, where he served in many capacities in science & engineering. He is still alive as of early this year....Anyone wanting further hot info on official recovery of crashed saucers is urged to write to him now, before it is too late.

"Personally, I shall not bother. His 1987 letter to Bill Steinman really takes the cake. I am still trying to figure out if it is serious.."

DENNIS STILLINGS of the famed Archaeus Project writes:

"Thanks for the loan of Stanton Friedman's 'Final Report on Operation Majestic 12'. Very tedious piece of work. \$16,000!? A guy could buy a nice Mazda Miata - loaded. What a waste!"

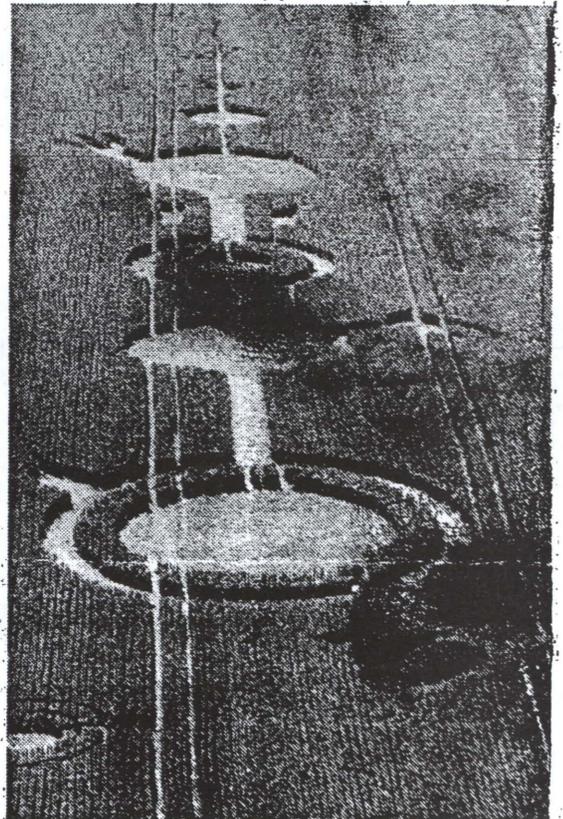
Getting back to the Gulf Breeze controversy, the semi-mysterious MONTY CANTSIN raves:

"...Once again your absolute ignorance of the real world of work, not its portrayal in Hollywood, is evident. Of course a lawyer (Tom Smith Sr.) would infinitely prefer to be reputed to be dishonest, e.g., participating in a UFO hoax - than to be reputed to be crazy, e.g., actually believing in UFOs....It is clear that young Tom Smith actually saw & photographed a genuine UFO. His father refused to have his business tarnished by such lunacy, & so tried to hush it up, or at least have it passed off as a youthful prank. When Mr. Ed heard about it, he decided to build a model & photograph it in order to increase his fame & fortune. He never could have gotten his story off the ground if he hadn't been friends with the editor of the local paper. When I took my UFO photos to the local paper they of course told me I was crazy & refused to print them. Of course once one paper took up Mr. Ed's story, the rest of the local media could follow suit. Mr. Ed's former cell mates are no doubt all pillars of our corrupt society at this point, doing insider trading on Wall St. & raking off the S&Ls, etc. These white collar criminals believe their own lies & pass lie detector tests all the time. I am sure Mr. Ed's 'proof' that the model couldn't have been built before 9-7-89 is a crock too, but I bet Mr. Ed could pass a lie detector test on that, too. Phil Klass no doubt feels betrayed that you're more credulous lately than you used to be, & have realized how shoddy his 'disproofs' are. Better call him a nerd respectfully from now on, or he might cost you a bundle!..."

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They will try to capture on film whatever it is that flattens crops in decorative patterns of perfectly-formed circles, some with concentric rings and other shapes; Of course, such circles have also been seen in other countries, notably in Gulf Breeze, Fl. In some countries the circles have appeared in sand, snow, or rice paddies. The cause has been variously attributed to whirlwinds, witches, magnetic forces, animals, hoaxsters, and (of course) UFOs.

Our roving reporter Erik Beckjord has just returned from England, where, accompanied by a new lady friend, he stomped through a number of circles in the district near Stonehenge, and he also flew over them. He found the circles to be "smoothed down in swirled flatness, shining like silver dollars in the sun, as if flattened by machine. They were smooth, regular, and razor-sharp in definition". Some were fifty feet across, others as small as five feet, each with a 3-inch rounded bare spot in the center. Several were linked by a central line, as the photo shows. Although there was some money-grubbing and a couple of hoaxes involved in some areas, the circles were and are, by and large, UNEXPLAINABLE!



Strange site - the huge, mysterious Wessex circles