

**ST. CHARLES RESEARCH
COMMITTEE HEARS OF KENNEDY
MURDER AND SPACE SHUTTLE
DISASTER COVERUPS**

by J.L. Palermo
Editor, The ENIGMA

ST. CHARLES, MO: On September 17th, the St. Charles UFO Research Committee met at 7 PM in the City Hall Building. Some updated flyer information concerning the upcoming "SHOW ME UFO/IAC Conference III" was passed out to a group of about 12. Bruce Widaman chaired the meeting and chose for the evenings programming a video containing three programs.

The first program was from the cable channel A&E or Arts and Entertainment. It was titled "REASONABLE DOUBT: The John F. Kennedy Assassination."

The shows producers took us back to November 22, 1963 in Dallas Texas with the standard help of an 8mm film shot by Abraham Zabruder (Copyright LMH Co.?) for the reviewing of the gunshots and the surrounding area. For those who either didn't know or don't remember, Texas Governor Connally was riding in the front of the limousine and as a result of the injuries he suffered from the assassination, questions were presented that drastically dispute the findings of the Warren Commission, the group assigned to head up the investigation of the assassination.

The Warren Commission, named for the man charged with the investigation, Chief Justice Warren, stated that three shots were fired from the 6th floor window of the Texas School Depository, which was a building just yards from where Kennedy and

Connally were hit. President John F. Kennedy was to have been hit by two bullets, one entering the back of the neck and exiting the front of the throat, and the fatal one to the back of the head. The bullet going through the neck and throat of President Kennedy is also said to be the one to have struck Governor Connally in the back, through the front of the chest, to his left wrist and into Connally's left leg. This became known as the "Single Bullet Theory." Even then the Warren Commission had it's critics about their findings.

In the program we are introduced to several people who have researched this theory and the Warren Commission's report to find several key flaws. We met Forensic Pathologist Dr. Cyril W. Wecht, Photo Optics Technician, Robert Groden and Kennedy Assassination researcher, Mr. Harold Weisberger. The Single-Bullet Theory is torn to shreds where the single bullet was not.

The Warren Commission's evidentiary Exhibit #399 was a bullet found on an unidentified stretcher at Parkland Hospital where both Kennedy and Connally were taken after the shooting. This bullet is the ONLY piece of evidence to possibly link Lee Harvey Oswald to having killed Kennedy. The flaw in the evidence Exhibit #399 is that it is 98% FLAWLESS. After dozens of experimental firings from a bolt action gun like the one offered as the murder weapon, NOT ONE BULLET came out unscathed in shape like Exhibit #399. These experiments included firing same caliber bullet as #399 into the chests of

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Face on Mars

ted from Mars and brought to us on this video.

Hoagland said that results from the unmanned Viking mission to Mars some 15 years ago were very ambiguous and we are still not sure of there are microbes living on Mars today. There were 60,000 pictures taken on this mission and some of the information in this video has been taken and analyzed from those pictures, including the now famous "Face On Mars". Some people say this "face" is a result of a play of light and shadows while others believe it is a specifically created monument of some type that is meant to tell us something. Some say the face looks like a monkey face, but others see it more as the face of *Homo erectus*. The next mission to Mars in 1992-93 will investigate "the face" further with the latest camera equipment which is capable of taking photos many times sharper than the last pictures. The next mission to Mars will hopefully test the hypothesis that there is life of some kind on Mars, even though Mars seems to be inhospitable to human intelligent life as we know it.

We were originally looking for microbial bacterial life forms on Mars but as Carl Sagan said, "Mars has some surprises." Imaging experts working on the Viking pictures first saw the face. Further improvements showed not only symmetry but details such as teeth in the mouth and facial constructs. These experts scanned through tens of thousands of data base and said there was no image of the face there, but on orbit 70, which was taken at a higher sun an-

gle, the face appeared and was symmetrical and could not be your average trick of light and shadows. It is evident, however, that the questions cannot be resolved in just looking at these pictures.

Hoagland said he got a better set of prints in 1982. He said he believed that whoever did this had a purpose and we need experts to approach it seriously and come to a rational conclusion. Mathematical analyses indicate that this face is one mile long and 1500 feet high. There is a three dimensional symmetry with the eyebrow, ridge of the cheek and chin. The implications are off scale. It was felt that whoever did this face may have done other things that might be found on other frames with careful inspections and imaging. Subsequently, further study has turned up a number of interesting landmarks such as a grouping of four immense pyramidal structures located at 90 degrees to the face. There appears to be a structure that is a five-sided pyramid, with degrees of angles making it like a giant Rosetta stone. There also seems to be an extensive structure on the rim of a large crater. Further, a large fort-like prominence appears to the left of the great face. If we can get only one picture on the next Mars mission, we want a picture of this fort.

Hoagland went into a great deal of mathematical comparisons of angles between the various structures and is convinced that redundant geometry seems to be the key to solving questions about these structures on Mars. There are mathematical

similarities between the pyramids in Egypt and those on Mars. He said that the Russians are also working on this and we may be able to work together on resolving some of our questions.

Hoagland says it is in our hands to look destiny in the face. There is real strong evidence that there is somebody out there and we just may not be who we think we are.

As the meeting came to a close, J. L. Palermo announced that Harry Jordan, the man who compiled the information presented in this video, will be a speaker at the "Show-Me" Conference in October. Mr. Jordan came highly recommended by our colleague, Stanton T. Friedman.

The next UFO Study Group meeting will be October 13.

ANNOUNCING! THE THIRD ANNUAL "SHOW ME UFO/IAC CONFERENCE:1991

by Sheryl Jacobs
Historian, UFOSG

ST. LOUIS, MO. Starting on Friday evening, October 18th and carrying through the evening of October 19th, Missouri MUFON and the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis will present the Third Annual "SHOW-ME UFO/IAC CONFERENCE 1991" at the Airport-West Holiday Inn located South of the St. Charles Rock Road and Interstate 270 intersection in Bridgeton, Missouri.

Unlike the previous Show Me Conferences, this one begins at 7:00 PM Friday evening with the newly appointed Director of Abduction Research for MUFON,

John Carpenter of Springfield, Missouri.

Since 1988, Carpenter has been the State Section Director for MUFON in southwest Missouri. His professional background has been instrumental in determining the psychological credibility of witnesses and abductees. Carpenter is among the growing number of professionals taking serious, active interest in conferences and investigations of UFO abductees. In July he was a featured speaker at the 1991 International MUFON Symposium in Chicago. Carpenter has recently been elected to the MUFON Board of Directors as the Director of Abduction Research.

Carpenter received his bachelor's degree in Psychology at DePauw University and his Masters of Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis. Other professional training includes clinical hypnosis at the prestigious Menninger Clinic in Topeka, Kansas. For the last twelve years he has been in private practice providing individual and group therapy and marriage counseling services in the Springfield, MO area.

Saturday morning will start off with Mr. Harry A. Jordan. Jordan is an MFA graduate of Cranbrook International Academy of Arts and Architecture where he was the recipient of two fellowships from the Cranbrook Museum. Jordan is a lay faculty member at Creighton Preparatory Jesuit School of Omaha, teaching architectural design, ancient history and fine arts.

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CIRCLES OF DEPRESSED
AQUATIC PLANTS
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
(PART I)

by Peter A. Bostrom
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ABSTRACT

The following report is an account of an investigation of some circular areas of depressed aquatic plants in a marsh in Madison County, Illinois. They are in some way a part of the mysterious circle phenomena that's appearing in increasing numbers around the world. The phenomena can be defined as any well formed depression in vegetation with the depressed plants lining up in some general pattern such as swirling, radiating from the center or other more complex patterns. The majority of these seems to occur in agricultural products such as wheat, barley, corn, etc. The most impressive examples are appearing in prolific numbers in southern England where new complex patterns have recently become known as pictograms. I believe that many of the more common patterns go unreported simply because there is no agency known to the public to report them to other than the police or news media which people are sometimes reluctant to do.

CIRCLES

On June 6th Steve, the son of the farmer that farms my land, noticed two odd areas in a marsh next to a wheat field he was combining. Clarence, the owner of the farm, saw them a couple of days later on the 8th when he was combining. I found

out about them on the 16th when talking to Clarence and only a slight mention as I turned to leave. Even though Clarence and I are business partners and he knows I'm very interested in the circle phenomena he almost missed telling me about them. He thought they were probably caused by wind or a man made phenomena such as helicopter propeller wash and not worth mentioning. We immediately drove across country over the freshly combined wheat towards the circles. When I first saw them, I was very impressed by their large size and I knew I'd be spending a lot of time trying to figure out who or what made them but, at the same time, knowing I would never really find out.

The circles were 192 feet apart. One was 40 feet in diameter and the other was 35 feet in diameter. Both had circular area of standing grass in the centers. The 40 foot circle had a seven foot center and the 35 foot circle had a five foot center. One of these even had a bird nest with three lively birds that didn't seem to be harmed in any way. The five to six foot tall grass was laying radially away from the center like spokes of a wheel with no "swirling" that you sometimes see in other "crop circles." The plants were bent approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches up from the soil. The plants were laying in such a way that it would seem that only flood water could duplicate such an "in line" horizontal flat appearance.

The first thing you think of when you're confronted with something

like this is the idea that "someone's playing a joke." But in this case it was easy to see that no one had entered the circles because no trail led through the tall grass showing where someone had walked through the two and three inch deep water and no mud could be seen on the clean, unbroken, dark green leaves that now lay flat on a thin layer of water. The perimeter also had an odd scalloped effect with intervals of grass laying flat where it seemed energy dissipation was higher then rising in angled clumps of 45 degrees. It really did seem apparent that some sort of powerful energy had been at work here.

After measuring and taking some pictures, I contacted the Illinois State Museum Botany Department and the local Soil Conservation Service Office, to find out exactly what type of plant was laid down in this marsh. Although I received plenty of help, no one could give me a positive identification until the Botany Department and the University of Illinois guided me to Dr. Carol Lembi, a botanist specializing in aquatic plants, at Purdue University in Indiana. She, like everyone else, became interested in my story and agreed to take a look at samples of the plants.

It's not easy removing plants from the area. The water and mud plus the extremely thick root growth makes the job of sample taking not something you want to do everyday. But after sending several complete plants she was able to identify it as Sweet Flag (*Acorus calamus*). It is an aquatic plant with long sword-like leaves

that grows in shallow, standing water to a height of approximately six feet. The plants were studied in Purdue's Diagnostic Laboratory and the Diagnosis and Control Recommendation Sheet No. 91-2873 I received stated: "No primary infectious disease organisms were found to be associated with the sample submitted. The root/crown areas of the plants were healthy, yet appeared to have been bent by some unknown phenomena".

Many of the leaves exhibited an odd rippling effect. They looked shriveled as if they were in the process of drying up but were as green as the surrounding leaves without this effect. Dr. Limbi didn't think this was caused genetically but rather from the environment. We can only speculate if the same energy that caused the plants to lay down also caused the rippled leaves.

Dave Marler, a friend and MUFON Field Investigator, was able to go up in a plane and take some video and look for other circles. Even though we couldn't see them from the ground, he was able to locate two more circles in the same marsh and only 175 feet away to the Southeast. These two circles measured approximately nine feet and 24 feet in diameter but were not as impressive as the two larger ones. They were the same style with the grass laid radially away from the center and with a standing center of undisturbed grass. They even had the "scalloped edges" like the two larger circles. These two smaller ones were so close to each other that they almost touched the tips of

the grass forced away from the center of the other circle.

At this point, it gets interesting and the intelligence factor enters into the accumulating data.

The two new circles are also the same type of plant as the larger circles. Sweet Flag grown in clumps like the typical cattail plants seen in most wet land areas. According to Dr. Limbi, 40 foot stands of these plants would be rare but, of course, not unknown with smaller clumps being more normal. I could find no other clumps of Sweet Flag growing in the marsh. All four stands of this plant were affected in the same way. This almost certainly rules out any natural wind phenomenon such as down drafts or tornados. Wind could not select specific plants from groups of other plants to blow down in precise similar patterns and disease had already been ruled out. There was also a curious effect at the edge of the 35 foot circle where a large clump of eight to nine foot tall cattails were growing. Not a single cattail plant had been knocked down but the Sweet Flag plants were forced against and between the stalks of the cattails.

A friend, who is a scientist with a PhD in Archaeology and a BS degree in Geology, was able to come to the site and take core samples and look at the geology of this location. He was able to rule out situations connected with Geology that might cause plants to fall down. One is the commonly known "Sink Hole" where underlying caverns formed by water percolating thr-

ough limestone collapse in circular formations. The other is a closed depression that has to do with glacial moraines and, if conditions are right, can also cause plants to fall in a circular pattern, a phenomena he has observed himself.

I went to the local Agricultural Service Center Station. This is where farmers sign up for the many different government programs. I was looking for anyone else that may have had this same type of phenomena happen on their farm but didn't have any luck. I was able to locate the circles in their aerial crop survey photographs taken annually. The pictures are taken on 35mm slides and from such a great height that all you can see are two dots, but they are there just the same. They did not appear in last years survey picture. These pictures were taken after the site was discovered on the 6th so the discovery time wasn't increased.

Another local government office I visited was the Soil Conservation Service. The scientist I spoke with there also expressed interest as I explained our marsh discoveries. In fact, we were there after the usual closing time discussing what natural phenomena might've formed these neat and unusual circles. After talking at length about anything and everything and looking through a few books, we ended the brainstorming session without an inkling as to what might have caused the circles.

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Kennedy Assassination

wrist and finally his leg.

The next flaw in the Warren Commission's testimony of evidence was that Oswald was the sole sniper. This challenge is based on the 8mm film footage and the number of frames between Kennedy being hit and Connally's being hit. On examination, it seems that Kennedy was hit by the throat bullet on film frame 225 and that Connally was hit around frames 237 or 238, or about 11 frames difference. The general frames per second speed for 8mm or Super-8 film is 18 frames per second. With 11 frames distancing the reactions of the shots, the critics are assuming that there was only 1.6 seconds between wounds. For that to be accurate, the film had to be running at about 6 or 7 frames per second. If the film were running at 18 f.p.s., there would have to be 29

frames between hits. This is the only detail that confuses me. With only 11 frames between expressions of hit, the shots would have come within about .65 seconds at 18 f.p.s. which would strengthen the stand point of the critics. According to expert testimony and example, even the best trained and capable marksman handling the same type bolt action rifle claimed to have been used for assassination could only get off two shots in no more less than 2.3 seconds.

There was more intriguing coverup accusations concerning the physicians who performed the autopsy and their initial findings versus their later testimony after being talked to by the FBI. Those who haven't seen this program and are interested in the Kennedy assassination should make an effort to catch it on A&E or make arrangements with Bruce Widaman.

The next program dealt with the fateful Space Shuttle Challenger.

According to Robert Hotz of the Presidential Commission assigned to investigate the disaster, NASA went to "great lengths to prevent the real details from getting to the investigative commission." Two of the most blatant misleading statements issued by NASA were A) "There was no explosion. It was aerodynamic forces that broke the shuttle apart." and B) The astronauts were only alive 2:45 seconds after the shuttle broke up."

Investigators and attorney's for some of the family's contend that NASA

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SHOW-ME CONFERENCE

Since 1984, Jordan has produced numerous drawings and scaled planetary models of regions on Mars as photographed by Viking orbiters. His work is credited in the book "The Monument of Mars," authored by Richard C. Hoagland. Jordan's own manuscript titled "Mars and Mankind" is currently in review for publication by fall of 1992, just prior to the United States and Soviet joint missions to Mars. Dr. John Brandenburg, Vince DiPietro and Gregory Molenaar of Mars Research appeared on "Unsolved Mysteries" in 1989 and 1990. Their original work and findings as image specialists at NASA will be presented in context on their behalf by Jordan.

The next scheduled speaker is Mr. Ken McCulloch. McCulloch is author of "Mankind: Citizen of the Galaxy." This book attempts to put into perspective a much wider view of intelligent life in the universe that traditionally accepted. The facts researched by McCulloch provide weighty evidence that extraordinary events happened on this planet thousands of years ago. McCulloch has the unique ability to look at history as a process, not just an event. He pulls together many events, megalithic constructions and symbolism from around the world to help us understand their commonalities.

After the scheduled two hour lunch, the afternoon takes up with speaker Stan Gordon of Keckburg Pennsylvania. Gordon's organization is known as PASU (Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained). Gordon is a leading authority on the Keckburg, PA investiga-

tion of sightings and the crash site. His research has lead to many reliable witnesses corroborating stories of metallic, acorn like objects that had unidentifiable markings around the base. The recovery of the craft and subsequent cover up was the of the 1990 season premier of "Unsolved Mysteries." The airing of his segment resulted in over 100 calls from people offering additional information on the sighting.

Following up Gordon's talk on crash retrieval will be Stanton T. Friedman. Friedman received an MS degree in Physics from the University of Chicago in 1956. For fourteen years he worked on the development of a wide variety of classified advanced nuclear propulsion space systems for General Electric, Westinghouse, General Motors and TRW.

Since 1970, Friedman has combined full time research of UFOs, industrial consulting and other research activities, many dealing with the US government's cover up of data. He has lectured at more than 600 colleges and for dozens of professional groups. Friedman was extensively involved in the prize-winning documentary "UFOs Are Real," and was featured in several episodes of NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries." Friedman is currently working with John Carpenter in researching the crash and retrieval of a saucer near Roswell, New Mexico (1947). Friedman has established a number to either report or receive UFO information: 1-900-872-8367.

A two hour dinner break will bring us back to the final speaker of the con-

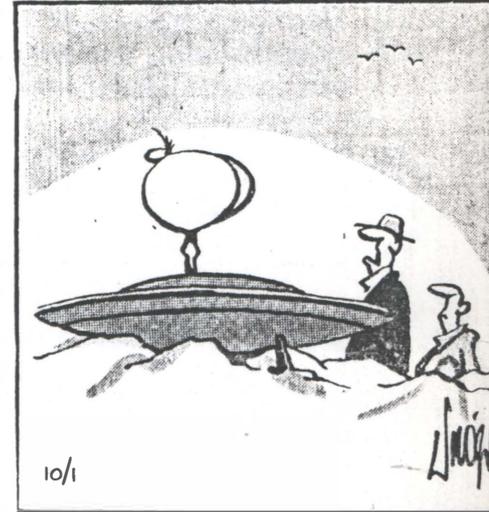
ference, Mr. John Schuessler, former Missouri State Director for Missouri MUFON and currently serving as Deputy Director for MUFON.

Schuessler has been involved as a researcher and investigator for many years and is currently a consultant for cases involving medically-related effects from UFO encounters. He is the primary investigator of the famous Cash/Landrum case (1980 Texas).

Schuessler is employed by McDonnell Douglas Astronautics as a technical manager in space shuttle engineering support at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. He received his Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Illinois. Schuessler is also a Fellow in the British Interplanetary Society and was the first President of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis.

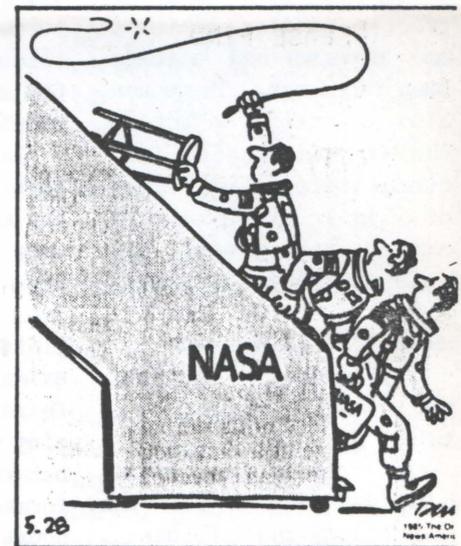
The diversity of speakers promises delivery of a well rounded conference with something of interest for all who attend. As of this writing, conference cost is \$35. If you have not received an registration form and wish to attend the conference, you may call Conference Director Bruce Widaman at (314) 946-1394. Don't forget about the available videos!

HERMAN / By Jim Unger



"Which way do you think it's facing?"

DUNAGIN'S PEOPLE—By Ralph Dunagin



Challenge to Ron Reagan

The last program was an episode of the new "Ron Reagan Show" featuring ufologist and nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman, astronomer and ufo researcher Jaques Vallee, former United States Astronaut Buss Aldrin, renown ufo debunker Phil Klass and the publisher of UFO Journal, Bill Maxwell.

The only thing of real interest that happened was that Friedman did bring up former President Reagan's reported comments about his sighting of a UFO and Reagan's comments through the news media and at certain addresses about how the United States and Soviet Union would suddenly forget their differences and join forces if threatened by extraterrestrial alien attack. Ron Reagan assured everyone that his father never said he'd seen a ufo because young Ronny would have been one of the first to be told.

After the meeting, most of those gathered adjourned to Pio's Restaurant. While there, we were asked by some of the workers to share any pictures of ufo's we had with them. Bruce Widaman supplied them with a couple of magazines and J.L. Palermo supplied a copy of the last two Enigmas.

The next meeting will be the third Tuesday of October.

"NEW ANGLE ON ANGELS"

by John E. Schroeder
President, UFOSG

ST. LOUIS, MO. Eight members of the Parapsychology Committee met September 18 to begin their discussion of "Angels." First, however, the 15 minute seg-

ment of "Unsolved Mysteries", which dealt with the first of two Redelsham Forest sightings was replayed. Ex-military men told a credible story of multiple witness observations of Unidentified Flying Objects which had both human and radar confirmation, which left landing pod impressions and broke off tree limbs up to 40 feet high, which interfered with radio transmission, made portable flood lights inoperable and inactivated military vehicle's engines.

Commander of two U.S. Air Force bases in England on each side of Rendelsham Forest, Colonel Halt personally investigated the phenomenon and had the data handy to refute the ever-present debunker. (The only mention of the second sighting of a downed UFO—which UFO researcher Jenny Randles, claims involved military men from Woodbridge Base giving UFO-nauts metallic parts—was that the Air Force declined to answer anything officially about either event.)

Margaret Myers reported on two seminars on Angels which were led by Karen Maresca, formerly of St. Louis but now residing in New York City. Karen is the Director of The Ministry of Angels, Director of Education for the Edward Bach Healing Society, has studied Transcendental Meditation, Rosicrucians AMORC, Unity, and is certified as a Siddha Meditation and Yoga teacher. This, then, is a New Age interpretation of angelic personalities and powers rather than a Bible exposition.

Myers noted that angels have a sense of humor.

Why do angels fly? Because they take themselves so "lightly."

The American Heritage Dictionary defines an angel as "an immortal, spiritual being, attendant of God" and lists nine orders of spiritual beings. Stating at the highest rank, angel echelons are listed: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominations (sometimes referred to as Dominions), Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels and Angles (Hosts because they are so numerous).

Angels and Archangels have been created to serve us humans. Angels are "spiritual beings, not spirit guides." Spirit guides are defined as the souls-in-transit of humans who have died but cling to a mortal plane giving advice to the living. Each person is assigned one Guardian Angel who happily serves. According to those who believe in reincarnation, the Guardian Angel is to guide the assigned soul through past, present and future incarnations. Angels are to be second only to Christ in our lives, according to Karen Maresca, and are to be included in every aspect of our lives. They are happiest when we call on them often in prayer.

Chamuel, St. Louis' Angel, focuses on "Love." His color is pink and his perfume is the scent of rose. He claims to have been the angel who comforted Jesus in the Garden of Gestsemane before His arrest, trial and crucifixion. (One Archangel is assigned to keep the Akashic records of all human thoughts, words and actions.) Angels love all purity and beauty including music. (Myers deter-

mined that her angel had an affinity for Pachelbel's Canon in D Minor and bought the record.)

Using a technique called "Angelizing" (The subject poses a question in writing to a specific angel and—according to Myers—differ in style, vocabulary and syntax from the subject's usual form of communication.), Myers attempted communication. She asked Chamuel, "In the name of Christ, what do I need to know?"

The response was enigmatic. "Everything and nothing. Your nothingness, your perception of nothing is MY world. It is a vibrant, pulsing realm, busy, occupied by throngs and waiting in many instances to be called to serve you. What YOU might consider everything in YOUR perception, is NOTHING in OUR perception. Accept. We are here to serve you, to help you, but you must ask, for we cannot volunteer."

Myers asked, "What is required of us and can you give me a special prayer?"

The response came, "Naught...(Not a word I'm aware of Myers using) naught is required but much is desired. To praise Christ in song, to love Him through words of beauty with tenderness and caring is all that is desired. Reach, for more is within your reach than you know."

"A prayer for you: Christ, Light of my life, Light in my darkness, Light of my desire, I offer you all that I am, all that I have been and all that I will be. Reach out your hand and lift me to your shoulders. Let me bathe in the aura of your perfection. Grant me the

wisdom to cherish all virtues that will let my vibratory levels merge with your eternal oneness. Amen."

Larry Schultz will present a half hour video concerning angels and "The House or Loretto", 7:30 PM October 16 at the Schroeder's home, 4991 Miami St. Phone 352-3058 for directions.

Madison County

One thing I've done throughout my investigation is take a lot of photographs. Some of these are from large 4x5 and 8x10 inch negatives. I use the big cameras in my business of molding and casting stone age artifacts for museums, universities, etc. These high detail photographs were shown to a helicopter pilot and a technician who works with harrier jets. Both said there was no way these craft could possibly have formed these circular areas of depressed grass. In fact, the person working with the harrier jets said they could not hover very low over this type of terrain for fear of damage to the engine by foreign material sucked up through them.

Some people have said the circles were formed by deer. It's true you find "deer beds" in wheat and other crops but not in standing water you find in this marsh. It would be difficult to believe deer would bed down in water. But again, there was no trail leading in or out and no animal tracks.

When I first saw the circles on the 16th of June, the plants lying down and the ones in the center were a very dark green.. Since then, the

plants lying down and the ones in the center have very slowly turned a lighter yellow until now, nine weeks later, all the leaves are dead and the seemingly unaffected plants in the center have laid completely flat. New growth has appeared here and there and some of the short two foot tall plants have bloomed. It will be interesting to see how thick the growth is next year.

After spending quite a lot of time over a two month period, on the phone, driving around talking to different people, writing letters, sending plant samples to different botanists, taking many pictures and traveling to the film processors for developing and taking various people to visit the sight, I found one thing. Neither professional or non-professional people I communicated with during the investigation had any explanation they would swear to as being responsible for the patterns in the plants would be formed.

One scientist who came to the site said the pattern in the plants could be duplicated in only one way that he could think of. He said it would take a sudden burst of energy or explosion from above that would force energy downward. The effect would be like a tiny Hiroshima or Tunguska blast where the explosions occurred in the air knocking down trees and buildings radially away from the center but with some trees and a building left standing in the center.

When I began talking to the neighbors, I didn't expect to find much new

information but this viewpoint quickly changed.

John and Cathy live approximately 750 yards to the North of the site. Their house borders on the same wheat field next to the marsh. They saw three perfect circles in the one and a half foot tall wheat in April of this year. One was close to the house and the other two were 50 or 90 yards out. They were perhaps nine to 15 feet in diameter and were the same as the circles in the marsh. No one walked over them for measurements and no pictures were taken. They said "...they looked so perfect we climbed on top of the garage to get a good look. They slowly grew up until the circles could only slightly be seen when they were harvested". These 3 circles in April would bring the total number to seven and within an approximately 720 yard area. They evidently appeared over a two month period with the ones in the wheat appearing first.

It's interesting that most plants in "crop circles" do not die but continue to grow as the 3 examples in the wheat. I have not been able to find any scientific explanation why the aquatic plants would not die and not the other plants. It was odd to see the disturbed plants in the centers die extremely slower over two months even though at least one of them was always in two inches of water. Most of the botanists I spoke with could not even speculate why an aquatic plant would die from this phenomenon and not other non-aquatic plants such as wheat. A botanist at the University

of Louisiana stated that an aquatic plants such as Sweet Flag would not have the same plant structure as wheat, inferring that the aquatic plant with more water in its cell structure would be structurally weaker. Many reports on physical traces left behind by UFOs have listed dehydration as one effect on surrounding soil and plants. There are cases where the soil was so dehydrated that it would no longer mix with water and seemed more like styrofoam than soil. Although dehydration wasn't obvious in these circles, except for the curious rippled leaves, a minor removal of water from within the cells from some unknown energy may have begun the process from which the plants would not recover. But this line of reasoning is pure speculation.

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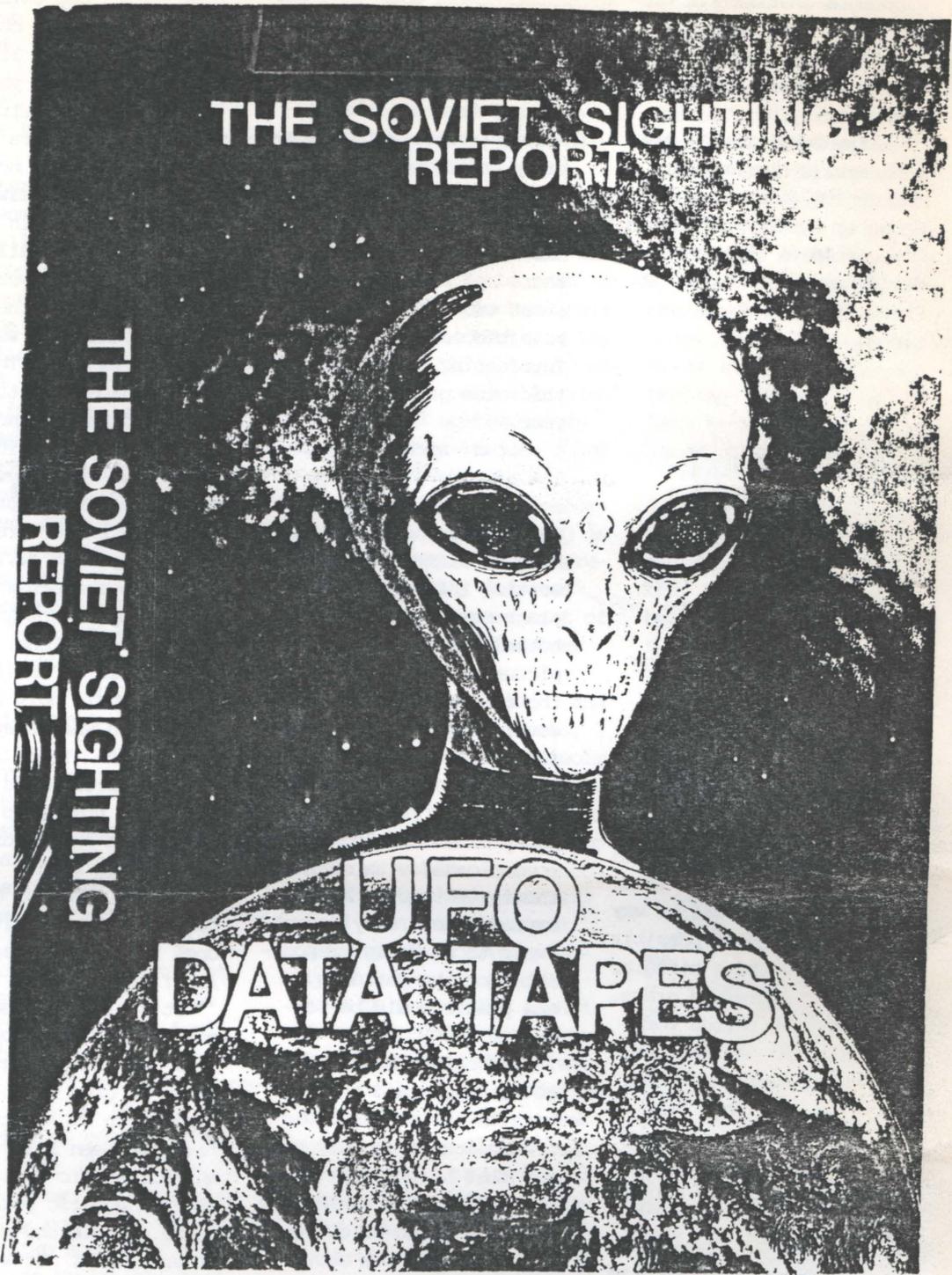
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